

Irish News

ANTRIM.—Demonstration Postponed

In deference to the wishes of Mr. John Redmond, M.P., the Nationalists of Belfast have decided to postpone the demonstration through the streets of the city which it was intended to hold on the occasion of the Emmet Centenary.

CARLOW.—Presentation

An interesting function took place recently at Castletown, near Arklow, where the people availed of the attainment by their pastor, Very Rev. James Dunphy, of his silver jubilee, to mark their feelings towards him, and their appreciation of the many services which he has rendered to them, to religion, to education, and to country during a priesthood of 46 years, and of a pastorate of 25 years. Father Dunphy, who enjoys the distinction of being the last parish priest appointed by the late Cardinal Cullen, has practically spent the 46 years of his priesthood amongst the people of Arklow, between whom and him indissoluble ties of affection and love have been established, and, whilst administering to their spiritual necessities with the utmost zeal, he had been an instrument of great good in their material prosperity, taking part in every movement calculated to advance their interests. Throughout the whole parish there are monuments to his zeal and energy, and in no place perhaps so marked as in Castletown, which was enfeited to greet their aged but hale and active, parish priest on coming amongst them. The people of the parish rallied in great numbers to St. Patrick's Hall, which stands on historic ground, being on the site of the Catholic church burned in the place in the Insurrection of 1798, and the spacious building was taxed to its fullest capacity. Father Dunphy was presented with an illuminated address in album form and a silver tea and coffee service of a costly nature.

CORK.—Probable Retirement

In the course of a letter to his constituents in Cork, Mr. William O'Brien, M.P. intimates that his health is such that he cannot stand the strain of constant attendance in Parliament.

The Exhibition

At a recent meeting of the ladies' executive committee of the Greater Cork Exhibition, Lady Randon read a letter from the Countess of Dudley, in which her Excellency, while showing a deep interest in the work of the committee, kindly undertook to ask her Majesty the Queen to lend some very valuable examples of lace for the women's section of the exhibition.

DERRY.—A Popular Priest

Rev. James O'Kane, P.P., Iskaheen has been presented with an address and purse of sovereigns subscribed by his former parishioners and friends in Derry city and district. In addition to the City High Sheriff (Mr. Charles O'Neill) and ex-High Sheriff (Alderman Breslin), there was a large number of the clergy and laity present on the occasion.

DUBLIN.—Death of a Commodore

The death is announced of Captain Patrick Boland, Commodore Captain of the 'Duke' line steamers, which took place at his residence, Phibsboro' road, Dublin. Captain Boland joined the old Dublin and Glasgow Company as second officer about 30 years ago, and soon worked his way to command one of the company's ships. On the death of Captain O'Flaherty last year Captain Boland became Commodore of the fleet. He was then, however, suffering from the effects of a severe attack of influenza, which appears to have undermined his health, and from which he appears never entirely to have recovered. Captain Boland was a skilful and careful commander, a genial breezy sailor of the good old type, and had seen much service both at home and abroad. He was a kindly Christian gentleman, and immensely popular with passengers and the general public.

A Tribute to the Teaching Orders

From an unexpected quarter comes a remarkable tribute to the excellence of the Christian Brothers, the Presentation Brothers, and other religious teaching Orders. At the Protestant synod in Dublin, Dr. Archdall, Bishop of Killaloe, declared that these 'admirable organisations' are giving a thoroughly sound education in every centre in Ireland where there are a sufficient number of Catholic children. Having spoken in the highest terms of the excellence of the teaching imparted by them, his Lordship asked how they acquired their great scholastic learning. They acquired it, he said, because the heads of these organisations had the power and wisdom and discretion to choose only those who had the faculty of teaching. These were trained with method and discipline as regards heart and head and manner and tone such as they in the Church of Ireland could not aspire to. These monastic institutions had gained power in education because the experience of the Roman Catholic laity had taught them that the instruction given in them was far better than any education imparted elsewhere. The result was that Protestant parents were now sending their children to these monastic schools and colleges to be educated, and in this connection, he declared, he never knew of a single instance where a Catholic teacher could be accused of seeking to proselytise the Protestant pupils. It had come to this, that the members of the Church of Ireland who wished to give their children bet-

ter education had to depend on the monastic institutions.

GALWAY.—The Cause of the Accident

It has leaked out (writes a Dublin correspondent) that the disaster to the Irish Midland Great Western Railway at Ballymoe was caused by a goat. The latter, it appears, was tethered to the axle of the trolley which caused the accident by a subordinate official of the company, and as the animal grazed along the line it dragged the vehicle after it.

Priest and People

In the course of a sermon at Athenry the Archbishop of Tuam said that there was not in the whole Church of God any country where the relations between pastor and flock, as described by our Saviour in the Gospel, were so fully realised as they were in Ireland. Referring to the question of education, his Grace said that he knew of his own knowledge that there were people in Ireland who would take it out of the hands of the clergy if they could. But if the people listened to the voice of their pastors, and were obedient to their counsels, no power—not that of all the English Ministers—could deprive them of their rights to educate their children according to their consciences. The spirit that animated Irish Catholics in the past would bind them in the future. They would teach it to their children, and it would endure for ever.

KERRY.—Destruction of a Castle

On Sunday night, April 26, Dunkerron Castle, beautifully situated on the north shore of the Kenmare Bay, the residence of Miss Louisa Palmer, sister-in-law of Sir John Colomb, M.P., was completely destroyed by fire. There were only a housemaid and a cook in the castle at the time, and they had a narrow escape. All the furniture was burnt. The damage is estimated at several thousand pounds.

LIMERICK.—Damages

At the Rathkeale Spring Quarter Sessions, before Judge Adams, Mrs. Moroney, Foynes, was awarded £150 damages against Mr. Sheehan, hay merchant, Limerick, for the loss of her husband, who was accidentally killed while in his employment at Foynes some time ago.

An Election

A special meeting of the County Limerick Agricultural Committee was held recently under the presidency of Father Casey, P.P., for the election of a secretary at a salary of £100 a year, in room of Mr. James Coleman, resigned. A preliminary examination of the candidates seeking the office had been held by the Department of Agriculture, who submitted the names of four to the committee. Of these two were nominated, viz., Mr. Thomas Harigan of Boher House, Bruff, who received 25 votes, and Mr. George Quaid, Ballykenedy, Ballingarry, for whom 22 votes were recorded. The former was, therefore, declared elected.

TIPPERARY.—A Recognition

A movement is on foot to organise a public memorial in recognition of the labors of the Very Rev. Dean Kinnane, of Cashel, towards obtaining an extension of the railway line to Cashel. Archbishop Fennelly has approved and subscribed to the project.

WESTMEATH.—A Centenarian

The death has taken place at Thomastown, Kilkenny, Westmeath, of Anna O'Lynn, at the age of 111 years. Deceased was a native of the county. She retained all her faculties to the day before her death, and until a week previous enjoyed good health.

GENERAL

Proposed Industries

It is stated that some prominent Irish merchants in conjunction with some English capitalists are organising a syndicate to take up and work as factories some of the closed down corn mills along the Suir and Barrow, each having a confluent to the sea at Waterford. Clothes, boots, linen, and cotton and wool wear will be the articles of manufacture.

A Question of Policy

The Rome correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal' writes—A well-known English Prelate at Rome was reported the other day as saying that the King must necessarily visit the Pope, as he is desirous of visiting Ireland, and he could not go there if he had left Rome without seeing the Pope. It is interesting to find that the Irish question enters into England's foreign policy.

The Catholic Association

Branches of the Catholic Association have recently been started in Newry, Wexford, Keady, Armagh, Dundalk, and several in Dublin. Steps are being taken to call meetings in quite a number of centres with a view to establishing the organisation. The following societies have recently been affiliated with the Catholic Association: The Tralee Literary Society, the Queenstown Young Men's Society, the Young Men's Society, Maryboro', and the Catholic Young Men's Society, Waterford.

Mr John Dillon

Our Irish exchanges report that Mr. John Dillon has returned to Parliament, and has evidently derived much benefit from his tour in Egypt. His health had been a subject of profound anxiety, but his countless friends will rejoice to know that he is now almost restored to