

Irish News

CAVAN—Sound Advice

A letter brimful of sound advice from the Most Rev. Dr. Boylan, C.S.S.R., Bishop of Kilmore, was read at a Nationalist meeting in Ballyjamesduff. After pointing out that there was in reality very little disunion in the country, he asserted that if only a fair opportunity of striking a blow for the national cause offered all would be promptly at work once more. It was generally admitted, wrote his Lordship, that the English people enjoyed the best laws in Europe. They had themselves to thank for it, not the House of Lords nor the House of Commons. Let them read the history of the Reform Laws, the Corn Law, the Chartist troubles, and they would see how the people of England fought for their natural rights and extorted just laws from a hostile House of Lords and from the hostile Tories in the House of Commons. They got their excellent laws, not by lying down under the heel of the oppressors, but by manfully facing these oppressors. They suffered much in the contest, and made heroic sacrifices. By their courage and bulldog tenacity they brought their enemies to their knees, and extorted from them those just laws that ensured the prosperity of their country. In concluding Dr. Boylan referred to the victories against cruel and unjust laws won at much cost and sacrifice during the last forty years, and said there were many other triumphs awaiting them if only they were united, active, and prepared to do and suffer.

CORK—A Centenarian

A laborer named Mahony died on September 6 at the advanced age of 106 years. A resident of Clonakilty, he led a temperate life, and was an early riser until within a few years ago.

Home-built Carriages

The committee of management of the Schull and Skibbereen Tramway (says the 'Freeman's Journal') are to be congratulated on their enterprise in constructing, under the supervision of their own staff, the waggons and carriages to be used on the line. Hitherto the carriages and goods-waggons were imported from manufacturing concerns across the Channel. Recently the suggestion was made that the work might be done at home, and accordingly a test was made, and a half-dozen carriages were constructed in the yard at Skibbereen. On comparison with prices previously paid to English firms and quotations received, it was found that the work was done much more cheaply, while a great deal of local employment was given. The money which hitherto went to foreign centres was kept at home, and the carriages were built more solidly, and are giving more satisfaction. Such a success has the enterprise been that the committee, at the last meeting, decided to build an additional half-dozen carriages on their Skibbereen premises.

DOWN—Death of a Priest

The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Brien, P.P., Banbridge, passed away on September 5, at the patriarchal age of 85. Throughout life he was distinguished for great charity and for energy in the discharge of his priestly duties. His kindly nature and gentleness won him hosts of friends even amongst those who professed other creeds, and amongst politicians who differed widely from him, as evidenced by the generous reference made to him by Lord Arthur Hill at a meeting held in Banbridge.

DUBLIN—A Curious Strike

A strike of grave-diggers has occurred at Glasnevin Cemetery, twenty-four men being out.

Temperance Progress

The great display in support of temperance which took place in the metropolis on Sunday, September 8 (writes a Dublin correspondent), must have gladdened the hearts of many life-long workers in that noble cause. Magnificent weather favored the fine gathering, which was organised by a committee of workmen. The size of the procession, which mustered near the Father Mathew Hall, and the orderly demeanor of those who took part in it, as well as that of thousands of sympathising onlookers, showed clearly the mighty advance of temperance in Ireland in recent years. The Capuchin Fathers led the grand parade which marched across Grattan Bridge, to Dame Street, College Green, Westmoreland street, and O'Connell street, to the Father Mathew statue, round which a

vast mass of people assembled to hear the speeches. The evils of intemperance, and the tyranny of the drink curse were described in vivid language. The organisers are to be heartily congratulated on the brilliant success of Sunday's inspiring procession.

An Appointment

It is with much pleasure (says the 'Freeman's Journal') we announce the appointment of Mr. P. J. Lennox, B.A., to the position of Professor of English Language and Literature in the Catholic University of America. Monsignor O'Connell, Rector of that University, recently came to these countries for the express purpose of selecting a suitable gentleman for this important post, and after much anxious thought and in consultation with some of the leading educational authorities, he decided to offer the appointment to Mr. Lennox. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of the former holder, Dr. Maurice F. Egan, consequent on his nomination by President Roosevelt to be United States Minister at the Court of Denmark. Up to the date of his appointment, Mr. Lennox held with great distinction the Professorship of English and of History in the University College, Blackrock, and was also senior lecturer in those subjects in the Intermediate department of the same famous institution. He also lectured with conspicuous success in the evening classes in University College, Dublin.

GALWAY—Queen's College

The number of new students who entered Queen's College, Galway, for the session 1906-7 was forty-one. Fifteen of them are Catholics.

Artizans' Dwellings

The foundation stone of a big scheme of Artizans' Dwellings and Laborers' Cottages for Galway Urban Council was laid on September 5 by Mr. H. M. A. Murphy, vice-chairman, who was presented with a silver trowel by the builder, Mr. Francis Lyden, Galway.

KILKENNY—Death of a well known Priest

Readers who are familiar with the poems of the Rev. William Dollard will regret to learn that he has died of pneumonia at St. Teresa's presbytery, South Brewer, Maine, after four days' illness. He was born in Mooncoin, County Kilkenny, and was a brother of the Rev. James B. Dollard, of Uptergrove, Ontario.

LONGFORD—Parliamentary Representation

Mr. John Phillips has been returned without opposition as member for South Longford in succession to the Hon. E. Blake.

A New Church

The Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh, opened a bazaar in aid of the new Church of St. Matthew, Ballymahon, County Longford, early in September. His Lordship said that, thanks to the beneficence of Thomas and Winifred Kennedy, who had left a sum of £8000 to assist in the erection of a suitable place of worship, and the energy of Rev. Father Cahill and his people, the new church stood completely equipped and £2000 only remained due on it.

QUEEN'S COUNTY—Estate sold to Tenants

The tenants on the estate of the late Col. Patton, at Aughavoe, Queen's County, have agreed to 22½ years' purchase, all arrears to be wiped out.

Fatal Accident

The Rev. B. M'Mahon, B.A., a distinguished student of Maynooth, who had just finished his ecclesiastical course and would, had he lived, have been ordained shortly, has died from injuries received through a bicycle accident. He was attending a mission conducted by the Vincentian Fathers at Abbeyleix, and while cycling home at night after one of the services dashed into a car which contained some of his own relatives. His injuries were terrible, and he only lived long enough to receive the last rites of the Church. Much sympathy is felt for his father, Mr. James M'Mahon, J.P., who is well known and esteemed in the Queen's County, and for the other members of his family.

WATERFORD—Centennial Celebration

The celebration of the first centenary of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, St. Patrick's Institution, Belmont Park, Waterford, began on Sunday, September 1, and was continued during the week. A Triduum of prayer and thanksgiving was solemnly observed by the good Brothers and the patients under their care.

A Forgotten Industry

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