

Irish News

CLARE—A Pastoral Letter

In a Pastoral Letter which he has issued, the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, appeals to every man and woman in his diocese who has the temperance and prosperity of the country at heart to join in breaking up, once and for ever, the demoralising custom of distributing drink at harvest gatherings.

Gaelic Students

The work of the Connacht Irish Training College, Tourmaheady, is now in full swing, and the attendance of students to date exceeds that of any previous year, numbering as it does close on two hundred. The roll of students includes some from Vienna, Canada, Oxford, London, Paris, as well as many from some of the Leinster counties.

CORK—Queenstown as a Port of Call

The announcement that the Cunard Company will abandon Queenstown as a port of call from the first of March next, and that they have made arrangements for their larger steamers to go to Plymouth instead, has naturally created grave anxiety in the South of Ireland. Were the big boats to cease visiting Queenstown the prosperity of the town and of Cork would be seriously jeopardised. There is, too, a rumor that the leviathan vessels are to be taken away from Liverpool. It is not, however, probable that the recent reports will prove true. There is in existence a contract with the Postmaster-General for the carriage of the American mails by the Cunard Company via Queenstown to New York, and it will not expire until 1927. The Postmaster-General is not likely to allow Queenstown to be taken out of the itinerary of the steamers. If he did he would, of a certainty, expose himself to a severe attack from the Irish members, the Unionists as well as the Nationalists. The advantages which would result from a change must be far clearer than they are at present before the Government, and travellers will give their sanction to alterations such as those with which rumor has been busy.

Work for the Lawyers

Further litigation is being set on foot against Edward Corcoran, the Cork harness-maker, now living in Dublin, and the heirs of the late Hannah Gallagher, a fruit vendor, also of Cork, who were held by the Supreme Court at Washington some months ago to be entitled to the estate of their cousin, John Sullivan, a millionaire, who died suddenly in 1900 in Seattle, Washington. The proceedings are likely to be protracted, as litigation of the character about to be begun can be continued for an indefinite time under American law. As was reported at the time, Commissioner N. W. Bolster, of Seattle, about a year ago held a court over the grave in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Cork, in which, as one set of claimants alleged, the parents and sister of the late John Sullivan had been interred. After the taking of evidence on the spot, all the human remains in the grave were brought to the surface and photographed.

DONEGAL—A Bounteous Harvest

Not within living memory (writes a Letterkenny correspondent under date August 15) have the prospects of a bounteous harvest in Donegal been so pronounced. The corn is cut with heavy bulk and good quality. The potato crop will be very heavy and free from disease; and the flax crop is also the best on record for many years.

DUBLIN—Fatal Accident

As we were informed by cable at the time, Mr. E. H. Ennis, the newly-appointed Assistant Under-Secretary for Ireland, met with a fatal accident on August 18 in Dublin. He was driving in a jaunting-car, when the horse stumbled and fell, throwing Mr. Ennis violently on to the roadway. Taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, he died there in about an hour. Mr. Ennis, who was a Catholic, was a native of Belfast.

GALWAY—The Archbishop of Melbourne

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne on August 16 opened a bazaar at Mount Bellew in aid of the liquidation of the debt on the recently erected Temperance Hall. Replying to an address of welcome, his Grace said he was not surprised that they had laid such stress on the question of education, as it really underlay not only the religious but all social and political life. Referring to the University Act, he said it would open

to young Irish men and women opportunities of advancement and enlightenment which had been denied since the penal laws were first put into operation. The vision of a learned, free, and generous people which presented itself to Cardinal Newman when he contemplated the future of Ireland seems destined to be realised. But in the matter of primary education they expressed a fear lest the attempt recently made in England to secularise the schools, or more correctly to sectarianise them, might be repeated in Ireland. He would add one word of caution. Ireland was now on her trial. She appealed to the civilised world to aid her in her efforts towards legislative independence, subject, of course, to the supreme authority of the Crown. The civilised world was sympathetic, but closely observant. Every outrage, or imputed outrage, was magnified and circulated as far as the electric cable reached. It was incumbent on Irishmen, therefore, to regulate their words and actions so that no impartial observer should judge that the time for Home Rule had not as yet arrived. 'Use the powers you possess,' said his Grace, in conclusion, 'in such a way as to justify your demand for larger powers, for your legislative independence. Then a new Ireland, a regenerated Ireland, a learned Ireland, a self-governing Ireland will wisely provide for the present needs, and revive the glories of our past history.'

KERRY—The Kenmare Property

We (*Freeman's Journal*) are requested to deny the report that Lord Kenmare intends to dispose of his residence and demesne of Killarney. This rumor, which first appeared in the English press, has caused him and his family annoyance. Its publication may have originated from the fact that he is selling to his tenants their farms under the Land Purchase Act, and pending the payment of the purchase money by the Government he is seeking a tenant for the mansion and extensive deer forest around the Lakes of Killarney, but only for two years.

LIMERICK—The Gaelic League

Father M. Ryan, parish priest of Knockavilla, who has been elected vice-president of the Gaelic League in succession to Canon O'Leary, was born in Pallasgreen, County Limerick, in 1844. He is a man of strong convictions and great earnestness, and should prove a tower of strength to the league. During the troubled times of the Land League he took an active part in the agitation, and was twice imprisoned for so doing, the last occasion being in 1887, when he spent Christmas Day in gaol.

MAYO—Death of a Priest

The death took place at Ballycastle, County Mayo, on August 15 of Rev. John Timlin, in the 83rd year of his age and the 55th of his life in the sacred ministry.

MONAGHAN—Drowning Fatality

A very sad drowning fatality occurred at Annalore, Clones, on August 14, resulting in the death of Miss Florence Manley, daughter of Mrs. Manley, Neybliss, and her little brother, aged about eight years. Miss Manley was home on a holiday from Dublin. It appears she took her little brother with her to a friend's house at Annalore. While sailing a toy boat on the Finn River the lad fell in, and it appears that his sister jumped in to save him and both were drowned. On their being missed a search was made, and the bodies were found in the river, the child being clasped in his sister's arms. The tragic event evoked the greatest sympathy in the district.

WATERFORD—The Trappists

The Monastery of Mount Melleray, of which the Right Rev. Dr. Maurus O'Phelan was consecrated Abbot on August 15, was founded in 1833 by a body of French exiled Trappist monks. When they first settled down the land was a barren waste. Under their devoted labors it was, in course of time, transformed. It is now one of the most fertile and beautiful countrysides in Ireland.

The New Abbot of Mount Melleray

The Right Rev. Dr. Maurus O'Phelan (writes the Dublin correspondent of the *Catholic Weekly*) was consecrated Abbot of Mount Melleray on August 15. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, and was attended by a very large congregation, including several ecclesiastics. The new Abbot is a native of County Waterford, and was educated at the Melleray Seminary. He was ordained a priest of the Order nearly thirty years ago, and for several years past was Prior of the community. Assisting the new Abbot were the Right Rev. Dr. Beardwood, Lord Abbot of Roscrea, and the Right Rev. Dr. Delaney, retired abbot. The Rev. Thomas Mockler, St. John's, Waterford, acted as master of ceremonies,

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