

IRISH NEWS

GENERAL.

A Bill which has been introduced into the English Parliament to admit women to practise as solicitors and barristers does not apply to Ireland.

The Earl of Rosse, who died from wounds received during the war, has left his famous telescope at Birr and his other scientific instruments to his successor in the title.

The 1919 Oireachtas (Irish Literary Convention) will be held in Cork next August. It will be a considerable advance on anything yet attempted at this great national festival.

In many parts of Ireland Sinn Fein courts of arbitration are now established to deal with legal work. All kinds of actions, from small debt cases to high court actions, are dealt with. Already some big cases have been amicably settled.

The special correspondent of the *Daily News* (London), writing from Dublin, says the most interesting movement in Irish politics is the steady set of the Southern Unionists towards Home Rule because they believe the Union spells poverty.

Dublin Coiste Ceannair has adopted a resolution viewing with alarm the introduction of foreign dances at the so-called Ceili organised by Irish-Ireland clubs and societies, and drawing attention to the fewness of songs in Irish at these functions.

Thomas Murphy, The Foythe, Wexford, who during the war saved 50 lives, has just died at sea. He had been awarded Lloyd's silver medal, and received monetary rewards from the Ministry of Shipping and the Canadian-Pacific Ocean Services.

A warning against the indiscriminate reading of current pernicious literature, which comes chiefly from England, is delivered by several of the Irish bishops in their Lenten Pastorals. They recommend the publications of the Catholic Truth Society.

The remains of the late Right Rev. Mgr. Shanahan, Thornaby-on-Tees, arrived in Limerick and were met at the railway station by the Most Rev. Dr. Hallinan and diocesan clergy. The chief mourners included Father Shanahan, P.P., Dr. Shanahan (brother), Sir Vincent Nash, the Mayor (Mr. O'Mara), and a large concourse of citizens. The body was interred in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Much regret is felt at the death of Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, elder daughter of the late Thomas Fitzpatrick, the well-known Dublin cartoonist and proprietor of the *Leipreacann*. Her death was caused by double pneumonia following influenza. Miss Fitzpatrick was a very clever artist. She assisted her father with the *Leipreacann*, and after his death, with the help of her sister carried on the paper for some time, but she was best known for her beautiful designs for illuminated addresses.

DR. THOMAS ADDIS EMMET.

The American papers announce the death on March 1 of Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, one of the most prominent laymen of Irish descent in the United States. Dr. Emmet was the grandson of Thomas Addis Emmet and the grand-nephew of Robert Emmet. His father, Dr. John Patten Emmet, was Professor of Chemistry and Materia Medica in the University of Virginia, and it was at Charlottesville that Dr. Emmet was born 91 years ago. Dr. Patten Emmet died when the boy was only 14 years of age, leaving his family "little more than his good name," and from that time he had to depend on his own exertions. He graduated in medicine at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1850, and immediately began the practice of his profession at New York. He soon attained great eminence as a surgeon and his book on *Principles and Practice* became a standard work as soon as published.

Dr. Polt, the great Chicago surgeon, says: "As we pass in review the events of our department of surgery which have transpired during the past 40 years

we see that the name of Emmet is associated more prominently with the great achievements of that period than that of any of his contemporaries." Dr. Emmet was connected with all the great New York hospitals in one capacity or another, and was a member of all the great American medical societies.

In 1869 he joined the Catholic Church, and was a devoted Catholic up to the hour of his death. He got many honors from the Church, including the Laetere Medal of the University of Notre Dame (Ind.), and the Insignia of Knightly Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great from Pope Pius X.

Dr. Emmet had that great love for Ireland which characterised all his family. He was one of Parnell's principal American supporters. Afterwards, for eight years, he was President of the Irish National Federation. On what proved his death bed he was appointed Vice-President of the Friends of Irish Freedom, the American auxiliary of Sinn Fein. He wrote several books relating to Ireland, amongst which are *Ireland Under English Rule* and *The Emmet Family*. He also wrote an autobiography, *Incidents of My Life*.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, March 4, the anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet. Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at St. Stephen's Church, New York, the Archbishop (Most Rev. Dr. P. J. Hayes) presiding, and the body was afterwards interred in the family vault in the convent of the Sisters of Divine Compassion, White Plains.

MRS. DE VALERA: VISIT TO GREYSTONES.

Mrs. E. De Valera, interviewed at Greystones by a special correspondent of the *Evening Standard* with regard to her husband's escape, said she only knew what she saw in the papers, and she was glad he had escaped, emphasising the word "escaped," which was sweeter to her than liberated.

The De Valeras have only recently settled in Greystones, which is almost entirely a Unionist village. "A 'plantation county' we call it," said Mrs. De Valera, with a laugh. "Cromwellian, you know."

We talked of the women's part in the Sinn Fein movement. "Many work as hard as the men," she said. "I, too, was very active once. Now my part lies in my home. I have several children."

I could hear their prattle and laughter in an adjoining room. Mrs. De Valera rose and ushered the child away. She spoke to the little one in Irish.

Did she lie awake thinking and wondering of the perils of her husband? It seemed so incongruous to see her sitting in the sunlight, the happy buoyancy of her heart reflected in her merry eyes.

"Ah," she replied, "that is all in the woman's part. I have served my apprenticeship."

I heard not one word of bitterness from her, not a note of indignation. There was no fiery outburst, such as I had expected.

She is a stranger here in Greystones, without friends. Unionists almost to a family, nobody calls. I had expressed to a Sinn Feiner my surprise that De Valera should thus choose residence amongst the "aliens." "Why," was the humorous response, "it's just because of the Irish in him, of course. Sure, he wouldn't do what an Englishman would. You don't understand us at all."

I rose to leave this lonely lady of the great ideal that she best serves her country who serves the home, and noticed fastened upon the very centre of the drawing-room door the figure of Christ, with these words, "will bless the houses in which the image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored."

As we both paused before this Presence her demeanor became one of devotion, and wishful as I am to get at the inner meaning of the Sinn Fein movement, I was emboldened to take the liberty of inquiring as to this.

"Is He," said I, "your husband's Leader?" "I placed that there," she said quietly and bowing her head, "out of devotion to the Sacred Heart, and I believe my husband has been spared as the result of our prayers for him."

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