

Irish News

GENERAL.

Close on 2000 persons took part in the annual pilgrimage to Wolfe Tone's grave in Bodinstown Churchyard on Sunday, June 22.

Rev. Thomas Murray, Dublin, obtained £100 damages in an action brought before Mr. Justice Gibson and a special jury for damage sustained in a bicycle accident caused, he alleged, by the driver of a motor-car, a servant of Mr. W. F. Coldwell, Grafton street, Dublin.

Very general regret was felt at the announcement of the painfully sudden death of Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, V.G., Cahirciveen, which occurred on June 23 in the O'Connell Memorial Church in that town. It appears that Canon O'Riordan had just celebrated Mass and, on returning to the sacristy, became extremely weak and died almost immediately.

The death took place on Sunday, June 22, of Very Rev. Edward B. Fitzmaurice, Ph.L., Guardian O.F.M., Waterford. The deceased was born in 1848, and was ordained in 1871 at St. Isadore's, Rome, where he pursued his clerical studies. He was a native of Waterford, and after leaving Rome was on the mission at Drogheda, Waterford, Limerick, and Clonmel.

Irish-made straw hats are no longer available in Ireland. At a meeting of the Richmond District Asylum recently, the chairman (Mr. R. Jones, J.P.), said a letter had been received from the Irish Development Association confirming the contractors' statement that Irish-made straw hats were now unobtainable in consequence of the closing of the factory in Wexford.

Among the passengers who left Queenstown on June 22 for New York by the steamship Cedric, was the Rev. Mother Drexel, an American Catholic lady who gave up a brilliant social career and the possession of enormous wealth to become a Catholic nun and devote her life to charitable work in America. She was on her return journey from Rome to the United States.

His Honor Judge Cook, County Court Judge for Donegal, opening Lifford Crown Sessions, thanked the High Sheriff for presenting him with white gloves in token of the fact that there was no criminal business to be transacted. He said he had also received a similar compliment at the sessions for the other division of the county. He thought he could safely say County Donegal had never been so free from crime as at present, and he hoped that satisfactory state of affairs would long continue.

The O'Mahony has just forwarded to Mr. Redmond a subscription of £50 to the Irish Parliamentary Fund. This year (The O'Mahony says) he doubles his subscription as the best protest he can make against the campaign of calumny and bigotry now directed against Home Rule. In his letter he writes: 'I have lived my life in the country districts of Kerry and Wicklow, where the majority of the people are Roman Catholic, and, though I have received many proofs of their goodwill and affection, I have never known a single instance in which a man has been annoyed, much less persecuted, on account of his religious belief.'

In the presence of a large attendance of the clergy and laity, his Eminence Cardinal Logue performed the opening ceremony in connection with the 'Oriental' bazaar held in Dundalk Athletic Grounds on June 19. The bazaar, which took close on twelve months to organise, was got up to liquidate a heavy parochial debt of over £3000 and to renovate St. Patrick's Church, Dundalk. During the past eight years £10,000 have been expended on the restoration of the churches, on schools, and on a residence for the Christian Brothers in Dundalk. Of this the people of Dundalk have contributed £7000, leaving still a debt of £3000, besides the sum still necessary to complete the restoration of St. Patrick's.

Mr. Matthew Keating, M.P., and Mrs. Keating were the recipients of a very handsome present from the Irish Party, on the occasion of their recent mar-

riage. The presentation consisted of a beautiful half-hoop diamond ring for Mrs. Keating, and of an opal and diamond scarf-pin for the member for South Kilkeny. They were selected by Mr. Augustine Roche, M.P., on behalf of his colleagues, and are of very chaste design. Amongst many other costly presents received by Mr and Mrs Keating were a solid silver coffee service and a silver basket with gold handle and pedestal, the gifts of Sir Joseph Ward and Lady Ward.

THE BISHOP OF KILLALOE AND HOME RULE.

Replying to an address presented to him at O'Callaghan's Mills, County Clare, on the occasion of the consecration of new altars, the Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty spoke of what Ireland would be under Home Rule, and said that when the day came the Green Isle would show the world that she was worthy of liberty, and would use it justly, impartially, and wisely. The old ascendancy clique that had farmed the country for their own selfish purposes since the siege of Limerick were dying; a lingering and painful death. And so they had to listen to the insulting croakings of the 'carrion crows,' both lay and clerical, denouncing Irish Catholics as persecutors and bigots. Irish Catholics did not know what it was to persecute or worry any man for his religious opinions. They never did it, and never would..

IRISH JESUIT FATHER'S DEATH ABROAD.

At Montreal, on June 13, Rev. Vincent Naish, S.J., passed away at the comparatively early age of sixty-one. Deceased came of an ancient and distinguished stock well known in County Limerick, of whom the late Lord Chancellor Naish was not the least distinguished member. Early in his career as a Jesuit, after teaching for some six years in Clongowes and Tullabeg, he volunteered for work on the foreign mission, and was attached to the Belgian Province of the Order. Consequently his work lay principally in India, which is one of the mission fields of that province. For several years Father Naish was engaged in that missionary work, and directed with distinguished success the great Catholic College of Calcutta. Later on he was recalled to Europe, and was well known as a preacher of eminence all over the North of England.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CASHEL.

Owing to infirmity and advanced age, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, has retired from his high office. The Holy Father has appointed him Titular Archbishop of Metymnos. The best wishes of his countrymen at home and abroad follow Dr. Fennelly into his retirement. At a meeting of the Chapter of the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly held on June 23 at the Limerick Junction, Very Rev. M. P. Canon O'Neill, P.P., D.D., Lattin, was unanimously elected Vicar Capitular. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Canons assembled: 'We, the members of the Chapter of Cashel and Emly, wish on this, the first occasion of our meeting after the resignation of our beloved Archbishop, to record our deep regret at the severance of the official links that have for twelve years bound us in love and confidence to a prelate who has been to us all, not only a considerate Superior, but also the staunchest of friends. We are grieved that his Grace's health has not continued to be equal to the strain of his high office, but it is a comfort to us to know that he will remain amongst us, to be, as we hope, our friend and counsellor for many a year to come. We feel that these sentiments of the Chapter are shared to the full by the priests and people of Cashel and Emly, and by all the people of Ireland, of whose rights his Grace has always been a fearless champion. Signed on behalf of the Chapter—Innocent Ryan, Archdeacon.'

ALL HALLOWS' COLLEGE.

On Sunday, June 22, ordinations took place in All Hallows' College. The ordaining prelate was the Right Rev. Dr. Clune, Bishop of Perth (himself an alumnus of the college), assisted by the Rev. J. S.

Leslie McMinn

MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR, 70 RANGITIKEI STREET (Opp. Holbein & Kirks),
PALMERSTON NORTH. Cemetery work executed any part of District.