

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Generous Endowments.—The Most Rev. Dr. Henry has received £1000 from Mr. Edward Fullen, Bridge End, Belfast, to endow in perpetuity a bed for the sick poor in the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, and a like sum from the family of the late Mr. James Craig, Craigavon, for the same object.

ARMAGH.—Presentation to a Doctor.—A presentation of an address in an illuminated album, a silver salver, and a purse of sovereigns was made by his friends in Lurgan to Dr. Magennis on the occasion of his removal to Dublin, after having practised in Lurgan for the last 20 years.

Appointment of Canons.—His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, has received special permission from his Holiness the Pope to add two new Canons to the Chapter of the Archdiocese of Armagh, and in the exercise of the privilege granted has been pleased to raise to the Canonical dignity Very Rev. Charles Quinn, P.P., V.F. Camlough, and Rev. Hugh M'Oscar, P.P., Moy. The two newly-created Canons have received many hearty congratulations on their well-merited promotion.

CORK.—Jury Packing.—'Stand aside' was the insolent order given to no fewer than 43 Catholics in one case at the Cork Assizes on December 5. Twelve true-blue Protestants were then sworn to try a Catholic peasant from Kerry. Not a single protest was raised in Court by the Catholic jurors who were thus publicly insulted. How long I wonder (says a Dublin correspondent) is this cowardly conduct on the part of Catholic jurors to continue. They have the remedy in their own hands if they only apply it. While they meekly submit they may expect to be treated at each succeeding Assizes in a similar manner.

Drink the Cause of Crime.—The Lord Chief Justice, in his address to the Grand Jury at the Cork Assizes, said it was a melancholy reflection that 70 per cent. of the crimes committed in the city and county of Cork was due to drink. It seemed that the sale of drink was practically uncontrolled, and he thought that to meet it the licensing authority should be the County Court Judges alone in the county.

Teaching the Irish Language.—The Bantry Rural District Council has passed a resolution in Irish and English calling on the school managers of the district to make the teaching of Irish obligatory in their schools.

DERRY.—A Relic of the Penal Days.—About three miles from Derry, on a steep bank of the River Faughan, stands the remains of an interesting relic of the penal days in the shape of an old altar (says a correspondent of the *Derry Journal*). It was formed out of the soft clay bank, and although almost crumbled to decay, one can yet see the niche where the book or other requisites of the Mass were kept, and the stone step whereon the priest stood when offering up the Sacrifice of the Mass, and until within a few years ago the remains of the thatch could be seen with which the altar was roofed, but the people who came to worship knelt on the level space around the altar, without any shelter except the wood which runs along the bank of the river and in those days was denser than it is now. One can see that it was a remote spot in those days, suitable for the purpose it was put to, the wood, which is called the Birch Wood, completely hiding it from view, and the Faughan, which is deep at that part of the river, flowing past 20ft below. It is situated in the domain of Major Nicholson, J.P., of Beach-hill.

DUBLIN.—The Housing of the Poor.—The Archbishop of Dublin has given a fresh proof of his interest in the movement for the housing of the very poor. The association formed for that purpose report his Grace's application for 500 shares in the association, and the receipt of his Grace's cheque for £500 accompanies the application.

Golden Jubilee of a Christian Brother.—The past pupils of the Christian Brothers' Schools, North Richmond street, Dublin, are taking steps to present the Rev. Brother Swan, on the occasion of his golden jubilee, with a substantial token of their appreciation of his life-long services in the cause of religion and education.

The Royal Veterinary College.—The new Royal Veterinary College of Ireland, just opened in commodious premises at Pembroke road, Dublin, commences its first session with every prospect of success. Already there are 31 entries of students. Sir Christopher Nixon is the President of the Board of Governors. Professor A. E. Mettam is the Principal of the College, and the Right Rev. Mgr. Molloy is one of the Vice-Presidents.

A Strange Proceeding.—The *Dublin Leader*, a brightly written and pungent review of current affairs, draws attention to a strange proceeding on the part of the directors of the Hibernian Bank. They have, it states, appointed to the position of Chief Inspector a complete outsider—a Scotchman—and ignored the many competent officials in their own service. Stranger still, the gentleman appointed is a Protestant. If this gentleman happened to be in the employment of the bank already no one could object to his promotion, but why he should be appointed over the heads of Catholics who have given years of loyal service to the Hibernian Bank is hard to understand. The Hibernian Bank, whose business is so largely done with Catholics, could well afford to be more liberal when dealing with their Catholic employees.

Illness of Mr. Mulhall.—When the last mail left Home Mr. Michael G. Mulhall, one of the Private Chamberlains of his Holiness Leo XIII. and the world's most eminent statistician, was lying dangerously ill at his residence, Killiney, near Dublin.

GALWAY.—Opening a Temperance Hall.—Early in December the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, opened a splendid hall in Ballinasloe for the Total Abstinence Society of the district.

KERRY.—The Return of the Bishop of Ross from Rome.—The occasion of the return home of Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, from his Episcopal visit to Rome was signalled by a great demonstration and torchlight procession in Skibbereen. Addresses on behalf of the clergy and laity of the diocese were presented, and with the former was tendered a cheque for £150, and with the latter a splendid brougham, value £130.

KILDARE.—In Memory of Father Doyle.—The people of Athy and neighborhood have erected a beautiful little monument in memory of the late Father Mark Doyle over his grave in St. Michael's Cemetery.

KILKENNY.—St. Patrick's Church.—At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Patrick's, Kilkenny, held to hear a statement in connection with the present debt on the church, Father Keogh, Adm., presided. To complete the sacred building and clear off the debt a sum of £1,100 is required, and arrangements were made to have collections taken to cover this amount. It was further decided to organise a bazaar with the same object.

KING'S COUNTY.—Death of a Nun.—The death is reported of Rev. Mother Teresa Ball, which took place at the Presentation Convent, Rahan, King's County, early in December.

LIMERICK.—Death of a Respected Citizen.—The funeral of Mr. T. M. Bourke took place from St. Michael's Church, Limerick, on Tuesday, December 4. Mr. Bourke was one of Limerick's most respected citizens, and had reached the ripe old age of 84. He was a golden jubilarian of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, of which he was one of the original members in Limerick and in which he took an active interest up to the week before his death. He leaves two sons—the Rev. Vincent Bourke, C.S.S.R., and Mr. T. Bourke—and a daughter, who is Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy, Mount St. Vincent. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presided at the *Requiem* service.

Death of a Redemptorist.—A good priest and an Irish scholar passed away recently at the Redemptorist Church, Limerick, in the person of the Rev. Michael Geoghegan, C.S.S.R. Father Geoghegan, who was a native of County Galway, was born in 1837, and joined the Congregation at an early age. He was a great lover of the old language of the Gael, and wrote several hymns in Irish.

Death of a Brother of the Mayor.—Intelligence has been received in Limerick of the death of Mr. James Daly, brother of the Mayor, in Australia. A vote of condolence with the Mayor was passed at the Technical Education Committee meeting that evening.

LOUTH.—Returning from the United States.—The Rev. Thomas Cassidy, P.P., Monasterboice, County Louth, who went to America 12 months ago to collect funds for the Armagh Cathedral, has returned looking hale and hearty after his long stay abroad.

MONAGHAN.—Death of a Member of Parliament.—Mr. Daniel MacAleese, M.P. for North Monaghan, died on the 1st December, after a short illness. The deceased, who was 67 years of age, was at one time editor of the *Belfast Morning News*, and has also been the editor of the *Ulster Examiner*. He was proprietor of the *People's Advocate*, Monaghan, and was a Town Commissioner.

The North Monaghan Seat.—Mr. Daniel O'Donnell, B.L., brother of the Bishop of Raphoe, has, on the invitation of some leading Nationalists of North Monaghan, consented to allow his name to go before the North Monaghan convention as a candidate for the Parliamentary representation of the constituency.

ROSCOMMON.—A Handsome Testimonial.—The Right Rev. Mgr. McLaughlin was presented with a handsome testimonial by the people of Roscommon on his departure for Rome.

SLIGO.—Death of the Pastor of Loughglynn.—General regret was felt at the announcement of the death of the Very Rev. Canon John McDermott, who peacefully passed to rest after a short illness, at the great age of 88 years. He spent the earlier years of his priesthood as a curate in Strokestown, Sligo, Ballymurray, and Curraghboy, and in 1871, on the death of Dr. O'Connor, was appointed P.P. of Loughglynn.

Welcoming the Bishop.—The Catholics of Sligo presented the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy with an address of welcome on his return from Rome.

WEXFORD.—Transfer of Franciscans.—Rev. P. Begg, O.S.F., Wexford, has been transferred to Carrick-on-Suir, and has been replaced by Rev. W. D. Murphy, O.S.F., from Athlone. Father Murphy is a native of Kilmannan.

WICKLOW.—The Billy Byrne Memorial.—The Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, O.S.F., the historian of '98, unveiled the Billy Byrne memorial in Wicklow, on Sunday, December 9, in the presence of a large concourse of people.

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In Praise of the Christian Brothers.—The Very Rev. Father Ryan, O.P., preached an eloquent sermon in aid of the Christian Brothers' schools, North Richmond street, Dublin, recently. In the course of his appeal he said that amongst the various bodies in the country who had charge of the education of youth he thought that the Christian Brothers of Ireland, and pre-eminently the communities of that body teaching in the city of Dublin, stood in the foremost rank and were amongst those best qualified to impart a sound, practical, Christian education to the child, to instruct