

Irish News

CORK—Centenarians

An Irish centenarian recently passed away in the person of Nora Mulcahy, a woman of the farming class, of Sandhill, six miles from Middleton, whose demise occurred, after a very brief illness, at the age of 102 years. Deceased, whose remains were interred in Ballynoe Cemetery, was never married, and enjoyed good health and full possession of her faculties almost to the last. Born in 1804, and always residing in a Gaelic-speaking rural district, deceased spoke Irish, only having but very imperfect English. Deceased was the daughter of a centenarian, her mother having attained the age of 110 years. There has passed away in the Schull district Mary Hurley, widow of a laborer, at the age of 114 years. Another centenarian named John O'Driscoll, a native of Drimoleague, died during the last week in October at the age of 102 years.

Looking for Heirs

A Commission of Inquiry appointed by the High Court of the United States held a sitting recently in Cork, extending over a period of ten days, taking evidence as to the relatives of a man named John Sullivan, a native of Cork, who died in Seattle, State of Washington, five or six years ago, leaving immense wealth estimated at a quarter of a million. He was a lumberman, and died unmarried and intestate. Three years ago the claim of a sister, Hannah Callaghan, who resided in Barrack street, Cork, was established, but she was so elated at her good luck that she lived too well, and died in six months. A number of other more distant relatives have now turned up, and their claims are being investigated by Mr. M. W. Bolster, Seattle, an American notary.

DERRY—Claims Disallowed

At the Derry City Revision, Mr. Lynch, Revising Barrister, gave judgment in the case of the Christian Brothers, residing at the Brow of the Hill, who had been objected to by the Unionists. Mr. Lynch decided that they were not entitled to the franchise. The Brothers objected to had enjoyed the franchise for years.

A Sad Occurrence

The death has occurred in Drumlane, County Londonderry, of a young farmer named Mayberry, under very pathetic circumstances. In the best of spirits, and apparently in good health, he went with his sweetheart to buy furniture for their new home, and in Coleraine was seized with sudden illness. He was taken home in a state of collapse, but never rallied, and died on the very day arranged for his marriage.

DOWN—Compensation

In connection with the recent Orange riots at Gifford, County Down, a number of Catholic householders were at Banbridge Quarter Sessions awarded compensation by County Court Judge Orr for damage to their property.

A Memorial

A beautiful memorial is being erected to the late Monsignor O'Lavery, M.R.I.A., in front of St. Columbkille's Church, Holywood, County Down. It consists of a cross on an elevated base, 15ft high, of Irish stone, chastely carved and chiselled.

DUBLIN—A Critical Time for Education

His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, speaking at the annual dinner of Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, said it was true that it was a very critical time with education, and a time that demanded the united efforts of all true Catholics in Ireland, and he believed that under the guidance of their pastors they would achieve success. He could not agree that they had not made great progress in the matter of education. Would anyone tell him that the work accomplished by the University College was not an evidence of progress in the face of great difficulties? Compare it with the work done by another institution with the hoarded wealth of three centuries of the plundered estates of Irish chieftains, and would anyone then say that the Catholic University had not accomplished great work? And would anyone say that the work accomplished at St. Cecilia street, with its limited resources, had not made that institution the greatest school in Ireland?

KERRY—The Evicted Tenants

Free grants to the amount of £945 have been awarded by the Estates Commissioners to twenty-three evicted tenants on the Warden estate at Sneeem. Of

this sum £645 is for rebuilding their homes, and £310 is for the purpose of buying stock. At a meeting in the Courthouse, Rev. M. Horgan, P.P., referred to the restoration to their homes of the evicted tenants, and expressed their thanks to the Estates Commissioners for the service rendered in bringing the wretched condition of affairs on that estate to so happy a close.

A Talented Tralee Lady

Miss Nora O'Sullivan, an Irish Catholic young lady, who is well known in educational circles in Glasgow, has graduated in the M.A. degree in Glasgow University. Miss O'Sullivan, who is a daughter of Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan, a leading merchant in Tralee, in the South of Ireland, commenced her brilliant scholastic career in the Loreto Convent, Killarney, and afterwards studied in the Loreto Convent, Dublin, where she matriculated for the London B.A. degree—a notable achievement. Miss O'Sullivan continued her studies at the Notre Dame Convent, Downhill, Glasgow, where she also taught higher grade subjects. She also matriculated in Edinburgh before proceeding to Glasgow University. Miss O'Sullivan at present holds an important scholastic appointment in London.

LIMERICK—Jubilee of the Cathedral

The ceremonies on Sunday, October 21, in connection with the jubilee of St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, were most impressive. The sacred edifice was thronged with all classes of the community. The Mayor, attended by the Sergeants at Mace, and accompanied by the members of the Corporation, were present in specially reserved seats, and the members of the Corporation Fire Brigade were also present in their uniforms. High Mass was solemnised at noon. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, presided. Immediately after the First Gospel the Very Rev. Canon J. Murphy, D.D., P.P., Macroom, preached the jubilee sermon, taking for his text the words, "And this day shall be for a memorial to you, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord in your generation with an everlasting observance."

Lecture by Dr. O'Riordan

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, who was absent from the Rernal City on holidays, delivered an interesting lecture at the Limerick Catholic Literary Institute on October 19. In vivid language he traced some stirring episodes in Ireland's troubled history, which, he said, was a long narrative of disaster, that some people would have it, was better left untold. If there was nothing in man but the material, nothing but the amassing of money and wealth, this argument might hold good. Principle, honor, virtue, justice, truth entered into the daily lives of men, and there was nothing that would not at times be sacrificed—money, wealth, and all the rest, for principle or for truth. Ireland had, all through her history, preserved principle and honor. Truth she had preserved, and with regard to material things it was a very curious fact that after the lapse of some centuries the land of Ireland was going back to its rightful owners. Judge Adams, who presided, said there were things in Irish history, it was true, to be ashamed of, but it was not Irishmen that need be ashamed of them. The first thing the Irish boy should be taught was the history of the locality in which he lived; he should be taught that history in a calm, wise manner, and the history of the places round about him. What was the use of a boy learning who was Heliogabalus, or where was Cape Matapan. He would be for teaching the boys the history told by the Treaty Stone, by the ruins of Clonmacnoise, by Sarstfield's daring. Then, too, they should not be ignorant of a work such as "The Collegians," which was equal to the best novel written by Sir Walter Scott. He would teach them all the glorious story of their country and their city. In doing this he believed he would be building up that Irish Ireland which they all desired to see, irrespective of the political views or ideas that any of them might have.

WATERFORD—A Presentation

The members of the Catholic Young Men's Society, Waterford, have presented the Rev. T. F. Furlong, their spiritual director, with a gold chalice and an illuminated address as a token of their affection and esteem on his attaining the silver jubilee of his ordination.

WESTMEATH—The Christian Brothers

A meeting was held in Mullingar on October 21 to take steps to fittingly celebrate the golden jubilee of the advent of the Christian Brothers to St. Mary's College, Mullingar. The Most Rev. Dr. Gaughan, Bishop of Meath, presided, and delivered an address on the work of the Brothers.

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