

Irish News

ANTRIM—The Queen's College

A meeting of the lecturers and professors of Queen's College, Belfast, has passed resolutions expressing extreme gratification that an earnest attempt is being made to settle the Irish University question on a permanent basis, and rejoicing that the provisions of the measure insure that the proposed new University in Belfast shall stand for the same broad, non-sectarian, and purely academic basis on which Queen's College, Belfast, has worked since its establishment.

CLARE—Member of a Well-known Family

A member of an old and distinguished County Clare family has passed away in the person of Mr. Colman B. O'Loughlen, of Rockview, Ruan. Deceased was the only son of the late Bryan O'Loughlen, and nephew of the late Sir Michael O'Loughlen, who was master of the Rolls in Ireland, and the first modern Catholic to hold judicial office in the United Kingdom.

CORK—The University Bill

The Cork Board of Guardians have adopted a resolution thanking Mr. Birrell for his efforts to secure to the Catholic people of Ireland the benefits of a University education, but expressing regret that the Queen's College, Cork, has not been raised to the status of an independent University.

The Recordership

Sergeant Bourke, Q.C., has been appointed Recorder of Cork, in room of Sir John C. Neligan, resigned.

DERRY—The Guildhall Destroyed

The Derry Guildhall was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon, April 19. The building was erected about eighteen years ago, at a cost of about £20,000. The damage is estimated at close on £30,000.

DUBLIN—The Temperance Pledge

The last annual report and statement of accounts of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association is most interesting and encouraging. The persons who took the pledge in the districts in which the Capuchin Fathers preached the crusade against drink numbered hundreds of thousands.

KERRY—Killarney Cathedral

The project for the completion of Killarney Cathedral according to the original design, including the erection of tower and spire suitable for the chief ecclesiastical edifice of a renowned and ancient diocese, has been placed in the hands of a Waterford firm.

Primary Education

The Right Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, who presided at the annual congress of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, held at Killarney, in the course of an address said he regretted to say that where progress was most desirable—that is, in the education of the masses of the country—instead of progress there had been retrogression; instead of building up, there had been pulling down; instead of extending generous support to the education of the country, there had been a process of continued starvation. "If the predominant partner insisted on taking care of them, by all means let them have equal treatment. Did they get equal treatment? Emphatically no. Taking the basis of population, if they got the same treatment as England, they should get £350,000 for primary education, and if they got the same treatment as Scotland, they should get £500,000. What was the reason why they did not get that treatment? That was a question that he would like to examine their consciences on. Again, on population per head, he found that while Scotland got 8s. 8d., and rich England got 7s. 10½d., poor Ireland only got 6s. 5d. He thought he might say 'God save Ireland' here, at any rate. The Training Colleges were scarcely getting a sufficiency of candidates to enter their halls, and some of the best and most intellectual of their young teachers, who were being taught at their expense, were going over to England to seek employment there. While the grant for primary education in Scotland had increased by 51 per cent. within the last ten years, the increase in Ireland had only been 1½ per cent.; and the increase for primary education in England was at the rate

of 43 per cent. during the same period. The remedy for this state of things, to his mind, was not a question for the teachers of Ireland alone. It was a question for them, but it did not rest with them. It was a question for the managers of the schools of Ireland, and emphatically a question for them. If they claimed to be managers of the schools, then they should help in this matter—and they were inclined to help. They should help to mend or end the rotten system; and he believed, in the last resort, it would become a question for the people of Ireland.

LIMERICK—A Famous Athlete

The death is reported of Dr. J. C. Daly, who passed away at a private hospital in Dublin, after a lingering illness. Dr. Daly was, in the eighties and early nineties, one of Ireland's most famous athletes. He was born at Dromin, near Kilmallock, County Limerick, in the late fifties and he was not well out of his teens when he developed into a great weight-thrower and jumper. He was a man of powerful build, and stood at least 6ft. 6in. in height.

Professional Advancement

Canadian papers announced the appointment of Mr. J. P. Nolan, B.L., Calgary, North-western Territory, to a K.C.-ship, and also his election as the representative of Alberta University in the Canadian Senate. Mr. Nolan, who is a Limerick man, was at one time a member of the Munster Bar, and was very popular among his colleagues and a large circle of acquaintances, all of whom will be delighted to hear of his professional advancement.

TIPPERARY—Insufficient Financial Provision

The Very Rev. Canon Ryan, V.G., Tipperary, speaking of the University Bill, said:—"The measure has all the merits of Mr. Birrell and all the faults of the Treasury. Taking it on its merits as an educational measure, it stands a very fair chance of acceptance. One would have thought that with Trinity left to the Protestants and the College in Belfast to the Presbyterians, Catholics would have got a properly financed national University in Dublin, which would have closed the question, but instead they have offered us a University which is bankrupt from the start. The financial provisions of the Bill are absolutely and ludicrously insufficient. I have been acquainted with a good many American Universities founded by American millionaires, and not one of those Universities founded by individuals has been as poorly financed as this proposed University has been financed by the British Empire."

WICKLOW—A Marriage

In the parish church of Kilquaide, County Wicklow, on Easter Monday, a marriage was solemnised between Mr. William McKillop, M.P. for South Armagh, and Miss Rose Dalton, daughter of Mr. James Dalton, K.C.S.G., of Orange, New South Wales, brother-in-law of Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and father of Mrs. William Redmond. The marriage took place from the residence of Mr. William Redmond, M.P., Glenbrook, Delgany.

GENERAL

What Irish Exiles have done

Replying to an address from the Queenstown District Council, prior to his departure for New York, Cardinal Logue said he was going to the United States, at the invitation of the Most Rev. Dr. Farley, Archbishop of New York, a native of the archdiocese of Armagh. There was, he said, no country in which the Church had made so much progress as in the United States at the present day. Much of the flourishing condition of the Church in America was due to their exiled fellow-countrymen, and that was evidence of how Providence could draw good from evil. They were forced through misery, mis-government, and oppression to fly from the shores of Ireland, but God Almighty in His wisdom made those sufferings of theirs the means of the firm establishment of the Faith in the great Republic of the West. It was a country great at present, and it had a greater future before it, and their countrymen would have much to do with that future. The thing that pleased Irish Catholics most was that they had a great share in contributing to the success of the Faith in America.

Irish Forestry

The findings of the Irish Forestry Committee are that Ireland has now the smallest percentage of land under woods

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