

Irish News

GENERAL.

The Right Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher, has been unanimously elected chairman of the County Monaghan Sanatoria Committee.

The members of the Third Order of St. Francis in Cork, numbering over 1000, made a pilgrimage on Sunday, August 24, to Timoleague Abbey, in the ruins of which Mass was celebrated, the first time for 600 years.

The death is reported of the Very Rev. Canon Kearney, Moate, who passed away on August 21. The Canon had attained the venerable age of ninety years, and continued to discharge his sacred duties almost until the end.

A magnificent cross, the gift of the Irish pilgrims and associates to Lourdes, has been sent from Waterford *via* London to its destination. It stands seventeen feet high, is carved out of Kilkenny limestone, and is a credit to Irish skill and workmanship.

A magnificent high altar, the gift of his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Prendergast, Archbishop of Philadelphia, has been erected in the Presentation Convent, Lismore, County Waterford. The Archbishop is a brother of Mother Mary Peter, a devoted member of the community.

When the last mail left Home Canon Patrick Sheehan, D.D., the well-known novelist was seriously ill. Canon Sheehan, who is parish priest of Done-rale, Cork, was born at Mallow sixty-one years ago. After ordination in 1875, he served two years on the English mission in Devonshire.

The Most Rev. Dr. Clune, Archbishop of Perth, addressing a meeting of the Ennis Confraternity of the Holy Family, said that thirty-five years ago he had the privilege of being made a member of it by its founder, the late Father Fogarty. He had come back with all the joy of a child to see his old friends.

A large number of German and Austrian physicians, accompanied by seventy ladies, visited Dublin on August 22. After having seen some of the principal hospitals and educational institutions, they were received in the afternoon by the Lord Lieutenant at the Viceregal Lodge. The visitors left the city in the evening, and sailed from Kingstown for the Channel Islands.

Miss Honan, Cork, has bequeathed £3000 each to St. Patrick's Church and the North Infirmary; £1500 to the Mercy Hospital; £100 each to the South Infirmary, County Hospital, and the City Convents. Private bequests amount to £10,000, and the residue of the estate, which is estimated at about £200,000, has been left in equal shares to the Honan Home, Montenotte; the North Infirmary, and St. Patrick's Incurable Hospital.

The death occurred in Cork on August 24 of a noted Cork priest, Rev. Timothy Twomey, Conna. The rev. gentleman was born in Kilnamartyn fifty-nine years ago, and was extremely popular. Father Twomey had a most brilliant career as a student at Maynooth, and during the thirty-six years of his ministry he was curate at Inchigeela, Kilbrin, Charleville, Coachford, Liscarroll, Freemount, Donoghmore, Castlemagner, and Conna. His two brothers are priests of the Cloyne diocese.

On Friday, August 15, the Feast of our Lady, a grand ceremony took place in the grounds of Castlebellingham. At 6 p.m. the people forming the solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the oratory at the castle took up their places and marched down the grand avenue, round the Crucifix in the village, and back again to the porch at the castle, where a temporary altar had been erected. The parish priest, Father P. Fagan, preached on the joys of heaven to a very large number of people, including most of the parishioners and many strangers. After the sermon Solemn Benediction was given from the steps of the castle porch.

Preaching at Wandsworth on the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Father Cooney, the rector, made reference to the various so-called massacres that had been used by bigoted non-Catholics against the Church, and in the connection mentioned that the alleged massacre of Protestants by Catholics in Ireland in 1541, which had done duty for over 200 years, and had figured recently in political discussions, had been disposed of during the week in a volume of State papers edited by a Mr. Dunlop. The remarkable part about the matter was that Mr. Dunlop was making research in order to definitely use this massacre against Irish Catholics, but, discovering that the whole thing was a mare's nest, he very handsomely stated this fact in the plainest manner possible.

FATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN IN DUBLIN.

Father Bernard Vaughan's visit to Kingstown, County Dublin, on Sunday, August 24, was signalled by the presence of a large and fashionable audience in the Pavilion to hear his lecture, entitled 'Ireland in America,' in aid of the new organ to be erected in St. Michael's Church, Kingstown. Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., in introducing the eminent preacher, referred to him as a man of very strong individuality and character, and one who had made his mark, and was making his mark, on the history of their times as preacher, teacher, lecturer, traveller, and missionary to the highest and the lowest. One of the proofs of Father Vaughan's love for the Irish people was to be found in his labors among the poorer Irish in London.

AUSTRALIA AND THE PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

In the course of a letter to Mr. John Redmond, Dr. N. M. O'Donnell, of Melbourne, says:—'Enclosed please find draft for £400 which the Home Rulers of Victoria, through the United Irish League, have contributed to enable you and the Irish Party to surmount the third and final obstacle in the way of Ireland's freedom. Australia is proud of you and the loyal supporters behind you for having brought Home Rule not only into the position of practical politics, but for having forced it in a few short years to the very verge of realisation. To your wisdom, foresight, and discretion, and to their fidelity and self-sacrifice this wonderful achievement is solely due, and history will appreciate your services to Ireland, and rank the present Irish Parliamentary Party and its leader, John Redmond, among the noblest band of children that has ever blessed our sorrowing Mother Eire.'

CATHOLIC TORY PROTEST.

Mr. N. Grattan Doyle, of Birtley, a Catholic and a prospective Tory candidate for Newcastle-on-Tyne, finds the Reformed Presbyterian Manifesto too much for him. In a letter to the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, he says:—'I cannot but regard this manifesto as a most un-Christian publication, and a deplorable instance of this spirit of religious intolerance which unhappily exists in Ireland to-day amongst a small section of the community. I am convinced that more real harm is done to the cause of the Union and to the Unionist Party in this country by the publications of such effusions than is effected by all the speeches and writings of political opponents, and I protest against such wanton injury being inflicted upon the party which I have the honor, in a humble way, to represent. Apart from the damage it inflicts upon Unionist prospects at the next election, this manifesto is an unwarrantable aspersion on the Earl Marshal of England, the Chief Whip of the Unionist Party, Catholic Unionist members of both Houses of Parliament, and Catholic Unionist candidates, and is an insult to the hundreds of thousands of Catholic Unionist electors in this country and in Ireland, as well as to the millions of the Catholic subjects of his Majesty throughout the Empire. I repudiate the suggestion that Home Rule is a religious and not a political question, and deprecate the introduction of religious bigotry into political controversy.'

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