

Irish News.

CORK.—Over a Century.

For the past few years several old people passed away at the district hospital in Mitchelstown who had touched the century. The latest and oldest died early in March in the person of Michael Moher at the great age of 106. He first joined one of the early East Indian Companies over 80 years ago, and witnessed many a strange adventure in jungle and mountain pass. He subsequently joined the regular army and went through many engagements in the Crimea, Egypt, and Hindoo-stan again.

The '98 Memorial.

At a general meeting of the members of the Cork Young Ireland Society a report was received from Mr. J. MacMullen, C.E., on 10 designs submitted to him for the erection of a monument at the junction of the Grand Parade and South Mall to commemorate the men associated in the '98 and subsequent Irish political movements. On the report of Mr. MacMullen, the design sent in by Mr. D. J. Coakley was unanimously approved of, and he accordingly was awarded the sum of £20 offered by the committee for the best design.

The Freedom of the City.

During the Easter recess Mr. John Redmond was to visit Cork for the purpose of receiving the freedom of the city voted to him by the Corporation some time ago.

DUBLIN.—Prospective Peerage.

We learn upon good authority (writes a Dublin newspaper) that Mr. W. E. H. Lecky, M.P., the junior member for Dublin University, is likely to be raised to the peerage next summer. In case of such a vacancy arising, it is the intention, we believe, of Mr. A. W. Samuels, K.C., to stand as a candidate for the suffrages of the electors.

GALWAY.

A cable message received in the early part of last week stated that Mr. Arthur Lynch, the Member of Parliament for Galway City had obtained decrees against a number of his tenants in County Clare for non-payment of rent. On Thursday came the following explanatory news item:—Mr. Lynch has presented each of his tenants with his holding. The recent action, in which Mr. Lynch obtained decrees for non-payment of rent, was only taken because one tenant disputed Mr. Lynch's ownership.

KERRY.—An Old Identity.

In the early part of March Denis Curran died at Corrigrou, a townland within three miles of Cahirciveen, at the patriarchal age of 102 years, having been born on the 1st March, 1800. He was at the first cattle fair held in Cahirciveen, established by the Liberator, Daniel O'Connell, on the 13th of December, 1814, being then nearly 15 years of age.

KILKENNY.—The Mayoralty.

The election of Mayor of Kilkenny, which proved abortive in January, owing to the voting being equal between Alderman P. Hoyne and Alderman E. Nowlan, and the senior Alderman, who had the casting vote, being absent, was decided the other day, when Alderman Hoyne was elected by 13 votes to 10 for Alderman Nowlan. Three bye-elections took place in the meantime which resulted in the return of three supporters of Alderman Hoyne. The new Mayor is a prominent member of the United Irish League and vice-president of the City Executive.

KING'S COUNTY.—A Distinction

The Bishop of Kildare has invested Mr. Hugh Bergin, of Birr, and 34, Gardiner's Place, Dublin, with the

insignia of the dignity of Camariere di Cappa e Spada, recently conferred upon him by his Holiness the Pope. The rank includes the style and title of 'Chevalier,' and confers on Mr. Bergin the office of one of his Holiness's private Chamberlains.

LIMERICK.

Seldom has a more thoroughly practical step been taken for the promotion of temperance than that adopted by the County Limerick magistrates at the suggestion of Very Rev. Monsignor Halloran, P.P. Newcastle West. In view of the large and wholly unnecessary number of new licenses which were being granted, the very rev. gentleman decided to convene a meeting of the county magistrates, to consider the advisability of adopting a united course of action in reference thereto. County Court Judge Adams, who from the Bench has consistently denounced the multiplication of public houses, presided at the meeting. After hearing an eloquent and convincing speech from the Monsignor, the magistrates unanimously resolved to refuse in future under all circumstances new licenses in purely country districts, and furthermore not to grant a new license in any town or village in their jurisdiction until three existing licenses have elapsed. This action of the County Limerick magistrates is certainly in the right direction, and redounds to their credit, as it decidedly does to the credit of the venerable priest who inspired it. If only similar steps were taken elsewhere much good would accrue to the temperance cause, which every genuine Irishman should have at heart.

Land Purchase.

Following fast on the Ellis Estate victory, the Nationalists of Abbeyfeale, headed by their devoted pastor, Father Casey, are to be congratulated on yet another signal success. The tenants on the Bateman estate at Port Abbeyfeale have signed agreements to purchase their holdings, on terms equal to 18 years on the adjusted rental. A number of the tenants on this estate had been evicted some time ago, while for the past three years they frequently applied for abatements to Judge Ross through the Receiver, and were several times decreed wholesale for non-payment of arrears before Judge Adams, who, on the last occasion, recommended them to the consideration of Judge Ross.

MEATH.—The Criminal Calendar

At the County Meath Spring Assizes Mr. Justice Gibson had only two cases to consider—one for the stealing of calves and the other the larceny of some hay. In one case a sentence of six months was passed, and in the other the accused was sent to gaol for three months. These were all the cases sent up from a populous county.

Death of a Priest.

In recording the death of Rev. James McGlew, P.P. of Chelsea, Mass., the 'Boston Pilot' says:—The Rev. James McGlew had attained the patriarchal age of 82 years. He was a native of Navan, County Meath, Ireland, and was born on January 17, 1820. He was educated for the priesthood in All Hallows College, Dublin. There he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Murray, in the Archbishop's private chapel, on September 27, 1844. In 1849 he went on a mission to Hindustan, India, and in 1853 he came to the United States. He labored in various parts of what is now the diocese of Rochester, N.Y., and then came to Massachusetts. He was assigned to St. Patrick's Church, Lowell, in 1865, as an assistant, remaining there about six months. He then went to Randolph and Avon. During his stay in these places he built a church in Avon and purchased land for a cemetery in Randolph. He celebrated his golden jubilee on September 27, 1898.

MONAGHAN.

Mr. James Daly, M.P. for South Monaghan, has applied for and been gazetted steward and bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds. Mr. Daly, who has been the Nationalist member for South Monaghan since 1895, is a son of Michael Daly, County Councillor of Monaghan. He is a merchant and farmer, and is chairman of the District Council of Carrickmacross, where he resides. The vacancy created has been filled by the unopposed return of Mr. J. McKean, B.L.

Bishop's House.

Bishop Owens, in a Pastoral Letter addressed to his flock, announces that he has secured a very suitable site for a Bishop's house close to the beautiful Cathedral in Monaghan. The cathedral stands on an eminence at the outskirts of the town and is situated to singular advantage in the matter of surroundings, but hitherto, although provided with a beautiful environment, it has lacked the necessary adjunct of a Bishop's house. This was owing mainly to the difficulty in procuring a suitable site. Now this difficulty has been overcome, as Bishop Owens has secured from Lord Rossmore, on a lease of 199 years, a plot of five acres on what his Lordship considers the most desirable site in the whole diocese for a bishop's residence. He proposes to erect on this a structure costing about £5000. Even a humbler dwelling would have contented Bishop Owens had he nobody but himself to consult, but in his letter his Lordship states that the dignity of the diocese must be considered and its prestige maintained. Already the priests of Clogher have contributed almost half the cost, having raised among themselves the sum of £2000 for the project.

GENERAL

Emigration.

The Irish emigration statistics for 1901 have just been issued. The total number of emigrants was 39,870, or 9 per 1000 of the population, of whom 18,343 were males and 21,527 females. There was a decrease of 4952 in the number of males and 2285 in the number of females. As regards the ages of the emigrants, 80.5 per cent. of the total were between 15 and 35, the percentage over 35 being 10; and under 15, 9.5. The number between the ages of 15 and 20 were 3952 females and 1594 males, and the number between the ages of 20 and 25, 16,927, of whom only 245 were married.

Catholic Sailors.

The London 'Tablet' says that the best thanks of all the Catholics of the Empire are again due to the Irish members for their persistent advocacy of the cause of the Catholic sailors in the navy.

Irish Embroidery.

The Irish embroidery industry has formed the subject of some controversy in the Ulster papers recently, owing to a statement attributed to the Belfast merchants to the effect that they had to send work to various countries abroad because they could not get it done in Ireland. Miss Milligan, of Belfast, in the course of an interesting letter, says she is in a position to give this statement a most unqualified denial. A gentleman representing a firm which, probably, gives out more work for embroidery than any other in Belfast, and work also of a high class, has just assured her that they can get all their work done in Ireland and that they have applications frequently for more work than they are able to supply. Work equal to the best French, he said, is done in Ireland, and no firm that he knows of requires to go abroad to get any work done. He further stated that monograms that would cost from 2s 6d to 3s to get done