

Irish News.

ARMAGH.—Profession at Ardee.—In the early part of November the ceremony of the profession of a nun took place at Ardee. The young lady who made her vows and became a professed Sister of Mercy was Miss Katie M'Mahon, fourth daughter of Mr. James M'Mahon, of Armagh. The Very Rev. Canon A. Rogers, P.P., Ardee, representing his Eminence Cardinal Logue, officiated.

Help for the Evicted Tenants.—The priests and people of the Archdiocese of Armagh have come to the rescue of the wounded soldiers of the land war in a way which reflects infinite credit upon them. The collections already taken up in Dundalk, Ardee, and elsewhere are splendid testimony to the generosity of these sturdy northern patriots. In the small town of Ardee alone £50 has been subscribed. If the country at large (says the *Catholic Times*) would only take the matter up in the same spirit, these long-suffering people would soon be provided with homes of their own. As long as they remain on the roadside, the farmers of Ireland for whom they sacrificed themselves will have little to be proud of. They should see to it that the taunt of ingratitude so often levelled at them is not borne out in this case. We often hear of the ingratitude of England towards her wounded soldiers. The sacrifice of these latter cannot be compared with those of the evicted tenants who sacrificed their entire families—fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives, and children for the common weal.

ANTRIM.—Actions for Damages.—Close on 80 actions for damages have been entered in the Belfast Courts against the owners of the Dromedary and Alligator for injuries and loss sustained through the collision between those steamers in Belfast Lough last July.

CARLOW.—Consecrating a High Altar at Newtown Church.—On Sunday, November 4, the ceremonies in connection with the consecration of the new high altar and the blessing of a new bell in Newtown Church, County Carlow, were performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley. The design of the altar was prepared by Mr. Patrick O'Neill, architect.

Destruction of Hunting Stables.—Mr. Ward, of Bagnalstown, suffered a severe loss recently through the destruction by fire of his extensive hunting stables.

CORK.—Death of a Cork Woman in San Francisco.—News has been received in Cork of the death in San Francisco of Mrs. O'Reilly at the venerable age of 102 years. Mrs. O'Reilly was born in 1795 at Rathclare, County of Cork, Ireland. In 1867 she went to America and resided in San Francisco nearly all the time since she crossed the Atlantic. Her rules of life were to live plainly, observe regular habits and always keep mind and body occupied. As age crept upon her her occupation narrowed down to knitting, and up to the time she was taken with her fatal illness she was constantly busy during all the day with her knitting needles. Up to within a few hours of her death she retained all her senses. Her sight and hearing were perfect, and she boasted that doctors were never numbered among her acquaintances. Medicines she never took and she never had an hour's illness until a few days before her death, when she contracted a severe cold.

DUBLIN.—Want of Practical Patriotism.—A Dublin weekly, the *Leader*, has an apt article on the almost universal use of English shoddy by Irishmen. English material and English make are found everywhere. Irish material and Irish make form the rare exception. The Irish laborer can get an honest well-wearing suit of ready-made Irish clothes for 21 shillings, but very few of his class insist upon having Irish-made coats. This to the casual reader may seem a small matter, but in a country of extreme poverty it is a matter of the first magnitude. The *Leader* estimates that two millions of men and women spend three pounds a year on clothes, and that they might, were they so minded, procure all the material and labor as cheaply and advantageously in Ireland, and points out that there might be a total possible home-trade in clothes alone of six millions sterling per annum. The amount that Ireland actually spends on Irish clothes is estimated at \$400,000. The causes for this unpatriotic boycott of Irish manufacture may well baffle the best minds. For years and years in print and on platform the populace have been exhorted to give their own countryman a fair chance in his handicapped race with English and other foreigners, but the people somehow prefer to obtain their supplies of clothing from outside the country, and create no demand for Irish material for manufacturing ready-made clothing. The *Leader* is disposed to blame the merchant tailors. The big drapery houses, it writes, give a good deal of encouragement to Irish cloth. But the merchant tailors as a body are too 'high-class' altogether. If they do get Irish stuff, they buy it in London or Scotland, for it would never do for 'high-class' merchant tailors to buy from a mere Irish wholesale house, and the patriotic people who deal with them are apparently abetting them, or are afraid to protest against the boycott. Unquestionably this opinion is supported by unpalatable but undoubted facts. Still, the merchant tailors are the merest fraction of the people, who could, if they so cared, create a demand for products racy of the soil; and for some reason or other the people seem in no way to care.

A Sporting Doctor.—Surgeon M'Ardle of Dublin, who was recently elected, by a large majority, to the vacancy in the Council of the College of Surgeons, is an instance of an eminent and very successful surgeon who is well known in the sporting world. He is a connoisseur of dogs and horses, a smart whip (especially with a tandem), a clever shot, and has at various times owned and run winners on the Turf—besides the rather unusual distinction of having several well-known horses named after him.

Thomas Davis's Anniversary.—The anniversary of the birth of Thomas Davis was celebrated by the holding of a grand National Concert in the large Concert Room of the Rotunda. Mr. T. O'Neill Russell presided, and there was a crowded attendance.

The Royal University.—At the ceremony of conferring degrees in connection with the Royal University, Dublin, Lord Morris, who presided, delivered a speech, the 'Jingo' tone of which gave considerable offence. A number of those present showed their dissent by frequent interruptions and the singing of patriotic songs, including 'God save Ireland' and 'Who fears to speak of '98.' The almost unanimous opinion of those present was that while Lord Morris has a perfect right to his opinions on the South African War and kindred subjects, he should have reserved them for elsewhere. The results of the examinations show once more the supremacy of the unendowed Catholic colleges. Three of the four studentships go to Catholic students:—Miss Mary Bowler, B.A., of the Loreto College, Stephen's green, in Modern Literature; Patrick J. Boylan, of Clonliffe College, in Mental and Moral Philosophy; and Alphonsus J. O'Farrelly, of University College, Stephen's green, in Experimental Science. The remaining studentship in Mathematical Science goes to James Rice, of Queen's College, Belfast.

FERMANAGH.—Success of a Maghera Lady.—Among the few who secured the much-coveted distinction of first-class honors with a first-class exhibition at the recent examinations for the degree of B.A. in R.U.I. is Miss Helena Walsh. This young lady is a daughter of Mr. Louis Walsh, Maghera, and she has had a most brilliant scholastic career. As an intermediate student her success was very marked. In the three grades, junior, middle, and senior, she secured the large gold medal for first place in grade, and the small gold medal for first place in modern languages. In middle grade she had the unique distinction of being the only girl who ever beat the boys. All through her university course she has been an exhibitor, and in 1897 she carried off a scholarship for modern literature. Miss Walsh has been engaged to teach German and Italian in the Loreto Convent, Letterkenny.

GALWAY.—Reception at the Westport Convent.—At the Convent of Mercy, Westport, the ceremony of conferring the white veil took place recently, when Miss Theresa Henry, third daughter of Mr. Richard Henry, merchant, Ballyhaunis, was received into the Order, taking in religion the name of Sister Francis Borgia. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. MacEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, officiated.

KERRY.—Congratulating a School Teacher.—The Irish National Teachers have been offering their congratulations to Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, a member of their body, who has been elected M.P. for West Kerry.

LOUTH.—A Martyr to Duty.—The cause of Catholic charity and education in Ireland has sustained a severe loss in the death of Mother M. Evangelist Bradley, superioress and foundress of St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Drogheda, one of the most successful in Ireland. Mother Evangelist, whose life in religion extended over nearly 50 years, entered the convent when Ireland was decimated by famine and fever, and for the long period of nearly half a century that intervened between her novitiate and her death, she devoted herself with untiring zeal and unbounded success to the comfort and relief of the suffering and the poor. Her death was worthy of her life. She had gone to assist in the nursing of the poor house hospital patients, and was herself struck down by a fatal malady to which she speedily succumbed. Her funeral from the poor house to the convent cemetery was a very impressive and touching ceremonial.

MAYO.—Death of a County Councillor.—Mr. William P. Flatley, M.E., member of the Mayo County Council, died at his residence, Claremorris, after a week's illness. Deceased was only 39 years of age. Mr. Flatley was a prominent figure in the United Irish League movement, and the news of his death was received with widespread regret throughout the county.

The Cost of a Kick.—At the Ballinrobe Quarter Sessions Mr. G. O'Connor, B.L., applied on behalf of Constable Kelly, of the Ballyhaunis Police Station, for £200 for malicious injury sustained while in the discharge of his duty at Ballyhaunis. Mr. A. B. Kelly opposed on behalf of the Mayo County Council. The evidence in the case was: On August 18 a special harvest train was leaving Ballyhaunis, and a harvest-man named Nestor kicked up a row with the stationmaster about his ticket, and was not permitted to travel with the train. He then assaulted the stationmaster and was ejected from the station forcibly. When outside the station he fell, and was arrested and brought to the barrack, and while there he gave Constable Kelly a kick in the shin. Constable Kelly had to go to hospital. Dr. Crean, who first attended him, said, in his opinion, he would require 12 months' rest, or else he would not be able to discharge his duty as a policeman. Dr. Kelly agreed. His Lordship allowed £200, to be levied on the County of Mayo.

MEATH.—Death of a Religious.—The death is reported of Mother Mary Bernard Farrell, which occurred at the Convent of Mercy, Navan. The deceased nun was in the sixty-sixth year of her age.

ROSCOMMON.—The British Minister at Constantinople.—Sir Nicholas R. O'Connor, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, accompanied by his wife and children, has arrived at the family seat, Dundermott, County Roscommon.

WICKLOW.—The Parnell Estate.—With reference to Mr. Boylan's offer to transfer the entire Parnell estate to Mr. John Howard Parnell for £8000, Mr. John Redmond points out that under the terms of their trust the trustees of the American Parnell Estate Fund are unable to deal with the estate as a whole or with any portion of it except the house and demesne of Avondale.