

Irish News

CAVAN.—A New Church

At Gowna, a picturesquely situated village in County Cavan, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of the diocese, laid the foundation stone of a new church, which, when completed, will accommodate 800 people. Addressing those present after the ceremony, his Lordship said that for 400 years nothing so magnificent had been witnessed on that hill as the meeting assembled there that day. He reminded them of the fact that in the year 1667 only two bishops dared to make their appearance in Ireland, and one of them was the Bishop of Ardagh, an uncle of the glorious martyr, Oliver Plunkett. Father Finlay, S.J., who preached an eloquent sermon in the old church after the First Gospel of High Mass, said that on the spot selected for the new church their forefathers in the penal days were wont to assemble and worship their Divine Master. The eminence on which they knelt and prayed commanded an admirable view of the surrounding country, and in that way they were enabled to seek safety in flight on seeing the enemy approach. The sacred edifice, when completed, will be another landmark in the progress of Catholicism in Ulster.

CORK.—Gougane Barra

The Rev. Father Hurley, parish priest of Inchigeela, has secured a resident priest for Gougane Barra—Rev. Dr. Daly, who will say Mass at the Oratory recently erected on the island, each day, hear confessions, conduct pilgrims and visitors over the island, and arrange pilgrimages. Dr. Daly is to superintend an Irish language summer school there. All the people of the district are Irish speakers. A committee is arranging for lodgings, etc., for persons who may attend the school. It is not to be expected that first-class hotel accommodation can be had in the vicinity of the 'Lone Little Island,' but anyone who will be content with plain, comfortable lodgings amidst the beautiful surroundings will not regret a visit.

Queenstown Cathedral

The collection throughout the diocese of Cloyne in aid of the Cathedral bazaar project has been brought to a termination by the generous action of the priests and people of Fermoy in contributing the handsome sum of £360. The project launched some time ago to free the great edifice in Queenstown from debt and bring about its solemn consecration, which will be a ceremony in which all Ireland will participate must be a matter of interest for all Catholics, and now that the Rev. Father Murphy has concluded the collection for the purpose he deserves to be congratulated on the result. Nearly 18 months have elapsed since the Bishop selected Father Murphy to act as organiser of a great bazaar and fête, which his Lordship then decided on as a means whereby he could complete his Cathedral church and rid it of its financial obligation of £11,000. Single-handed Father Murphy, in accordance with his Lordship's instructions, commenced the work, and now he has concluded his collection, having visited 46 parishes of the diocese. Not one member of the community—not even the Bishop—had the slightest idea that the final result would have been so surprisingly successful as it has been. The collection is a splendid tribute to Father Murphy's zeal. He had an uphill task on starting out to pull down an enormous debt, but he has succeeded beyond all expectations, even his own.

DUBLIN.—A Generous Donor

Lord Iveagh, it is reported, has signified his intention to make a donation amounting to nearly £40,000 to Trinity College, Dublin, in connection with the building and equipment of scientific laboratories.

GALWAY.—Presentation to the Archbishop

The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, was recently made the recipient of an address and testimonial from the priests and people of Portumna, County Galway, of which district he was parish priest while acting as Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Clonfert.

The See of Clonfert

A Loughrea correspondent reports that the Very Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Vice-President of Maynooth, has been appointed to the vacant See of Clonfert. Clonfert has reason to congratulate itself on receiving as its Bishop one of the most gifted churchmen of his generation. Dr. O'Dea's labors have hitherto been confined to the service of his own Alma Mater. But his reputation long ago travelled beyond its walls, and he has been looked to as one from whom the Catholic Church in Ireland might expect great things. There is only one qualification to the satisfaction which the appointment will occasion. What is gain to Clonfert and the Western Province is loss to Maynooth, for whose progress Dr. O'Dea has been a

strenuous worker, and for which it was expected that he might still do greater work. The responsibilities of the episcopate have fallen upon him at an early age, and those who hope to see Maynooth develop more and more looked to him to assist its development. However, he is now called to a higher and wider field, where his labors will bear fruit, not merely for the people who will welcome his coming amongst them, but for the whole nation in which he takes such pride and loves so well.

KERRY.—Mansion Injured by Fire

Oakpark House, the residence of Mr. Falkiner Collins Sandes, D.L., was nearly destroyed by fire early in June. The fire originated in the kitchen from the over-heating of a flue, and before being noticed had gained such a hold that the entire mansion, which is one of the finest and most beautiful in Kerry, the ancestral home of the Sandes family, was threatened. A military engine and hose arrived on the scene, but owing to the meagre water supply, which had to be pumped, the hose could not be worked for a considerable time, and it was only by cutting off the burning wing from the mansion proper that the latter was saved. The work of cutting off was carried out with conspicuous bravery by numbers of volunteers. The entire wing was destroyed, including the valuable furniture, and, fearful for the fate of the entire mansion, all the furniture was removed to the grounds.

Rural Council Chairmanship

In a contest for the chairmanship of the Dingle Rural Council and Board of Guardians, Lord Ventry was defeated by Mr. T. O'Flaherty by 21 votes to 15.

Local Industry

The weaving of tapestry carpets and rugs is being established as a local industry at Killarney.

KILDARE.—The New Member

The entrance of Mr. Denis Kilbride into the House of Commons, after an absence of nearly three years, came at an appropriate moment, for the very first amendment to the Land Bill was on a question of the position of the large farmers in Ireland, of whom Mr. Kilbride, though evicted, is regarded as the representative. Before his eviction from Lord Lansdowne's Queen's County estate in 1887, Mr. Kilbride occupied a really fine farm, with a beautiful residence, the rent having been £700 a year. His eviction was due to the fact that he made common cause with the smaller tenants in the Plan of Campaign.

SLIGO.—Good Advice

The Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Dudley visited Sligo on the invitation of the Harbor Board. At the Town Hall addresses were presented from the Harbor Board and the magistrates of the county. The Mayor of Sligo was amongst those present. Responding to the toast of his health, at the subsequent luncheon, Lord Dudley said it was absolutely necessary that those entrusted with the Government of the country should be personally acquainted with the conditions of life in every portion of the country they governed. He had endeavored to do so. It was the desire of the Government he represented, and his own opinion, that the only way to govern Ireland properly was to govern it according to Irish ideas and not according to English ideas. He believed if faction were got rid of the Irish question would soon be settled, and a Land Bill would be passed which would be approved by all parties, leaving Ireland in perfect peace. To do this only required the co-operation of all parties interested in the prosperity of the country. He expressed the hope that English legislators would follow his own example in going through the country to see for themselves the various conditions of life. In conclusion, he expressed thanks for the cordiality of the reception accorded to him and Lady Dudley during their visit.

A Statesman's Counsel

The Hon. Mr. Bourke-Cochran visited Summerhill College, County Sligo, recently, where he was educated before leaving Ireland. He was received by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, the President, and the professors. In the course of an eloquent address to the students who would, he said, soon enter the struggle of life, and in whose minds the thought uppermost was how they were to succeed, he declared that money, fame, and power, all three of which he tasted, did not bring happiness. If they asked him to define perfect happiness, he would say it was in the absorption of all the faculties in some form of fruitful labor. If all their faculties were engaged in their work there would be no time to be miserable or dissatisfied. That was in obedience to the Divine law, which was established after their first parents' fall in the garden. The possessor of wealth who tried to get enjoyment out of it merely went to a bitter fountain to drink discontent and confusion. The man who worked earnestly and took what he made not as a source of idle enjoyment but to make a wider