

are good specimens of the stucco work for which the Dublin houses of the eighteenth century are famed, and which was designed by first-class artists, Angelica Kauffmann amongst them, and executed by Italians brought to this country for the purpose.

The New Universities.

Of the University Bill for Ireland you, of course, have details by wire which show that, while the Protestants have and hold their purely Protestant University, richly endowed out of confiscated Catholic Church lands, Catholics are not to have a purely Catholic University, even though Catholics are seven to one in Ireland, and consequently pay taxes in the proportion of seven to one. However, the new departure will mean a step further towards what we ask: fair play and no favor for all in the race for life. But, dear me, how very difficult it is to get this, simple as it sounds!

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COUNTY NEWS

CORK—A Comprehensive Scheme

The Clerk of the Middleton Union has just forwarded to the Local Government Board, in pursuance of instructions given him by the Middleton Rural Council, a petition requesting the Local Government Board to confirm a Provisional Order for the carrying out of a scheme of laborers' cottages in the Union, at the estimated cost of £67,000, under the Laborers Act of 1906. The scheme includes the erection of upwards of 250 cottages.

DUBLIN—Success of Dominican College Pupils

The final concert in connection with the Dublin Feis was one of the most successful of its kind ever held in the Irish metropolis. A feature of the concert was the success of the pupils of the Dominican College, Eccles street. In the prizes given for competition to pupils of intermediate schools the representatives of the Dominican College secured four silver medals and 10 bronze, the awards being as follow:—Preparatory grade, first individual prize; junior grade, first group prize, and two individual prizes; middle grade, group prize, and three individual prizes; senior grade, group prize, and first individual prize. As the school which secured the highest marks in the preceding four competitions the pupils of the Dominican College were awarded the Challenge Shield. Regarding this competition a Dublin contemporary says: 'This year the shield goes for the second time to the pupils of the Dominican College, Eccles street, they having obtained the highest combined average score for all intermediate grades in the inter-class competitions. Not only did they secure the highest combined average score for all the grades, but they also obtained the greatest average score in three of the four grades—viz., junior, middle, and senior—the highest average in the preparatory grade being scored by the Christian Brothers' Schools, Synge street. This is certainly a high testimony to the efficiency of the work of the Dominican Nuns and their pupils, and it is a record of which they have every reason to be proud.' In the essay competition the pupils of the college secured two first awards, and for the writing of a commercial letter in Irish another pupil was awarded a special prize. In the class for best young Gaelic speaker a pupil took second place, for the best young writer a first award was given to another pupil, whilst the first for Irish history in Irish was also won by a pupil.

KILDARE—An Invitation from Canada

Mr. George Wolfe, of Kildare, has accepted an invitation to represent General Wolfe's family at the tercentenary celebrations in Canada.

LOUTH—White Gloves for the Judge

At the Drogheda Summer Quarter Sessions his Honor County Court Judge Kisbey, K.C., was presented with white gloves by Mr. Russell, sub-sheriff, there being no criminal business to be disposed of. His Honor, in returning thanks, said it was a very creditable thing to find no crime amongst them. He hoped that this state of things would long continue.

MONAGHAN—Presents for the Holy Father

A number of the Catholic ladies of Clones, with the members of the Children of Mary Sodality in connection with the Convent of St. Louis, are presenting to his Holiness Pope Pius X., on the occasion of this jubilee, two beautiful chalices of Celtic design and Irish workmanship. They are being executed by an eminent Dublin firm, and will, when finished, reflect credit both on the donors and the manufacturer.

People We Hear About

It is stated by the London correspondent of the 'Irish Times' that the King will pay a short visit to Ireland during August, in order to spend a few days at the seat of the Marquis of Waterford, Curraghmore.

Lord Lovat, the well-known Catholic Scottish nobleman, has been invited to take part in the Quebec Tercentenary celebrations as head of the clan Fraser, and descendant of Simon Fraser, the commander of the Fraser Highlanders, who were the first of Wolfe's troops to scale the heights of Quebec. Lord Lovat is taking his pipers with him.

In noticing the recent visit of the President of France to England, the 'Catholic Weekly' says it is generally supposed that M. Fallieres has little sympathy with the persecuting attitude taken up by the French Government towards the Church. However that may be, it is certain that his wife is a devout Catholic, and that he has a daughter who had made up her mind a few years ago to take the veil. Circumstances did not permit her to carry out her intention, but she has not abandoned it. She has refused several brilliant offers of marriage, and is heart and soul in the work of her parish church, St. Clotilde's, Paris.

The Earl of Kenmare, who is selling his landed property in Ireland to the tenants under the Wyndham Act, is also disposing of his magnificent residence, Killarney House and demesne, one of the beauty spots of the renowned Lakes. The house, which was erected by the late Earl, is on a wooded height facing a range of mountains, with the famed Lower Lake lying under the demesne. The place possesses considerable historic interest, as Ross Island, more properly a peninsula, forms a portion of the beautiful demesne, and situated there also is Ross Castle, which was surrendered by Lord Muskerry in 1652 to the Parliamentary forces under General Ludlow. Lord Kenmare is descended from Sir Valentine Browne, of Totteridge, Herts, who was Auditor-General of Ireland in the days of Queen Elizabeth, but it was another ancestor, the first baronet, who acquired from James I. the valuable lands including the Lakes of Killarney.

Speaking at a luncheon given by Cardinal Gibbons at the Catholic University of America, Cardinal Logue said his visit to that country had been fraught with many pleasant surprises. He was in sympathy with America and its government. While he always had entertained visions of a nation characterised with vigor and energy, he declared his expectations were more than fulfilled. He was astonished at the enterprise and energy displayed by Americans. 'One thing that particularly impresses me,' said his Eminence, 'is the manner in which the newspapers handle the news. The method observed by the big metropolitan journals is wonderful. They seem to get the news in some mysterious manner without bothering the principals. Why, the second day of my visit in this country I picked up a newspaper, and found a long interview which I had given to a reporter. I could not remember giving the interview, but I suppose the reporter knew what he was writing about. At any rate, he did not make me say anything that I would not have said.'

By the death of Francois Coppée, the French poet and dramatist, French literature has suffered a serious loss. The deceased, who passed away on May 23 at the age of sixty-six, was a fearless champion of the Church. Whilst taking the lead in a poetic circle which cultivated novelty and despised the older canons of the art, he never really renounced the love of classical form and purity of expression. The result was that he gradually drew away from his school and asserted his individuality. The French Academy in 1884 gave the stamp of its approval to his productions by selecting him for the chair which had been held by Victor de Laprade. Like Brunetiere, Huysman, and other French contemporaries of his, Francois Coppée turned to the Church because in the stress and troubles of life it offered him a philosophy which was an anodyne for pain. Very touchingly he tells the story of his conversion in the little volume, 'La Bonne Souffrance.' His heart cried for comfort, and he found it in Catholic doctrine, which he believed so profoundly, in fidelity to the successor of Peter, whose blessing was one of the joys of his death-bed, and in the cross which he lovingly clasped as he expired.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d and 2s 6d.