

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—A Protest.

When the Lord Mayor of Belfast proposed that a congratulatory address should be presented to King Edward on the occasion of his Coronation, Councillor N. J. O'Donnell, 'on behalf of himself and his colleagues, the Catholic representatives of the Corporation who represented the Catholic portion of the community of Belfast, some 80,000 or 90,000 people,' at once entered his protest. They wished, he said, to protest against any address of congratulation being offered to the King so long as he was compelled to make a declaration at his Coronation the tenor of which the Catholic community regarded as not only insulting to themselves, but to Catholics generally. It may be thought, perhaps, by the Protestants of Belfast that we ('Freeman's Journal') take pleasure in such an incident as this. On the contrary, we deeply regret the occasion of it, and the more so as we believe that King Edward himself is a much better friend of Ireland and of the cause of Ireland than any of the Ministers who have forced him into the false position which makes such incidents now unfortunately necessary.

CORK.

The Rev. Francis Murphy, C. C., Midleton, Co. Cork, has just been the recipient of a presentation from the parishioners of Buttevant and Lisgriffin, where he labored most fruitfully for eight years. Father Murphy's separation from the people of his late mission, though on the occasion of his promotion to the premier curacy of the diocese, has caused keen regret.

Presentations.

Head Constable Talbot and Constables Horan and O'Sullivan have been the recipients of handsome presentations from the people of Kanturk for capturing a man recently, in connection with the sacrilegious robbery from the Catholic Church, Kanturk. In the encounter with the man, who was of powerful physique, both constables were severely injured. The presentations were made by the Rev. Father Brew.

A Warning.

In a letter to Monsignor Killeen, P. P. V. G., which was read at the Masses in Youghal on Sunday, June 1, the Bishop of Cloyne writes: 'In warning your Catholic people to dissociate themselves from any participation in the proposed entertainment at Youghal in aid of the well-known Dr. Barnardo's Homes of Refuge, you have only discharged the obvious duty of a good pastor towards his flock.'

DUBLIN.—Tramcar Accident.

Miss Maria Farlow, of Clontarf, has recovered £150 damages and £150 costs from the Dublin United Tramways Company for injuries which she sustained on the 27th January of the present year whilst about to get out of one of their tramcars near Vernon Avenue, in consequence of the car having been negligently and violently driven into collision with another tramcar in front of it. Two years ago she suffered from another tramcar accident and recovered £1100 damages from the company.

The Christian Brothers.

The centenary celebration of the foundation of the Order of Christian Brothers in Ireland was held at the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, on Monday, June 2, under the presidency of his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, and most fittingly it took the form of a great religious function, as well as the preaching of a panegyric by the Very Rev. Dr. Butler, O. C. C., on the great educational work accom-

plished by the Order in the last 100 years. The ceremonies commenced with High Mass at 11 o'clock, but for an hour previously the sacred building was thronged in every part by an enormous congregation. In fact, the event excited a great deal of interest amongst the Catholic citizens of all classes, and this was only natural as the greater number of the people were at one time pupils in the different schools so admirably worked not only in Dublin, but throughout the country generally, by the members of the great Order. The Lord Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in State, and had places reserved for them in front of the choir. Except certain sections of the building which were reserved for pupils of the Christian Brothers and members of the Order, the church was freely thrown open to the public, and the result was that from an early hour there was not even standing room available. On the previous evening the following telegraphic message from Rome was received:—'The Holy Father sends special Apostolic Benediction to all the Brothers, their pupils, and the benefactors of the Institute.'

A Sad Case.

A particularly sad story was related on the arrival of the American Line steamship Rhyndland from Philadelphia at Queenstown on May 26. Amongst the passengers were Mr and Mrs. Chas. Bellew, who were on their way to Dublin to take over a fortune they inherited there, but they never lived to take possession of it. Mr. Bellew became suddenly ill of syncope on May 20, and died, and his body was consigned to the deep. On the 24th his wife took ill, and she also died of syncope, and her body was buried at sea. A little boy of theirs, their only child, aged five years, who was also a passenger, was placed in charge of the captain of the Rhyndland, and carried on in the ship to Liverpool, to be placed in the custody, temporarily, of the American Line Steamship Company.

KERRY.—Fatal Accident.

An extremely sad driving accident, resulting in the death of a Tralee lady, Mrs. Lyons, wife of Mr. Thomas Lyons, a member of the Tralee Urban Council, occurred on Sunday evening, June 1. It appears that Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Lyons, and Miss Lyons were at the time returning from Fennit, and when nearing the Kernes Cross, the animal, which was a spirited one, bolted, upsetting the trap and pitching the occupants on to the road. Mrs. Lyons was thrown violently to the ground, and the wheel of the car came in contact with her head, inflicting such severe injuries that she became unconscious shortly after being conveyed home, and expired during the night from concussion of the brain.

Death of a Journalist.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Harrington, of the 'Kerry Sentinel,' who was for several years a prominent member of the Irish Party. He was returned unopposed for West Kerry in 1886, and represented that constituency till the general election of 1892, when he was succeeded by Sir Thomas G. Esmonde. Mr. Harrington took a notable part in public affairs in the days of the Land League and was a well-known figure at the Nationalist gatherings of the Kingdom. On more than one occasion he suffered imprisonment for his devotion to the National cause, but his release always found him as staunch as ever in his advocacy of the views for which he suffered. In the old days Mr. Harrington was one of the most popular members of the Irish Party, to all of whom his racy humor and genial disposition cordially endeared him. By none will keener regret be felt at his death than by his old colleagues, who remember him as a sterling comrade and a staunch Nationalist. His brother, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, attended the funeral.

LIMERICK.

Mr. J. J. Cleary, J. P., who was Mayor of Limerick in 1872, 1873, and 1874, died at his residence, the Eagle Hotel, Lisdoonvarna, after a brief illness. Mr. Cleary was member of the various public boards in Limerick, and was highly respected as a man of the strictest honor in public and private life. He formerly owned Cruise's Hotel in Limerick, and several years ago took the Eagle Hotel, Lisdoonvarna.

MAYO.—Coercion Prosecutions.

Two members of the Ballyhannish branch of the United Irish League were sentenced in the early part of June to three months' imprisonment with hard labor for taking part in an 'unlawful assembly.'

WESTMEATH.

The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, visited Clounel on May 29 and confirmed nearly 400 children. His Lordship was attended by Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, P. P., and the local clergy. He administered the pledge to all the children and appealed to parents never by word or example to do anything to induce them to break it.

GENERAL.

A Mansion Destroyed.

Colonel J. R. Malone's mansion at Barronstown was burned to the ground on the night of May 13. Many valuable paintings, the result of many years' patient collection on the part of Colonel Malone, as well as many fine pieces of sculpture and articles of vertu, were fortunately rescued. Barronstown, County Westmeath, the seat of the Malone family, is associated with famous memories in legal, political, and literary history. Richard Malone, the first owner of Barronstown, was an eminent lawyer, who made a great fortune at the Irish Bar in the early decades of the eighteenth century. Richard Malone's eldest son, Anthony Malone, of Barronstown, was Prime Sergeant at the Irish Bar from 1740 till 1751, and Chancellor of the Exchequer in Ireland from 1757 till 1761. He was pre-eminent while at the Bar, and in the Irish House of Commons his second brother, Richard Malone, was Second Sergeant-at-Law, and his youngest brother, Edmund, was a Justice of the Irish Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Justice Malone was the father of Edmund Malone, the renowned Shakespearean editor and critic. He, too, was a member of the Irish Bar.

Examiner in Irish.

The Rev. P. S. Dineen, the well-known Gaelic scholar, has been appointed Examiner in Irish under the Intermediate Education Board. Dr. Kuno Meyer holds a similar position.

The Irish Guards.

After the King had inspected the Irish Guards on May 30 the ceremony of consecrating the colors was performed by the Rev. Cyril Foster, Catholic chaplain of the regiment, and prayers were read by the Anglican Chaplain-General to the forces. The King then presented the colors, and briefly addressed the troops.

The Irish Party.

Mr. John Redmond was the chief speaker at a meeting held recently in Kensington in aid of the Irish Parliamentary Fund. He denied that Ireland had been in sympathy with the Boers out of any feeling of hostility to England, and ridiculed the idea that any Liberal party could ever gain office without Irish support.

A Philanthropist.

Miss Holcroft, a relative of the late Cardinal Manning, and a lady who took a great and a very practical interest in the training of nurses for and otherwise improving the Irish workhouse hospitals has just died. With the approval of the Bishop of Waterford, Dr. Sheehan,