

IRISH NEWS

GENERAL.

For the first time in twenty-five years the annual demonstration in memory of Allen, O'Brien, and Larkin was proclaimed at Cork. Successful meetings were held in the suburbs of the city.

The influenza epidemic was very severe in Ireland, and resulted in many deaths all over the country. The return of the Registrar-General for one week in November showed 231 deaths in Dublin alone.

Mrs. Catherine White, a centenarian, recently died at Athea, Co. Limerick. The kindness of her family to the poor during the great famine of 1847-48 is still spoken of. She was mother of 21 children.

There was a great procession through the streets of Dublin when a public funeral was given by the Sinn Féin organisation to Mr. Seamus O'Kelly, journalist, author, and playwright. Some thousands of persons walked in the procession, and the streets were thronged with spectators. A guard of honor was supplied by the Irish Volunteers, and walking in front of the hearse was about a dozen priests. The Lord Mayor was amongst those present.

The Dublin Corporation unanimously adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with the relatives of Richard Coleman, who lately died in Usk prison. "where he had been interned for over seven months without any charge whatever being made against him." Coleman was a Sinn Féiner. Any Irish recreants who voted Coalition the other day voted approval of the kidnapping resulting in his death, and gave mandate to his slayers to go on slaying Irish Sinn Féiners who may be bold enough to question "Sister England's" title to rule Ireland by force of British bayonets.

A letter from Brigadier-General Marshall appears in the Irish press. He says: "Though I am an Englishman I must say the Irish soldiers have fought magnificently. They are the cream of the army. Ireland may well be proud of her sons. Ireland has done her duty nobly. Irishmen are absolutely indispensable for our final triumph. If I am spared to return at the end of the war I shall make my future home in 'dear old Ireland,' which has always had a warm corner in my heart, for in no part of the world have I met more generous, warm-hearted, or brave people than in the Emerald Isle."

At a banquet given by Lord Decies, the Irish press censor, to the American journalists visiting the United Kingdom, Mr. Franklin P. Glass, of Birmingham, Alabama, an old fellow-student and friend of President Wilson, spoke. He said they were tremendously interested in the Irish question. America was, to a large extent, the creation in fact, in spirit, and in purpose of Ireland. Irishmen went to America in thousands during many years, and they had a considerable part in bringing about an American revolution, which was said to have taught England an important lesson in handling her colonies. Whether England was going to be able to solve the Irish question with as much wisdom and efficiency as she succeeded in solving a colonial question remained to be demonstrated. If they, as Americans, could be of assistance in that they would be delighted to give assistance.

IRISH STUDENTS' SUCCESSES IN ROME.

Recently in the presence of his Eminence Cardinal Van Rossum, Prefect of the S. Congregation of Propaganda, Mgr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Mgr. O'Hern, Rector of the American College, and the Rectors of the other twelve colleges whose students attend lectures in the halls of Propaganda, the annual distribution of prizes took place. Of the Irish College seven students were awarded the Licentiate in Theology—viz., Rev. Francis Green, Rev. James O'Connor, Rev. Cornelius Cahalane, Rev. Daniel Cremin, Rev. John McCarthy, Rev. Henry Fair, and Rev. Michael Dempsey. Nine of the same institution won the Baccalaureate—viz., Messrs. Ml. Kilmartin, Joseph Kilmartin, Vincent Mallon, Charles Nolan, James Cowper, Daniel O'Callaghan, Mark Curtis,

Dominick Kelly, Charles Hurley. In Philosophy Mr. Francis Collins, Irish College, won the doctorate. In Sacred Scripture first place fell to the Irish College, and to the College of St. Patrick (Irish Augustinians) first place and gold medal were awarded in Dogmatic Theology; while three Irish College men won second prize in the latter subject, one taking the silver medal. The same institution also won the "solus," and with it the gold medal in Sacramental Theology. Two other Irishmen received first places and medals in the subject of Fundamental Theology, while to a third fell second place and medal in Moral Theology. First place and gold medal in Ecclesiastical History went to the Irish College also, four of its students coming in the second place. In Canon Law the first three names on the premium list were those of Irish College students, and both medals went to this institution. A silver medal was won by this college for Sacred Liturgy, and in Sacred Archaeology it obtained three places and the silver medal. First place and medal went to Ireland also in Higher Metaphysics, and a "solus," with gold medal, in Moral Philosophy. In Logic the Irish College obtained the "solus," with gold medal; in the History of Philosophy two first places and gold medal, and in other subjects as many as twelve first and second places and four medals were awarded to the same institution.

FATHER HERBERT, S.M., FAREWELLED

On Monday evening, February 17 (writes our Timaru correspondent), a farewell gathering was held in the Catholic Hall in honor of Rev. J. S. Herbert, S.M., who is leaving Timaru to undertake mission work in Australia. The Very Rev. Dean Tubman presided, and there was an exceptionally large and enthusiastic assemblage, including quite a number of visiting clergy. The proceedings opened with a very fine musical programme arranged by Mrs. N. D. Mangos, items being contributed by Mrs. P. Lindsay, Miss Agnes Cunningham, L.T.C.L., L.A.B., Rev. D. O'Connell (Oamaru), Mr. G. H. Andrews, and (by special request) Father Herbert. All had to respond to recalls.

The Very Rev. chairman, in a most felicitous speech, enumerated the many sterling qualities that had endeared Father Herbert to all who had been associated with him during his too brief stay of three years in Timaru, and assured him that the prayers of all would follow him in the arduous work that lay before him.

On behalf of the parishioners, Mr. M. J. Doyle then read an address, handsomely illuminated, and bound in album form. The album contained photographs of all the buildings connected with the local Church of the Sacred Heart, and formed a delightful souvenir of the Timaru parish. The album, accompanied by a cheque from the parishioners, was presented by Mr. T. Cronin; Messrs. W. Cunningham, G. Casey, and M. O'Brien adding their quota of praise to that of the previous speakers.

In response, Father Herbert, who was enthusiastically applauded, feelingly thanked all for their tokens of appreciation, stating, in conclusion, that the three years spent in Timaru were among the happiest of his life.

An excellent supper was provided by the Children of Mary, assisted by some members of St. Anne's Guild.

On the previous Sunday (February 16), on his farewell visit to St. Andrews, Father Herbert was made the recipient of a cheque, the substantial nature of which testified to the high esteem in which he had been held there, as elsewhere in the parish of

On the same evening the altar boys of the Sacred Heart Church waited on Father Herbert and presented him with a fountain pen as a small memento of his association with them.

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