

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Handsome Pension

Sir Samuel Black, who has been Town Clerk of Belfast for the past twenty years, is retiring on a pension of £2000 a year.

Mammoth Steamers

The officials of the White Star Line have made public the dimensions of the two steamers to be built for the passenger service of that company. The vessels, which have been named the Olympic and the Titanic, are to be 850 feet long, and of sufficient beam and depth to measure 45,000 gross tons, or 14,000 gross tons larger than the Lusitania and the Mauretania, of the Cunard Line, which are now the world's largest ships. It is expected the Olympic will be in the service in the latter part of 1910. The speed of the ships has been determined as 21 knots, sufficient to make the voyage from Southampton, Cherbourg, and Queenstown in seven days, and give comfortable passage to those who look on sea voyages with misgivings. Most luxurious accommodation for passengers is to be provided.

CLARE—Bravery Rewarded

The thrilling rescues from the 'Leon XIII.' at Quilty in October of last year have been recalled by the presentations of medals and money prizes to the brave fishermen of that sea-swept village; also to several ladies and gentlemen and some members of the R.I.C. and of the coastguard service, who lent assistance on shore. Mr. A. De Prins, French Consul in Limerick, who presided at an open-air meeting at Spanish Point, made the presentations, prefacing the ceremony with a neat speech, expressing his admiration for the heroic conduct of the Quilty men, and the pleasure it gave him to be the medium of making the presentation. Silver medals were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Healy, Berry Lodge; Mr. Reid, D.I.; Dr. Blood, Mr. R. G. E. Ellis, Mr. E. A. Ellis, Mr. H. R. Glynn, and Mr. H. P. Harris.

CORK—Capuchin Students

Among those admitted to the B.A. Degree in Mental and Moral Science, at the conferring of degrees at the Royal University, Dublin, on October 30, were four Capuchin students from the Franciscan Capuchin College, Rochestown, County Cork. The names of the students are Brother Ignatius Collins, Brother Cyril Sullivan, Brother Coleman Griffin, and Brother Philip King. They passed in the Honors' Course, and Brother Ignatius Collins secured Second Class Honors, value £21.

Four Sons in the Priesthood

An esteemed merchant in Midleton (writes a Dublin correspondent) has passed away in the person of Mr. Edmund Barry, which occurred at his residence, Main street, after an illness of several weeks' duration. The deceased was brother of Rev. J. Barry, P.P., Carrigtwohill, and had the distinction of having four sons in the priesthood, three of whom are on the Australian mission, and the fourth, the Rev. David Barry, in Glasgow. A fifth son, also destined for the sacred ministry, is a student of Blackrock College. For a number of years the late Mr. Barry had been a member of the Town Commissioners of Midleton, and as a public representative he afforded the greatest satisfaction. A resolution of condolence with his family has been passed by the Urban Council.

DUBLIN—Progress of Temperance

In supporting a vote of thanks to Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B., late Inspector General, Royal Irish Constabulary, for a lecture delivered by him under the auspices of the Dublin Women's Temperance Association, Mr. Wigam said that in Messrs. Jacob's factory in Dublin nearly all the workers wore Father Cullen's Pioneer badge. He was glad to say that the membership of the Pioneer Association was now about 90,000, and that splendid result was largely due to the help of noble women, amongst whom he mentioned Mrs. A. M. Sullivan.

University College

A dinner was given at University College, Dublin, on October 29 in celebration of the silver jubilee of the establishment of the Irish Jesuits at the College. The Very Rev. Dr. Delany, S.J., presided. Speeches were delivered by his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, Lord Castletown, Chancellor of the Royal University, and Professor George Sigerson.

The National University

Lord Castletown, speaking at the annual conferring of degrees at the Royal University in Dublin on October 29, announced that the name of the new institution to be estab-

lished in Dublin under Mr. Birrell's Act is 'The National University.'

CORK—Doing Admirable Work

A sentence of imprisonment passed on a Cork bookseller in June last by local magistrates, for having exposed in his shop window postcards of an indecent nature, has been upset on technical grounds by the King's Bench, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice, Judge Madden, and Judge Kenny. In an affidavit the accused stated that since the conviction he had ascertained that four of the magistrates adjudicating were members of the Cork Young Men's Society, for which Mr. John Long was the nominal prosecutor. Judge Madden remarked that every right-thinking magistrate ought to be a member of a society with so good an object. The Lord Chief Justice said that the Court held that the conviction was bad for uncertainty. It was to be remembered that throughout the case it was not for a moment suggested that these magistrates were actuated by conscious bias. His Lordship thought that a prosecution of this sort was most valuable, having for its object to put an end to the demoralising indecency that exists in some places, and is fostered and encouraged by the exhibition of these indecent cards. He thought that the Young Men's Society of Cork was to be greatly commended if they did initiate this prosecution.

DONEGAL—An Officious Policeman

The provisions in the Catholic Emancipation Act precluding Catholic priests from appearing outside Catholic churches or private houses in their vestments have not been wholly treated as a dead letter. Many years ago (says the *Freeman*), the late Right Rev. Monsignor and Dean McFadden, the revered Dean of Raphoe and parish priest of Donegal, who died last March, full of years and of honors, when a young clergyman in the parish of Glenties was summoned to Petty Sessions by an over-zealous District Inspector for the offence of walking attired in his vestments from his church to the school. The Monsignor treated the summons with the contempt it deserved, the proceedings were stayed, and the District Inspector was quickly transferred from Glenties to some other sphere of usefulness, and for the exercise of his devotion to the cause of law and order on which 'all our happiness depends.'

DUBLIN—Royal University Successes

A summary of the total successes attained by the leading colleges in Ireland at the Honors Examinations in Arts of the Royal University during the session 1907-8, shows that University College, Dublin, won one hundred and sixty-three distinctions; Maynooth College, 54; Loreto College, Stephen's Green, 52; Queen's College, Belfast, 46; St. Mary's Dominican College, Eccles street, 36; Queen's College, Galway, 10; Blackrock College, 10; Queen's College, Cork, 6.

Some Eloquent Figures

There are some figures (says the *Catholic Times*) which speak volumes in a very small space. Of such are the figures which give in a little table the results, so far as the students of the 'approved colleges' are concerned, of the Honors Examinations in Arts of the Royal University of Ireland. The Very Rev. Dr. Delany, S.J., who supplies the table to the *Times*, sets forth in a separate column the relative cost to public funds of the approved colleges. We find accordingly that whilst University College, Dublin, carried off 78 first class Honors and prizes, the number won by the Queen's College, Belfast, the Queen's College, Galway, the Queen's College, Cork, and Magee College, Derry, number together only 20; that University College, has to its credit 85 second-class honors and prizes, and the other four colleges together 46; and that whereas the total for the Dublin College is 163, the total for the three Queen's Colleges and Magee College is only 86. Not less striking is the financial contrast. Whilst the cost to the public funds of the Queen's and Magee Colleges is £25,400, University College gets only £6000 from the same source. Supporters of the Belfast College have been grumbling because the new Belfast University, which is identical with it, receives only £28,000 a year, though the Dublin University obtains £32,000. Let them propose that the grants should be regulated by merit as tested by results.

LIMERICK—Gift of Books

Mr. P. F. Collier, New York, has, in response to an application of Mr. J. P. McNamara, Curator of the Carnegie Free Library, Limerick, presented close on five hundred volumes as a gift to the library.

MAYO—The County Quiet and Orderly

Addressing the Grand Jury at the Mayo Criminal Sessions, County Court Judge Murphy said he had great pleasure in being able to congratulate them upon the condition of the county so far as matters appeared before him. A

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