

CORK.—Death of a Pilgrim at Rome.—Miss Frances Flynn, of Cork, sister to Mr. J. C. Flynn, M.P., who accompanied the Irish pilgrims to Rome, died in the Eternal City, and her remains were interred in the Cemetery of San Lorenzo. The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, and other distinguished ecclesiastics were present.

Prohibiting Street Preaching.—The Corporation of Cork has passed a by-law prohibiting 'street preaching' within the borough.

DUBLIN.—Dedication of a Church.—His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh dedicated the beautiful new church of St. Margaret, County Dublin, on Sunday, November 25.

A Trenchant Reply.—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has rendered signal service to the Catholic University question by his trenchant exposure of the fallacies propounded at a recent meeting of the College Historical Society. Mr Justice Fitzgibbon, in the course of an able address, declared that it would be historically untrue to describe Trinity College as a monument of Protestant ascendancy. His Grace had but to quote from a speech of Judge Webb, an eminent member of the University, in which he declared that 'their University was founded by Protestants, for Protestants, and in the Protestant interest. As a Protestant, he for one said, and he said boldly, Protestant might it evermore remain.' Judge Webb simply voiced the opinion of Irish Protestants generally.

GALWAY.—Demise of a well-known Galway Man.—Mr Coleman O'Donohoe, of Prairie House and Merchants' road, Galway, died on Monday, November 5. The funeral, which was one of the largest ever witnessed in Galway, was attended by the leading professional gentlemen, merchants, traders, and citizens. The Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, Lord Bishop, presided at the Office and High Mass.

Death of Lord Oranmore.—On Thursday, November 15, Geoffrey Dominick Augustus Frederick Browne-Guthrie, second Baron Oranmore and Browne, died suddenly at his late residence, Castle Macgarrett, Claremorris. He had reached the advanced age of 81 years. Lord Oranmore was a representative peer of Ireland, having been elected in 1869, and was frequently heard in the House of Lords during discussions on the Irish Land Question. He was a zealous advocate of Tory and landlord ideas, and an uncompromising opponent of every reform sought by the Irish people. He is succeeded by his son, Geoffrey Henry Browne, M.A. (Cantab.), who was born in January, 1861, and was formerly a lieutenant in the 4th Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers.

KERRY.—Admitted to the Bar.—Mr. James Michael Burke, B.A., seventh son of the late Patrick Burke, a merchant of Skibbereen, has been admitted to the Bar. At the recent final law examination he secured first place, in addition to prizes amounting to £150. During his collegiate career Mr. Burke won a number of distinctions.

KING'S COUNTY.—Serious Illness of a District Coroner.—Rev. Dr. Gowing, P.P. Kildare, was unavoidably prevented from joining the Irish Pilgrimage party to Rome by the sudden and extreme illness of his brother, Mr. W. A. Gowing, coroner, King's County, whose name has long been associated with the first establishment of religious Sisters (the Order of Mercy) as hospital nurses, and educationists in poorhouses and public institutions of a like character in Ireland, and who thus made his name early as a benefactor of humanity.

LIMERICK.—The Drafter of the Joint Pastoral of the Hierarchy.—I learn on excellent authority, writes an Irish correspondent, 'that the Bishop who drafted the joint pastoral which was unanimously adopted without the alteration of a single syllable by Cardinal Logue and the archbishops and bishops of Ireland, and which has secured such universal admiration and approval, was the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick.'

LONGFORD.—Encouragement of the Irish Language.—The Ballymahon District Council has called upon the Longford County Council to offer a yearly prize or bonus to the teacher of the Irish language having the largest number of efficient pupils in Irish, with the view of encouraging the cultivation of the language in the country.

ROSCOMMON.—A Lady Lecturer Appointed.—Miss O'Connor Eccles, an authoress of no mean ability, and a well-known Roscommon lady, is engaged by the new Board of Agriculture for Ireland to give a series of lectures in Irish towns during the winter.

A Generous Donation.—Colonel M. Burke, late of Carrowroe Park, Roscommon, has just forwarded a cheque for £50 towards the completion of the Catholic Church in the town of Roscommon.

WEXFORD.—An almost Crimeless County.—Addressing the grand jury at Enniscorthy his Honor Judge Kane congratulated them upon the immunity from crime which the County Wexford enjoyed. In his opinion, based on experience, whatever crime existed in a county was to a great extent dependent on the number of licensed houses. He regretted to say that the number of licensed houses was increasing. If it had not been for one small case there would be a crimeless calendar for the county.

An Australian Visitor.—The most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton, West Australia, is on a visit to Ireland. He is staying with Father Kehoe, Bridgetown, County Wexford. His Lordship is an Australian by birth but Irish by descent, a fact of which he is quite proud. In the course of an interview with a representative of the *Wexford People* his Lordship strongly expressed the feelings of pain and regret caused in Australia by the divisions amongst the Irish Parliamentarians.

TWO DECEASED AUSTRALIAN PRELATES.

THE LATE BISHOP BYRNE OF BATHURST.

A BRIEF cable message in Monday's daily papers announced the demise of the Right Rev. Joseph Patrick Byrne, D.D., Bishop of Bathurst. The deceased prelate had been for a considerable time in failing health, and suffered greatly from the insidious attacks of internal cancer, which he bore with wonderful good spirits and Christian fortitude. He attended the meetings of the First Australasian Catholic Congress held in Sydney during last September, after which he made a short stay at the pretty seaside resort of Kiama. From there he returned to his episcopal residence at Bathurst, where a few days ago he succumbed to the dire malady that had so long afflicted him.

The late Right Rev. Dr. Byrne was a native of Dublin. He made his early studies for the ecclesiastical state at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Seminary, Harcourt street, in that city, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Quinn, who was subsequently appointed Bishop of the See of Bathurst. Dr. Byrne's ecclesiastical studies were completed in France, and after his ordination to the priesthood he accompanied Dr. Quinn, his former president—who was consecrated Bishop of Bathurst on November 14, 1865—to his new sphere of labors under the Southern Cross. Except for a short period, during which he conducted missions in the diocese of Maitland, the remainder of the late prelate's life was devoted to the work of the sacred ministry in Bathurst. For several years he held the responsible position of President of St. Stanislaus College, and discharged the arduous duties of Vicar-General and Administrator of the diocese during the absence of Bishop Quinn. The latter died on January 17, 1885, and Dr. Byrne was, at the unanimous request of the prelates of the province, appointed to succeed him. Dr. Byrne was consecrated in the Cathedral at Bathurst on August 9, 1885. The Right Rev. Dr. Murray, Bishop of Maitland, was the consecrating prelate, and was assisted at the solemn function by the Right Rev. Dr. Lanigan, Bishop of Goulburn, and Dr. Torreggiani, Bishop of Armidale. The deceased prelate 'has,' says Cardinal Moran in his great *History of the Catholic Church in Australasia*, 'strenuously and successfully carried on the great works of education and religion begun by his predecessor, and, like him, has been a model to his clergy in his unwearying and self-sacrificing toil. With his Lordship's approval, a vast extent of territory was in 1887 detached from the diocese of Bathurst to form part of the newly-erected diocese of Wilcannia, whilst some districts belonging to the see of Armidale were added to Bathurst.' The late Bishop was greatly beloved by his priests and people, among whom his memory will long be affectionately cherished.—*R.I.P.*

THE LATE DR. SALVADO.

A cable message to the Sydney *Freeman* from its Rome correspondent states that the Right Rev. Dr. Salvado, O.S.B., died in that city on December 29. The venerable prelate was the *doyen* of Australian prelates. Consecrated in 1849, he was by two years the senior of Archbishop Murphy, of Hobart. His Lordship had been working on the W.A. mission since 1846, and had attained the fine age of 86 years. The late prelate was a Spaniard by birth, and one of the oldest, if not the patriarch, of the British colonial episcopate. He was Bishop of Adreana and Lord Abbot of the Monastery of New Norcia in Western Australia. After a glorious episcopate of more than half a century in one of the wildest, as it is now one of the richest, of British possessions, the aged and revered Bishop went to Europe to seek there a new batch of willing and zealous apostles to carry once more the torch of faith and civilisation to the benighted children of the aborigines of Western Australia—to follow in the footsteps of their countrymen who 70 years ago left the port of Barcelona for the then uncivilised regions beneath the Southern Cross, and in which they reaped a rich harvest for Jesus Christ and the Church of God.—*R.I.P.*

SOUTHLAND NEWS NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones, Minister of Public Works, accompanied by several members of his family, has been on tour to Southland. He had intended to spend a few days' relaxation at the Western Otago lakes, but came to Eastern Bush, Otago, to attend the banquet given to Mr. Gilfedder, M.H.R. The Minister himself was tendered a social at Invercargill on Wednesday by the trade and labor unions.

The Catholics of Wyndham are earnestly adopting the suggestion made by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore, on his last visit, viz., the formation of a literary and debating society, and judging from the interest already displayed the result promises to be eminently satisfactory.

The *Mataura Ensign* (Gore) has just changed hands, the new proprietors being Messrs Anderson (formerly of the *Otago Daily Times*), Hart (the *Ensign* editor), and Macara (senior compositor). Another Southland journal is likely to change its ownership shortly.

The proposal of the Hon. J. G. Ward to put a fast Government vessel on Lake Wakatipu is meeting with the hearty approbation of all classes in Southland, as the steamer authorities at present offer no inducement to tourists and others wishing to make a short sojourn at the lakes.

Steps are being taken to form a volunteer corps at Wyndham, but success is somewhat doubtful.

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