

Irish News

CLARE.—Tenant Reinstated

Much satisfaction is felt in the Labasheeda (County Clare) district at the reinstatement of Mr. John Kelly, of Kilkerrin, to the farm from which he was evicted five years ago. Mr. Kelly was the recipient of many congratulations, and was presented with an address from his neighbors in Labasheeda.

Charming Embroidery

The charming designs of Clare embroidery as now seen in various colors in children's frocks and pinafores (says the 'Freeman's Journal') owe their origin to Mrs. Vere O'Brien, Ballyalla, Ennis, famous as one of the pioneers of the revival of Irish lace. The embroidery is worked from designs drawn by Mrs. O'Brien with her well-known artistic taste and skill. This interesting Irish industry—of which classes have been established by Mrs. O'Brien at Ballyalla, presided over by herself; at the Convent of Mercy, Ennis, presided over by the directress, of needlework, and at Mount Callan, presided over by Mrs. Tottenham—gives employment to numbers of young girls in the neighborhood. It is owing to her kindly zeal, Limerick lace—an industry which flourished during the early Victorian period, but later became, from various causes, almost extinct—has been revived to its former glory.

CORK.—The Exhibition

Speaking at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Cork Exhibition Sir Edward Fitzgerald, Lord Mayor of Cork, said that the success of the Exhibition, which would close on November 1st, was already assured.

DUBLIN.—The Horse Show

Notwithstanding the very inclement weather, 54,838 persons attended the Dublin Horse Show. There was a decrease of over 1000 as compared with last year.

An Australian Visitor

An Irish priest who has made for himself a brilliant name all over the Continent of Australia and in New Zealand, the Rev. G. A. Robinson, B.A., is (says the 'Irish Catholic' of August 15) at present on a visit to his native city, Dublin, in the diocesan college of which at Clonliffe he made his clerical studies before proceeding to the Irish College in Rome.

Death of Monsignor Gargan

As briefly reported in our columns at the time the Right Rev. Mgr. Gargan, president of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, passed to his eternal reward on September 1, at the venerable age of 84 years. Dr. Gargan was a native of County Meath, in which his father, Mr. Patrick Gargan, was a large grazier. He was born in 1819. His earliest education was imparted by a private tutor, and he subsequently became a pupil in the Diocesan College, Navan. He matriculated in Maynooth in 1836, and entered for logic. He was ordained priest in 1843. His studies were attended with great brilliancy, and before the end of his Dunboyne course he was appointed Professor of Metaphysics in the Irish College in Paris, under the well-known Dr. McSweeney. In 1845 he competed for the Chair of Humanity in Maynooth College, and was successful in securing the appointment. In 1859 he succeeded Dr. Kelly as Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Maynooth. He continued to hold that chair until October, 1885, when he was elected vice-president of the College. In 1894 he was elevated by the Board of Trustees to the presidency, rendered vacant by the promotion of Monsignor Brown to the See of Cloyne. Dr. Gargan was a theologian of uncommon attainments, while his acquaintance with the whole field of Church history enabled him to speak and write upon that subject with masterly erudition and authority. He found time during his active career in the service of the Church to write a number of valuable works on ecclesiastical and historical subjects.

GALWAY.—The Bishop of Clonfert

On Sunday, August 30, the new Bishop of Clonfert, Dr. O'Dea, was solemnly consecrated at Loughrea. His Eminence Cardinal Logue presided. The consecrating prelate was his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam, and the assistant prelates were the Bishops of Galway and Achonry. There were also present: Their Lordships the Bishops of Cloyne, Elphin, Canea, Kildare, Ardagh, Killaloe, Derry, Raphoe, Dromore, Clogher, Waterford, Sandhurst (Victoria), Goulburn (New South Wales), and Rockhampton (Queensland), and a very large representation of the clergy. The Bishop of Elphin preached. Subsequently a number of addresses were presented to the newly-consecrated Bishop, and in replying to these, Dr. O'Dea said though his office was spiritual he should not on that account fail to take a keen inter-

est in what concerned the people's welfare. It was the excellence of their faith to reconcile temporal and eternal and one of its fundamental teachings was that a rightful use of this world was a condition and a help to qualify for the next. He hoped, therefore, to take a part in future, however limited, in every movement for the temporal well-being of the diocese or of the country at large. He would take a special interest in those problems which he conceived to be at the root of their economic and national progress, the restoration of the land to the people, the revival of their industries, a betterment in the conditions of labor, a nation self-centered in its government and ideas, the advancement of education in all its branches, and the development among the masses of the moral qualities of self-reliance, industry, temperance, fidelity to engagements, and public justice.

KERRY.—A Fair-minded Landlord

Mr. J. E. J. Julian, B.L., landlord of Killeighmoy, near Lixnaw, has informed his tenants that he would give them 30 per cent. reduction on their first term rents under the new Land Act. This is considered by all the farmers round as being a most generous act. Mr. Julian is well known as a splendid type of landlord.

Railway Management

At a meeting of the Tralee Union Council, Mr. T. Slattery (chairman) proposed the following resolutions: (1) That from a national point of view we regard with alarm the ruinous effects on the industries and commerce of this country if such a transit system be continued; and respectfully call on the Government to take immediate and effective steps to remedy it. (2) That we condemn the anti-Catholic and anti-Irish policy of the principal railway companies in Ireland, and call on the Catholics and fair-minded Protestant shareholders in these companies to organise their forces and put a stop to such scandalous and disastrous proceedings.

KING'S COUNTY.—A Change Allowed

The County Council of King's County have succeeded in getting it officially arranged that the post town formerly known as Frankford shall in future be called Kilcormac, its original name. About a century ago, it appears, an old military officer took it upon himself to name the place Frankford, after Frankfort-on-the-Rhine. Some months ago, however, the County Council restored the ancient appellation which it received on account of the fact that St. Cormac had a monastery there. Judge Curran, at a recent Quarterly Sessions, expressed his strong disapproval of the change, which he described as ridiculous and nonsensical, though he admitted the legality of the Council's action; and, subsequently, the Local Government Board refused to sanction it on the ground that the Council had no power to take such a step. The Postmaster-General, however, has now decided to officially recognise the town as Kilcormac in future, which is a decided victory for the Council.

LIMERICK.—An Auckland Visitor

Mr. Walter J. Kirby, who is a well-known Australian tenor, is (says the 'Irish People') on a visit to his uncle, the very popular member for East Limerick, Mr. William London, M.P., Killeely. Mr. Kirby was born in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1878, and from an early age he was engaged in singing at all the churches and theatres throughout Australia and New Zealand. Last year he toured Australia with Madame Melba. Since his arrival in Killeely he has sung in the local Catholic Church, and also in Kilkee and other centres.

MEATH.—A Bye-Election

A cable message received last week stated that at a bye-election in South Meath Mr. David Sheehy, Nationalist, was elected, his opponent being a candidate approved of by the Dublin 'Daily Independent'. This seat was represented by Mr. J. L. Carsw, whose death was reported in our last issue.

TIPPERARY.—A Memorial

The people of Toomevara have subscribed £114 for a memorial to Father Fogarty, their late pastor. His brother, Rev. M. Fogarty, D.D., Maynooth, has, at the request of the committee, selected the design for the monument which is to take the shape of a solid cross carved with interlaced work.

WATERFORD.—Death of a Carrick Man

The death is reported of one of the oldest and most respected residents of Carrick district, Mr. John Shee, Newtown, father of Mr. J. J. Shee, M.P. for West Waterford, and Mr. N. Shee, solicitor. He passed away in his 84th year. Mr. Shee was for many years a member of the Carrick Board of Guardians, and proved himself a steady Nationalist, especially in the stormy days when the ex-officio held sway.

WEXFORD.—Death of the Mayor

Alderman John Clancy, of Wexford, died on Saturday, August 29, after an illness of about a fortnight. The de-

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