

Irish News

ANTRIM—The Premier of Queensland

Mr. Kidston, the Premier of Queensland, visited Belfast last week as the guest of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. In a speech at a reception in his honor, he said that the one thing which would ultimately overcome English resistance to Home Rule would be the conviction that Home Rule for Ireland was a necessary thing for England. On July 13 Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., entertained Mr. Kidston at luncheon in the House of Commons. Mr. Redmond invited to meet him Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.; Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P.; Mr. Wm. Redmond, M.P.; and Mr. James Dalton, K.C.S.G.

CLARE—Recognition of Bravery

The French sailing vessel, *Leon XIII.*, it will be remembered, was wrecked last October off the coast of County Clare. For two days the sailors had taken refuge in the rigging. In spite of the terrific hurricane which was raging, the Quilty fishermen made desperate efforts to rescue their brother sailors, and succeeded in bringing thirteen safely to land, but the captain, Lucas, who, in spite of his broken leg, refused to leave his boat before the entire crew were saved, remained on board, and the storm becoming fiercer, it was impossible for the lifeboats to approach the wreck. In the meantime, Admiral Sir Curzon Howe, the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, had been informed of the danger in which the remainder of the crew were placed, and had sent the cruiser *Arrogant* to their help, and thanks to him the captain and the other unfortunate sailors escaped a watery grave. M. Lefevre Meaulle, the Consul for France in Dublin, immediately wrote to the French Ambassador in London, asking him to solicit from the French Government awards for the brave rescuers. The French Government, it is announced, has sent over 30 medals and various commemorative souvenirs for distribution amongst them.

Presents for the Holy Father

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan has received a letter from Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, acknowledging the receipt of a cheque for £125 and a beautiful vellum and gold album, engrossed with the subscribers' names, presented by the ladies of Cork in connection with the Papal Jubilee. The amount was made up of the smallest sums, ranging from one penny upward. Monsignor O'Riordan says: 'His Holiness was deeply touched by this act of generous loyalty on the part of the ladies of Cork, and conveys to them through your Lordship his grateful thanks and his Apostolic Blessing to all and each. He looked over the album, reading out many of the names, and recognising such names as he had heard already—for instance, "O'Callaghan," "Murphy," etc. He was amused at his own attempts to pronounce some of the names.'

Sad Drowning Fatality

A young man named William Hall Moylan, 17, son of Mr. P. C. Moylan, Carrigtwohill, ex Vice-president of the National Teachers' Association, was drowned on Sunday, July 5, near Queenstown Junction. Deceased, who was a clerical student, home on holidays, went to bathe with a couple of young friends, got beyond his depth, and, not being an expert swimmer, soon got into difficulties. Some men swam to his aid, brought him to the bank alive, and restorative methods were applied, but he expired in a short time.

DUBLIN—A Distinguished Scholar

Whatever may be the true explanation of Trinity College, for the first time in its history of 316 years, conferring an honorary degree on a Catholic priest and monk, the fact remains (says the *Freeman's Journal*) that the recipient of the degree is a most distinguished scholar and educationist. Right Rev. Edmund Cuthbert Butler, O.S.B., Abbot of Downside College, is an M.A. of London and Cambridge Universities, and he has done exceptionally good work as editor of the *Historia Lausiana* of Palladius for the Cambridge 'Texts and Studies' Series of Biblical and Patristic Literature. Abbot Butler is also a contributor to the American *Catholic Encyclopedia*. Of course, as is well known, Abbot Butler is an Irishman (born in Dublin in 1858), but it may be added that he is the son of Edward Butler, M.A., first Professor of Mathematics in the Catholic University, Dublin, and he is also nephew of Sir Francis Cruise.

The New Universities.

In replying to a vote of thanks at a meeting held in Grey-stones on Sunday, July 12, with the object of raising funds for the erection of a new church, his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, who presided, made a most important statement regarding the University Bill as it has emerged from Committee. The scheme as it stands, he pointed out, has one drawback of a 'terribly serious character,' namely, the absence of a residential college in Dublin. He hesitated to describe it as of a fatally serious character, yet it was all but that. Dr. Walsh, who has long been a tireless and able advocate of the claim of the Catholic majority to equality in the matter of higher education, asked what respect would be commanded, what enthusiasm inspired, by a non-residential University College established in Dublin, in the same city as Trinity College, but standing in painful contrast to it from the lack of those buildings for the residence of its students, which, apart from every other consideration, add so notably to the dignity both of Trinity College and its University in the eyes of the public at large. There can be no questioning the fact that for the sake of saving one or two hundred thousand pounds to the Treasury, the new University which has been won by years of agitation is in danger of falling far short of what was anticipated.

The Bishop of Auckland

In the Church of St. Paul of the Cross, Mount Argus, Harold's Cross, on Sunday, July 12, a Solemn Triduum in honor of Blessed Gabriel Possenti, a Passionist Father, who was beatified in May last in St. Peter's, Rome, came to a close. The concluding ceremony consisted of Pontifical High Mass, followed by a panegyric of the saint by Rev. Andrew MacArdle, S.J. The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, was the celebrant of the High Mass, which was attended by a large number of clergy and laity.

KILKENNY—Parliamentary Representation

Mr. Nicholas Murphy has tendered to Mr. Redmond his resignation as member of Parliament for South Kilkenny. The step is understood to be due to the state of his business affairs. Mr. Murphy was elected exactly a year ago in succession to Mr. James O'Mara, and some months ago he attracted attention by leaving a sick bed at imminent risk to himself in order to propose a motion for which he had secured first place in the ballot. Mr. Richard J. Ryan, Thomastown, has issued an address to the League branches and public bodies, appealing for support as a candidate for the representation of South Kilkenny at the coming Convention. Mr. Ryan, who is a County Councillor for the Thomastown district and a prominent local Nationalist, was a candidate at the last Convention, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Murphy.

MAYO—A Distinguished Visitor

The Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Archbishop of Hobart, who is a native of Galway, was, early in July, on a visit to Ballaghaderreen, when he was the guest of the Right Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry.

Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick

The Carmelite nuns at Lourdes sent a costly banner of green, with the Sacred Heart embroidered upon it in gold, to float over the pilgrims to Croagh Patrick. The pilgrimage was to take place on July 19.

MONAGHAN—A Supporter of the National Cause

Mr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, of Corn, Aghaboy, Co. Monaghan, who has passed away at an advanced age, was a cousin of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy. For over sixty years he took a leading part in politics in his native county, and in his time did yeoman service for the national cause.

WATERFORD—An American Visitor

The Right Rev. Dr. Prendergast, Bishop-Auxiliary of Philadelphia, visited Lismore early in July. His sister is a member of the Presentation Order in that town.

GENERAL

Irish Athletes at the Olympic Games

At the Olympic Games, which opened on July 13 in London, the Hammer-throwing competition was won by an Irishman—John Flanagan, late of Kilmallock, with the marvellous throw of 170 feet 4½ inches—a new Olympic and British record. M. McGrath, another Irishman, was second with 167 feet 11 inches; and Con Walsh, late of Macroom, Co. Cork, third, with 159 feet 1½ inches. In the shooting contests the championship gold

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