

grave of Mr. Neil Gillon, a generous benefactor of the Letterkenny Cathedral, as a mark of gratitude for the £5000 which Mr. Gillon gave towards the building fund.

St. Andrew's Day.—Scotland's National Feast Day, November 30, was patriotically observed by Scottish Catholics all over the country with great solemnity and joy. The churches were well attended in the morning and in the evening in many of the towns and districts of the country jubilant social gatherings, characterised by speech, song, and sentiment, were held in honor of the occasion. The relic of St. Andrew was duly exposed both morning and evening of the feast in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, while in the same church on the following Sunday at the evening service it was carried in solemn procession by Archbishop Smith, who, before a crowded and interested congregation, pontificated for the first time in the Cathedral since his appointment to the Metropolitan See.

UNITED STATES.—Illness of the Coadjutor-Bishop of Chicago.—It is reported that the Right Rev. Alexander McGavick, D.D., Coadjutor-Bishop of Chicago, has resigned his office because of ill health. This will necessitate the appointment of another assistant prelate, as Archbishop Feehan is also suffering from chronic illness.

Higher Education of Catholic Women.—Under the shadow of the Catholic University at Washington, U.S.A., the Sisters of Notre Dame, a body of nuns well known and justly esteemed for their scholastic labors, have opened a college which is destined to have a great influence on the higher education of women not only in the United States, but throughout Christendom. Mgr. Conaty, Rector of the Catholic University of America, who, at the blessing of this new foundation, which is called Trinity College, preached on November 22, in the presence of a distinguished gathering, including the Papal Delegate, Mgr. Martinelli, Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Nugent, and many other representative men, assured them that at the threshold of the new century the Catholic University gave greeting to Trinity as to a younger sister. And such in every respect Trinity promises to be. One nun holds the professorship of Greek; another is professor of Latin; yet another teaches the most advanced mathematics, and for English Sister Mary Joseph has been wisely brought from Liverpool. Several of the teachers have studied in Europe the better to fit themselves for the discharge of their functions, and all are eminently qualified for the posts they are to fill. The establishment of Trinity College seems indeed to bring back the days when, as Mgr. Conaty reminded his hearers, the most responsible positions at Universities were filled by Catholic women—when Prospera di Rossi taught Scripture at the University of Bologna and Novella d'Andrea Canon Law.

WEDDING BELLS.

LYNSKEY—QUINN.

(From our Timaru Correspondent.)

THE marriage of Miss Catherine D. Quinn (for many years organist of St. Joseph's Church), eldest daughter of Mr. M. Quinn, J.P., Temuka, to Mr. M. Lynskey, Kaiapoi, took place on Wednesday last at St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, the Rev. Father Galerne officiating. The bride was attired in a handsome costume of white silk trimmed with lace, with the customary wreath and veil, and had for bridesmaids her sister, Miss Lucy Quinn, Miss Lynskey, the Misses Leahy, and Miss Flynn, all dressed in white muslin trimmed with insertion and lace. Mr. P. Lynskey, brother of the bridegroom, acted as groomsmen. At the conclusion of the ceremony Miss Flynn played the Wedding March, and the many friends of the families adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where a reception was held. The breakfast was laid in a huge marquee erected for the occasion. Mr. Mundell was in the chair and Mr. Eiby in the vice-chair, and the usual toasts were duly honored. Among those present were the Rev. Fathers Galerne, Aubry, and Hyland, Mr. Warren, ex-Police Inspector Buckley, and Messrs. J. and W. Fitzgerald. In replying to the toast of his health Mr. Quinn pointed out a singular circumstance that Mrs. Quinn and himself were godmother and godfather to the young man who had now become their son-in-law. Telegrams were received from all parts of the Colony wishing the young couple prosperity, and the numerous and costly wedding presents were evidence of the popularity of the newly-wedded pair. The young couple left by the south express to spend the honeymoon.

JEFFERSON—KNIGHT.

A quiet marriage took place at the Priory on Wednesday last (writes our Timaru correspondent) the contracting parties being Mr. O. A. Jefferson, manager of the local branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company, and Miss Winnie Knight, fourth daughter of Mr. J. C. Knight, of Timaru. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Aubry. The honeymoon was spent in the Waitaki and Waiho districts. The wedding party was limited to immediate relations.

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AN IRISH MISSIONARY SCHOOL.

A WRITER in a Cork newspaper recently paid a visit to the Missionary school in connection with the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Callan, County Kilkenny, and thus describes the institution and its work:—

For such noble work as falls to the lot of the missionary nuns in foreign climes—climes that differ as widely as the wilds of Africa and the prairies of America, the West Indies and Australia, Canada and China—it is obvious that special training is required at home. It would never do if aspirants went out, full of enthusiasm, perhaps, only to find that they had not a vocation or were for some reason unsuited to the work in the particular place they singled out as their destination.

To provide a means against disappointment on the part of the young missionaries themselves, as well as on the part of those workers in foreign lands eager for helpers, the happy idea was conceived now more than 16 years ago of establishing a school exclusively for training nuns for the foreign mission. That school was established in connection with the Convent of Mercy, Callan, County Kilkenny, and is known as St. Brigid's Missionary School. It owes its origin to Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, who was the Bishop of Ossory at the time when the idea was first suggested. The present Bishop of Ossory, the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, is the present patron of the institution.

It is not every layman who has had the privilege of seeing this great missionary school at work, and of seeing for himself how the future workers in foreign lands are trained for their sacred missions. That privilege was the writer's during his visit to Callan on a recent occasion. The experience was an interesting one, not soon to be forgotten. Here, it was realised, is no ordinary school, but an institution that is the centre from which culture, Christian kindness, charity, religious zeal, and fervor go forth to many lands, carrying with them sweet consolation and salvation! The work is indeed noble that paves the way for noble deeds!

Aspirants come from almost every county in Ireland to the missionary school—from Cork even to Donegal. Life at St. Brigid's is pleasant in the extreme. The future nuns have for their accommodation the whole of what was the Mercy Convent before the present beautiful building was erected. It is a spacious establishment, and is situated amidst pretty surroundings at the Kilkenny side of Callan. Every care is taken of the physical health of the students, and while they get through a great deal of study they have ample time for recreation in the open air in the convent grounds.

Cheerfulness and contentment reign supreme. The young ladies are at perfect liberty as to the Order they will select, and the country they will go to when their studies are finished here, and they and the experienced nuns who have trained them are satisfied as to their vocation. It should be borne in mind that the aspirants in St. Brigid's School are trained for all Orders alike. No distinction whatsoever is made in respect to the Mercy Order. The one object in view is to train for the Missionary life. And accounts from all parts of the world from the 200 or so of the old pupils who are now Missionary nuns abroad, prove in the most conclusive manner how admirably the object is achieved. Truly, this is a noble work which is being carried out by the Sisters of Mercy at Callan, County Kilkenny!

DEATH OF MR. MULHALL, THE EMINENT STATISTICIAN.

MR. MICHAEL G. MULHALL, the eminent Catholic statistician and journalist, died at his residence Killiney, Dublin, on December 13. It is very strange that we have had to wait for the Home papers to hear of the death of Mr. Mulhall, whose fame was world-wide, whilst the demise of titled nonentities is cabled to the colonies every other day. Mr. Mulhall was born in Roscommon town, County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1836, and was educated at the Irish College in Rome. For many years he lived in the Argentine Republic, where he was engaged in journalism. The Buenos Aires *Standard*, the first English daily paper printed in South America, was founded in 1851 by Mr. Mulhall. He afterwards returned to Ireland. Since 1880 he contributed articles on scientific and statistical subjects to various Irish, American, and English magazines and newspapers. Mulhall's first important work, published in 1880, was entitled *The Progress of the World*. His greatest work, the *Dictionary of Statistics*, was published in 1886, and has gone through many editions. It is regarded as the best work on the subject published. One of Mr. Mulhall's latest works was a paper on the progress of the Catholic Church in the last half of the nineteenth century, which was read at the recent Catholic Congress in Australia. He made a remarkable prediction about the United States census. Writing in the *North American Review* last July he said that the figures would be 76,200,000, a 'Statistical Abstract' having forecasted it at 77,500,000. The result of the actual count has been 76,235,000, only a trifle, comparatively, above Mr. Mulhall's estimate.

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