

Irish News

CORK—Good fruit of Temperance

That the efforts of temperance advocates are bearing good fruit in the South of Ireland is attested by the resident medical superintendent of the Cork Lunatic Asylum in the course of his annual report, the reduction in the number of admissions being in some measure associated with the more temperate habits of the people.

DUBLIN—Catholics Banned

Now that Catholic Irishmen are coming by some, at least, of their own, and the ban which would keep them for ever hewers of wood and drawers of water is being removed, one would think (remarks the *Catholic Times*) that a great institution like the Provincial Bank of Ireland might watch the trend of events with much advantage to its shareholders. That the management is either oblivious to what is going on, or determined to continue its policy of exclusiveness, is evident from the statement made by Mr. John Gore, solicitor, at the last half-yearly meeting. According to the figures which he gave, and which were admitted to be correct, it appears that of fifty-four managers in the employment only two are Catholics; of thirty-three tellers eight are Catholics, and out of one hundred and eighty-nine clerks only nineteen are of the religion of the majority of the Irish people. The chairman, who deplored the fact that nearly all the employees are Protestants, attributed it to their superior education as compared with the backward condition of Catholics, and expressed a hope that the new University would remedy the present condition of things. We suppose the Provincial Bank has Catholic shareholders and Catholic customers. They could easily put a stop to these reckless suggestions of implied incapacity if they had a mind to do it.

KERRY—The Lakes of Killarney

It is stated that Killarney House, the magnificent seat of the Earl of Kenmare, with the renowned Lakes of Killarney, which constitute some of the most lovely scenery in Ireland, are likely to change ownership, his lordship having decided to dispose of the demesne, which was granted to his ancestor by James I. The estate comprises the beautiful Ross Island and Ross Castle, and is of great historic interest, the castle having been surrendered in 1652, by Lord Muskerry to the Cromwellian General Ludlow, after a fierce conflict.

KILKENNY—A Family of Priests

The ordinations which took place at Westminster Cathedral on Sunday, July 26, by Archbishop Bourne, when three students from St. Edmund's College, Ware, were raised to the priesthood, were of more than ordinary interest. One of the young priests was the Rev. Father Robert Moore, brother to the Rev. Father Philip Moore, of St. Mary's, Sunderland, and the Rev. Father James Moore, of St. Augustine's, Manchester. In addition to those mentioned, there are two more brothers at present studying for the priesthood. It is somewhat remarkable that while five out of eleven brothers have been destined for the priesthood, there are two sisters of the same family members of a religious Community. The Rev. Father Robert Moore said his first Mass in his own parish church at Kilmore, Ireland. The Rev. Father Philip Moore was present at Westminster Cathedral, and assisted in the ordination of his brother. Father Robert Moore was educated at Ossory, Ireland, but completed his studies at St. Edmund's College, Ware. He will be attached to the Westminster diocese.

MAYO—The Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage

On Sunday, July 26, nearly twenty thousand people made the toilsome ascent from Murrisk to the summit of Croagh Patrick, despite the fact that the weather conditions for such an arduous undertaking were unfavorable. The pilgrims were representative of every class of the community, and not a few of them came from far distant and widely separated lands such as Australia and the United States of America. The huge

procession up the steep mountain side was very impressive, and the onlooker could not fail to note the great religious fervor and enthusiasm which inspired the pilgrims to undertake the weary journey. Gentle and simple, old and young, some attired in the latest and most up-to-date style, others in home-made frieze, and not a few in bare feet mingled together in the mighty throng, in which were to be seen some who had passed the patriarchal span of life, and many youths of tender years. The clerical pilgrims were very numerous, and included two very distinguished ecclesiastics, namely, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Archbishop of Tuam. To the latter is due the revival of these pilgrimages in honor of St. Patrick, and certainly the wonderful success which has attended them year after year must be a source of joy to his Grace and to his energetic administrator, the Rev. M. McDonald Westport. In addition to secular clergy present, there were numerous representatives of the religious Orders. Conspicuous among those were two French priests of the Order of St. Camillus de Lellis, who came over with the beautiful banner from Lourdes, where it was blessed with imposing ceremony in which a Cardinal, a mitred Abbot, and fifteen Bishops took part, in presence of 40,000 people. Once the spot rendered sacred for all time by the footsteps of St. Patrick was reached, the pilgrims forgot the toil and fatigue of the journey, and no wonder. The scene was one to inspire everyone present without exception. Round the little oratory circled thousands of the faithful hearing Mass which was offered up by numerous clergymen at three altars, which had been erected in it. From a pole the Lourdes banner floated proudly in the breeze which had sprung up and cleared away the morning's mist. The view of mountains, lakes, and highlands and lowlands was most enchanting. Altogether the scene was one never to be forgotten by those who had the great happiness of being present.

The Gaelic Revival

On July 27 the Connaught Feis was opened in the Westport Town Hall by the Archbishop of Tuam. There was a very large attendance, and the Archbishop of Melbourne, who accompanied the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, was warmly welcomed, particularly by the people of Westport parish, amongst whom he ministered some thirty years ago. In the course of his address the Archbishop of Melbourne said he was so long absent from Ireland that he really felt a difficulty in expressing any opinion on these vital matters to which his Grace had referred, but perhaps he had one advantage over most of these that were present. The very fact of being absent for so long a time enabled him to estimate the changes which had occurred during his absence, and he saw the vital importance of these changes with relation to the special objects of their union, namely the educational and industrial advancement of the country. In regard to educational matters, no Irishman could entertain any doubt as to the value of this Gaelic movement, because whatever Irishmen did in America, Canada, Australia, or any other part of the world, this much was certain—that if the Irish language disappeared from Ireland a great part of the tradition of Ireland and of the Irish spirit would die with it. Therefore it was the duty of every Irishman to cultivate and encourage the study of the language. No one knew that better than his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam does, for no one had studied the history of ancient Ireland more than he had. No one had illustrated that history in a more excellent manner, and when he associated the Irish language with the deeds of Irishmen in the past, when they thought of the ancient schools of Ireland, when they thought of what the language had done, when they considered that the language of any nation was the national expression of the feelings and sentiments and spirit of the people of that nation, they must come to the belief that the cultivation and preservation of the Irish language were absolutely necessary if Irish Ireland was not to disappear from the world. (Applause.) He was delighted, therefore, to find such a generous, such a widespread—he might say such a universal—movement for the preservation of the language, and they should remember that what

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