

Irish News

ARMAGH—A Distinguished Visitor

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Farley, Archbishop of New York, arrived at Armagh, on August 16 on a visit to his Eminence Cardinal Logue. Dr. Farley was received at the railway station by his Eminence and the Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore, and a number of the clergy. The Archbishop was accompanied by his chaplains, Very Rev. Dr. M'Macken and Rev. Father Lewis.

CARLOW—The Cathedral

In Carlow Cathedral, on the Feast of the Assumption, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, after the High Mass, speaking from the throne, thanked the several members of the choirs who had accepted his invitation to sing the sacred music of the Mass on that great festival. They were, he said, assembled in the Cathedral of the diocese, which had been erected by a very illustrious predecessor—the great J.K.L.—who had been distinguished not alone as a Bishop, but as one who had taken a most prominent part in the public affairs of his time. He invited them to inspect the sacred edifice he had erected to the glory of God, and whose statue by a great Irish artist was a beautiful work of art.

CORK—A Priest Passes Away

Rev. Jeremiah Russell, P.P., Coachford, County Cork, died on August 16, after a comparatively brief illness. Deceased, who was pastor of the parish for some sixteen years, was widely esteemed. He was a native of Aghada, near Middleton, where his relatives still reside, and for whom much sympathy is felt.

The Queen's College

The impending retirement from the Chair of Engineering of Professor Jack, Queen's College, Cork, is announced. He will be succeeded by Mr. Connell O'Donnell Alexander, B.E., Royal University of Ireland and M.Sc. University of Birmingham.

Killed by Lightning

A severe thunderstorm broke over Kanturk on the morning of August 22, causing great damage, especially in the Castlemagner district. A woman named Mrs. Barrett, of Subultar, was struck by a flash of lightning and killed, about ten yards distance from her house. The storm was very severe in other parts of Munster. Lightning struck the house of Mr. Timothy Prendeville, of Knockebohaine, near Castleisland, and killed a dog in the kitchen. The inmates of the house had a very narrow escape.

DERRY—Church Improvements

On Sunday, August 19, in St. Patrick's Church, Claudy, County Derry, a sermon was preached by Rev. John Doherty, Adm., Carndonagh, in aid of the parochial improvements being undertaken by the zealous pastor, Father Philip O'Doherty. After Mass a collection made realised £600. Father Philip O'Doherty heartily thanked all for their sympathy and support.

Death of a Derry Citizen

The death is reported of Mr. John Gill, who had been connected with the commercial life of Derry for over half a century. His business, by wise methods and management, prospered greatly. Mr. Gill's death, at the age of 81, removes from the Catholic community one of its staunchest and most benevolent members. Deceased was by marriage a near relative of Mr. R. J. M'Hugh, the well-known Irish war correspondent, who has been at the front in connection with the Spanish-American, the South African, and the Russo-Japanese campaigns.

LIMERICK—Golden Jubilee

The clergy, secular and regular, of the city of Limerick have presented the venerable Dean Shanahan, V.G., P.P., of St. Munchin's, with an address and a handsome gold chalice on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his priesthood. The Bishop of Limerick was present, and joined in the good wishes and congratulations of the clergy.

WESTMEATH—Presentation

Rev. Brother Luke O'Gorman, for many years Superior of St. Mary's College, Mullingar, and vice-president of St. St. Mary's Temperance Club, has been made the recipient of a watch and snuffbox by the members of the latter organisation, on the occasion of his departure from the district. The presentation was made on behalf of the members by the Rev. J. Kelly, president of the Temperance Club, and Brother O'Gorman suitably replied.

LOUTH—An Interesting Ceremony

An interesting ceremony took place on August 15 in Drogheda in connection with the railing in of the Magdalen Tower, the last remaining vestige of the historic Dominican Abbey, founded in 1224 by Luke Netterville, Archbishop of Armagh, and confiscated by Henry VIII. in 1540. Owing to the exertions of Father Coleman, O.P., an ornamental railing has been erected around the tower, and on the day mentioned it was formally handed over to the Mayor and Corporation. A large gathering attended on the occasion, and addresses were delivered by Father Coleman, Mr. Nolan, M.P., and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, each of whom impressed upon those present the duty of preserving the historic monuments of the country.

MONAGHAN—A Transformation

Replying to addresses presented to him from various elected bodies at Monaghan, the Most Rev. Dr. Farley, Archbishop of New York, said it was the aspiration of every good Irishman to see the country of his birth governing itself. A transformation was certainly coming over Ireland. It was like the scene that presented itself to him on an early spring morning. He often thought over the changes that had taken place in political matters since last he visited Ireland. The country was long shrouded in darkness, but hope did not leave the people. That day everyone felt that Home Rule—Ireland for Irishmen—was an assured certainty.

WATERFORD—Death of an ex-M. P.

Sir Joseph Neale McKenna, ex-M.P., died on August 15 at an advanced age in Ardgena, County Waterford. Deceased was for many years a prominent figure in the financial and political world. He was Chairman of the National Bank in 1865, when he decided on entering Parliament. He contested the Borough of Youghal against the celebrated Isaac Butt and won the seat. When Youghal was merged into the Division of East Cork in 1885, Sir Joseph was elected for South Monaghan. Owing to old age he retired from public life many years ago. He had the reputation of being a thoroughly sound financier, and he always called attention to the grievance which Ireland lay under in the line of over taxation, and in that opinion was subsequently borne out by the finding of the Royal Commission. During his last illness he received the last rites of the Church from the Rev. P. F. Walsh, P.P., Ardmore, who lives within a short distance of Ardgena, and who had been in regular attendance on him for some time past.

GENERAL

Orange Rowdism

The Catholics of many districts in the North of Ireland, while celebrating Lady Day in a peaceable and dignified way, were attacked by Orangemen, and savagely beaten. The police were utterly unable to cope with the disturbers of the peace, and the latter took full advantage of the fact.

Emigration

During the seven months of 1906, 23,372 emigrants left Ireland, as against 20,372 in the same period in 1905, said Mr. Field, M.P., at the last meeting of the Dublin Industrial Development Association. The figures were those supplied by the Registrar-General. One hundred and ten persons per day left Ireland during the seven months, representing a loss to the country for every able-bodied person of £120.

Trinity College

Mr. Swift MacNeill, in a letter on the Irish University question, contends, from the fact alone of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College being the electors for the appointment of the Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Dublin, that the assertion that Protestant and Catholic students can be educated within the walls of Trinity College on equal terms, despite the Protestant atmosphere of the place, is absurd.

The Government's Proposals

The secret of the Irish proposals of the Government has been remarkably well kept (says the 'Irish Weekly'), but in circles supposed to be well-informed there is a widespread belief that it will take the form of a transference of the work of all the Government Boards in Ireland to elected bodies. These bodies will, it is said, consist of four provincial councils, with a central council in Dublin. This forecast is probably little better than conjectural, but it finds favor, as has been said, with people who profess to know. The advice 'don't prophesy unless you know' applies, however, with exceptional force to the intentions of the Government, for the only certain matter is that proposals of some kind will be submitted to Parliament next year.

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