

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Death of a Nationalist

Antrim men have heard with regret of the death of Mr. Patrick Flanagan, of Belfast. Mr. Flanagan, who was a native of Banbridge, was one of the sturdiest Nationalists in a community where the sincere profession of Nationalism means unceasing conflict. He died after a short illness, leaving a widow and young family to mourn their loss.

DONEGAL.—A Brave Doctor.

The fund in aid of the widow and orphans of Dr. Smyth, of Burtonport, continues to make excellent progress. Recently the Bishop of Kerry, writing from the other end of Ireland, sent a subscription of £5 to the fund. From the Royal Bounty Fund Mr. Balfour has intimated a grant of £200. The sum realised and apparently yet to be augmented by further subscriptions will put the widow and orphans of the heroic doctor beyond the grip of poverty, though, of course, nothing can recompense them for the loss which it is beyond human power to assuage or make good.

DUBLIN.—Successful Athlete.

Mr. B. R. Day, of Kingstown, a young Irish athlete, who won the 220 and 440 Yards Championships at Ballsbridge in 1900, won the Powderhall Professional Handicap of £100 recently at Edinburgh.

A Protest.

A resolution was passed at the meetings of the Rural District Council and Board of Guardians of the North Dublin Union requesting Mr. Wyndham to convey to the Cabinet their desire that every portion of the Coronation Oath offensive to Catholics should be removed.

GALWAY.—A Find.

An ancient Irish canoe, 52 feet in length, has been discovered in a bog near Tuam, and is to be placed in the Royal Museum in Dublin. It is in good preservation.

Death of a Vicar-General.

Widespread regret was felt at Loughrea when intelligence was received that the Very Rev. Monsignor Madden, P.P., V.G., had passed away.

KERRY.—No Work for the Judge

His Honor County Court Judge Shaw opened the business of the Killarney Quarter Sessions on January 2. There being no criminal business, his Honor was presented with a pair of white gloves.

LIMERICK.—White Gloves.

His Honor Judge Adams opened the Hilary Quarter Sessions for Limerick. Mr. James F. Barry, High Sheriff, presented his Honor with white gloves, there being no criminal business. His Honor, in thanking the High Sheriff, expressed his gratification at finding Limerick in the crimeless condition which had characterised it for a considerable time past.

Tenant Re-instated.

About a year and a half ago Mr. Thomas McCormack, a respectable tenant on Mr. Shannon's property at Corbally, near Limerick, was evicted and the farm was subsequently taken. The evicted tenant appealed to the city branch of the United Irish League, and Alderman Joyce, M.P., at a recent meeting strongly condemned the taking of the farm. It was decided, if possible, to effect a settlement with the landlord, and with this object Alderman Joyce and Alderman O'Mara, on behalf of the League, had an interview with Mr. Vincent Nash, the agent on the property. The result was most satisfactory, Mr. Nash meeting the two gentlemen in a most broad-minded and generous spirit, and a settlement

was arrived at by which Mr. McCormack becomes tenant again at £51 15s per annum, his former rent being £92. General satisfaction is expressed at the success which has attended the League's intervention in this dispute.

LONGFORD.—Practical Advice.

Bishop Hoare, of Ardagh, gave some practical advice to the people of Longford in presiding there lately at a lecture on 'Irish Industries' given by Mr. J. P. Farrell, M.P. His Lordship urged the Irish people to improve themselves in technical education, not alone the working classes, but also the well-to-do. Christ had sanctified and dignified labor and no man need be ashamed to work. In cultivating industries it was not desirable to gather the rural population into cities altogether, as that led to physical and mayhap moral decadence. Irish parents should have their children taught trades, and let them afterwards ply their crafts in their own rural homes. Mr. Farrell, M.P., in his address, said that it lay with the Irish people to create a demand for Irish manufacture by insisting always in purchasing on being supplied with home-made goods.

ROSCOMMON.—A Carping Judge

Judge Morris is ambitious to loom largely in the public eye. Addressing the Roscommon Grand Jury recently, he said—I am glad to say that there are no cases to come before you, and so far as that goes it is very satisfactory. But, gentlemen, though the County Roscommon is tranquil on the surface, it is not tranquil under the surface. I have had, from returns sent me, evidence that there are some instances of boycotting in this county. There can be no doubt whatever about it that there is evidence of a direct combination against the paying of rent in this county. Now, gentlemen, those cases will be tried before me, and I, therefore, shall make no comment on them until they are disposed of. I think you will agree with me that, to the best of my ability, I will try them impartially and with justice as between man and man. When the cases are disposed of I think it will be my duty, having regard to the state of the county, to direct attention to what, in my humble opinion, is the ultimate result and immediate cause of this unfortunate state in County Roscommon.

TIPPERARY.—Death of a Priest.

A notable Irish-Canadian priest has passed away at Borrisokane in the person of Dean Flannery, of Windsor, Ontario, one of the ablest and best-known Irish ecclesiastics of his generation. Dean Flannery was originally ordained for the Canadian mission, but his health breaking down he returned to Ireland and entered on priestly work at Nenagh. Returning later to Canada, he has been there for the past 30 years, one of the most distinguished members of the priesthood in the Dominion. As a writer he did splendid service to Catholic interests through the medium of the Catholic Press, winning from the Jesuit College of Georgetown the degree of D.D., as an acknowledgment of his defence of the Order from the attacks of sectarian bigots. Dr. Flannery attended the Irish Race Convention in Dublin in 1896, where he was one of its most venerable figures. His eulogium of Mr. Blake on that occasion will be readily remembered by those who heard it. Lately appointed Dean of Windsor (Ontario), Dr. Flannery's health shortly afterwards gave way, and in quest of strength in Ireland he gained but a grave in the land of his fathers.

WATERFORD.

The Waterford Corporation, on the proposition of the Mayor, unanimously decided to confer the freedom of the city on Mr. John Redmond,

Leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

WEXFORD.

The death occurred on January 2, at his residence, Trinity street, Wexford, of Mr. John Molloy, in the 106th year of his age. Deceased, who was a well-known and highly-respected resident of Wexford, though not remembering the Rebellion of 1798, yet could up to the time of his demise relate some of the many stirring events immediately following that period. Up to a couple of months ago he was able to move about with the agility of a man much his junior. There can be no doubt, says a correspondent, that he had survived his 105th year, and he was generally looked upon as the oldest inhabitant of the town.

GENERAL

Appointments.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed William Vesey Harrell to be assistant Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police in the room of Mr. John Mallon, retired, and Mr. Charles R. McDermott, barrister-at-law, to be Inspector of Prisons in the room of Mr. Vesey Harrell, and also Mr. Frederick Fitzpatrick to be a Resident Magistrate.

Temperance Cause.

That the great and holy cause of temperance is making rapid strides in this country (writes a Dublin correspondent) is plainly evident. To those who remember the scenes of drunkenness witnessed in the streets of Dublin 25 or 30 years ago during the Christmas holidays it was a glorious sight to witness during the past few weeks the transformation which has undoubtedly taken place in the habits of the people. Owing to the almost entire absence of drunkenness, Dublin presented an example of decorum during the past holy season that no city in the universe could surpass. While due credit must be given to men like the late Mr. A. M. Sullivan, Rev. T. J. Cullen, and many others who in the past bravely fought against the demon of drink, to the Irish bishops is mostly due the great change which has taken place. The pledge administered to children at Confirmation is certain to make each succeeding generation of Irishmen more temperate than the preceding one, until at last we shall have reached the happy time when we can exclaim: 'Ireland sober, Ireland free!' Mr. John Dillon, M.P., simply stated a truism at the Father Mathew anniversary when he said that not more than one per cent. of those who abstain from intoxicating liquors until the age of 21 become drunkards. The bishops, of course, are greatly assisted in the holy and patriotic work which they inaugurated with such success by the numerous temperance sodalities with which the country abounds.

Rent Abatements.

Mr. Arthur MacGregor Somerset Staveley, King's Castle, Ardglass, County Down, held a rent-office at Crumcolliher and allowed 10 per cent on the ground rents of that town and the adjoining town lands. Mr. James Butler Ievers, Quinville Abbey, County Clare, also held a rent office at Crumcolliher for his tenants at Cloncrew, Ballymangan, and Coolanockane, the tenants on the property of Mrs. Staveley, Croydon Park, Dublin, at Coolaboy, and the tenants on the estate of the Staveley's minors at Kells and Gardenfield. An abatement of 20 per cent. was given to leaseholders.

The 'Stone of Destiny.'

The forthcoming coronation has led to a discussion in Ireland as to the whereabouts of the famous Stone of Destiny, the Lia Fail. The generally received opinion is that the stone is in Westminster Abbey, but though this theory has the support of numbers, the most reliable and