

Irish News

CORK—Congratulating the Holy Father

The Cork Harbor Board, composed of commercial gentlemen, a number of whom are non-Catholics, have unanimously passed a resolution congratulating the Holy Father on the attainment of his Sacerdotal jubilee.

DUBLIN—Technical Education

Dr. Windle, President of the Queen's College, Cork, distributed the prizes to the successful students of Kingstown Technical Schools in the Town Hall. In the course of an interesting address he expressed a hope that the new Irish Universities would take a large share in the work of technical education, and so provide the necessary complement to the part being played by the Technical Schools. He could give more than one instance of how businesses had gone on the rocks or great opportunities were missed because the men in command had not sufficient knowledge to grasp the bearing of recent discoveries on the pursuit in which he was engaged. The Universities should provide suitable training for the future captains of Irish industries. There were, he said, some who complained that Irish Universities and technical schools were turning out trained workers mainly for exportation, and that Irish money was being expended on providing other countries with skilled workmen of divers kinds. That, to some extent, was true, but even if it were wholly true he was disposed to think there might be something to be said even for the system which educated Irish men and women to earn their living in other lands.

Catholic Scholarship Fund

Very Rev. Dr. Delany, S.J., President of University College, Dublin, announces that the Bishops of Ireland at their annual meeting in Maynooth resolved to give a third contribution to the Catholic Scholarship Fund, so that distinguished candidates of this year's Intermediate Examination will receive their reward and the scholarships will be carried on until the new University is in working order.

The Irish National Pilgrimage

The main body of the Irish National Pilgrimage to Rome (writes a Dublin correspondent) left here for Holyhead on October 16. His Eminence Cardinal Logue came down in the pouring rain to see them off. He remained on the platform for some time before the train departed, conversing with Canon Fricker, and the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, who was also going on the pilgrimage.

Catholic Truth Society

Before the patriotic and learned Archbishop of Melbourne (says the *Irish Weekly*) delivered his instructive and eloquent address on the progress of the Catholic Faith and Catholic Education in Australia, his Eminence Cardinal Logue opened the Sixth Annual Conference of the Catholic Truth Society in Dublin with a strong protest against the circulation of anti-religious literature amongst the young people of the country. This is a topic quite familiar to our readers; and we need only record the Cardinal's words and hope the efforts of the society to provide a literary antidote to the bane will be increasingly successful. The Archbishop of Melbourne's hopeful account of the Church in far Australia will be read with interest and pride by Irish Catholics, whose kith and kin have done so much to make the great southern land a centre of the Faith. The Conference registered a strong protest against the Premier's action with regard to the Eucharistic procession in London, and demanded the abolition of the last remnants of the Penal Laws—really, not remnants of the old Code in this case, but enactments forming part of the alleged Act of Emancipation.

FERMANAGH—Interesting Find

Mr. Owen Reilly, of Gubb Island, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, who some time ago while digging a hole in his field by the brink of Lough Erne discovered an ancient bronze pot bearing an inscription in the Ogham characters, has since received numerous inquiries from scholars and antiquarians regarding his find. Acting on the advice of some of those interested, he has forwarded

the pot to the authorities of the National Museum of Antiquities in Dublin for examination. The inscription on the pot renders it of peculiar interest, being one of the very few Ogham inscriptions discovered in Ulster.

Over One Hundred Years

Some weeks ago the interment took place at Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, of Mrs. Catherine Kierans, who was known to have been over 100 years old. Some of her relatives place her age at 113, and state that she had clear recollections of an incident in which her father figured in the memorable year of 1798. Mrs. Kierans, whose maiden name was Hughes, was born in the townland of Derrycorban, near Lisnaska.

GALWAY—The Clanricarde Estate

The Estates Commissioners have decided to acquire 1800 acres of the Clanricarde estate compulsorily, and restore to their homes the evicted tenants, or as many of them as can be settled comfortably on that area.

KILDARE—A Venerable Priest

Rev. Louis Keating, who has passed to his eternal reward at an advanced age, was ordained in the year 1846, in Carlow College. In that year he went out to Ceylon to do missionary duty. For thirty-five years he labored with the greatest zeal in that distant country, and during all those years he was highly esteemed by Bishops, priests, and people. His health having begun to fail, he came back to Kildare and Leighlin, and when he got a little stronger he commenced missionary duties again in his native diocese. There he remained to the end, doing great and most useful work in the parishes of Clongait, Carbury, and Rosenallis; and in all those parishes he was beloved by the people for his zeal in the discharge of his duties and his charity. He died in the last-mentioned parish, having reached the patriarchal age of eighty-six years. His funeral was one of the largest seen in that part of the country for many years.

KING'S COUNTY—A Present for the Pope

Rev. T. McCrea, who has gone on the pilgrimage to Rome, will present the Holy Father, on behalf of the Catholics of Clonbullogue, Bracknagh, and Walsh Island, King's County, with a beautifully wrought chalice of Irish manufacture and Celtic design, inset with amethysts.

LONGFORD—Visit of Australian Prelates

On October 19 his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat arrived at Longford on a visit to the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare.

MEATH—A Gaelic Scholar

Mr. Paul Walsh, Meath, who won at Maynooth College the Solus Essay in Irish on O'Curry, has only been studying the language for four years. It is stated that he is now engaged in some advanced work on the Irish manuscripts in the College library.

SLIGO—The Ruler of an Island

The Courts of Europe (says the *Irish Weekly*) have not gone into mourning, although a potentate whose sway was far less open to question or challenge than that of the greatest amongst them has passed away. He was the King of Innismurray, which is a small island N.W. of the Sligo coast. His late Majesty's territory is 209 acres in extent—some German principalities are not much larger—and his subjects numbered 70. Outside his dominions he was called Mr. Michael Waters. At home he was a King, and a good Catholic sovereign also. The *Sligo Champion* says: 'The King was really ruler of the ocean-bound island, in fact as well as in word. His word was law, and he always acted with impartiality and justice towards his subjects, whose interests he jealously guarded against the encroachments of any neighbors. He was well known to tourists and visitors to the island, where he treated all-comers with characteristic hospitality. He was King for over 35 years, having succeeded his late mother, the Princess, and he in turn handed over the reins of office to his son Michael, adjuring him always to do his best for the islanders. The respect and regard the people entertained for him was strikingly shown in his last illness, when they helped his family to nurse him by night and day.'

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