

Irish News

DONEGAL.—Centenarians

The *Lancet* has an interesting little note on longevity in Donegal. As might be expected from its numerous contributions to the annals of longevity (says our medical contemporary), the county of Donegal has taken up a conspicuous position in the relative number of its inhabitants who have presented claims under the Old Age Pensions Act. At the end of September 1200 forms of applications had already been obtained from the Donegal head office and sub-offices, and some of these had possessed the legal age qualification more than thirty years ago. Three of the applicants are 111, 106, and 108 years old respectively, and of one of them Bryan O'Donnell, of Towar, Parish of Inver, it has been stated that he has always used the Irish language only, having never uttered a sentence of English during the whole of his life! All three venerable applicants are described as being in good health, both physically and mentally.

DUBLIN.—A Rumor

It is rumored that Lord Iveagh has offered to present his magnificent house and grounds in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to the authorities of the new University. Lord Iveagh's house is one of the most elaborately constructed mansions of its kind in the city. An idea of the magnificence of the interior of the building may be gathered from the fact that only a few years ago his lordship had the ballroom renovated at the cost of £30,000.

Maynooth College

The annual distribution of prizes, degrees, and honors took place at Maynooth College on October 14. His Eminence Cardinal Logue, who presided, delivered an address in which he spoke highly of the work of the college and the students. The prize for the Dunboyne Solus Essay in the Faculty of Theology was awarded to the Rev. Gerald Pierse, of Kerry. The Gilmartin Prize for an essay on a subject submitted on Church History was won by the Rev. John Hannaghan, Tuam. The same gentleman won the Irish Solus. The English prize essay was awarded to Mr. M. Kirwan, Waterford, and the French Solus to Mr. J. Keating, Waterford.

Little or no Crime

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., addressed a meeting held under the auspices of the Dublin and County Liberal Association, of which he is President, on October 9. Describing the political situation, he said there was little or no crime of the ordinary type in Ireland. Any crime they had flowed from two sources—from land and liquor. Just as they got to the source of the disorder and dealt with it, they succeeded in securing peace. It was represented that all the rights of citizenship were denied to Protestants, that they could not go about their ordinary business, and that their property was not safe. In all the ramifications of the Department's work he had had to deal with only two cases of attempted boycotting. Nobody should be led to think that the people who suffered did so on account of their religion. He knew of no religious intolerance in the South and West of Ireland. He knew that all over the South and West, Protestant shopkeepers were very often the biggest business men in the towns, and he knew that Protestant farmers were put into positions of trust and responsibility by Catholics in connection with the work over which he, Mr. Russell, presided.

A Carnegie Library

A public library has been formally opened at Lusk, County Dublin, by Very Rev. Thomas Byrne, P.P. In the course of an address Father Byrne thanked Mr. Carnegie for his generous gift of the library, and also Mr. Collier, of New York, who presented 500 volumes of select literature.

The Late Alfred Webb

The late Mr. Alfred Webb, ex-M.P., left property amounting to £8045. His nephew, Mr. Wm. Edmundson Shackleton, merchant, of Canonbrook, Lucan, and Mr. George Shackleton, merchant, of Anna Liffey, Lucan, are the executors of his will.

International Health Congress

The Women's National Health Association of Ireland, of which her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen is President, has been bracketed with New York at the International Health Congress in Washington for first prize. The prize is 1000 dollars,

of which the Women's National Health Association of Ireland receives 500 dollars, and has been offered by the Congress for the best voluntary Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

GALWAY.—The Work of the Christian Brothers

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne in the course of his speech at St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, referred to the brilliant successes of the Christian Brothers' pupils at the Commonwealth Civil Service examinations recently held. There were twenty vacancies, and of the twenty, eleven were won by Christian Brothers' boys.

LEITRIM.—A Presentation

On the occasion of his promotion to the pastorship of Fenagh, County Leitrim, the Rev. T. Macken was presented with a purse of sovereigns and an address by the people of Banagher, where he had been officiating during the past seven years.

LIMERICK.—A Broad-Minded Prelate

The Right Rev. Dr. Orpen, Protestant Bishop of Limerick, speaking at the Limerick Diocesan Synod, said: 'In matters of higher education, since last Diocesan Synod, Parliament had passed into law the Irish Universities Bill. Let us hope that this will result in the spread of higher education, deserving of the name, amongst a large section of our fellow-countrymen, whose intellectual capacities make them susceptible of the highest attainments and culture. Possibly a generous rivalry between these new Universities and the ancient foundation of Trinity College may develop a higher standard of learning. Every true patriot will wish them success and broad-minded wisdom in those who direct their destinies.'

English Misrepresentation

At a recent meeting of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce the President, Sir Thomas Cleeve, D.L., presiding, the following resolution was, on the motion of Sir A. W. Shaw, seconded by Mr. E. J. Long, unanimously passed:—That the statements recently made in the English press, and by prominent men, to the effect that industry is being interfered with in Ireland, and that Irishmen are incapable of industrial effort, extravagantly misrepresent the state of the country, and are calculated to arouse the indignation of all fair-minded men; that we, as merchants and manufacturers, assert that at no period has such harmony existed as in our district between those who differ politically and religiously, and that the progress of our country is evidenced by the advance in industry, education, and temperance. We appeal to the other Chambers of Commerce in Ireland to join in relating authoritatively the true state of commerce and industry in Ireland, so that no barrier may be placed to their extension and improvement.'

LOUTH.—Death of a Leading Business Man

The death is reported of Mr. F. F. Campbell, of Dundalk, where for fifty years he had been one of the leading auctioneers, his connection extending over the County Louth and neighboring counties. He disposed of many of the largest properties that came up for sale in that large district. A native of Moira, County Down, he was born in the early thirties, and of an old Catholic family. In his early manhood he was associated with Mr. John Rea, the famous Belfast solicitor, and about the same time he formed a friendship, which was life-long, with the late Lord Russell, of Killowen, who was then a young solicitor practising in Belfast.

ROSCOMMON.—Restoring Evicted Tenants

In connection with the recent evictions on the O'Gara property, Lisadaly, County Roscommon, a peaceful settlement has been arrived at, and the evicted tenants restored to their homes. This satisfactory result has been brought about by the Rev. Father Maguire, acting on the advice of the Very Rev. Canon O'Hara, Kilmoyee. The terms of settlement are that all arrears are to be wiped out on payment of two years' rent and half the cess by those owing more than four years' rent. Those owing three, on payment of one and a half years' rent, and a proportionate reduction to others according to the amount due, maximum on the same terms on which the Congested Districts Board or the Estate Commissioners, and the tenants to buy at a maximum on the same terms on which the Congested Districts Board purchased the Murphy and De Freyne Estates. To enable the evicted to get back to their homes and save their already damaged harvest, Father Maguire guaranteed to find the money for the landlord, which, with the assistance of Mr. Webb, County Councillor, he did.

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