

Irish News

ANTRIM—Transfer of a Redemptorist

Rev. Father Cussen, C.S.S.R., who for the past four years has been Director of the Confraternity at the Redemptorist Church, Clonroad, Belfast, has been transferred to Limerick, much to the regret of the members. As a testimony of respect an oil painting of Father Cussen is being presented by the members to his mother.

A Catholic Hospital

In the course of an appeal for the Mater Hospital, Belfast, the Most Rev. Dr. Henry says: 'An idea of the useful work for the alleviation of pain and suffering which is being done in the hospital may be formed from the number of its patients. Last year there were no fewer than 1525 intern patients. The extern patients numbered 22,597, while within the last twelve months 3762 accident cases received treatment in the hospital. The expenditure for the year amounted to £4,152 13s. The Sisters of Mercy exercise the strictest economy, consistent with efficiency, in the administration of the funds.'

ARMAGH—A New Convent

On Sunday, October 14, the new convent of Mercy and schools at Bessbrook, County Armagh, were to be solemnly opened and dedicated. His Eminence Cardinal Logue was to preside at the opening ceremony. There are few places (says the 'Freeman's Journal') where the services of the good Sisters are more needed than at Bessbrook. Because of its extensive linen industry there is a large population of young mill-workers, to whom the care and guidance of the Sisters will be invaluable. The nuns in the past had merely a farmhouse, the gift of a kind benefactor, for their convent, the out-houses serving for schoolrooms.

CORK—A Memorial

In the Square, Mitchelstown, on Sunday, September 9, Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., unveiled a very striking memorial which has been erected in memory of the late John Mandeville, whose death was accelerated by the harsh treatment he received in Tullamore Gaol. On the pedestal of the monument the names of the men who were shot in the town on the 9th September, 1887, are also inscribed.

The University Question

At a recent meeting the Cork County Council passed a resolution demanding a Catholic University, and another in favor of the establishment of Cork Queen's College as a University in sympathy with the needs of the majority of the people of Munster.

'We have our Eye on Russia'

The death is announced of Mr. F. Potter, proprietor of the 'Cork County Eagle,' published at Skibbereen. Although a non-Catholic, deceased won the respect and esteem of those among whom his lot was cast by his broad and tolerant views. His paper is widely known for an article published in it many years ago, in which the writer warned the Czar and his Government against trifling with England, and concluded by declaring, 'We have our eye on Russia.'

DUBLIN—A Popular Institution

At a recent meeting of the committee in charge of the Catholic Boys' Home, Abbey street, Dublin, special arrangements were made for giving dinners daily at a nominal price, not alone to the boys resident in the institution, but to any outsider who may wish to avail of this advantage. This boon will prove an additional attraction for boys to take advantage of this deservedly popular institution.

KERRY—Tenants Reinstated

At a meeting of the Nationalists of Kilmurray and Cordal recently, a resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction at the reinstatement of the evicted tenants on the Saunders estate, and hoping that the evicted tenants on the other estates in East Kerry would be promptly restored to their homes. The reinstated evicted tenants on the Saunders estate will be allowed to purchase on the same terms as their co-tenants.

LIMERICK—The Franciscan Fathers

The Franciscan Fathers at Limerick have been transferred, and will be succeeded by Very Rev. Father Nicholas Dillon, Athlone (who is a brother of Mr. John Dillon, M.P.), as Guardian; Rev. Father Peter Sheahan, Cork; Rev. Father, Aherne, Ennis.

The Commission of the Peace

On the recommendation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, K.P., the Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. James MacMahon, of Woodville, Pallasgreen, to the Commission of the Peace for the County and Borough of Limerick.

The Rector of the Irish College

Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, was, in September, on a visit to Limerick, where he ministered for many years with excellent results.

MAYO—Mr. Davitt's Birthplace

A circular has been issued by Rev. Father Hunt, P.P., Strade, County Mayo, setting forth the necessity for erecting a proper church in Strade, now so well known as the birthplace and burial ground of the late Mr. Michael Davitt. For the past eighteen years, since Father Hunt was appointed parish priest, he has felt keenly how ill-suited the present church is for its purposes. He is convinced that thousands of Irishmen and women at home and abroad will be glad of an opportunity of sending a contribution for the purpose of building a suitable church near the grave where Mr. Davitt lies.

Death of a Priest

The death of the Very Rev. John M'Greal, parish priest of Mayo Abbey, occurred at the parochial house on September 8, after a short illness, at the age of 62 years. Of late the deceased gentleman, who had been in charge of this large parish for some 10 years, was not in very robust health, yet he showed a deep interest in the temporal welfare of his parishioners, and after the passing of the Land Act of 1903, rendered valuable assistance to the tenants who had not so far purchased their holdings. The funeral obsequies were attended by all the clergy from the Deaneries of Claremorris, Ballinrobe, Castlebar, and Westport, as well as by large numbers of the laity from these towns, and also from Balla, Hollymount, Manulla, etc.

Congested Districts

The Congested Districts Board have purchased two properties in the neighborhood of Foxford, one belonging to Major Fair, of Craggagh, and the other to the Rev. Mr. Johnston, an English gentleman.

MEATH—A New Church

On Sunday, September 2, the foundation stone of the new St. Mary's Church, Kinnegad, was laid and solemnly blessed by the Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran, Bishop of Meath. The occasion was one of the very greatest interest, and formed an ever to be remembered incident in the history of the historic diocese of Meath. The old church—a small and very primitive structure—had done service for a hundred years or more, but had come to be absolutely unfitted for its purpose, and by no means suitable to the service for which it was erected. Year after year this great deficiency became more and more manifest; and the Rev. W. Bracken, P.P., would seem to have set his heart on adding yet one more great achievement to the many good and great works for religion and education which he has accomplished, and his purpose in that direction found a fitting accomplishment in the day's function, which had the great privilege of being presided over by the venerated Bishop of the diocese, and of having an eloquent sermon preached by the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh.

TIPPERARY—A Franciscan Passes Away

The death of the Very Rev. J. B. Cooney, Guardian, O.S.F., Clonmel, took place on September 8 at Ennis. He was universally loved and respected in Clonmel, where he had been stationed for the past quarter of a century, and where he rebuilt the Franciscan Abbey, first founded in Clonmel in 1269. Born in Armagh in 1842, he entered the Franciscan Order in 1863, and was ordained priest in Rome in 1868. He served in various houses in Ireland, and was Guardian in Dublin, Drogheda, and Clonmel. He was Provincial Custos of the Order for years, and filled the office at his death.

Teaching Domestic Economy

At a meeting of the South Tipperary Technical Committee, Rev. T. Dunne said his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel wished to make provisions for the teaching of Domestic Economy throughout the diocese, and he asked the Department to send down a teacher who would instruct a number of the nuns, the Archbishop to defray all expenses in connection with it. The teacher was sent down, and a number of the nuns had been thoroughly taught, and had received certifi-

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