

Irish News

ANTRIM—Tenants Purchase their Holdings

The tenants on Lord Herbert Vane Tempest's estate, comprising twelve townlands in the districts of Cloughmills, Dunloy, and Glenravel, Co. Antrim, have completed arrangements to purchase at a price affording them 4s in the £ reduction on their present rents.

CORK—Exquisite Taste and Skill

Acknowledging the Court train of Irish needlepoint lace which the ladies of Belfast and neighborhood have presented as a coronation gift, the Queen says she is 'charmed with the train, and greatly admires the exquisite taste and skill which have been displayed by the Sisters of the Youghal Convent in the execution of the work.'

DERRY—Degrees and Domestic Duties

Distributing the prizes to successful students at Magherafelt Technical School, Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., expressed the view that half the girls who were now taking degrees in Arts would do better to take degrees in Domestic Science. He would rather see a girl able to boil a potato well than play a piano badly. What good were such degrees as he had indicated to girls who were going to be the wives of farmers?

DUBLIN—A Munificent Donation

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, has given a donation of £1000 to the fund for the erection of St. Patrick's Church at Ringsend, Dublin.

Tribute to Lord Iveagh

Speaking at the opening of the academic year at University College, his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin referred to the generous gift of land which the college had received from its good neighbor, Lord Iveagh. That gift, valuable as it was in itself, though he understood that the extent of the land was small, could not but be regarded by them as handsome, owing to the circumstances and the spirit in which it was made. That gift would enable a building to be put up suitable to the work of the college, and in every sense acceptable from the architectural point of view. When Lord Iveagh was approached regarding the purchase of the land, he at once expressed his readiness to meet the views of the college representatives in every way, with the one exception that he insisted on making a gift of the land. The land, however, was tied up by settlements. Lord Iveagh was, therefore, not the owner, but was the life tenant, and could not part with it without paying in settlement the full value of it. That Lord Iveagh did with great generosity. Lord Iveagh expressed the wish that it should be understood that he was giving the land as a tribute to the memory of two Catholic priests whom he had very well known—Father James Healy and the Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, who had been Rector of the Catholic University College. He (the Chancellor) trusted that they would see placed in some suitable position in the new building a tablet or some other permanent reference to the generosity of the man who had done so much for them, and also a record of the spirit in which the land was given in memory of those two priests.

KERRY—Irish Trees for the White House

There are to be some Irish trees on the White House grounds, Washington, from the estate of the Knight of Kerry on the island of Valencia. They are the gift to Mrs. Taft of Cincinnati friends who have been visiting Ireland, and they are the cuttings from three of the largest and oldest flowering trees in the world. One of them is from the fuchsia tree, long past a century old, and two and a-half feet around; another is from an oleander which 200 years ago was transplanted from an island in the Ionian Sea, and the third is from an acacia tree, which towers over oaks and sycamores and is a mass of pink feathery blossoms in July. All the cuttings have been rooted, and it is believed they will thrive in the soil of the White House grounds, where trees are specially cared for.

MAYO—A Large Estate Sold

The Palmer estate, the largest property in Mayo, with a rental of close on £20,000, has been sold to the Congested Districts Board.

TIPPERARY—A Venerable Nationalist

Very Rev. Canon Power, P.P., Emly, presided at an important meeting of the South Tipperary Executive of the United Irish League in the Town Hall, Cahir, on November 8. In the course of an address he said that when starting out that morning he saw snow on the hills, and he asked himself was it a day for an octogenarian to travel, or should he stay at home. He decided not to stay at home. He remembered being out one memorable night in cold sixty-seven, and he said to himself he would be with his friends in Cahir that day too. He congratulated those present on their fine meeting, which showed that they loved freedom, and that spirit would live on until they had their own again in a native Parliament.

Scholarships Examinations

At a meeting of the North Tipperary University committee, and at which the Rev. Benedict Wood, Mount St. Joseph, Roscrea, presided, the results of the recent examinations for University scholarships were announced. Six candidates presented themselves for the three scholarships, and each of the six qualified. The candidates were:—William C. Kenny, Portroe; Denis J. Kennedy, Borrisoleigh; M. J. O'Brien, Portroe; Thomas J. Power, Hogan's Pass, Nenagh; Michael Connolly, Ballypatrick, Thurles; Miss Annie O'Kennedy, Bawn, Nenagh. All the candidates obtained honors in from four to two subjects. The Rev. T. Corcoran, S.J., University College, Dublin, in a letter to Mr. Thomas Duggan, Chairman of the County Council, said that North Tipperary presented the largest number of candidates, and that all of them obtained the minimum qualification of two honors out of five subjects, and that the Tipperary candidates secured three out of the first five places. It was also gratifying that five of the entrants obtained honors in Irish, and that three were awarded that distinction in mathematics—a number unequalled by any other county.

An Unfounded Charge

The Clonmel Board of Guardians on November 11 adopted a resolution stating that there was no ground whatever for the charges made by Canon Leslie, Protestant chaplain of the workhouse, with regard to the change of religion of a Protestant patient in the workhouse hospital, and that if there was undue interference it was on the part of the assistant Protestant chaplain.

TYRONE—A Prosperous Town

Aughnacloy, in the Co. Tyrone, finds itself in the happy position of being able to dispense with its town rate this year, owing to the prosperous state of its markets and the profits accruing therefrom.

WATERFORD—Death of a Business Man

The death occurred on November 14, in his seventy-second year, of Mr. Robert Merry, managing director of the well-known firm of Messrs R. A. Merry and Co., of Dungarvan, New Ross, and Waterford. The deceased gentleman opened business in Dungarvan in 1868, and subsequently founded the Waterford and New Ross houses. His undertakings were of a most successful character, and some years ago the business was turned into a limited liability company.

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Unwholesome Literature

All Irish Catholics (says a Dublin correspondent) admit that great credit is due to Limerick for having been the first city in Ireland to take practical steps towards putting an end to the sale of the unwholesome and immoral publications with which the country is being flooded. Other large centres of population are following Limerick's example, and it looks as if the movement set on foot there will result in suppressing the unholy traffic. The vigilance committee formed in Dublin has drawn up a set of rules for guidance in the action which has been entered on in the Metropolis. In Waterford a meeting was held in the Cathedral sacristy, Right Rev. Mgr. Flynn, P.P., presiding. The