

Irish News

ARMAGH—A Windfall

An old woman named Mary Anne Wilson, who resides on Banbrook Hill, Armagh, has just received news from the American Government that she is entitled to £1000 accumulated pension, and a weekly pension of 12s 6d for life. The pension commenced to accrue over forty years ago, on the death of her husband, who was killed in the war between the North and South. The question of identity was the great drawback, and for the purpose of surmounting this obstacle the old lady labored assiduously for several years.

ANTRIM—Death of a Well-known Man

The death is announced of Mr. Patrick Henry, J.P., R.D.C., Carnbuck, Loughgiel, which took place on November 27. Mr. Henry was the eldest brother of Most Rev. Dr. Henry, late Bishop of Down and Connor. For over forty years he was a member of the Ballymoney Board of Guardians, and latterly was a rural district councillor for the Division of Cortay. He was highly respected by the people of all denominations of North Antrim.

CARLOW—The Parliamentary Representative

Mr. MacMurrough Kavanagh, who made a very valuable contribution from the Irish benches to the discussion on Mr. Birrell's Irish Land Bill (says the *Westminster Gazette*), occupies a position for which, so far as one can recall, there is no precedent in parliamentary annals. He sits for Carlow County, the constituency represented for so many years by his father, the late Right Hon. A. M. Kavanagh (who, however, was not an Irish Nationalist, but the acknowledged leader of the Irish Landlord Party in the seventies and eighties of last century). Mr. Kavanagh's conversion to Nationalist principles has been gradual, but thorough. He began his political life as a Unionist, and unsuccessfully contested one of the divisions of Kilkenny in the Unionist interest. He subsequently was a member of the Reform Association, but soon perceived that half measures offered no solution to the Irish difficulty.

CAVAN—Purchase of an Estate

The owners of the Morley estate in County Cavan have accepted the offer made by the Estate Commissioners for its purchase. There has been considerable trouble on this property during the last seven years, owing to the disinclination of the English syndicate who owns the property to sell it to the tenants, of whom there are between 400 and 500.

CORK—A Popular Pastor

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, in inducting at Castlemartyr the Rev. Philip M. Murphy as the new parish priest of that important parish, alluded to the worth, piety, zeal, and wisdom of the many parish priests who had ministered in that parish during the past forty or fifty years. His Lordship said he knew Father Murphy's character well, for he (Father Murphy) had lived and worked under him for fully twelve years in Queens-town. The good people of the parish had every reason to congratulate themselves on the appointment, and the young parish priest had reason to congratulate himself on having under his future charge a deeply religious and generous people.

French Nuns to Establish Industries

Drishane Mansion, Millstreet, County Cork, has been purchased by a community of nuns from Paris, known as the Dames de St. Maur, who will settle in it early in the New Year. It is stated that the Sisters intend to establish industries on a large scale which will give employment to many girls and women.

DUBLIN—A Silver Jubilee

To commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the elevation to the Episcopate of Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, a banquet in his honor was given at the Dolphin Hotel, Dublin, by the Castleknock College Union, of which his Lordship is president. Replying to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Mr. M. C. MacInerney, K.C., Dr. Donnelly said he valued the compliment paid him very highly. The union's *esprit de corps* was splendidly manifested that evening. He saw around him some contemporaries, and even his old professor, Father O'Callaghan, from Cork, was present. Good-fellowship, good feeling, and mutual help were the key-notes of the union.

Progress of the Gaelic Movement

As an instance of the progress the Gaelic movement is making, it may be stated that on November 19, in the

presence of his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin and a large audience, the opera of 'Faust' was presented in Irish in the Round Room of the Rotunda. The translation, which is the work of Mr. Piarais Beaslai, is remarkably true to the original, and the performance was highly successful. A mixed choir conducted by Mr. Vincent O'Brien, the orchestral band of St. Joseph's Asylum, and a number of clever artists, including Mr. Claudillon, contributed largely to the great success of the entertainment.

KERRY—Death of a Priest

In Tralee general regret was felt at the death of Rev. John H. Casey, O.P., which took place at Trinidad. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. James Casey, Castle street, and a brother of Mr. Thomas Casey, the town clerk of Tralee.

LIMERICK—The Orphanage Fatality

The Rev. Mother-Superior of the Mount St. Vincent Orphanage, Limerick, has received the following message from the Pope:—'Superior, Mount St. Vincent, Limerick. Holy Father's blessing for community and children.' The Countess of Aberdeen wrote: 'My dear Mother-Superior,—Will you allow me to convey to you and the Sisters of your community the profound sympathy of his Excellency and my own in the great sorrow which has fallen on your Orphanage. I remember the bright children whom you are training for their life work so practically and so efficiently, and who have distinguished themselves so much in their studies, and it is grievous to think of the desolation which has overtaken you and them. We are thankful to hear that the remainder of the sufferers are now making good progress towards recovery, and we shall be grateful if you will write further news of their progress.'

The Late Father Treacy

At a recent meeting of the Rathkeale Board of Guardians the following resolution was agreed to:—'That we, the members of Rathkeale Board of Guardians and District Council, express deepest regret at the demise of the Rev. T. Treacy, P.P., the deservedly esteemed and popular pastor of Askeaton and Ballysteen, who, during his missionary career in various parishes of the diocese, devoted himself with unremitting zeal and unceasing labor to the spiritual and temporal advancement of the people; that we convey to the relatives of the beloved priest, as well as to his sorrowing parishioners, our earnest sympathy in the loss they have sustained by his lamented death, and adjourn this meeting of the board and council as a tribute of respect to the memory of the dead. That a copy of this vote of condolence be forwarded to Father Hartigan, Askeaton, and to the brother and family of the deceased clergyman.'

LOUTH—A Presentation

On Sunday, November 24, the leading parishioners, amongst whom he had spent eleven years, presented Father P. V. Kenny, O.P., with an illuminated address and a beautiful chalice on the occasion of his transference to Waterford. The Mayor (Mr. Patrick Drew, T.C.), who presided over the presentation gathering, said that Father Kenny's departure was deeply felt by the citizens of Drogheda. The chalice they were presenting him with that day indicated only in a small way their high appreciation of his worth as a priest. They would always remember his kindly feelings towards them, and they hoped that before many years had passed he would be back amongst them.

TIPPERARY—A Priest Passes Away

After a very long illness, the death took place at his residence, The Quarries, Thurles, County Tipperary, of Rev. P. B. Cahill, late Pastor of Macon City, St. Louis, U.S.A.

A Golden Jubilee

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Mother Mary Xavier, Rev. Mother of the Cashel Presentation Convent, took place on November 26. Telegrams and letters of congratulation poured in all day, and in the evening the Rev. T. Dunne received a wire from the president, Irish College, Rome, conveying the special blessing of our Holy Father the Pope to the jubilarian.

WEXFORD—An Ancient Borough

Wexford Borough (says an exchange) can justly claim to be the oldest in Ireland, as there is a reference to the 'Twelve Burgesses of Wexford' in the Pipe Rolls of Henry II., in 1171. Further, in 1172, the Sheriff of Hants, by King's Writ, was given credit for various payments to Murtagh MacMurrough and the burgesses of Wexford, including a sum of £10 14s 11d for robes, whilst in 1173 Geoffrey FitzRobert was Mayor. Curiously enough, as late as 1823, the Danes of Wexford kept apart from the native Irish, and preserved their ancient manners and customs. These Ostmen, as appears from an Inquisition in 1283, had

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