

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Memorial

A stained-glass window, costing about £200, is to be placed in Belfast Cathedral to perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. W. G. Darley, Inspector of Religious Education in the diocese of Down and Connor.

CORK—Accident in the Hunting Field

A serious accident occurred in the hunting field with the South Union Foxhounds on January 7. Mr. John Cotter Wood, D.L., J.P., was with the hunt, and in the afternoon was found lying unconscious by a fence. He had suffered terrible injury to the head. When the mail left he was in a critical condition. He is seventy years of age.

DONEGAL—Death of Canon McFadden

The death is reported of the Very Rev. Canon McFadden, Archdeacon of Raphoe, who passed away on January 7 at his residence, St. Fenins, Falcarragh, County Donegal. Having attained the venerable age of 82, and recently giving indications of a weakening of his former splendid physical powers, the sad termination of his illness (says the *Irish Weekly*) was not unexpected by his brethren of Raphoe or his affectionate flock; but their grief will be none the less profound at the demise of so brave a champion and so kindly a priest. Regret will be widespread, Archdeacon McFadden's patriotic work having earned for his name a prominent place in the history of Ulster. The interment took place at Gortahork. An immense concourse of clergy and laity, the presence of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, of Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, and of the representatives of Most Rev. Dr. McHugh, Bishop of Derry, and Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore, furnished impressive evidence of the esteem in which the venerable priest was held, and of the deep regret felt at his demise. Before the obsequies terminated his Eminence delivered a brief and pathetic address, saying that Archdeacon MacFadden's death meant a great loss to the Bishop and priests of Raphoe, and an irreparable loss to the good people amongst whom he labored for over half a century. Personally, he had lost a close personal friend, who had prepared him for his Confirmation. From the beginning of his priestly life Archdeacon MacFadden had been a model to the priests of the diocese. He had been over kind, hospitable, and faithful in the discharge of his duties. His Eminence sincerely sympathised with the diocese of Raphoe in the loss it had sustained by the death of a model priest, a patriotic Irishman, and one who had been in every respect a gentleman.

DOWN—With one Family for Ninety-seven Years

At the grand age of 106 years (says the *Irish Weekly*) there has passed away at Lisburn a greatly-respected old lady in the person of Susan O'Hagan. Deceased had the distinction of being probably the oldest domestic servant, having spent within three years of a century with one family. In the year 1811, when only nine years of age, she entered the service of the Hall family at Hilltown, County Down, and remained with them through an unbroken period of 97 years, being in the service of Dr. Hall, grandson of her first employer, up to her death. Up to a week before her demise she was in the enjoyment of splendid health for one of her age, but at length the weight of years told against her, and she passed to her reward at her residence, Smithfield, Lisburn, after a long and well-spent life. A devout Catholic, she constantly frequented the Sacraments, and in her last moments was assiduously attended by the Very Rev. Mark McCashin, P.P., V.F., who remained with her to the end. The Hall family, who were most devoted to her, showed the greatest kindness to their old and valued retainer. The deceased was of a most entertaining disposition, and was never tired of telling interesting anecdotes of her earlier days. She possessed a retentive memory, and often related her experiences of the reception accorded the soldiers returning from the battle of Waterloo.

GALWAY—The Clanricarde Estate

A representative and influential meeting of the tenants on the Clanricarde Estate was held at Portumna on January 10. The meeting assembled for the purpose of signing and forwarding a petition to the Chief Secretary enumerating the hardships to which the tenants are subjected, and offering to purchase their holdings at a price to be left to the Government and Estates Commissioners. The petition appeals to the Government that, should Lord Clanricarde refuse to sell under these conditions, a compulsory clause be inserted in the present Land Bill against

him. The tenants state they only want to be placed on the same footing as that of their neighbors, who have purchased their holdings.

Evicted Tenants Reinstated

Sixteen evicted tenants on the Lewis Estate at Balinagar have been reinstated in their old homes by the Estates Commissioners.

KERRY—Death of a Religious

The death of Sister Laurentia took place on January 8 at the Mercy Convent, Kenmare, after a lengthened illness. The deceased lady belonged to an old and highly respected Kerry family, being daughter of the late Mr. O'Sullivan, Faries, and sister of Dr. William O'Sullivan, coroner, Killarney.

MAYO—Evictions in the West

On January 8 evictions took place on the Legan Estate, situate at a place named Graheens, five miles from Aughagower, and about ten miles from Westport. A more pitifully congested area, or a more impoverished lot of tenants, it would be impossible to find in any part of Mayo. One of the tenants evicted was Thomas Geraghty, who is 75 years of age. His wife, who is ten years his senior, has been confined almost continuously to her bed for a number of years.

SLIGO—Evicted Tenants

It is announced that the Estates Commissioners propose to acquire compulsorily under the Evicted Tenants Acts lands in the townland of Doomore, Barony of Leyny, County Sligo, the estate of Utrud A. Knox.

WATERFORD—A Venerable Christian Brother

Our Home exchanges report with sincere regret the death at the parent institution of the Christian Brothers, Mount Sion, Waterford, of Brother Hayes. The deceased gentleman was born at Dingle in November, 1832, and subsequently joined the Order, beginning his novitiate in Waterford. For many years he filled the office of Superior in Belfast, Tralee, Kilkenny, and Cashel; and after 48 years' noble and unselfish service in that capacity, he was relieved of the responsibilities of that position. Some nine years ago he went to Mount Sion, to spend his declining years in the monastery in which he began his religious career. In recent years he had not enjoyed good health, but he was assiduously attended by Dr. J. J. O'Sullivan. Brother Hayes was a special favorite with the community, and with the pupils, and his death was widely deplored.

WEXFORD—Diamond Jubilee

Monday, December 28, was the sixtieth anniversary of the sacred ministry of the Very Rev. John J. Roche, O.F.M. (says the *Wexford People*). No priest, regular or secular, ever attained such a high place in the estimation of the people of Wexford as the beloved and revered Franciscan. 'Father John,' as he is lovingly known amongst the people, is a king of his Order, his throne being in the hearts of the faithful. Father Roche is the author of several beautiful religious works, which have appeared from time to time. That he may enjoy many more years in the service of his Divine Master is the wish of all who know him.

GENERAL

The Financial Position

In the course of a lecture before the Young Ireland Society in Dublin, Mr. T. M. Kettle said that the financing of the Old Age Pensions Act had produced an acute crisis, which would make this the most significant year, from the financial point of view, since the Act of Union. In his opinion good would come from the Old Age Pensions Act, but if the financing of that Act meant a repetition of the old process of feeding the dog with a bit of his own tail, his contentment with that Act would be somewhat troubled. The total revenue raised in Ireland for last year was £9,620,000, and the expenditure on the Home Government £7,800,000, leaving a balance of £1,800,000 as profit to the British Empire. If they set down upon the expenditure side £1,500,000 for old-age pensions, the increased estimate of £114,000 for primary education, and the sums allotted to the new Universities, and the increased grant to the Congested Districts Board, and the sum on the loss of flotation of Land Stock, on condition that there was no further taxation imposed upon Ireland this year, the British Government, for the first time since the Act of Union, would not be making one penny profit out of Ireland. The Act of Union would have ceased to pay a dividend, and when that time arrived they might expect to have Home Rule forced upon them whether they liked it or not.

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