

Irish News

ARMAGH—The Town Tenants' Movement

At a meeting of the executive of the Town Tenants' League in Dublin, a most satisfactory report was read of the remarkable progress made by the town tenants' movement in Portadown. Since the opening meeting, which was addressed in that town last summer by Mr. Briscoe, over 500 members had been enrolled. The branch had returned six members to the local Council, and, as a result, one hundred houses were now about to be erected under the Housing Act. The movement had brought together all classes in the town, and all were enthusiastic in working for the common good. Similar reports were read from other centres as to the progress the movement was making in the North.

CLARE—The Grand Cause of Nationality

In sending his annual subscription to the Parliamentary Fund the Bishop of Killaloe writes as follows to Mr. W. H. K. Redmond, M.P.:—'I enclose with great pleasure a cheque for £10, my subscription to our Parliamentary Fund. With the prospects of Home Rule now so bright—and even its most bitter opponents regard its concession in the near future as a matter of course, the country is at last in a clear position to appreciate the wisdom of maintaining her Parliamentary Party as she has done for so many years independent and unbroken regardless of either cost or sacrifice. And it must be said that that Party has served her faithfully and well, and has steered the grand cause of nationality through a series of great difficulties and discouragements to its present hopeful outlook with consummate ability.'

CORK—Evidence from the past

Mr. Augustine Roche, M.P. for North Louth, is one of the Irish Nationalists accused of malevolent hatred of their Protestant fellow-countrymen and of sinister designs upon Protestant lives and properties (remarks the *Irish Weekly*). So long ago as 1893 Mr. Roche was Mayor of Cork. During that year the late Right Rev. Dr. Gregg, Protestant Bishop of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, was chosen Archbishop of Armagh. A congratulatory resolution was unanimously passed by the Cork Corporation and forwarded to the Primate-Designate. In reply Mr. Augustine Roche received the following letter from Dr. Gregg:—'My dear Mr. Mayor,—I have written to the Town Clerk thanking him for the copy of the resolution which was so generously passed on Friday, and requesting him to convey my thanks to you and to the members of the Council. Allow me to express to you personally how much I feel your kindness in the matter, and my sense of the happy relations which it has been my good fortune to have with you. I shall never forget the many kindnesses which I have received in Cork from its generous people. I am, my dear Mr. Mayor, yours very faithfully,—Robert S. Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, Archbishop-Elect.' The member for Louth recalls this incident because he has been singled out for special attack as a 'bigot.' It is a testimony, as from the grave, to the kindly state of feeling that prevails amongst Irish communities outside a few Ulster districts.

A Peculiar Brand of Nationalist

Mr. Moreton Frewen's election for an Irish Nationalist constituency at the bidding of the gentleman who proclaimed the Irish Nationalist Party unworthy of the country's confidence, was so novel and remarkable an experiment that our interest in the career of the member for North-east Cork needs no excuse. Mr. Frewen (says the *Belfast Irish News*) was an English Tory. He came from America to support Mr. Ian Malcolm at the General Election; and Mr. Malcolm had been for years the most indefatigable English libeller of Ireland. Red-hot from Mr. Malcolm's platform, he was whisked to N.E. Cork by Mr. William O'Brien, and successfully dumped on that constituency. Then he went back to America, where it is said he tried to collect money for the support of Mr. O'Brien's 'cause' at the same time that he preached the necessity for cutting off Ulster from Ireland. Returning from America, the 'representative' of Nationalist N.E. Cork took his seat amongst the Unionist members of the House of Commons. Now we find the following convincing item of news in an English provincial journal, the *Bournemouth Daily Echo*, whose London correspondent writes: 'Speaking of the O'Brienites, may I mention a curious fact which has not, I think, been noticed. It will be remembered that, very much to everyone's surprise, Mr. Moreton Frewen, an Englishman, with American and Irish connections, was nominated at the last moment and elected unopposed for North-East Cork as a supporter of Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Frewen is a Federalist, and was at one time suspected of being the author of the "Pacificus" letters in the *Times*. The interesting fact has been brought to my notice that he was "paired" on Wednesday with Mr. Hamar Greenwood (Liberal). This means that Mr. Frewen ranks himself with the Opposition. No Irish Nationalist has before been paired against the Government. What Mr. O'Brien has had to say in the matter is not known.'

DUBLIN—A Successful Institution

An interesting report is that issued by the Irish Catholic Church Property Insurance Company, Limited, of which the following is a summary:—The general revenue of the company for 1910, comprising net income from fire premiums £4582 15s 5d, interest and dividends on investments £1144 14s 9d, and transfer fees £2 2s 6d, amounted to £5729 12s 8d. The general expenditure—(1) Net fire losses, £1196 16s 2d; (2) expenses of management, £1037 9s 8d; and (3) directors' fees, £250, was £2484 5s 10d, leaving a surplus of £3245 6s 10d. Out of this surplus £1000 has been appropriated to the regular dividend of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of £20,000. The directors recommend that the balance of £2245 6s 10d be allocated as follows: (1) £1245 6s 10d to credit of the fire insurance fund; (2) the residue of £1000 to the Catholic Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland, as provided by Article 90.

FERMANAGH—New Hospice at Lough Derg

In Lough Derg a new hospice, which will accommodate over 200 women pilgrims, is in course of erection. The foundation stone has been blessed by Very Rev. Canon Keown, P.P., V.G., Enniskillen, and the hospice will be under the patronage of St. Patrick and the Blessed Virgin.

GALWAY—Death of a Canon

Irishmen everywhere (writes a Dublin correspondent) will learn with regret of the death of Very Rev. Canon Dooley, P.P., V.F., which took place in Galway on March 22, in the 75th year of his age. Deceased, who spent most of his ministerial career in the City of the Tribes, was beloved by people of all classes and creeds. He had almost completed fifty years in the priesthood, and preparations were on foot to celebrate his golden jubilee. At a meeting held a few weeks ago with the object of raising funds for this purpose, the Rev. J. Fleetwood Berry, B.D., Protestant rector, said there were often questions on which he and Canon Dooley took opposite views, but during the twenty years that he had been living in Galway they had never had a personal difference, and he could say with all sincerity that he had found in Canon Dooley at all times a kind and courteous Christian gentleman, anxious to treat those who did not agree with him with courtesy and consideration.

The Bishops of Clonfert's Appreciation

The Bishop of Clonfert, in sending a subscription to the Parliamentary Fund, wrote as follows:—'I have great pleasure in sending you a small contribution (£5) towards the Party funds. I only regret that the amount I can afford is anything but commensurate with the tremendous issues that are now at stake. Apart, however, from the overshadowing question of Home Rule, I feel bound on many grounds to support a United Parliamentary Party. To omit other reasons, the educational wants of the country are in urgent need of redress. The support of secondary education has become a heavy tax on the people of this diocese, and there are several places where the erection of necessary primary schools has been long delayed owing to the parsimony of the Treasury. I have no doubt of the ability and zeal of the present Party to take care of all the interests of Ireland in the Imperial Parliament, and hence it is only in discharge of what I consider a duty that I am sending you this small contribution.'

KERRY—Address of Congratulation

A remarkable public demonstration was held at Brosna the other day, when an extremely large crowd of people, representative of Brosna, Knocknagoshel, Mountcollins, and Abbeyfeale, assembled at the presbytery, Brosna, in support of an address of congratulation to Father Arthur (now Canon) Murphy, P.P., on his elevation to a Canonry of the Kerry diocese.

LOUTH—Peaceful Condition of the County

Dundalk Quarter Sessions were opened on March 27 by County Court Judge C. Green, K.C. His Honor, in his address to the Grand Jury, stated that there was only one case to go before them. As there were no cases to go before him at Drogheda the previous week, he thought nobody could feel otherwise than satisfied at the peaceful condition of the county. The case to go before them was not of a serious nature. The Grand Jury returned no bill in the case, and the accused was discharged.

TIPPERARY—Appointed Member Cathedral Chapter

The Very Rev. Dr. O'Neill, of Lattin and Cullen, has been appointed Canon and a member of the Cathedral Chapter of the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly. For years Canon O'Neill was Professor of Dogmatic and Moral Theology in St. Patrick's College, Thurles, when he was the daily associate of his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Leahy. The Very Rev. Dr. O'Neill left Thurles College for the important curacy of Tipperary. He threw himself heart and soul into the work there, and his work and thrilling eloquence will be remembered there for many a long day. To mark their appreciation of him, the people of Tipperary presented him on two occasions with magnificent testimonials. Canon O'Neill has been ministering as parish priest of Lattin and Cullen for twenty-five years. The work he has done since he was appointed parish priest of