

Irish News

ARMAGH—The Financial Position

Replying to addresses presented to him in connection with the dedication of the Ballymahon church, his Eminence Cardinal Logue said there could not be a better proof of the capability of the Irish people to manage their own affairs than that which was supplied since the Local Government Act was passed. In spite of the prophecies of evil and forecasts of the mess and confusion that would follow their affairs were better conducted than ever, and he believed that if all our national government were handed over to us—all the national government that belonged by right to the people of the country—they would have the same thing to say as they had to say now of the small modicum of self-government that had been entrusted to them. They would have the same thing to say regarding the general as they had to the local. Our financial position would be better, and we would be more prosperous, and we would not be robbed as we were at present by a Treasury filching from us everything they could. The favorite trick was to withdraw Imperial grants, and to throw institutions and financial responsibilities on the local bodies and local resources. One that was in the air just at present, and which politicians seemed to have in view, was to throw a great part of the expense of education on the local rates. We were fleeced of two or three millions a year in respect of ordinary taxation. There was only one remedy, and that was Home Rule for Ireland.

CORK—The Failure of Queen's College

At a recent meeting of the Cork Corporation the report of Dr. Windle on the failure of the local Queen's College was considered. On the motion of Councillor Horgan, it was unanimously resolved that the declaration of one so competent, from experience and attainments, to form a clear and independent judgment on the question, casts upon the Government the imperative duty of grappling promptly and effectively with the causes of failure which Dr. Windle has so ably and courageously indicated, and of taking advantage of his special knowledge and capacity to bring about in the case of the Cork College a change as salutary as that which, mainly at his instigation, resulted in the establishment of Birmingham's prosperous University. 'We are convinced,' the resolution added, 'that the conversion of the Queen's College into a properly constituted and equipped University centre would tend to elevate the whole standard of education, develop the intellectual life, and promote the general prosperity of Munster.'

Interesting Ceremony

The ceremony which took place on Sunday, August 26, at Youghal, was an extremely touching one, and deeply significant. During the rising of 1798, Father Peter O'Neill, P.P., of Ballymacoda, near Youghal, was flogged in the streets of that town, and subsequently transported, on the suspicion of having obtained, in his priestly capacity, knowledge as to the person who killed an informer named Murphy, who was found buried in the strand at Knockadoon. On the sides of the pedestal of the monument are inscriptions in Irish and English recording the facts that Father O'Neill and Patrick McCarthy were flogged, and that Charles O'Brien and Charles Gallagher were hanged by the English soldiers in Youghal, in 1798. The memorial was appropriately unveiled by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and amongst the speakers on the occasion were Captain Conelan, Monsignor Keller, and Canon Peter O'Leary. The inscriptions on the pedestal are Irish as well as English, and it was in the fitness of things that there should be an Irish speaker, such as the Canon, as well as those who spoke only English.

DONEGAL—Sale of a Prison

Lifford Prison, County Donegal, in which the famous Napper Tandy was at one time incarcerated, is being sold by the County Council to a Belfast man for £700, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

DOWN—Church Renovation

On Sunday, August 26, Very Rev. Dr. Keane, O.P., St. Saviour's, Dublin, preached a charity sermon at St. Mary's Church, Barr, County Down, to help in defraying the expenses incurred on the renovation of the church and erection of a much-needed parochial house. Since his appointment to the pastoral charge of the parish Rev. F. Magennis has been engaged in the work of providing long-needed and most necessary accommodation to make the sacred edifice worthy of its purpose. The new church is of strikingly hand-

some design, and the interior has been entirely refurnished and remodelled. The parochial house is a substantial building, and will for the future be the residence of the parish priest. Right Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of the diocese, warmly approved of the undertaking, and by the generosity of friends and parishioners the work has now been completed. A sum of £500 remained due, and in order to pay off this amount Father Magennis was obliged to appeal to the charitable public for assistance.

Returning to the Fold

The Newry Guardians, at a recent meeting, had before them a report of the Master stating that three weeks before his death the ambulance driver, Thomas Browne, informed the Protestant nurse of his desire to become a Catholic, and asked to see a priest. Father Mackie attended, and at his request the deceased was transferred from the Protestant ward and received into the Catholic Church. The nurse, in reply to the chairman, said that Browne was in his right mind at the time he expressed his desire to change his religion. The explanation of the Master was considered satisfactory.

DUBLIN—The Question of Fire Insurance

At a meeting the North Dublin Board of Guardians unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by Mr. Sherlock, seconded by Mr. Crozier, approving of an independent insurance company worked on lines similar to the Irish Church Property Insurance Company, undertaking to give the Union insurance to them, and asking the General Council of County Councils to call a conference of all public bodies on the subject.

A Local Industry

On August 23 there was launched from the building yard of the Dublin Dockyard Company, North Wall, a splendid new steel screw steamer of 1500 tons, being the sixteenth vessel that has been built by the firm. She was christened the 'Berne' by Mrs. Smellie, wife of one of the partners, and is the fourth that the company have built for Mr. John Harrison, of London.

The Horse Show

The influx of visitors to Dublin during the Horse Show week was greater than has been the case for years past. Thousands who had no interest in the carnival took advantage of the cheap excursions from all parts of the kingdom to visit the metropolis of Ireland, and were well repaid for the trouble entailed in travelling from their various districts. It is admitted on all sides that no finer scenery can be viewed anywhere than in and around Dublin, and the visitors took advantage of the fact. By tram, train, and though last, not least, by Irish jaunting car, they explored the beauties of Howth, Bray, Kingstown, and other well-known suburbs. The Horse Show should result in advantages not alone to the metropolis, but to Ireland generally. In response to an appeal from the Industrial Development Association a splendid display of Irish manufactured goods was given by the shopkeepers of the city. The windows in the leading streets were filled with goods made in Ireland. Visitors were present from France, Austria, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and other Continental countries.

Charitable Bequests

The late Canon Conolly, St. Kevin's, Dublin, by his will left £300 for Masses for the repose of his soul; £200 to the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Camden-street; £200 to the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul attached to St. Kevin's Church; £2300 for obtaining a site and erecting a Catholic church in or near Clanbrassil-street, Dublin; £300 for the relief of infirm Catholic clergymen; £200 to the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society attached to the Catholic parish of St. James's, Dublin; £200 to the Father James Healy Memorial Fund; £150 for the improvement of the Dalkey Church; £100 for the poor school attached to the Loretto Convent, Dalkey. Other Bequests were made for the benefit of the poor of St. Kevin's parish.

KERRY—Appointed Sub-Sheriff

Mr. Redmond Roche, J.P., Maglass, has been appointed Sub-Sheriff of Kerry in succession to the late Mr. Goodman. Within the memory of anyone living the position has not been filled by a Catholic until now. Mr. Roche is a member of a much respected family, and his appointment by the High Sheriff, Mr. Latchford, who is a Protestant, has given much satisfaction in the kingdom.

LIMERICK—Women and Temperance

In the course of a lecture on temperance by the Hon. Bertrand Russell delivered in the Village Hall of the Munster-Connacht Exhibition, the distinguished

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