

Irish News

ANTRIM—Death of a Religious

The death occurred on June 23 at the Convent of Mercy, Belfast, of Rev. Mother Aloysius Phelan, at an advanced age. Deceased was a native of Kilkenny, and went to Belfast over forty years ago, after she was professed. She took a keen interest in educational matters, and the Intermediate School attached to the Convent gained much distinction under her management. Her death is deeply deplored by all the Catholic community in Belfast, by whom she was greatly esteemed.

ARMAGH—Thanks to the American People

Cardinal Logue, on the eve of his departure for Ireland, made the following farewell remarks:—In saying farewell to America I desire to express my deepest sense of gratitude to the people of this mighty nation for the magnificent reception I have received everywhere, and from everybody I had the pleasure of meeting, not only from those of my own race and Faith, but also from representatives of nearly every nationality and of many different religious beliefs. I am leaving your hospitable shores with impressions that will never fade from my memory. My admiration, and, I might add, my affection for this country are not of yesterday. I have always entertained the highest conception of the lofty purposes of the American Republic, but my experiences here during some few weeks have afforded me an opportunity to come in close touch with the reality. I found a land blessed by God with most bountiful natural resources, and I say a people happy, contented, prosperous, and worthy of the advantages which this country affords to all, and even to the stranger—to the poor emigrant whom dire necessity drives from his native home, and to the exiled patriot, whose only offence is that he sought liberty and justice in his own land, and found them not. America has a glorious future before her if she be but true to the ideals of the founders of the Republic. Prosperity and material power are beset with dangers. Prosperity often degenerates into luxury, and power may turn into injustice. America, I am sure, will be well able to take care of herself in the face of a foreign foe; her greatest enemy will be within her own borders. Luxurious living would weaken the strength of the country, and injustice would ruin its prosperity. I could not but be struck by my visit to the home of Washington, at Mount Vernon, on the banks of the Potomac, at the perfect air of simplicity that marked the homestead and tomb of the Father of your country. If I may be allowed to draw a lesson from Mount Vernon, I should like to say to the American people that the alarming increase in the number of divorces in the United States is a great and crying evil, full of danger. The greatness of any country must be measured by the strength and purity of the home. Divorce disrupts the home, and desecrates its sanctity. I feel that the American people appreciate the beneficent influence of the Catholic Church in its fight for the home, in which the first lessons of respect for authority, and the necessity of obedience must be learned; and these lessons cannot be instilled into the mind of the child if the home be not what it ought to be. Among the mementoes of my visit I am taking back with me a beautiful American flag, presented to me some few evenings ago. I prize it most highly, both for its intrinsic beauty, and for what it has represented and does represent to the people of my race and Faith. They found under its starry folds sanctuary from oppression and advantages denied them at home. May the Star and Stripes be true to its past glorious history, and never be unfurled in an unjust cause, but ever remain the flag without a stain.

CORK—Charitable Bequests

By his will Mr. Cornelius Cremen, of Parkville, Middle Glanmire road, Cork, subject to life interest of his niece, Mrs. Mary Sutton, left £5000 to the Catholic Bishop of Clogher for building a church in the diocese.

St. Patrick's Hospital

His Lordship Dr. O'Callaghan, speaking at the luncheon in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a new chapel attached to the St. Patrick's Hospital, Cork, said he was very pleased to come there to lay the foundation-stone of the new and beautiful chapel, which they owed to the charity of the good lady beside him, who would surely get a great blessing for such a noble gift. Mr. J. R. O'Connell, LL.D., solicitor, Dublin, in responding, said that Miss Honan had asked him to be her spokesman on this interesting occasion, and that he did so with the greatest pleasure since it

afforded him an opportunity of personally bearing witness to the greatness of heart and the unbounded charity which had been the distinguishing marks of all the members of the Honan family. The City of Cork, perhaps more than any other city in Ireland, had reason to be proud of its merchant princes—men who were princely above all in their unbounded and munificent benevolence. Conspicuous among the greatest of Cork's merchant princes was the late Mr. Matthew Honan, brother of Miss Honan. He could not speak of Miss Honan as he would wish in her presence, but he might fairly say this—and no higher tribute could be paid to anyone—that she had endeavored, and, he thought, successfully, to follow the example—and, better, the teaching—of her noble, warm-hearted, public-spirited brother. Miss Honan had recognised that the greatest of the privileges of large wealth was to administer it and distribute it in well-thought-out and practical benevolence, and acting on this wise resolve, she had come to the aid of many a deserving institution in her native city where the battle with disease was waged and suffering was alleviated.

DUBLIN—Ireland's Hopes

His Grace the Archbishop of Hobart, Most Rev. Dr. Delany, speaking at the Rotunda, Dublin, in connection with a lecture on 'The Men of '48 in Exile,' by Mr. Forde, an Irish-Australian journalist, said it was the belief of Irishmen abroad and their fond hope, no matter in whatever they might have fallen short or differed as to the means they thought prudent means to-day, still, in spite of all these differences, it was their duty to gather up the scattered relics of the glorious Irish names of the past, and preserve them as treasures for the future. They believed that in the Catholicity of Irish patriotism they had one of the strongest elements for the regeneration of Ireland—to all unite, to all combine, not criticising one another, but all working and striving for the one goal, that Ireland should be allowed to manage her own affairs through the Irish people according to Irish ideas. They were all at one in Australia in honoring the men who had striven for Ireland's weal.

Maynooth Union

At the annual meeting of the Maynooth Union the Very Rev. Canon Murphy, D.D., P.P., Macroom, read a paper entitled 'Two Irish Parliaments: A Contrast,' in which he dealt with the Legislatures of James II. and William III., and drew some important deductions. Very Rev. J. P. Gilmartin, D.D., Vice-President of Maynooth College, read a paper on 'The Revival of Liturgical Studies.' Rev. James Mokler, Ecclesiastical Inspector of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, contributed a paper on 'The Utility of Diocesan Inspection.' Very Rev. D. Coghlan, D.D., read a paper on 'Priests and the Department of Agriculture,' in which he made practical suggestions as to how the clergy could effectively assist in the social and economic movement. Interesting and instructive discussions followed the reading of each paper.

The Archbishop of Hobart

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, officiated at the First Communion of the children of St. Laurence O'Tool's parish, on the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Governor of Tasmania, Sir Gerald Count Strickland, and Lady Edeline Strickland, were present, as their two children were amongst those who had the happiness of making their First Communion on that occasion. After the ceremonies the Archbishop, accompanied by their Excellencies and suite, paid a visit to the Convent of the Sisters of Charity attached to the church, where they were received by the Very Rev. James Brady, P.P., the Rev. Rectress, and the children. His Grace addressed some words of kindness and encouragement to the little ones, and distributed some interesting souvenirs on the occasion.

GALWAY—Death of a Pastor

Much regret is felt at the death of Very Rev. Mark Eagleton, P.P., Cummer, Tuam, County Galway, which took place on June 21, after a short illness. The spiritual father of his flock, Father Eagleton, who was educated in the Irish College, Paris, was also their adviser in temporal matters and a sturdy advocate of their national claims. He took an active part in the various movements for the amelioration of the lot of the Irish tenant farmers from the days of the Land League to the time of his death. He was a strong supporter of the demands of the tenantry for the break-up and redistribution of the grazing ranches in Galway.

KILDARE—The Evils of Intemperance

Before administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to some two hundred children in Newbridge, County Kildare, Most Rev.

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