

Irish News

ANTRIM—Distinguished Visitors

When Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., welcomed the Premier of Queensland and the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, to Belfast (says the *Irish Weekly*), he did more than discharge a debt of gratitude to two distinguished Australians for sympathy and help freely bestowed during his own mission to the Far South; he placed Ireland under a deep obligation to himself and to the visitors alike. The Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan is an Irishman, and his advocacy of the Irish cause is the natural result of his nationality. Mr. Kidston is a Scotsman born, and his lengthened practical experience of the untold advantages of self-government in Australia renders his support of Home Rule for Ireland particularly valuable at a moment when the southern continent rivals even Germany in the attention of Great Britain. His speech at the Linen Hall Hotel was one of the clearest, best-reasoned, and most emphatic in argument and assertion ever delivered by a non-Irishman on the question. Such a visitor was heartily welcome in Belfast.

ARMAGH—Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome

His Eminence Cardinal Logue has written a letter to Dr. Walsh, President of the Central Council of the Catholic Young Men's Society, Dublin, expressing his pleasure at learning that the Council is organising a pilgrimage to Rome in connection with the Holy Father's Jubilee. His Eminence is sure a visit to Rome and the Holy Father's blessing will contribute very much to strengthen the Catholic spirit among the members of the Society and their friends.

CLARE—Visit of the Bishop of Ballarat

The Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, stayed at Thomond House, Lisdoonvarna, for a fortnight during August, taking the waters and enjoying the beautiful scenery and invigorating air of this most salubrious resort. His Lordship paid a visit to the Island of Arran, and saw the interesting ecclesiastical ruins and graves of the famous Irish saints. On his arrival at Arran he was met by Father Murtagh Farragher, who escorted the Bishop and his friends over the island, and subsequently entertained them at luncheon in his own hospitable style. Previous to Dr. Higgins's departure from Thomond House, Mrs. Bolger and the guests organised a farewell concert as a mark of their esteem and respect for him.

CORK—Death of a Priest

Early on Saturday morning, August 22, the Rev. Michael Aberne, the esteemed parish priest of Castlemartyr, was discovered dead in bed at his residence, apparently having passed peacefully away during the night. It appears that the deceased priest retired to bed at 11 o'clock on Friday night in his usual good health, having been conversing until that hour with Rev. Father Tobin, who was on a visit to him. The deceased, who was 72 years of age, was thirteen years a parish priest. At the meeting of the Midleton Board of Guardians and the Rural Council sympathetic references were made to his lamented death, and as a mark of sympathy with his relatives and tribute of respect to his memory the board and council adjourned business.

DONEGAL—Archdeacon McFadden

The Very Rev. James McFadden, whom the Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has appointed Archdeacon of his diocese (writes a Dublin correspondent), is one of the few living links with the sad past, the past of ruthless evictions and wholesale exterminations. Close on fifty years ago he was curate of the parish of Garton, when the Glenveigh clearances were effected by the late Mr. John Adair, and hundreds of peasants flung on the roadside to perish and die for aught the lord of the soil cared. Father McFadden organised a relief committee to save the victims of cruel landlordism from starvation, and provide them with homes in some foreign land; he threw his whole energy into the heavy undertaking and succeeded. Australia was the place of exile selected for them, and Father McFadden accompanied his flock as far as Liverpool, where he bid them adieu forever. The following pathetic account of their departure from Garton is given by the late Mr. A. M. Sullivan in *New Ireland*: 'On the day they were to set out for the railway station en route for Liverpool a strange scene was witnessed. The cavalcade was accompanied by a concourse of neighbors and sympathisers. They had to pass within a short distance of the ancient burial ground where "the rude forefathers" of the valley slept. They

halted, turned aside, and proceeded to the grass-grown cemetery. Here in a body they knelt, flung themselves on the graves of their relatives, which they reverently kissed again and again, and raised for the last time the Irish funeral wail. Then—some of them pulling tufts of grass which they placed in their bosoms—they resumed their way on the road to exile.'

DOWN—A Sudden Death

On Sunday, August 23, Mr. Peter M. Kelly, Inspector of Police, City of Chicago, U.S.A., died suddenly at the residence of his brother in Ballyvalley, Mayobridge, near Newry, after a few hours' illness. The deceased gentleman arrived at Ballyvalley on a visit a few days before his death. He had been in poor health for several months previous to leaving for Ireland, and was advised to return to Ireland for a rest and holiday.

DUBLIN—The Horse Show

The Horse Show opened on August 25 under very unfavorable climatic conditions. The day was raw and blustery, with a strong south-wester blowing, and drenching showers fell at intervals. It was an unusual turn of bad luck for a notable fixture, which has hitherto been proverbial for its association with smiling skies and bright sunshine. One of the earliest visitors to the show was the Lord Lieutenant, who was accompanied by Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, the wife of the American Ambassador. The number of horses entered this year, which totalled 1229, was slightly under that of last year, but the average was well maintained. England, France, Germany, Japan, and indeed most of the Continental countries, had their representatives present. One of the most interesting sections of the show was the Art Industries Exhibition. True, the number of entries showed a slight falling-off, but then the quality of the exhibits was admitted to be far in advance of that of recent years. In tapestry, leather, stained glass, ornamental plaster, etc., the departments of this section were remarkably well equipped. These exhibits were all very well displayed in the fine hall erected specially for the purpose in recent years.

The Freedom of the City

A special meeting of the Municipal Council of Dublin was held on August 24 at the City Hall to witness the affixing of the name of Richard Croker to the roll of honorary burgesses, and to present to him the certificate of honorary freedom of the city, conferred by resolution of council of July 1, 1907.

Opening a Carnegie Library

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has written to the Dublin Free Libraries Committee accepting their invitation to open the new library buildings in Charleville Mall, Dublin, during the current month.

Death of an Indian Official

News has reached Dublin by cable of the death from enteric fever of Mr. Laurence Lee Dunne, Assistant Commissioner, at the Residency, Punjab, India. The deceased, who was a son of the late Mr. Wm. Dunne, Dublin, was educated at the Christian Brothers' Schools, North Richmond street, and afterwards took his B.A. degree with distinction at the Royal University.

A Jewish Home Rule Association

As a rule (says the *Irish Weekly*), the Jews settled in this country—certainly, the workers amongst them—have always been friendly to the National Cause, and the newly-formed 'Judæo-Irish Home Rule Association' in Dublin is a natural outcome of that sympathy. The greatest Jewish writer of English, Mr. Isaac Zangwill, is an earnest Home Ruler; so is Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., M.P., the most brilliant member of the English Bar. The Jews have been a hunted and persecuted race for nearly twenty centuries; yet, countryless, and very Ishmaelites, they survived as a race, if not as a nation. In one land of all the known earth they never were oppressed, even when religious persecution was rife throughout the world—that country was Ireland.

KERRY—The Landsdowne Estate

An agreement for the sale of the agricultural portion of the parish of Kenmare has been signed by Mr. William Rochfort, land agent, on behalf of Lord Lansdowne, and the Ven. Archdeacon O'Leary, P.P., V.G., on behalf of the tenants. There are about one hundred and twenty holdings comprised in the parish, and a petition was signed by five-sixths of the tenants agreeing to accept Lord Lansdowne's terms. The remaining one-sixth presented a petition also accepting the terms, provided that the riparian owners were granted permission to fish for trout in the River Sheen.

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