

## Irish News

### ANTRIM—Non-Churchgoers

Rev. Canon Moore, of Holywood, speaking on Sunday, July 11, in connection with the Orange celebrations, said: 'The institution, from a religious standpoint, was hardly as influential as it might have been. Take the matter of church attendance. Belfast in 1906 had a population of 353,000. Of these about 270,000 belonged to the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian, and Methodist bodies. About 70,000 of these might be put down as old people and little children who could not attend church. That left 200,000 people, roughly. Now, sitting accommodation in Belfast churches was available for 100,000. They knew that the churches were never full, so that they might take it that about 100,000 people in Belfast never went to a place of worship.'

### Boycotting and Intimidation

Mr. T. H. Sloan, M.P., speaking at an Orange demonstration near Belfast on July 12, said he was a strong opponent of boycotting and intimidation, but there was more of it in Ulster and in their own city than in the South and West. The day might come when Belfast would be placarded with posters giving the names of good Unionists who had suffered at the hands of supposed defenders of civil and religious liberty.

### CORK—President of University College

Dr. Windle, President of Cork University College, has been appointed a Knight of St. Gregory by his Holiness Pope Pius X.

### DOWN—Extremely Satisfactory

The Summer Assizes for County Down were opened in Downpatrick on July 13 by Mr. Justice Wright. Addressing the Grand Jury, his Lordship said he would only occupy a few moments of their time in reference to the cases which came before them, the fact being that they were few in number, while none of them represented any great degree of crime, and offered no great difficulty either in law or fact. The general condition of the county was extremely satisfactory, and he must heartily congratulate them.

### GALWAY—The New Bishop

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert, having duly received from Rome the Bulls constituting him Bishop of Galway and Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora and Kilmacduagh, entered into possession of his new See on July 8. The day of his induction was observed as a general holiday in the City of the Tribes, and a public reception on a grand scale was organised by the citizens for his Lordship.

### Hospice for Infirm Clergy

Official intimation has been given that a hospice, under the control of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, will be opened and ready for the reception of infirm clergy at Moyne Park, Ballygluin, County Galway, on Thursday, September 30. This institution, beautifully situated in an immense demesne, will be in charge of the Fathers of the Order of St. Camillus de Lellis, who had to fly from their noble work in France during the recent persecution of the clergy in that country.

### KERRY—Centenary Celebration

The Presentation Convent, Tralee, celebrated early in July the centenary of its establishment.

### KILKENNY—Death of a Public Man

The death took place last month in Kilkenny, after a brief illness, of Mr. C. J. Kenealy, T.C., P.L.G., editor of the *Kilkenny Journal*. The deceased gentleman, who was a well-known journalist, was a son of the late Mr. William Kenealy, a former Mayor of Kilkenny, who took a prominent part in the early stages of the Home Rule agitation.

### Parliamentary Representation

Mr. Matthew Keating, a Nationalist, has been returned, unopposed, for Kilkenny South, the seat recently vacated by Mr. N. J. Murphy, a member of the Irish Party, who resigned.

### LIMERICK—The Jesuit Order

In connection with the golden jubilee of the Jesuit Order in Limerick, a number of prominent citizens presented the Community with a sum of £300, subscribed chiefly by past pupils of the Sacred Heart College, who eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the jubilee to help in wiping off the debt due on the Sacred Heart Church.

### Proposed Memorial

For the memorial to the late Father. Casey, of Abbeyfeale, a sum of £920 has now been collected. The subscription list has not been closed, and it is certain that a monument worthy of the object will be raised to his memory.

### Laborers' Cottages

Replying in the House of Commons to a question by Mr. Landon as to the number of laborers' cottages that had been built in the County Limerick since the passing of the Act, Mr. Birrell said: 'The number of cottages provided in each of the rural districts named in the question on March 31, the date to which the returns are annually made up, was as follows: Kilmallock, 836; Limerick No. 1, 636; Croom, 310; Tipperary No. 2, 176; Mitchelstown No. 2, 102; total, 2060.'

### SLIGO—Electric Lighting Plant

Principally owing to the energy and encouragement of the Rev. Father O'Connor, the village of Gurteen, County Sligo, has introduced an electric lighting plant.

### TIPPERARY—Death of a Nenagh Man

At the ripe old age of 89 years, Mr. William Kelly passed away on July 11 at his residence, Kilnencave. The deceased was father of the great Irish prelate, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross. He possessed in an eminent degree of all those singularly, refined, and graceful virtues which adorned an ideal father, a devout Catholic, by precept and example, and he had the great happiness of seeing his son raised to the dignity of Bishop.

### Reopening of a Seminary

The Very Rev. Canon Power, of Emly, who celebrated his golden jubilee recently, intends to reopen St. Ailbe's Seminary. The Emly Seminary had a distinguished career. Mr. M. J. Fitzgerald, B.A., has been appointed head master.

### Reward for Saving Life

Michael Forde, a porter of Tipperary railway station, who bravely saved John Ronan from being run over by a train, is the first person in Ireland to receive a Carnegie hero reward and medal.

### TYRONE—A Light Calendar

The Lord Chief Baron opened the Tyrone Assizes on July 12 at Omagh. His Lordship, addressing the Grand Jury, said their duty at the present Assizes would not be of a very onerous character. Eleven bills in all would be presented for their consideration. The number was small, considering the extent of the county, and the crimes charged in the bills would present no difficulty in investigating. There were ten cases involved in the eleven bills. Of these, seven were of dishonesty in some of its various terms—larceny, breaking and entering, or obtaining money under false pretences—crimes that must occur in any large community.

### WEXFORD—A Sad Occurrence

Mr. James Kelly, a large farmer, residing at Courtclough, Blackwater, was so seriously gored by a bull, his property, on Saturday evening, July 10, that he died on Sunday morning. Mr. Kelly was leading the animal through a gate when it showed temper and knocked the owner down and injured the unfortunate man badly about the body. Mrs. Kelly rushed to her husband's assistance, and drove the animal away, but the beast turned on her, and she was only saved from immediate death by the promptitude of a man named Pender. As it happened, Mrs. Kelly was seriously injured, and her demise was rumored in Wexford. Mr. Kelly lived to receive the last rites of the Church.

### GENERAL

#### Sale of Ancient Irish Coins

The Irish series in the Rashleigh collection of coins, which was disposed of at Sotheby's recently, proved to contain some interesting specimens. The sum of £12 15s was paid for a penny of Queen Mary, with the crowned harp between M. and R., an excessively scarce specimen, though pierced. Rare also was the 'Irish money of necessity,' which included seven coins issued during the siege of Inchiquin in 1642, all of irregular octagonal form. They were all sold, the highest prices being £7 15s for a shilling, £7 5s for a crown, £5 2s 6d for a half-crown. A Dublin large crown, 1659, from the Russell collection, made £11 5s; a Kilkenny half-crown, 1642, £10; a Cork shilling, 1647, £6 2s 6d; a Kilkenny crown, 1642, £4 14s; and a Cork sixpence, 1647, £3 4s. But the gem of the collection was a St. Patrick's farthing of gold, which, according to Nelson's 'Coinage of Ireland,' is unique in this metal.

#### The Land Bill

The Irish Land Purchase Bill was under consideration in the House of Commons last week. The first part, dealing with finance, was disposed of in the early part of July. On that occasion Mr. John Redmond tried unsuccessfully to have the first subsection of clause I. omitted. This subsection (he said) proposed to change the purchase annuity from what it was to-day, £3 5s to £3 10s. That was in order to provide additional interest to enable 3 per cent. stock to be floated. The whole trouble had arisen simply from the fact that it had been found impossible to float 2½ per cent. stock for the purpose of land purchase except at considerable loss. Under the Act of 1903 a