

Irish News

CARLOW—A Token of Esteem

Mr. George MacDonagh, brother of Messrs. Michael and Frank MacDonagh, both well known journalists, has been appointed editor of the Carlow Nationalist. He was presented by his press friends in Limerick with a substantial token of their esteem for him, before leaving for his new home.

CORK—A Presentation

Rev. Father M'Cullagh, P.P., Douglas, has been presented with an address on behalf of the parishioners of Blackrock, who, while congratulating him on his appointment, regret his departure from amongst them. In acknowledging the address, Father M'Cullagh expressed his high appreciation of the parishioners of Blackrock, among whom he spent twenty years.

The French Persecution

Resolutions protesting against the persecution to which the Church is being subjected by the French Government continue to be adopted by public bodies all over Ireland and sent on to the authorities in France and to the Holy See. Cardinal Merry del Val, in acknowledging the receipt of a resolution passed by the Macroom Urban Council, says his Holiness read with pleasure the expression of the noble sentiments which it contained, and praised the constancy of the people in professing their devotion and attachment to the Holy See. The Marquis MacSwiney, who also wrote to Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., D.D., Macroom, stated that the Holy Father had said his troubles would be very light indeed if the people of France were as good as the people of Ireland.

DOWN—Death of a Priest

The death took place on February 2 of the Very Rev. M. Lynch, P.P., Rostrevor. The deceased was born at Rathfriland in 1845, and received his early education in the Diocesan Seminary, Violet Hill, Newry, subsequently going to the University of Salamanca, Spain. He was ordained there in 1868, and ministered as curate in the parishes of Dromore, Annaclone, and Mayobridge. He was afterwards appointed parish priest at Loughbrickland. On the death of Very Rev. P. O'Neill, P.P., Rostrevor, in 1890, he was selected to undertake the pastoral charge there. By all sections of the community, Catholic and Protestant alike, he was highly esteemed.

DUBLIN—A Venerable Religious

Mother M. Dominic Purcell died on January 31, at the Dominican Convent, Cabra, Dublin, in the hundredth year of her age and the seventy-fifth of her religious profession.

A Varied Career

The remains of the late Captain John Kirwan, of New York, were laid to rest in Glasnevin Cemetery, on January 31. Deceased, who had a varied career, served in the English Army, the Dublin Police, the American Army, and the Papal Brigade. He took part also in the Fenian rising, and was severely wounded at Tallaght, County Dublin.

An Octogenarian

Sir Ralph Cusack, the octogenarian knight, whose retirement from the chairmanship of the Irish Railway Clearing House is announced (says the 'Pall Mall Gazette'), filled the office of Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper in Ireland from 1858 to 1881. His predecessor in this office was Mr. John O'Connell, son of the Liberator, and his successor in the Irish Leadership. One of the last writs issued by Sir Ralph in 1881 was that under which Mr. John Redmond, the present Irish leader, was returned to Parliament as member for New Ross.

Death of a Jesuit

Rev. Father Butler, of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Dublin, passed away on Sexagesima Sunday. Father Butler was born at Galway in 1848. He was one of the first pupils in the school opened by the Jesuit Fathers in his native town in 1859. Father Halpin, S.J., took a special interest in the boy on account of his extraordinary musical talent, reaching even to genius. This gift he cultivated with enthusiasm through life and attained wonderful proficiency on a great variety of instruments, especially the violin. Of his priestly life several years were spent on the staff

of St. Stanislaus' College, Tullamore. He was subsequently one of the band of missionaries giving missions and retreats in various parishes and communities throughout Ireland; and the last twelve years of his life, with a brief stay in Limerick, were spent at St. Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin.

The Parliamentary Party

A meeting of the Irish Parliamentary Party was held on February 4 in the Mansion House, Dublin. Fifty-nine members of the Party were present. Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Party. The Whips, Treasurers, and Secretaries of the Party were re-elected. Messrs. Crean and Gilhooly dissented from the re-election of Messrs. Abraham, Mooney, McKillop, and Meehan as Treasurers of the Party. The Chairman made a statement in reference to the action of Mr. John O'Donnell, M.P., and Mr. D. D. Sheehan, M.P., and a resolution was passed approving of the Chairman's action in their cases. Messrs. Harrington, Crean, and Gilhooly dissented from the resolution. A resolution was passed, Messrs. Crean and Gilhooly dissenting, resolving that Mr. Sheehan be not readmitted to the Party. A resolution was also passed, Messrs. Crean and Gilhooly dissenting, requesting the officials to remove the name of Mr. John O'Donnell from the list of the Party.

GALWAY—Lady Appointed County Surveyor

Miss Alice Perry, the first lady in Ireland to qualify for an engineer, has been elected County Surveyor for Galway at a salary of £500 a year.

LIMERICK—Defects of Primary Education

The Bishop of Limerick, in a letter to Dean Shanahan, P.P., V.G., says the defects of the Irish primary schools might be and were gradually being remedied. But reform and progress were very different things from fundamental and revolutionary change, which under the specious pretext of popular control would inevitably throw a good part of the cost of the schools upon those who exercised that control, and who, by poverty, would be driven to economy, which could only be exercised at the cost of the teachers.

MAYO—Primary Education

On February 2 a meeting was held in Castlebar, under the chairmanship of the Very Rev. Canon Lyons, P.P., V.F., in reference to the present defective system of primary education in Ireland and the grievances of the National Teachers. Speeches were delivered by the Very Rev. chairman and Mr. John Murphy, M.P., and letters approving of the object of the meeting were received from his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, the Most Rev. Dr. Conmy, Bishop of Killala, and Mr. John Dillon, M.P.

MONAGHAN—Tenants Purchase their Holdings

The tenants on the estate of Captain Hamilton, which comprises the townlands of Drumacoon and Davagh (County Monaghan) and Drumbrusghar (County Fermanagh), have just purchased their holdings under the Irish Land Act, 1903, on the following terms:—Second-term tenants, 4s in the £, or 20 per cent; first-term tenants, 6s in the £, or 30 per cent, one year to be added to the purchase, tenants to pay interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. from 1st November, 1906, till date of signing agreements.

A Centenarian

The death has taken place of Hugh M'Elroy, Tony-scally, Doochamlet, County Monaghan, at the age of 108 years. Up to the time of his death he had the full possession of all his mental faculties.

TIPPERARY—A Respected Resident Passes Away

Mr. William Tobin, of Mullinahone, County Tipperary, the father of Mr. Patrick Tobin, secretary of the Paving and Improvements Committee of the Dublin Corporation, has just died at an advanced age. Mr. Tobin was connected with the National movement since the days of O'Connell, with whom he had a personal acquaintance. He owned the land upon which Shaun Gow's forge, celebrated in the story of 'Knocknagow,' stood. A wide circle of people not only in Tipperary, but also in Dublin and elsewhere, will deeply regret his death.

WATERFORD—Death of a Town Councillor

Deep regret was felt by the citizens of Waterford when the announcement was made of the death of Mr. W. J. Manning, T.C., brother of Mr. M. A. Manning, the Town Clerk of Kingstown, as the result of an accident.

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