

Irish News

ANTRIM.—Fire in Belfast

The extensive premises of Elliott and Co., blouse manufacturers, Belfast, were destroyed by fire on May 21. The neighboring warehouses of Young's Paraffin Light Co. and Bell and Reid, tea merchants, were extensively damaged.

Death of a School Inspector

The death occurred at Donaghadee of Dr. John Moran, the head inspector of the National schools in Belfast. Dr. Moran was a native of Limerick, and had held his position as inspector under the Irish Education Board for close on 30 years.

Irish Harps

Mr. James MacFall, Belfast, has received an order from the Lord-Lieutenant for an Irish harp. His Excellency writes:—'Having heard the small Irish harp recently played in Dublin by Miss Florrie Kerin, I was much pleased with the sweet and powerful tone of the beautiful instrument.' These harps are of Irish manufacture, and have been modelled on the ancient harps of the bards. They were the instruments used by the band of harpers from Loretto Abbey, Rathfarnham, led by Miss Florrie Kerin, which played at the recent Oireachtas. The study of the Irish harp has progressed marvellously since the Gaelic League undertook its revival, and the beautiful work of the Belfast maker shows that there are great industrial as well as artistic possibilities in its development.

DUBLIN.—The King's Visit

It is understood that the Royal party on their visit to Ireland will reside at the Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin, paying visits from that centre to Cork, to the Lord-Lieutenant at his country seat, Rockingham Castle, Roscommon; to the Duke of Devonshire, at Lismore Castle, Waterford, one of the loveliest beauty spots in Ireland; and to Lord Londonderry at his place in County Down.

Christian Brothers' Novitiate

The event of the week (writes a Dublin correspondent on May 27) is the grand fête in the Rotunda in aid of the Christian Brothers' Training College and Novitiate, Marino. It was formally opened by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor in the presence of a large gathering of the leading citizens of the metropolis, who showed their sympathy with the object in view by the generous manner in which they patronised the countless attractions provided for the public. As the days go by it looks as if the organisers of 'Juvena' would be rewarded with a golden harvest as a result of their labors on behalf of the great teaching Order. The undertaking, however, is a heavy one, and will require the strenuous efforts of the Christian Brothers' friends to raise sufficient to defray the cost, which is estimated at £50,000. Speaking at a luncheon given to the members of the executive committee in the Gresham Hotel, Rev. Brother Hennessy said that the Superior-General had to provide for two large novitiates at an annual expenditure of at least £1000. He had to provide for the sick, the decrepit, and the aged, whose work was done, and all of whom, through the various houses, had to look to him in order to be maintained when their life's labor was finished. He had to maintain a large executive of inspectors, school examiners, and school organisers, and a large staff for various purposes in carrying on the work of the institute throughout the world. To meet all these expenses, and numberless others which he need not specify, required very extensive resources. Hence it was that the Superior-General was obliged to have recourse to the 'Juvena' bazaar and to a collection not alone in Ireland but in countries outside of it to meet the necessities of the case.

GALWAY.—The Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy in Ballinasloe celebrate this year the golden jubilee of their advent in the town.

Irish Language and Literature

On the occasion of a visit to Ballyhaunis the Most Rev. Dr. Healy was presented with addresses from the priests and people, the Children of Mary, and the Gaelic League. In replying, his Grace referred to the progress which had been made in the parish since he last visited it, about 20 years ago. In the meantime the beautiful convent which crowns the eminence over the town had been erected. Many other improvements for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people had been made. As to the words of welcome contained in the address from the Gaelic League, he said that he took the deepest interest in the preservation of the language and literature of the country. If the language were to perish the literature and national spirit would perish with it. He had given the greatest part of his life to the study of ancient Irish history and literature and the folklore of Ireland. In conclusion, he thanked the members of the League for the excellent work they had done.

KERRY.—Death of a Priest

The death is announced of the Rev. James Neligan, P.P., Brosna, which took place at the residence of his brother, Rev. M. Neligan, P.P., at Beaufort, after a protracted illness. The deceased clergyman was a native of Dingle, and was 63 years of age. Father Neligan was a great favorite with his people in all the missions in which he labored.

Golden Jubilee

The golden jubilee of the Ven. Archdeacon O'Leary, P.P., V.F., was celebrated recently in the parish church, Castleisland. The ceremonies were of a most impressive character, and were participated in by a big gathering of priests and people. During his 50 years in the sacred ministry the Ven. Archdeacon has labored with indefatigable zeal and solicitude for the spiritual welfare of the flocks committed to his care throughout the Kerry diocese, and during the eight years that he has presided over the spiritual destinies of the Castleisland parish his zeal and devotion to the interests—temporal as well as spiritual—of his flock have won for him the warmest affections of his people. During his brief term in charge of the parish he has built handsome new convent schools and a new presbytery, and has, in fact, at all times, devoted himself earnestly and zealously to the promotion of the moral and material welfare of his people. That his faithful flock are not unmindful of his many services to them was, indeed, amply testified by their presence in large numbers at the ceremonies, and by the many addresses and congratulations and presentations made to him on the auspicious occasion.

KILDARE.—The New Member

Mr. Denis Kilbride, the new member for South Kildare, first entered the House of Commons on the arm of the renowned Mr. Joseph Biggar, who introduced him early in the session of 1888. He returned to the House in the Parliaments of 1892 and 1895, and the omission to return him at the General Election in 1900 seems to have been due to some oversight. In Ireland, where platform oratory flourishes, Mr. Kilbride is reputed to be one of the best of platform speakers. Mr. Kilbride held a farm rented at over £700 a year on Lord Lansdowne's Queen's County estate at the time of his eviction as a Plan of Campaign leader in 1887.

Clongowes College

The Clongowes Union, an association of past pupils of the famous Jesuit College in Kildare, which has turned out so many distinguished Irishmen from Meagher to Palfrey, held its sixth annual meeting at the college on Sunday, May 24. An enormous influx of visitors attended, and the weather conditions were ideal. Sir Francis Cruise, M.D., who presided, is one of the most distinguished medical men in Ireland, and is one of the highest living authorities on the 'Imitation.' Lord Chief Baron Palfrey was re-elected president of the Union, and the vice-presidents chosen were: Mr. John E. Redmond and General Sir William Butler. Judge Barry was elected honorary treasurer, and the other office-bearers were re-appointed.

LOUTH.—No Crime in Drogheda

The sub-sheriff of Louth had to invest in a pair of white gloves for presentation to the County Court Judge Kibbey at Drogheda quarter sessions. There was no criminal business.

MEATH.—Smallpox through the Post

At the meeting of the Dunsshaughlin Board of Guardians it was stated that the postman, whose duty it was to receive and deliver letters at the workhouse, had been admitted into the hospital suffering from smallpox. It appears the cause of the outbreak was due to the fact that as some smallpox patients were in the hospital, the letters he received contained the germs or microbes of the disease.

ROSCOMMON.—Compensation Refused

The Midland and Great Western Railway Company claimed £1050 in connection with the recent accident on the borders of Roscommon, in which a man named Millington was killed and some damage was done to the permanent way. The popular impression is that the accident was caused by the collision of a train with a bogey which was believed to have been hauled on to the line by a goat tethered to the bogey by some railway employee. Witnesses swore that they saw the goat tethered frequently to wheels like those found on the line, and other evidence was submitted to show that the remains of the deceased quadruped when disinterred had some railway appurtenances, such as telegraph wire, still clinging to them. The railway Company's appeal for compensation from the county was dismissed.

A New Church

In Roscommon a new church, the foundation stone of which was laid on St. Patrick's Day 1897, is fast approaching completion. The building, which is one of the finest in the province, is intended to serve a double purpose. It will take the place of the old parochial church, which was entirely inadequate for the wants of the congregation. It is also intended to be a memorial to the late Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly who was a native of the town, and whose labors for the spiritual welfare of the people during the many years that he ruled over the diocese of Elphin will long be remembered.

GENERAL

Expected Loss

'New Ireland' makes the announcement that Maynooth College, the great seminary of the Irish priesthood, will lose over £3000 a year as a result of the redemption of Irish land mortgages under the Land Bill, and Trinity College, Dublin, will lose about £7000 a year.

End of the Struggle

Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., speaking at Burnley (England) last week, declared that the end of the