

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Death of a Passionist.

The Passionist Fathers have lost in Ireland one of their oldest and most esteemed members in the person of Father Daniel Nugent, C. P., who died at Ardoyne. 'Father Daniel,' as he was familiarly called, was a native of Camlough, near Pomeroy, and died in his sixty-sixth year. He was a man of exceptional sweetness of manner and of abiding zeal.

A New Clan.

Belfast has been perturbed for some time by the outrageous proceedings of a local gang of young Thugs who attempt to emulate the London 'Hooligans,' but with a spice of party strife. Reference has been made in Parliament to the gang, and the police are doing their best to extirpate them.

CORK.—Mr. O'Brien's Return.

Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., having arrived in Cork from the Antipodes, whither he had gone in search of health, delivered a vigorous and strikingly characteristic address to his constituents in the city by the Lee. He had made up his mind to resign his seat for Cork, he said, until he heard of the recent proclamations from Dublin Castle, but it would be impossible for him to dream of deserting Cork at such a moment.

Ploughshares for China.

A Cork newspaper states that a large and unique order is at present being fulfilled by an Irish firm of iron founders, and that is supplying no less than 15,000 Irish-made plough-shares for use in China. Already some 3000 of these are on the way to their destination, having been shipped from Dublin via Liverpool. It is the first order of the kind ever placed in Ireland.

The Exhibition.

The Cork Exhibition was opened on May 1. On the previous Saturday a number of journalists were shown over the grounds and afterwards entertained to lunch by the Earl of Bandon, who is President of the Executive. There have been two Exhibitions in Cork previously, one in 1852 and 1883, the latter following the Dublin Exhibition. The Lord Mayor of Cork, Mr. R. A. Fitzgerald, is to be credited with the initiation of the present enterprise, and nobody has worked so hard for its success. The site of the Exhibition is on a beautiful spot on the southern bank of the Lee, in the western district of the city. The grounds cover 40 acres, and are about a mile in length, being approached by a lovely wooded promenade. The structure includes a Concert Hall, a Machinery Hall, an Industrial Hall, an Art Gallery, and there is also a Canadian Pavilion, as well as a Woman's Section. Accommodation is set aside for the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland. The Industrial Hall, which is the main building, has a floor space of 170 feet. The Concert Hall affords an accommodation for 2000 people, and contains an organ valued at £1200. The greatest part of the Irish work comes from Leinster, Munster, strange to say, taking second place, and Ulster being a long way behind.

DONEGAL.

It will be remembered that a few months ago a young Irish medical man, Dr. William Smyth, who was in charge of a dispensary district in a remote district of County Donegal, lost his life in rendering medical services to a peasant attacked with typhoid, and that an appeal was made on behalf of the widow and children. It is now stated that the widow has been secured from want for her life, while the young children have been provided with sufficient to give them a start in life. The total

amount raised was £7629 1s 7d. Of this sum the Dublin collection amounted to £3636 17s 9d, the Belfast collection to £1705 10s 8d; the Derry collection to £1507 13s 2d and the London collection to £779. The entire sum has been lodged in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of trustees, one of whom is the Duke of Abercorn.

The New Member.

'Oor first answer to coercion,' cried an Irish member when Mr. Hugh Law, M. P. for West Donegal, took his seat in the House of Commons for the first time. In good truth (writes a London correspondent) the selection and election of the gifted young Protestant Nationalist by an overwhelmingly Catholic constituency in that North of Ireland where religious passions and prejudices are supposed to dominate most other considerations, was an effective reply to the action of the Government who have declared war against the Catholic Nationalists of the South and West. Mr. Law was unanimously selected by an open and fully representative Convention of Donegal Nationalists, presided over by one of the most exalted and eminent of Ulster's Catholic priests and attended by many of his brethren in the sacred ministry. The new member is not of the faith of the majority of his constituents—neither is the veteran, Swift MacNeill. He is the son of a former Lord Chancellor—a man who served Ireland well according to his lights, but who was not of the people. And Mr. Law occupies to-day a position to which no anti-Irish multi-millionaire living could attain in West Donegal. He is the Protestant representative of a Catholic people because he is an honest and concurred Irish Nationalist who believes in Ireland's right and capacity to govern herself, and who is in thorough sympathy with the highest aspirations of the Irish Nation.

DUBLIN.—A Worthy Project.

A most important and praiseworthy project is mooted in the publication of some correspondence which lately took place between Sir Christopher Nixon, a celebrated Dublin physician, and the Superiress of Irish Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy had lately acquired outside Dublin the house and domain of Beaumont, for the purpose of providing a convalescent home for the patients of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, which is under their charge and as the grounds are extensive, it occurred to Sir Christopher Nixon that they might furnish a site for a Consumptive Sanatorium as well as for the Convalescent Home. Placing this idea before the Superiress of the Sisters of Mercy he found that it was warmly welcomed and that the Sisters very generously, and with charitable promptitude, hastened to place, not merely a site in the grounds of Beaumont for the erection of a Consumptive Sanatorium, but also the services of the Sisters of Mercy to act as nurses in the institution when erected. Archbishop Walsh, in a letter to Sir Christopher expresses his warm approval of the scheme, and dwells upon its great usefulness and desirability. The Dublin branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which has also taken the matter up, expresses its interest and sympathy with the proposal put forward, so that there is reason to hope that before long Ireland will have a Sanatorium where the victims of phthisis may derive every advantage which treatment and fresh air can afford.

GALWAY.—Colonel Lynch.

Colonel Lynch, member for Galway, was arrested last week at Victoria railway station, London, on his arrival from Paris. He was taken to Bow Street Police Court. In the House of Commons Mr. O'Kelly asked if Lynch had not a burgher's

right of surrender. Mr. Balfour said Lynch was not a burgher. Mr. McNeill asked, Is it not a Minister's bounden duty to communicate to the House the fact of a member's arrest? The Speaker replied that it was not a bounden duty, but a usual practice to write informing the speaker. Mr. John Redmond gave notice of a question whether the Government were extending to Lynch the same terms of surrender as the Cape Dutch.

Death of a Loughrea Man.

One of the evicted tenants who was the first to join the Plan of Campaign on the Clanricarde estate, and to sacrifice the farm which was in the family for generations, passed away recently in the person of Mr. John Kennedy, Loughrea, brother of Mr. P. Kennedy, J.P., T.C.

KILDARE.—Election of Coroner.

A special meeting of the Kildare County Council was held for the purpose of appointing a coroner for North Kildare in the room of Dr. Joseph Smyth, who has been appointed medical inspector to the Local Government Board. Two candidates applied for the position, viz., Dr. L. F. Rowan, J.P. Chairman Newbridge Town Commissioners, and Dr. Cosgrove, Kilcock. The latter was elected by 15 votes to 10.

Result of Emigration.

Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare, wrote recently, 'All who have at heart the best interests of the country would do well to study the lesson which these returns unmistakably convey. Whether we consider it from the spiritual or from the worldly standpoint, we cannot but regard it with feelings of grave apprehension. During the ten years ending with the year 1901 no less than a quarter of a million of people left the country. The population now stands at a little less than four and a-half millions. With the exception of the cities, into which the people from the rural districts are hurrying, and of a few manufacturing towns in the North, the whole country has suffered, and I regret to add that our own diocese has been specially unfortunate. During the past sixty years about the same number of people emigrated, as remains in the country to-day. The population, at the end of last century was less by half a million than it was at the beginning. The only increase would seem to be in the number of paupers and lunatics which, relatively to the rest of the population, has gone beyond all bounds.'

LEITRIM.—Death of a Priest.

The death occurred on Sunday, April 27, of the Rev. Father John Kelly, pastor of Drumsambo, Leitrim, after a very brief illness.

LIMERICK.

At Limerick City Quarter Sessions and at the County Sessions there were no criminal cases for trial. Judge Adams, who was presented with white gloves, in the course of a short address referred to the absolute crimelessness and tranquillity of the country. Under the devoted influence of their clergy the people had, his Honor declared, improved enormously in the matter of temperance. Owing to creamery work, he added, young girls were on the public roads both morning and night, and in his experience he had never heard of one case in which they had been insulted. Idealists had sung of ancient Celtic times when young maidens decked with rich jewels could travel unmolested through the land, but present times could compare favorably with those times.

LOTUH.

The death is reported of Mr. Peter Dowdall, which took place at his residence, Dublin Road, Drogheda, after a short illness. The deceased was a well-known poor law official.