

Irish News

ANTRIM—Diocese of Down and Connor

After the interment of the remains of the Right Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, a meeting of the parish priests of the diocese present was held in St. Malachy's College, under the presidency of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, and the Very Rev. Dr. Lavery, P.P., Ballymacarrett, was appointed Vicar-Capitular, pending the appointment of a successor to the late Bishop.

ARMAGH—A Fortunate Postman

An old rural postman named James Thompson, who carried the post between Newtownhamilton, Cullyhanna, and Silverbridge for over thirty years, died at his residence, Newtownhamilton, the other day. About ten years ago he became heir to a fortune of £20,000, left to him by an uncle, who had amassed great wealth in America, and consequently he resigned his position as postman, but received his pension, and lived quietly on a small farm. After the Local Government Act came into operation he was elected a district councillor for Cullyhanna.

CAVAN—The Farnham Estate

After lengthened negotiations, terms have been agreed upon for the purchase by the tenants of a portion of the estate of Lord Farnham at Cavan, comprising the townlands of Ardagh, Drumkilroosk, Aughnacor, Derrylane, Bohoragh, Condry, Drumbullion, Clodrum, Sallaghan, and Portlongfield, under the Act of 1903.

DERRY—In a Satisfactory State

At the opening of the County Assizes at Derry, Judge Holmes informed the Grand Jury that there were nine cases for investigation, but none were of a very serious nature. He was informed that the county was in a satisfactory state.

DUBLIN—The Parliamentary Fund

The first list of subscriptions to the Irish Parliamentary Fund for the current year, which was published in the 'Weekly Freeman' of March 21, totalled nearly £1400.

A Generous Benefactor

At a recent meeting of the Lusk Free Library Committee, Rev. Thomas Byrne presiding, a letter was read from Mr. P. F. Collier, the well-known American publisher, intimating his intention of presenting five hundred volumes to the local Free Library. In his letter, Mr. Collier expressed his pleasure at the growth of the library movement in Ireland, and said he was of opinion that the establishment of libraries would be of great benefit to the people. On the motion of the rev. chairman, seconded by Rev. Danby Jeffares, Rector, a resolution was passed expressing the thanks of the committee to Mr. Collier. The gift is specially appropriate in view of the opening of the Carnegie Free Library.

The Parnell Monument

An influential committee, with the Lord Mayor of Dublin at its head, has issued an appeal for funds for the erection of the monument to Parnell in Dublin. The bronze statue, of heroic size, is ready to be set on its pedestal at the foot of the great triangular shaft, whose tripod crown will rise more than sixty feet above the ground. The ornamentation for the pedestal and the shaft is completed, and actually cast, where it is of bronze. All this work, costing nearly £6000, has been completed and paid for almost entirely out of money raised by Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., and Mr. Daniel Tallon (ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin) in the United States. It is the gift of America to Dublin and to Ireland. It remains only for Ireland to carry out the architectural portion of the work according to the artist's own plan, which has been laid out in every detail. About £3000 has to be raised to pay for the stone selected by Saint Gaudens—red granite from the new quarries at Shantalla and Barna, near Galway—for the cost of erecting the monument and for paying the architect's fees. The contract for the erection of the monument has now been entered into, and the work will be commenced with the least possible delay.

A Present for the Holy Father

Perhaps the most gorgeous spectacle-case in the world, says the London 'Sphere,' is the one given as a jubilee present to the Pope. It was designed and made by the Papal optician, Patrick K. Cahill, of Dublin, who was optician to the late Pope Leo XIII. for sixteen years, and is also optician and spectacle-maker

to the present Pope Pius X. The casket is surmounted with a perfect facsimile of the Papal arms. The tiara or triple crown, keys and stole are beautifully worked out in the finest gold. On a shield appears in enamel the Pope's crest, and at each side a translation in Gaelic pierced in gold letters of the Pope's name. The base on which the casket rests is composed of slabs of the finest Connemara and Cork marbles.

KERRY—A Satisfactory Condition

Lord O'Brien, addressing the Grand Jury at the Kerry Assizes, said he was glad to be able to congratulate them on the fact that Kerry, as a whole, was in a fairly satisfactory condition. There were eleven cases to be investigated by them, but none of a serious nature.

KILDARE—Peaceable and Orderly

Addressing the Grand Jury at the opening of the Kildare Assizes, his Lordship Mr. Justice Madden said there would be eight bills presented for consideration dealing with light cases. Most of these represented cases of offences against property of the most ordinary character. One case was a grave one—a case of offence against the person, but he did not think the facts would give them any difficulty. There was also a case of intimidation by firing shots into a dwelling-house arising out of an agrarian dispute. In the return of specially reported cases he observed some instances of that very serious form of intimidation known as cattle-driving. He observed, however, that all these cases occurred within a restricted area, and also that nine of them were of recent occurrence. He was, therefore, justified in believing that the infection would not spread throughout the country. As regards the remainder of the County Kildare, he was happy to find it in its usual peaceable, orderly, and law-abiding condition.

LEITRIM—Only one Criminal Case

At the Manorhamilton Quarter Sessions, before County Court Judge Drummond, there was only one criminal case of a trivial nature to go before the Court. His lordship complimented the Grand Jury on this happy condition of things.

MONAGHAN—A Successful Institution

The Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, at the present time occupies a unique position so far as the educational institutions of Ireland are concerned. Last year it had the proud privilege of being first amongst the girls' schools in Ireland in connection with the Intermediate examinations. Last month it won a challenge shield that was competed for by all Ireland in regard to industrial schools. The shield, which is a most coveted prize, was presented for competition by Mr. John Fagan, H.M. Inspector of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, to show the importance which he attaches to the training of the young girls committed to such schools in all the subjects embraced in the study of domestic science, and with the hope that a healthy rivalry shall stimulate both the teachers to impart and the children to acquire such a knowledge. One of the essentials in connection with the competition for this valuable trophy is a thorough, complete, and simple equipment of the schools and the general attention of the young children to their duties. The shield, which is of Celtic design, set with medallions, in the corners of which are engraved a list of the chief industries of Ireland, is to be presented by Lady Aberdeen. Over fifty schools competed, and so keen must the rivalry have been that Mr. Fagan, accompanied by Inspector Graham, found it necessary to pay a second visit to the Monaghan Convent before giving his final decision.

SLIGO—Death of the Mayor

Councillor Michael Milmo, Mayor of Sligo, died at his residence, High street, Sligo, on March 14.

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Successful Exhibitors of Lace

At the great lace exhibition organised by the 'Daily Mail' and opened on March 9 at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Irish exhibitors made a splendid show. Two of the four gold medals for the best lace of any kind were awarded to the Convent of Poor Clares, Kenmare, and the Presentation Convent, Youghal. The stalls of Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver, the world-famed Belfast firm, and of Mr. J. Kirby, of Limerick, attracted considerable attention from the visitors to the exhibition.

National Banquet in London

The St. Patrick's Day banquet, held in the Hotel Cecil, London, was a magnificent function, and was in