

Irish News

ARMAGH—Orange Bigotry

In the course of a speech delivered after the result of the North Armagh election Mr. Lindsay Crawford referred to the exhibition of Orange bigotry and ignorance which had prevailed during the contest and remarked that Ireland's cause was a winning cause.

CLARE—The Temperance Cause

In acknowledging copies of resolutions passed at the Land and Labor Conference at Nenagh Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, wrote that nothing could give him greater comfort or hope than to observe the prominent place allotted to the sacred cause of temperance amongst the resolutions.

CORK—Good Advice

The Protestant Bishop of Cork, speaking at his Diocesan Synod lately, referred to the continued emigration from Ireland, and said that the cause of it was simple enough. It was want of employment. Farms could not be divided indefinitely, and manufactures were few. The remedy was to promote home manufacture by insisting on the supply of home-made goods, where the quality and price were equal to those of imported goods.

Death of a Doctor

The remains of Dr. Michael O'Sullivan, late of 14, Gardiner's Place, Dublin, were interred on November 22 at Rosscarbery, County Cork. Deceased was connected with the Mater Misericordiae Hospital for ten years, during which time he occupied the positions of resident surgeon, anaesthetist, and registrar. He also acted as chief physician to the Children's Hospital, Temple street, for some years.

The Queen's College

A public meeting, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, was held in Cork on November 17, at which resolutions were passed urging the reconstruction of the Cork Queen's College, so as to become a College or University satisfactory to all classes in the province. Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., announced that his wife and himself had made up their minds to bequeath on their demise practically all they had in the world as a subscription towards the endowment of a Cork University. If the Borough and County Councils of the Province of Munster would undertake a very temporary and slight burden it would be possible to provide immediately, say, a sum of £50,000.

No Bigotry

The Rev. M. B. Kennedy, presiding at the meeting of the North-East Cork Executive of the United Irish League, at Fermoy, referred to conciliation, and said Catholics had never been bigots, and never needed to have conciliation preached to them, but, on the contrary, they had ever been eager to receive Protestants into their National ranks, and to share with them every distinction and every honor in their gift.

A Memorial

The ceremony of blessing and laying the foundation stone of a memorial to the late Rev. Father Bernard, O.S.F.C., Cork, was performed recently by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork. The memorial will take the form of an addition to the Holy Trinity Church, Cork.

DERRY—Evidence of Unbelief

In St. Columba's Church, Derry, on Sunday, November 11, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, preached in aid of a fund which is being organised to liquidate the debt incurred in the erection of spacious parochial schools in the district by Right Rev. Mgr. McFail. Speaking of unbelief in England, his Lordship said a well-known work of materialistic tendency, and based on a denial of Providence, had an issue of 80,000 copies. Professedly immoral publications had an annual output of 30,000,000 volumes. Public libraries, democratic clubs, railway bookstalls, teemed with the most profane and ribald offscourings of the press. Therefore it was that from the temple of legislation to the remotest village tap-room, the air was reeking with blasphemy, obscenity, and coarseness. Many people, said Dr. Clancy, advocated the teaching of the fundamental dogmas of Christianity in schools as a solution of the Education question. But when they inquired whether the mystery of the Incarnation and of the Divinity of Christ and of the efficiency of Redemption

and of the eternal punishment of sin might be included in the fundamental dogmas, they were met by their separated brethren with dissent or controversy, loud, acrimonious, and polemical. Nor was the reading of the Bible without comment, known in England as 'Cowper Templeism,' much superior to underominalational Christianity. To Catholics both were objectionable as forms of religious education. They required the truths of Eternal Life inculcated without restriction or limitation as they came down to them from the Apostles through the traditions of the Church, and they would be satisfied with nothing less.

DONEGAL—Drowning Fatality

A sad accident took place between Loughs Foyle and Swilly, on the Donegal coast, early in November, by which four lives were lost. A crew of six men set out in an open drontheim and brought in the long-lines which they had laid down earlier in the night. They then went out again to visit their lobster pots. Suddenly a great wave swept in from the Atlantic and swamped the boat. Two men were able to cling on to the keel, but four were drowned, namely, Michael Doherty (owner), James Doherty (his son), Philip Doherty (nephew), and a man named Kelly. The deceased leave large families, all in the very poorest circumstances.

DOWN—A Priest Passes Away

The remains of Very Rev. J. Lowry, P.P., Upper Drumgoolan, County Down, were consigned to their last resting-place on November 17. Throughout life deceased was a most zealous priest and a sterling Nationalist. He came of an old Ulster family which gave many sons and daughters to the Church.

Charitable Bequests

Mr. Edward Byrne, of Portaferry, County Down, who died in August last, and whose will, just published, shows that he has left almost all his fortune, amounting to over £14,000, to Catholic charities in his native town and in Belfast and Downpatrick, was one of the early pioneers in the goldfields of Australia in the 'fifties of the last century. On his voyage out the ship he sailed in touched, strange to say, at Rio Janeiro, the capital of Brazil, and there he witnessed some of the scenes which led to the establishment of the Empire of Dom Pedro. It was a very roundabout way in which to go to the Australian goldfields, but De Lesseps had not yet made the Suez Canal.

A Golden Jubilee

Right Rev. Mgr. McCartan, P.P., has just celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination. The people of the joint parishes of Dromore and Garvaghy, County Down, presented him with an illuminated address in honor of the event. It was intended that a purse of gold should accompany it, but this Monsignor McCartan declined to accept.

A Pioneer of the Goldfields

Mr. Edward Byrne, merchant, of Portaferry, who died on the 23rd August last, left personal estate of the value of £14,060. Among other bequests, Mr. Byrne left £20 to the Superiress of Bon Secours, Falls-road, Belfast; £50 to the Superiress of the Convent of Mercy, Downpatrick; £300 to provide for Masses to be said in Ireland; £1000 to the Superiress of the Convent of Mercy, Crumlin-road, Belfast, for the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast; £1000 to the Superiress of the Convent of the Sisters of Nazareth, for the general purposes of charities in connection with the Sisterhood; £1000 to the Sisters of Nazareth, for the benefit of their Orphanage at Fox Lodge; £1000 to the treasurer of St. Patrick's Catholic Orphan School of the diocese of Down and Connor. The testator directed that all these charitable bequests are for the purposes of these charities in Ireland only. (1). He left the residue of his estate to raise a fund of £3000 (in addition to any lapsed legacies) for the provision of coal and other necessities during the winter for such of the deserving poor of Portaferry as the parish priest may consider deserving objects. (2). £500 to be invested for Masses at Portaferry for the repose of his soul and for those of his friends. (3). £500 for a similar purpose in the parish of Ballygalget. (4). The ultimate residue (about £4000), for the restoration, decoration, and improvement of the Catholic Church at Portaferry.

DUBLIN—A Nun Passes Away

Mother Mary Conception, foundress of the Presentation Convent, Lucan, County Dublin, died there on November 15. Deceased, who was a daughter of the late Mr. Michael Kennedy, Dublin, was highly esteemed. She spent forty-four years in the religious life.

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