

Irish News.

CORK.—Celebrating their Silver Jubilee.—A touching ceremony was witnessed at the Franciscan Capuchin Church, Charlotte Quay, Cork, recently, when the silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Father Bernard was celebrated. Father Bernard is a well-known and highly-respected priest of the Capuchin Order in Ireland. The greatest portion of his time he has spent in Cork, where he is well known, and has gathered round himself numerous friends. Some days previous the silver jubilee in religion of the Very Rev. Father Nicholas was celebrated. Father Nicholas is now better known in Dublin, where his name is a household word, from his efficient work in the cause of temperance.

DUBLIN.—Reform in Church Music.—His Grace Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, has written a letter of approval to the conductor of St. Mary's Prize Choir in Dublin, the members of which have produced Palestrina's and Vittoria's masterpieces recently in the church of the Dominicans. The Archbishop also thanked Mr. Edward Martyn for his assistance in bringing about a much-needed reform in metropolitan church music. Mr. Martyn is the author of 'The Heather Field,' produced at the Irish National Theatre last May.

The Copyright of a Popular Publication.—Two Dublin printers have gone to law with regard to the copyright of 'Old Moore's Almanac,' founded in 1610. Mr. Warren has been printing it under a copyright, and now seeks to restrain Mr. Quirke from issuing a colourable imitation.

A Portrait of a Distinguished Author.—A portrait of the late Mr. W. J. Fitzpatrick, the distinguished author of many historical works relating to Ireland, has just been presented to the National Portrait Gallery, Merrion Square, Dublin, and was accepted at a meeting of the Governors. The portrait, which is by Mr. Catterson Smith, R.H.A., is a full-size head and shoulders, and is an admirable likeness of the late Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Death of a well-known Journalist.—The death of Mr. J. A. Scott, editor of the *Irish Times*, occurred rather suddenly at his residence in Dublin towards the end of November. Mr. Scott had only just recovered from an acute attack of dyspepsia, and had resumed his duties as editor of the paper. He was in the *Irish Times* office the day before he died, and appeared to be in pretty good health and spirits. After attending to some matters of business he returned to his home, and having dined, retired to his library, where it was his custom to spend some time before coming down to his office to perform his duties for the night. In the library he was suddenly seized with an attack of syncope and passed peacefully away a few minutes later. Mr. Scott began his literary career in 1851, when he was about 19 years of age. He was associated with Dr. Maunsell and Mr. Le Fanu in the editorship and management of the *Dublin Evening Mail*, and afterwards edited the *Dublin University Magazine*. He became editor of the *Irish Times* in 1879, and held that position until his death. Mr. Scott was a widely known and respected Irish journalist.

Archbishop Walsh on Proselytism.—In the course of an address at the meeting of the friends and supporters of the Sacred Home, Drumcondra, his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin in scathing language condemned the vile and sinful traffic in the souls of Catholic children which is still carried on in the most brazen manner by proselytisers in the capital of Catholic Ireland. It was to combat this hateful traffic that the Sacred Heart Home was established. That it has done good work is evident from the fact that it has already rescued 750 children from these vile dens to which they had been consigned.

Death of Mr. Justice O'Brien.—The Right Hon. W. O'Brien, one of the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division in Ireland, died in the early part of November at his residence in Dublin. The cable informed us at the time that it was Sir Peter O'Brien, the Lord Chief Justice, who died. The deceased judge was in his 67th year. He worked as a reporter on the *Cork Examiner*, then as editor, and later as a lawyer he was appointed as a judge. A man of high ability and no little eloquence he often gave utterance to speeches from the Bench which were regarded as outside the strict province of a judge. In private life he was a most exemplary Catholic.

GALWAY.—Bishop McCormack on the University Question.—In the course of a letter to a Dublin newspaper regarding the attempt of the medical staff of the Queen's College, Galway, to veto the appointment of a Sister of Mercy as matron of the Galway County Hospital, his Lordship the Bishop of Galway says:—'I am not surprised that these Professors of the Queen's College have taken up this attitude of hostility to a Catholic appointment, as probably they have come to regard the County Galway Hospital as an outpost of the Galway Protestant education garrison. This addition to the stronghold of Protestant educational ascendancy would complete the monopoly. They have the Queen's College practically in their own hands. The Model School is simply a higher school for non-Catholics, and regarded by the Protestant body as one of their educational preserves. Add to these the Erasmus Smith Galway Grammar School, to which Mr. Justice O'Brien, in his singularly eloquent and able statement of the case, proves the rightful claim of certain Catholic children, but which is exclusively used as a Protestant endowed school, and we have a monopoly perhaps unequalled in any other town or city of Ireland. The Uitlanders are a majority of the Transvaal Republic, and the British Government have drawn the sword of war in assertion of the Uitlander claims, with an appalling expenditure of blood and money; but the Catholics of Ireland are a majority in a larger

ratio, and their claims are absolutely unheeded by the same British Government. Such is the method of operation of the boasted British even (?) keel!'

KERRY.—The Deanery of Tralee.—Canon Carmody, of Castletown, Berehaven, has been appointed by the most Rev. Dr. Coffey to the Deanery of Tralee. The new appointment has given great satisfaction, as the Canon is highly esteemed by all who know him.

LIMERICK.—A Training School for Catholic Girls.—The foundation-stone of a new training college for Catholic girls was laid at Limerick recently by his Lordship Bishop O'Dwyer. It will, when completed, provide accommodation for close on one hundred teachers. The college will have an imposing frontage on Prospect-hill, facing the road which runs from Henry-street to Ballynacarra. The main building is 161 feet long and 70 feet deep, with a height to the eaves of 56 feet. A recreation hall, 73 by 35 feet, and a kitchen, 30 by 26 feet, together with a covered gallery from the college, bring the frontage up to 330 feet long. There was a large attendance of the clergy and laity when the Bishop laid the foundation-stone of the new building. His Lordship, in the course of his address, said it is to be a purely denominational college. It will be entirely under the control of the Sisters of Mercy, and without any limitation whatsoever.

MAYO.—Mr. Michael Davitt's Constituency.—From the Home papers we learn that there were three candidates in the field for South Mayo, the seat vacated by Mr. Michael Davitt. They were Messrs. O'Connor Kelly, of Claremorris; Haviland Burke, of Claremorris; and O'Connor Power, of London.

TIPPERARY.—A Bazaar in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families.—A bazaar was held on December 7 in Cahir Castle, kindly lent by Lady Margaret Charters, in aid of the funds of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association. Among the most prominent patrons was the Rev. Father Power, parish priest of the district.

Presentations to a Popular Priest.—The Rev. Father O'Halloran, lately transferred from Portlaoise to the more important parochial charge of Ballywilliam, Youghal, and Newtown, has been made the recipient of a very fine selection of gifts for these churches, including ciborium, chalice, etc., in gold and silver, and a magnificent harmonium from Mr. P. M. Gleeson, Dublin, who is a native of Youghal parish. The esteemed rev. gentleman has also received a fine Virgin's altar and statue of the Immaculate Conception, as well as elegant Stations of the Cross in beautifully carved oak frames, etc. The presentation altogether was of an elaborate and costly character, and pays a high tribute to Father O'Halloran.

WESTMEATH.—A New Cathedral for Mullingar.—The Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, has decided to erect a new cathedral and also a seminary at Mullingar. The latter, which will cost £200,000, will be erected by the bishops and priests of the diocese, who for the last twenty-five years have contributed towards a fund for that purpose. To erect a new cathedral worthy of the Catholic traditions of the great diocese of Meath a public appeal will be made. The announcement has given general satisfaction, as it has long been felt that the present building was wholly inadequate for the large congregations which attended it.

GENERAL.

Injury to the Butter and Bacon Trade.—Immense injury has been done to the Irish bacon and butter industry by the fraudulent selling of American bacon as Irish, and of margarine as butter. A leading firm in Dublin has been fined £20 for the former offence, and Mr. Mahony, the magistrate, stated that in case of repetition he would send the managing director to prison, as his jurisdiction was plenary. A provision merchant, on being fined £5 for selling margarine as butter, profusely thanked Mr. Mahony for not fining him more heavily.

Eviction Made Easy.—An official return shows that no less than 1188 eviction-made-easy notices were served on Irish tenants during July, August, and September. This means, without writs, bailiffs, or police, these poor people can be turned out on an order obtained at any petty sessions, and there can be no doubt that should the vigilance of the United Irish League be relaxed, these and other poor tenants would be ruthlessly thrown on the roadside.

Irish Surgeons not Required.—The Council of the Irish College of Surgeons offered to send high experts to South Africa to assist in the treatment of the wounded, but the War Office declined the offer. This is the thanks the College have got for dissociating themselves from the general protest of the medical profession at the treatment of army surgeons. When the army was boycotted by the profession at large the Irish College of Surgeons stepped in and accepted the offer of the Government to nominate emergency men. They have now leisure to reflect upon the extent of the gratitude of the War Department.

Irish Uitlanders.—The Irish Catholics, after a struggle extending over hundreds of years, have good reason (says the *Catholic Times*) to envy the Uitlanders, for apparently they must always remain Uitlanders in their own land. The other day a charge of an agrarian character was heard at Sligo. Five-sixths of the people of Sligo are Catholics, but not a single Catholic in Sligo is to be trusted on his oath. That at least is the sound Government doctrine. One after another, over twenty Catholics were told to 'stand aside' when called to serve as jurors, and a carefully packed jury was chosen from which every professor of the detested creed was rigidly excluded. No one, we think, will be astonished that our correspondent should say 'there are Uitlanders elsewhere than in the Transvaal.' From the Bench, too, the Uitlander has been very successfully excluded. There were four Catholic judges out