

Irish News

DERRY—A Generous Benefactor

It was announced on Sunday, February 24, by Father William Doherty, Adm., that it has been decided to go on with the renovation and expansion of the old Long Tower Church, Derry, on the site of the famous Abbey of St. Columbkille, the building having long since proved inadequate to the accommodation required for worshippers. Financial difficulty stood in the way, but he had to inform the congregation that by the munificence of a parishioner, Mr. Bernard Hannigan, J.P., the money necessary to purchase a neighboring property and to reconstruct the old church was provided. Mr. Hannigan's gift is entirely unconditional, and runs into a sum of several thousand pounds. The announcement was received with the utmost gratification by the vast congregation.

The Bishop of Derry

The Most Rev. Dr. John Keys O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, died on February 25 at Londonderry after a severe illness. He was in his 74th year. Although his death was not unexpected, the announcement of it at the evening devotions in St. Eugene's Cathedral, immediately after the sad event had taken place, caused the deepest grief. The deceased prelate labored resolutely in the cause of education and temperance. When Administrator of Ardstraw East he built four new schools, one in Newtownstewart alone costing over £1000, the expense of the bulk of the work being paid off without external help.

DONEGAL—Death of a Monsignor

Right Rev. Mgr. Gallagher, P.P., Lettermacward, who died at the parochial residence in Dungloe, County Donegal, on February 20, was one of the most esteemed priests in the diocese of Raphoe. His life was passed in unwearying devotion to his sacred duties and in alleviating the lot of the poor, who are numerous in the district. He was a member of an esteemed Donegal family, one of his brothers being P.P. of Rathmullan, while Mr. John H. Gallagher, B.L., of the North-West Circuit, is another brother.

DOWN—Demise of a Priest

The death took place on February 22 of the Rev. William McCourt, P.P., Saintfields, County Down. Father McCourt was born at Moneyglass in 1858, and after studying at St. Malachy's College, Belfast, went to Maynooth. He was ordained in 1882. Father McCourt had been ailing for over three months.

DUBLIN—The late Judge Carton

The death is announced of Judge Carton, which occurred on February 24, at his residence in Dublin. Judge Carton was called to the Bar in 1863, and had a good practice, particularly in the Court of Bankruptcy. He was elected a Benchman of the King's Inns in 1886, and was made a Dublin Police Magistrate by the late Government, and subsequently promoted to the County Court Judgeship of Clare. Judge Carton was one of the Commissioners of National Donations and Bequests, and was also a Commissioner of National Education. For a time he occupied the Presidency of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in succession to the late Judge Waters, and he took a deep interest in the work of the Irish Catholic Truth Society.

GALWAY—The Local College

On February 8 a public meeting representing all sections and very many varied interests, was held in the Court Buildings, Galway, to protest against the proposed exclusion of Galway as a constituent college in the new University scheme outlined by Mr. Bryce. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, presided, and delivered an important speech. Letters were received from the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway; Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, and others, and telegrams from Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Dr. Douglas Hyde, etc. Resolutions in support of the protest were passed, on the motion of the Archbishop, seconded by Mr. Gwynn, M.P., and a deputation appointed to wait on the Chief Secretary.

KERRY—The Killarney Cathedral

The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, has contributed £100 towards the fete in aid of the fund for the completion of Killarney Cathedral. His Lordship, at a meeting of the committee, stated his willingness to contribute £500 as a good example, but he

could not give it at once. One priest had written sending him a cheque for £500, and other members of the Chapter promised subscriptions of £100. Lord Kenmare has sent £150.

TIPPERARY—Against Emigration

His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, having in his Lenten Pastoral asked the faithful to pray for the Catholic Church in France, proceeds:—Let me address a word of advice to my faithful people of Tipperary and Limerick, who live on the grandest hill-sides and plains in the world, in communion with our oldest friend, Nature, that never yet betrayed the Catholic heart that loved her. Remain true to your 'oldest friend,' and though you may not be rich, you can be very happy, and while others will be prematurely wasted by the excitements and artificialities of life in large centres and in foreign countries, you will rest peacefully with hearts fresh and young on the bosom of Mother Nature, and enjoy, without fuss or hurry, the richest blessings the world contains. The scripture says that 'piety with a sufficiency is a great gain.' Realise that herein is the key to happiness now and hereafter.

TYRONE—A Change of Owners

Towards the end of February, by an order of the Court, an Orange hall in Cookstown was sold by public auction, the purchasers being the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This is understood to be the first time in history that an Orange hall has ever come into the hands of Catholics and Nationalists in Ireland.

Discovery of Copper

A very important discovery has been made in Altmore, about seven miles distant from Dungannon, of a rich lode of copper ore. The origin of making the examination to find the copper arose in this way: In cleaning the pipes conveying the water from the reservoir at Altmore Mountain, the material that was encrusted inside the pipes, upon being tested in a chemical apparatus, was found to contain a large percentage of copper, and the same gentleman then took to the district and made the discovery about a mile from the reservoir.

WATERFORD—Evicted Tenants Reinstated

A large number of evicted tenants have been reinstated in County Waterford recently, including, on the Longan estate, Messrs. Hayes, Donoghue, Kelly, Foley, Miss Foley, Miss F. Flynn, and Mr. Donoghue. On the Smith estate, Mrs. H. Veale is reinstated. About 20 more evicted tenants in County Waterford will shortly regain possession of their homes.

WESTMEATH—A Presentation

An illuminated address has been presented to Very Rev. Dermot Cole, P.P., V.F., Killucan, County Westmeath, by his former parishioners of Kilbeggan and Rahugh. A deputation, accompanied by Rev. Father Leonard, waited on Father Cole at the parochial house, where the presentation was made. The address referred to Father Cole's labors in the interests of the people in regard to land purchase and many other matters, and referred in particular to the completion of the Convent of Mercy, Kilbeggan, and the renovation of Rahugh church. Father Cole cordially expressed his acknowledgments for the presentation.

WEXFORD—Searching for Heirs

In succession to the Sullivan will case, which created such great interest in Ireland and the United States a short time ago, we are promised another inquiry of a sensational nature, which, if it does not concern a million of money as in the former dispute, involves the fate of the very substantial sum of £40,000. A representative of the 'Freeman's Journal,' having ascertained that Mr. Wm. Watson, appointed Commissioner by the United States to examine witnesses and claimants with regard to the property of the late Patrick White, of Brooklyn, had arrived in Dublin, sought an interview with that gentleman. It seems that the late Mr. Patrick White emigrated from Wexford many years ago, when quite a young man. There he commenced life as an under clerk in a small office, and by slow degrees worked upwards. Carefully saving his money, he indulged in speculation, in which he was generally successful, and ultimately he amassed a considerable fortune. He lived for many years in the city of Brooklyn, and was well known there. He never married and led a rather quiet life. In manner he was reticent and never fond of speaking about himself or his prospects. In habits he was frugal and thrifty, and few people suspected the extent of his fortune. He died early last year, aged about eighty years, without making a will, leaving upwards of £40,000 of personal property, in money, stocks, and bonds.

J. O'ROURKE,

First-class OUTFITTER, HATTER & MERCER, STAFFORD STREET, TIMARU
All Goods direct from Manufacturer to Customer. Finest Stock in South Canterbury. Up-to-date
Tailoring in charge of a First-rate Outfitter. Prices Strictly Moderate.