

Irish News

ARMAGH—Demise of a Priest

The death took place on January 17, at the Parochial House, Mullavilly, Tanderagee, of Rev. Michael Loughran, P.P. Deceased was one of the most beloved priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh, and the news of his death caused deep regret among all classes.

CORK—A Popular Youghal Man

People of all creeds joined in making a presentation to the Rev. J. Becker, M.A., Youghal, on his departure from that town. Right Rev. Mgr. Keller, P.P., who was unable to be present, wrote to say that he always found Mr. Becker most courteous and kindly, willing to co-operate in works of charity, and in the maintenance of social harmony amongst the people. He wished him every happiness in his new sphere.

Trade with the Argentine Republic

The prospect of trade in Irish goods with the Argentine was referred to at the meeting of the Irish Industrial Association in Cork by Mr. Bowen, who is at present on a visit to Ireland from Argentina, where he has spent fourteen years. The inhabitants, he said, chiefly lived by the land, and devoted little attention to manufactures, and as there is a large Irish population in the country, manufactures from Ireland ought to be able to obtain a market there. The committee, at which Captain the Hon. Otway Cuffe presided, thanked Mr. Bowen for his information and assistance. Correspondence was read with Senor Bulfin, editor of the 'Southern Cross,' Buenos Ayres, who promised to introduce the Irish Trade Mark into the country.

A Windfall

Mr. Edward Corcoran, who has fallen in so luckily for the Sullivan property in Seattle, U.S.A., valued at half a million sterling, was born at Carrigaline, County Cork. He has been fourteen years in Dublin working at his trade of harnessmaker.

DUBLIN—A Vote of Condolence

At a meeting of the committee of the Balbriggan Carnegie Library, the Rev. Dr. Benton, rector, in the chair, the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Charles Gallen, J.P., and seconded by Mr. Charles Graham, J.P. (chairman Town Commissioners), was passed unanimously and in silence, the members of the committee standing: 'That the Balbriggan Library Committee pass a vote of condolence with the family of the late Very Rev. Canon Brannan, P.P., our worthy and respected chairman, and that we tender to them our sympathy in their and our loss, consequent on the demise of our esteemed parish priest.'

The French Persecution

A resolution protesting against the outrages upon religious liberty in France was adopted on January 16 by the Dublin Corporation on the motion of Dr. McWalter, seconded by the High Sheriff.

Officials Threatened

Singularly significant (says the 'Freeman's Journal') is the minute made by the Board of Works on the exposure of the religious bigotry that prevails in the appointments and the promotions in their, in common with almost all other, departments. The religion of the officials and their salaries were analysed in the 'Evening Telegraph.' It was pointed out that the three heads and the Secretary, with salaries of £1500, £1200, and £775 respectively, were all Protestants. It was shown that the total amount in salaries paid to Catholic members of the staff was £2793 and to other denominations £26,700. These facts and figures were not, of course, disputed. But the Board, in a special minute, denounced their publication as a crime and broadly hinted that summary punishment would be meted out to any official who made complaint, however justified, that reached the ear of the public. These are the usual tactics by which the Ascendancy class seek to protect their monopoly. It is quite right that Catholics should be unobtrusively boycotted, and that, in a country overwhelmingly Catholic, Protestants should enjoy a practical monopoly of positions of emolument or honor. But to hint a complaint of this state of affairs is instantly denounced as a sectarian agitation. It is a curious doctrine that, not the injustice, but the complaint of the injustice should be the crime.

KERRY—The O'Connell Memorial Church

The Rev. Fathers Harty and Finucane have just returned from America where they have for the past eighteen months been collecting funds for the improvement of the O'Connell memorial church, Caherciveen.

LIMERICK—Sale of an Estate

Recently Mr. Robert E. Reeves, attended at the Pigott Arms Hotel, Rathkeale, for the purpose of negotiating a sale of the Pigott estate. The majority of the tenants, numbering over one hundred, attended and signed agreements at 21 years' purchase. The Rev. W. Mulcahy, P.P., Croagh, attended to thank Mr. Reeves on behalf of the tenants in his parish for the acts of generosity shown them for many years past. Father Mulcahy, in the course of his remarks, said that he felt it a great pleasure to be able to say that he never yet made an appeal to Mr. Reeves on behalf of a poor tenant that was not readily granted. It may be added that Mr. Reeves has been the agent on the estate for a great number of years, and had always been held in the highest esteem by the tenantry. He will be missed not only by them, but by the poor of Rathkeale, whose wants he many times relieved.

A Priest Passes Away

On January 21 the obsequies of Rev. John Quinlivan, P.P., Pallaskerry, an esteemed priest of the diocese of Limerick, who died from an acute attack of pneumonia, took place. Deceased, who was only fifty-one years of age, officiated in several districts and earned the regard of all classes by his zeal and integrity.

MEATH—The Clergy's Protest

At a conference of the clergy of the diocese of Meath, held in Navan, the Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran presiding, the following resolutions were passed expressing feelings of the deepest sorrow at the persecution which the Church in France is undergoing by the expulsion of the religious Orders, by the secularisation of education, by the spoliation of convents and presbyteries, by the prohibition that is being enforced against the free celebration of Holy Mass, culminating in the outrage offered to the Supreme Pontiff himself, by the wilful misrepresentation of his pastoral instructions, and by the expulsion of his special representative; and declaring that in the midst of such persecutions it is a source of deep consolation to witness the marvellous unanimity of bishops and priests in sentiment and in sufferings, as well as their whole-hearted determination to persevere in loyal attachment to the See of Rome. With very special feelings of indignation the clergy protested against any attempt to suppress the Irish College—a college endeared to them by so many noble traditions—traditions which carried them back to the ages of persecution, when their exiled students found the sanctuary and home in Catholic France which was denied to them in the land of their birth.

ROSCOMMON—A Father to the Poor

The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, in the course of a letter acknowledging a vote of condolence passed by the Castlereagh Board of Guardians on the death of Monsignor Hanly, P.P., says 'his hand was always open to relieve distress, and he never felt so happy as when he gave whatever little money he had to relieve the misery of poor parishioners. For the same reason no institution in the parish was dearer to him than the Workhouse, and I have known him to suffer the most acute pain when he encountered those persons whom he could not relieve as effectually as he should like. In the highest spiritual sense of the word he was truly a father to the poor.'

TIPPERARY—Recalled

His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel has recalled Father Condon, who has spent twelve years in London, to his native diocese.

WATERFORD—An Editor Passes Away

The death has been announced of Mr. C. P. Redmond, editor and proprietor of 'Waterford News.' Mr. Redmond, who had been in failing health for some time, had gone to Egypt in the hope of benefiting by the change of climate, and his death occurred in Cairo. The deceased was the youngest son of the late Alderman Redmond, whom he succeeded in Waterford Corporation till the passing of the Local Government Act.

WEXFORD—Death of a Priest

The Venerable Archdeacon Furlong, P.P., V.G., Gorey, died on Sunday, January 20. Deceased, who had attained his seventieth year, came of a well-

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