

# Irish News

## DUBLIN—An Appreciation

Dr. Clara E. Garry, in a recent lecture on 'Hospitals and Nurses,' before the Ladies' Physiological Institute of Boston, said: 'One of the neatest hospitals which I ever have been in is the Hospital of the City of Dublin, which is maintained solely by the Sisters of Mercy, who solicit subscriptions from the residents of the city. Everything in this hospital, from the dainty, snowy beds to the kitchen, was immaculate, and the place where all the cooking was done for the patients looked like a parlour.'

## The New University

The names of the first Senate of the new Dublin University for Catholics include those of Archbishops Walsh and Healy, Sir William Butler, Dr. Delany, S.J., Dr. Douglas Hyde, Lord Chief Baron Palles, Monsignor Mannix (Principal of Maynooth), Justice Barton, Mr. S. H. Butcher, M.P., Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., Miss Mary Hayden, and the Principals of Constituent Colleges of Dublin, Cork, and Galway. The charter provides that the University shall not hold real property exceeding the annual value of £50,000 over and above the value of any site, buildings, and hereditaments used and occupied for the immediate purposes of the University. Provision is made for the affiliation of other colleges or institutions, or branches, or departments thereof, and for the withdrawal of such affiliation at any time. The Crown reserves to itself the right to be a visitor of the University, acting through the Board of Visitors, to whom any Professor or Lecturer who is removed by the University from office may appeal. If the Board do not concur in such removal it shall not take effect. The first Chancellor is to be elected by the Senate, and succeeding Chancellors by Convocation, which is to consist of officers, Senate, professors, lecturers, and registered graduates of the University. On the expiration of the first Senate its successors will consist of elected, nominated, and co-opted members.

## KERRY—Legal Appointment

Mr. Patrick Lynch, K.C., has been appointed senior Crown Prosecutor for County Kerry, in room of Sergeant Bourke, K.C., appointed Recorder of Cork.

## Fighting Consumption

The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, and Lady Aberdeen, to whom his Lordship paid a tribute of gratitude for her visit to Killarney not less deserved than it was graceful, made two suggestions which will not, it is to be hoped, be lost sight of in the warfare against consumption. The Bishop urged that the importance of the open window as a requirement for good health should be borne in mind. As a proof of the benefit of pure, bracing air, Dr. Mangan stated that whilst the Western seaboard is remarkably free from tuberculosis, in the inland, where the people, being better housed and better fed, should be less liable to the disease, the percentage of deaths from consumption is very high. Lady Aberdeen desires the Irish children to strike against tea-drinking, a practice which has become very prevalent within recent years in Ireland. Under the best of conditions tea is not a wholesome beverage for the young, but when, as is often the case, they drink it after it has been stewed, it is not too much to say that the effects are, in the words of Lady Aberdeen, simply poisonous.

## LIMERICK—Death of a Well Known Lady

Lady Monteagle, wife of the second Baron Monteagle, died on April 27 at Mount Trenchard House, Foynes. Lady Monteagle was a daughter of the late Most Rev. Dr. Butcher, Protestant Bishop of Meath, and leaves as surviving issue Thomas, present heir to the title, and the Hon. Mary Spring Rice. Lady Monteagle interested herself in every movement to benefit the poor, and her name will be long identified with the movement to humanise the Poor Laws. She was an energetic member of the Rathkeale Board of Guardians and District Council. Lord Monteagle and his family have great sympathy in their bereavement.

## MONAGHAN—Domestic Science

On April 27 an interesting ceremony took place at the Vice-regal Lodge, Dublin. It consisted of the presentation of a shield and medals to children of Industrial Schools by her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen. The shield is a very handsome trophy, made of Irish silver, mounted on Irish bog oak, with medallions representing the four branches of domestic economy—namely, cooking, housekeeping, laundry work, and needlework. The shield was designed by an Irishwoman, and all the work connected with it was done in Dublin. It was offered for competition amongst all the Industrial Schools in Ireland, and as a result of the examination by the inspector and assistant inspectors of reformatories and industrial schools it was awarded to St. Martha's Industrial School, Monaghan. There were nineteen schools entered for the competition, and of these five were selected for the final contest. The shield was won by the Monaghan School, and her Excellency decided to give medals as consolation prizes to the pupils of the other four. The other schools were Hampton House, Belfast; St. Michael's, Wexford; St. Vincent's, Limerick; and St. George's, Limerick. Girls from all these schools were present at the presentation, accompanied by their teachers or other representatives of the schools.

## TIPPERARY—Intermediate Education

The annual distribution of prizes took place at Rockwell College, Cashel, on April 23. The President of the College (Very Rev. Father Pembroke), in the course of his address, referred to the manner in which secondary education was treated by the Government. He said: 'The Board which controlled secondary education had two incomes—a fixed income derived from the Irish Church Surplus and a fluctuating income derived from the yield of the Local Taxation Account. This fluctuating income does not depend on the number of students or the educational needs. It depends on the amount of whisky consumed in Ireland. It laid on the Irish parent the duty of getting drunk on Saturday night in order that there might be more money to educate his children on Monday morning. Now, for some years past a wave of temperance has been passing over the land. Less whisky is being consumed. The Local Taxation Account has, therefore, gone down, and with it down go the funds available for secondary education. Assuredly that is a scandalous state of affairs in a Christian country, and under a Liberal Government that champions temperance. It might be naturally inquired: How has Rockwell fared last year in the intermediate examinations in the face of such difficulties? There were two facts which spoke for themselves. In the list of exhibitions, which were the highest distinctions offered by the Intermediate Board, Rockwell came out second College in all Ireland last year, their sister College of Blackrock being only one ahead. When compared with the other Colleges of Munster, not only was Rockwell easily first, but they even carried off twice as many exhibitions as any other College in this province.'

## GENERAL

### Unseasonable Weather

Very unseasonable weather was experienced all over Ireland during the last week in April. There was a heavy fall of snow even in the Southern counties.

### The Want of Legal Knowledge

In the statement which they have issued with respect to the qualifications and appointment of Irish resident magistrates, the Council of the Irish Bar have made out a case for an alteration in the present system. Ireland (remarks the 'Catholic Times') appears to be the only part of the United Kingdom, if not of the whole world, where paid magistrates are not obliged to have any legal qualifications and the unpaid judiciary are left without legal assistance. Of the sixty-six resident magistrates, as many as twenty-seven are ex-officers of constabulary. Even the exigencies of the Coercion Act of 1887 are not met. The first section of that measure requires that the resident magistrate appointed to hold an inquiry and take evidence must be a person of the sufficiency of whose legal knowledge and legal experience the Lord Chancellor has expressed himself satisfied. In many cases the legal knowledge of the magistrates is nil. If they were without prejudices, the absence of legal qualifications would not matter so much, but as a rule all

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