

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—The Sisters of Nazareth in Belfast.—Bishop Henry, writing to the Reverend Mother of the Nazareth Convent, Belfast, highly commends the labors of the Sisters of Nazareth among the poor of his diocese, and especially in the matter of making provision for the waifs and strays of the Catholic youth in Belfast who need the refuge and protection of such a home. The Sisters also attend to the needs of 160 old men and women and of 320 orphans. The Sisters undertook to receive and board any Catholic children sent to them by the Board of Guardians in Belfast, but Orange bigotry was too strong to consent to such a proposal, though it would be an immense advantage to the children to be free from workhouse environment, and brought up in a healthy moral atmosphere. It would cost the Guardians no more, and there is precedent for such action, notably in Lancashire.

Mr. T. W. Russell uses Strong Language.—A largely attended and representative meeting of the tenant-farmers of East Antrim was held about the middle of January in the M'Garel Town Hall, Larne, at which Mr. T. W. Russell delivered a very vigorous speech. He declared that he had made up his mind that there could not be peace in Ireland—that there should not be peace in Ireland—so long as this land question was in its present state.

CLARE.—Derelict Farms.—Of the 120 evicted farms in the County of Clare 47 are derelict.

CORK.—The Lord Mayor.—Alderman Fitzgerald was elected Lord Mayor in opposition to Mr. Eugene Crean, M.P., the voting being 28 to 24. Mr. Roche was proposed by the Commercial Party, but withdrew in favor of Alderman Fitzgerald. Alderman Kelleher was proposed by the Labor Party but withdrew in favor of Mr. Crean.

No Criminal Business for the Judge.—At the Quarter Sessions for the East Riding of Cork the Recorder was presented with white gloves, there being no criminal business.

A Missionary College.—The object of the African Missionary Society of Lyons is to educate priests and nuns for the missions belonging to that body in West Africa and the Egyptian delta. A suitable college exists in the beautiful demesne of Wilton, in the immediate vicinity of the city of Cork. Some years ago the present Rev. Superior collected the purchase-money in his travels on the Continent and in the United States, and now the college contains about 40 students, all destined for the arduous missions of Ashanti, Dahomey, Benin, etc. Owing to recent additions, the college is capable of accommodating many more, so that the Superior offers a golden opportunity to Irish and English youths with the desired vocation.

A Hospital Fund.—An influential and representative meeting was held recently in the Municipal Buildings, Cork, in order to establish a 'Hospital Aid Society' for the purpose of organizing systematic collections throughout the county in connection with the Cork Hospital Saturday Fund.

DOWN.—The Memorial to Lord Russell of Killowen.—The memorial to Lord Russell of Killowen in Epsom Cemetery will take the form of an elaborately worked dressed granite enclosure wall, to enclose a space of 27ft by 20ft, rising to an average height of about 6ft. Large pillars, each weighing about a ton, will be placed at the corners, centre, and sides of the gateway. The work will be Irish in character, and is being carried out at Newry Granite Works, near to Killowen.

DUBLIN.—The Hibernian Bank.—Mr. John Murphy (of Messrs. Palgrave, Murphy, and Co., 17, Eden Quay, Dublin) has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hibernian Bank, Limited, in succession to the late Right Hon. Joseph Michael Meade.

Stiff Damages.—A somewhat notable case was lately concluded in the Dublin Courts, in which the plaintiff was Mrs. Egan, wife of the Swordbearer of the Dublin Corporation, and the defendants the proprietors of the *Freeman's Journal*. Mrs. Egan was knocked down by a *Freeman* van in O'Connell street, and run over by another van following. She was laid up in hospital for a time, and admittedly suffered injury. This the *Freeman* people admitted, and they doubtless offered what they deemed fair compensation. Mrs. Egan, however, claimed £5000, and with the Lord Chief Justice on the bench and Mr. Healy as her counsel, she got £2000 from a Dublin jury. There was the direst conflict between the medical evidence on both sides. One set of doctors swore that there was reason to apprehend permanent injury. Another set, including some of the most eminent surgeons in Ireland, swore that there was no reasonable ground for such apprehension. As it came out in the evidence that the *Freeman* had referred Mrs. Egan to an insurance company when first she intimated her claim, it looks as if the leading Irish paper may philosophically regard the verdict that Mr. Healy's eloquent advocacy had obtained.

Serious Fire in a Distillery.—On the morning of Thursday, January 17, a serious fire broke out in one of the grain stores of the Phoenix Park Distillery at Chapelizod. On the fire brigade arriving, they found the two buildings of which the distillery is mainly composed well ablaze, and at once they set to work to get a water supply on, which, after some time, they succeeded in doing. The old building was well in the grasp of the fire ere the water began to be effective, while the newer building was steadily being seized upon by tongues of flame. However, there was not much grain stored in this portion of the distillery, as it had only recently been rebuilt. The bulk of the grain was in the other premises, and it was on this that the efforts of the brigade were powerfully

directed. Fortunately the whiskey was stored in the rear portion of the premises, and this minimised the risk which the firemen ran in fighting the flames. All the distillery machinery was destroyed, and of course the large stock of grain was completely consumed also. The damage done is estimated at £10,000.

GALWAY.—Looking after the Poor.—Lady Morris and Mrs. W. Perse did a great deal during Christmas and New Year time to gladden the hearts of inmates of the Galway Workhouse.

KERRY.—Death of a Prominent Killarney Man.—The death is announced of Mr. W. P. McCarthy, at his residence Inch House, Killarney. Deceased was a member of one of the oldest Catholic families in Kerry, and as a solicitor and coroner for some years was widely known and respected.

No Work for the Judge.—There being no criminal business to be considered at the Killarney Quarter Sessions, the usual presentation of white gloves was made to County Court Judge Shaw. His Honor commented on the pleasing fact, which he took to be a good one considering that he was sitting at the beginning of a new century.

KILKENNY.—Election of Mayor.—There was no contest in Kilkenny for the Mayoralty, as Mr. Joseph Purcell was elected unopposed.

LIMERICK.—The City Mayoralty.—There were three candidates for the Limerick Mayoralty—Alderman Daly, the outgoing Mayor, Sir Thomas Cleeve, and Councillor Barry. In the first poll Cleeve received 15 votes, Daly 12, and Barry 11. Mr. Barry then fell out and in the final Mr. Daly secured 20 and Mr. Cleeve 15. The minority included seven Nationalists and three members of the Labor Party. Considerable excitement prevailed during the election.

A Modern Solomon.—Judge Adams has not forgotten his early Bible lessons. While hearing a dog case at Limerick some weeks ago, the genial Judge tried to emulate King Solomon's performance in deciding between the two women who were claiming possession of a child. The Judge produced a toy terrier, amidst the laughter of the court, and placed it before a big St. Bernard, whose character as a peaceable canine had been maligned. The dog took no notice of the toy and the case was immediately dismissed.

Death of a Christian Brother.—The death took place in Limerick recently of Brother J. P. Mulcahy, a respected member of the Christian Brothers' community. Brother Mulcahy was one of the staff in charge of St. Joseph's Industrial School, and was a great favorite with the boys, and the members of the Order. His death, which is greatly regretted, took place after a brief illness.

LOUTH.—White Gloves for the Judge.—At Drogheda Quarter Sessions Mr. J. J. Russell, sub-sheriff, presented his Honor Judge Kiskey with a pair of white gloves, there not being any criminal cases for trial. His Honor expressed his pleasure at finding Drogheda crimeless at the beginning of the century.

The Mayor of Drogheda.—Councillor John Downey has been unanimously elected Mayor of Drogheda.

TIPPERARY.—The Coadjutor to the Archbishop of Cashel.—The Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Munster met in Thurles on Thursday, January 17, at the Palace, in order to confer regarding the appointment of a coadjutor with right of succession to the Archbishop of Cashel. The names of the candidates selected by the Canons and parish priests of the united dioceses of Cashel and Emly at their meeting were submitted for consideration. The conference was of a strictly private character, and the result of the deliberations was transmitted to the Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda, Rome, to be placed before the Holy Father.

Extensive Flour Mills Burned Down.—On the morning of January 20, the Burrow Mills, situated about two miles from Roscrea, and belonging to the monks of Mount St. Joseph Abbey, were discovered to be on fire. The fire was first discovered by one of the workmen, whose dog gave notice by loud barking and piteous howling. On the alarm being given about half-past two a.m., some of the monks and all the people of the district rushed to the scene of the catastrophe, but all efforts to save the plant or grain were unavailing, for the fire by that time had obtained complete mastery, and the flames shot upwards, illuminating the sky and surrounding district. The fire is supposed to have originated in the kiln. Besides a quantity of grain and flour stored in the mills at the time, the machinery, consisting of the newest patent roller pattern, was totally destroyed. The damage is estimated at about £1000. Great sympathy is felt with the good monks, who at great expense endeavored to resuscitate one of the dying industries of the country. The loss to them is great, as the mills were not insured.

TYRONE.—The Omagh Guardians.—A breezy controversy, at a recent meeting of the Omagh Guardians, arose out of an application for outdoor relief made on behalf of an old man named Donnelly, of Fintona. Apparently the Board hesitated to make a grant because some relatives of the applicant expressed their willingness to house and support him. This drew from the Protestant Rector of Fintona, who was a supporter of the application, the statement that the applicant 'was in his early days a Roman Catholic, but abjured that faith long ago.' He feared that the proffered hospitality of his relatives implied an attempt on their part to induce him to return to the 'errors of Rome.' Unfortunately the Board deals with such applications in a purely utilitarian way, and so the grant was not made, the case being continued for further inquiries. A charge made by the Rector of Fintona against Mr. Culgin, one of the Guardians, that he was guilty of religious