

Irish News.

CLARE.—A Sad Occurrence.—A disaster, resembling in some respects that which took place at Gneevequilla, County Kerry, some years ago, occurred in the Looch district, a remote part of the County Clare, lying between Lisdoonvarna and the Cliffs of Moher. Recent heavy rains had swollen the mountain stream to an abnormal extent, and consequently the bogs for miles around were flooded to a degree which gave the country the appearance of a vast lake. This culminated in a great bog slide in the district mentioned. Fortunately but one house lay in the direct line of the moving bog. That was overwhelmed like a house of cards, and two inmates, a Mrs. Margaret McCarthy, aged 68, and a young woman named Egan being killed.

CORK.—A Protest against Jury Packing.—At the quarterly meeting of the Cork County Council the following resolution was passed unanimously:—‘That we, the members of the Cork County Council, condemn in the most emphatic manner the foul system of jury packing as practised at the Cork Assizes held recently.’ The resolution was a proper one, no doubt, but until the Catholic jurors take strong steps to resent the insults to which they are publicly subjected because of their faith, at the various assizes, they may expect nothing else. The time is ripe for decided and combined action on the part of Catholic jurors who are insolently ordered to ‘stand aside.’

An Address on Temperance.—On the occasion of the opening of St. Finbar's West Working Men's Temperance Club, Cork, his Grace Archbishop Ireland delivered a powerful address on temperance. He said he had celebrated the anniversary of Father Mathew's birth in many cities in the United States, but never before had he the pleasure of celebrating it in Cork, where Father Mathew lived. It refreshed his soul to see Cork, because of the memories of Father Mathew.

DONEGAL.—The Representation of the Northern Division.—Discussing the defeat of Mr. Arthur O'Connor in North Donegal, the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says: ‘Mr. Arthur O'Connor's rejection for North Donegal is to be regretted, for the House of Commons possesses few abler members and none who were more complete masters of its procedure than this reserved and self-contained man. The event is also a further blow to Mr. Healy, in whose following Mr. Arthur O'Connor was perhaps the most powerful figure. No one of his many losses is comparable to this. There can be no doubt, indeed, that his own seat would have been lost had the United League been able to put forward a candidate of the type of Mr. Davitt instead of a stranger and an Englishman, for whom the Nationalist electorate could not be induced to vote. However, the way in which the Irishmen are closing their ranks is a fresh testimony to the keen political sense of the country. Mr. Healy is, no doubt, a power in himself, but this time no man of much individuality is likely to stand by his side.’

DUBLIN.—The Study of Irish.—An Irish class has been opened at the Female Teachers' Training College, Baginbun street, Dublin, which is under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy. Miss Frances Sullivan, daughter of Mr. T. D. Sullivan, has undertaken the tuition.

The Anniversary of St. Vincent's Hospital.—The sixty-ninth anniversary of the foundation of St. Vincent's Hospital was celebrated recently by a dinner in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin. Dr. Cox presided, and among those present were the Right Rev. Mgr. Gargan, President of Maynooth; the Rev. T. A. Findlay, S.J., and Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P. In the course of his address the chairman said they looked back with pride to the work of that great woman, Mary Aikenhead, who founded the Order to which the ladies of the hospital belonged at a time when so little was done for the poor of the city and of the country. She planned how she might best relieve the poor around her, and it was in accordance with her splendid idea that that hospital was established. It had never since lacked public favor.

Death of a well-known Journalist.—The death is reported of Mr. Theophilus McWeeney, chief reporter of the *Freeman's Journal*. The sad occurrence deprives Irish journalism of one of its oldest, brightest, and best-beloved members. Mr. McWeeney was a familiar figure to the citizens of Dublin of two generations. The personal friend of the late Sir John Gray, who promoted him chief of the reporting staff on the late Mr. Milne's retirement, Mr. McWeeney was in his way a local celebrity. He reported the speeches of Daniel O'Connell, Shiel, Smith O'Brien, Whiteside, Butt, O'Hagan, Sullivan, Keogh, Ball—in short, the eloquence of every Irish orator of the Queen's reign. His reminiscences were teeming with interest. He had an inexhaustible fund of anecdote of men of the time. Energetic and resourceful, he did, as the phrase is, yeoman service for the *Freeman's Journal*, which, thanks to his efforts, was always abreast with and generally before its contemporaries in the news of the day. Hence when the *Freeman* was converted into a limited liability company his services were recognised. Of late years—though he may be said to have died in harness—his failing health prevented him from doing much; but his heart was in his work, and he would not feel content unless he turned up regularly at the office to see how things were going on. Mr. McWeeney leaves two distinguished sons, one of them a Fellow of the Royal University, and the other Dr. McWeeney of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, a leading analyst and bacteriologist.

GALWAY.—The Diocesan Cathedral.—Preaching at the Pro-Cathedral, Loughrea, the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, said the new Cathedral, now rapidly nearing completion,

would be one of the handsomest churches in the West of Ireland. As soon as the Cathedral was finished a new seminary would be built.

The new Member for the Borough.—Writing on the elections, the *Speaker* says:—We heartily congratulate the Irish people on their successes in the present elections. They have returned for Galway a young man who is indeed separate from and opposed to the National political organisation, but one who is the eldest son of a distinguished Irish family, patriotic, bearing a name deservedly popular among his fellow-countrymen attached to them by his religion and training, and one moreover pledged to neutrality on the question of Home Rule and to the active support of Mr. Balfour's scheme for a Catholic University. It is emphatically not a victory for the ‘ascendancy’ party, for the ‘Castle’ or the ‘garrison.’ In Dublin the two successes of the Nationalists are again matters that should rejoice every sincere Home Ruler.

KERRY.—The new Member for the Southern Division.—Mr. John Boland, who has been returned unopposed for South Kerry, and whose name, new to public life, baffled most enterprising biographers, is, says the *Daily Chronicle*, a young man whose adhesion is a distinct gain to the ranks of Parliamentary Nationalists. A nephew of Dr. Donnelly, one of the most respected of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, Mr. John Boland was entrusted to Cardinal Newman's Oratory School for his early education, which he completed at Oxford. He has been called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, and he not long ago became a newspaper proprietor by his purchase of the *Weekly Register*, formerly the favorite organ of Cardinal Manning. Mr. Boland, who brings to his new career the great expectations of his friends, will find at least two of his old schoolfellows from Birmingham at Westminster—Lord Edmund Talbot and the Hon. Martin Morris.

An Award at the Woman's Exhibition.—The proprietors of the Kerry Knitting Company at the Earl's Court Woman's Exhibition—Messrs. Thomas Galvin and Sons—have received from the Duchess of York, who was particularly attracted by the company's stand on the occasion of her recent visit, an order for several articles manufactured in Tralee. Messrs. Galvin and Sons have been awarded the gold medal for their exhibits at the exhibition, now about to close.

KILKENNY.—Archbishop Ireland Visits His Native County.—His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Ireland on returning from Rome to America spent some time in Kilkenny, his native county. He was the guest of Father Dunphy, P.P., Cuffesgrange. In the parochial church his Grace delivered an impressive discourse before a large congregation. He afterwards visited St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, where he was the guest of Dr. Doyle, the esteemed President.

KING'S COUNTY.—Death of a Venerable Religious.—The announcement of the death of Sister Mary Gertrude Dunne, which occurred at the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Joseph's, Tullamore, created deep regret in the town. The deceased Sister had attained the eighty-second year of her age.

LIMERICK.—Assisting the Pilgrims.—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer has on many occasions given practical proof of his interest in the people of Limerick, and one of the latest is an arrangement by his Lordship by which two members of the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family attached to the Redemptorist Church will be enabled to visit the Vatican during the Jubilee celebrations. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer will not alone defray the incidental travelling expenses, but will also pay the men selected their weekly wage during their fortnight's trip. The two men, selected by ballot out of 5000, were Messrs. John O'Shaughnessy and Michael Bourke. Mr. E. Moloney, one of the secretaries to the confraternity, has also been elected by that body to go to Rome.

WICKLOW.—Finding a Snake.—St. Patrick did not banish all the snakes from Ireland. Mr. McIntosh, steward on Sir Robert Hodson's estate, Hollybrook, Bray, happened lately to come across a specimen measuring 26 inches in length. The unwelcome visitor was quickly despatched.

GENERAL.

New Members of Parliament.—The following new Nationalist Members of Parliament have been elected for Irish constituencies:—J. Boland, South Kerry; James Boyle, West Donegal; E. Haviland Burke, Tullamore; J. Campbell, South Armagh; D. J. Cogan, East Wicklow; John Cullinan, South Tipperary; W. P. Delany, Ossory; M. Duffy, South Galway; J. Jordan, South Fermanagh; Alderman Joyce, Limerick City; P. J. Kennedy, North Westmeath; E. Leamy, North Kildare; William Landon, East Limerick; James McCann, Stephen's Green; F. McFadden, East Donegal; Thomas McGovern, West Cavan; William McKillop, North Sligo; John J. Mooney, South Dublin; John Murphy, East Kerry; Joseph P. Nannetti, College Green; Colonel Nolan, North Galway; Joseph Nolan, South Louth; William O'Brien, Cork City; K. E. O'Brien, Mid-Tipperary; William O'Doherty, North Donegal; Thomas O'Donnell, West Kerry; John O'Dowd, South Sligo; Conor O'Kelly, North Mayo; James O'Mara, South Kilkenny; P. J. O'Shaughnessy, West Limerick; M. Reddy, King's County (Birr); Patrick White, North Meath.

Some of the Officers of the Irish Guards.—Major Douglas J. Hamilton, who was appointed from the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) to command the new battalion has seen war service in the land of the Pharaohs, in the Arabi Pasha Campaign in 1882, and in the Sudan three years later. Of the six second lieutenants appointed, four are Irish and two Scottish, and strange to say, all are at present in South Africa. Lord Settrington (the future Duke of Richmond and Gordon) and Lord H. A. Montague-Douglas-Scott (brother of the Duke of Buccleuch) are serving on Lord Roberts's