

IRISH NEWS.

FERMANAGH.

On the 10th of August, at Enniskillen as a young man, employed as booking clerk at the railway station, was crossing the line to the up platform, the Dublin train dashed in, and the engine and several carriages went clean over him. He had the presence of mind to throw himself on the ground, and thus managed to escape unhurt.

GALWAY.

On the 6th of August, the Most Rev. John McEvily, D. E., Archbishop of Tuam, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean McLoughlin, arrived in Clifden, from Letterfrack, where he had been administering confirmation on the previous Wednesday. The Archbishop officiated at the profession of a Sister of Mercy at the Convent Chapel, Clifden, at 9 o'clock a. m. There was a large attendance at the ceremony. The young lady who was received into the sisterhood was Miss. Murphy, in religion Sister Paul. All the clergy of the deanery and surrounding districts were in attendance.

QUEEN'S COUNTY

At a meeting of the governors of the Maryborough Lunatic Asylum on the 11th instant, the Earl of Rosse presiding, the appointment of a visiting physician in the room of Dr. David Jacob, J.P., resigned, took place. There were two candidates, Dr. W. G. Jacob, son of the retiring physician, and Dr. Thos. Higgins, county coroner. The former was declared elected.

SLIGO.

The artisans and laborers of Sligo are a patient and long suffering class. Were they of a different temperament they would long ago have gone in a body to the Council Chamber and pulled the beads or otherwise ill-treated the bodies of the 'City Fathers' for their intolerable and scandalous negligence in regard to Artisans' Dwellings. It is now beginning to be a matter of history that the Cadger's Field was bought, and that £8,500 were borrowed from the Local Government Board for the purpose of erecting Artisan's Dwellings in Sligo; yet no practical step has yet been taken to secure the immediate commencement of the work.

KERRY.

On Saturday, August 7th, a body of Mrs. Bateman's Purty tenantry, headed by their popular priest, the Rev. Wm. Casey, of Abbeyfeale, met the agent, Mr. Robt. Fitzgerald, at the Courthouse, Listowel, with a view of availing themselves of the purchase clauses of the Land Act. They did not come to terms. The tenants offered sixteen year's purchase, at the valuation, but Mr. Fitzgerald would accept nothing less than eighteen year's purchase, at the present rents, which average two valuations.

KILKENNY.

Some of the 'Caravat' and 'Shanavest' adherents were brought before the magistrates at the last Ballynonty Petty Sessions, and charged with having assaulted one another, and uttered party cries at the last Balligarry fair. Fines of one pound or fourteen days imprisonment and downwards were imposed.

LIMERICK.

Some time since the Rev. Mr. Drew, son-in-law of Mr. Gladstone, while staying at Cruise's Hotel received from Mr. James Flynn a valuable specimen of Limerick lace enclosed in a handsome casket for presentation to Mrs. Gladstone. Mr. Flynn has received a most grateful acknowledgement from Mrs. Gladstone for his gift, which, she writes, she greatly appreciates as coming from Ireland.

LOUTH.

A meeting of the Drogheda Board of Guardians was held on August 12, Alderman Mangan presiding. There was a numerous attendance of Guardians, both ex-officio and elected, the reason being that an election was to be held for the office of matron of the work house, consequent on the resignation, through ill health, of the late matron, Mrs. Farrelly. Miss Dullaghan was elected.

MAYO

Among the gentleman who passed their first professional examination for the Letters Testimonial of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, under the new scheme, at the meeting of the Court of examiners, held on July 27th was Mr George M. Laing brother of Mr. Laing of Belmullet, who obtained a good place.

DUBLIN

The owners of the Great Eastern steamship have offered that if the Port authorities of Dublin will grant favorable conditions, the huge steamship will pay them a visit. She would be able to arrive in October, and the owners would permit her to remain, if 'business justified it', of for several months. The 'business' of course, means simply 'show business'. The mammoth English steamer would be simply 'on exhibition', having

failed in every other role.

WATERFORD

Mr. Maurice Healy, M. P., has been instructed by Mrs. Gardiner, widow of the late Head Constable Gardiner, of Cappoquin, who was killed during the Belfast riots, to commence proceedings for the recovery of 3,000 pounds for the loss of her husband. The claim will be made against the Belfast Town Council, under the Grand Jury Act.

WEXFORD

The following tenants on the agricultural holdings of John Percy Waddy, Esq., and Mrs Waddy, acknowledge with gratitude the granting of a second unsolicited abatement of 20 per cent on their rents: Stephen Prendergast, Taghmon; Wm. Parle. Jno. Roche, J. Keating, Michael Martin, John Dunne, Patrick Dunne, Thos. Roche, Widow Magee, Matthew Kelly, Marke Browne, Thos. Murphy, Rev. Wm. Murphy, Thos. Fortune and Walter Furlong.

MONAGHAN.

Mr. Luke Lambe died on the 27th of July, at his residence, Annalitten, Castle Blayne, in the 71st year of his age. Throughout his life he was deservedly respected by the people amongst whom he lived, for his honesty and straightforwardness. He had been ailing for about a month.

TIPPERARY.

Tipperary has taken the initiative in promoting the erection of a suitable monument over the grave of Charles J. Kickham.

TYRONE.

At the Dungannon petty sessions on the 9th of August, before several of the local magistrates, seventeen Nationalists and ten Protestants were charged by District Inspector McGovern with causing a riot in the town of Donaghmore on the 19th of July. Mr. Patton represented the Tories; and Mr. Quinn appeared for the Nationalists. The magistrates discharged all the Protestants, and bound three of the Nationalists, Joseph Ogle, Thomas McCausland, and James Curran, over to keep the peace, themselves in £5 each and two securities of £2 10s.

ANTRIM.

Dr. T. H. Purdon died on August 6th at his residence, Wellington place, Belfast, in his 81st year. The deceased was the eldest son of Dr. Henry Purdon, staff surgeon, who was well known to the older inhabitants of Belfast, and was highly respected.

ARMAGH.

The wife of a small farmer named James White, residing in the townland of Meigh, recently gave birth to three children, and Queen Victoria sent her the usual "gratuity" of three pounds. It used to be five pounds, in such cases, formerly; but "her Majesty," in view of her own large family, has grown economical.

CAVAN.

On Monday, August 9, the remains of the Rev. Peter Smith, P. P., Killinkere, were placed in the parish church, Killinkere, in their last resting place. Father Smith was in failing health for many years, and was transferred to the parish of Killinkere by the Most Rev. Dr. Conaty, with the hope that the change might improve his already broken constitution; but the relief was unavailing, for after a long illness, borne with Christian resignation, he breathed his last on Saturday, August 7. A large congregation of his beloved parishioners thronged the church to offer a fervent prayer for him they truly loved. A large number of the clergy of the diocese also attended the obsequies.

CLARE.

A melancholy accident occurred on the 10th instant, near Liscannor. An old man named Timothy O'Leary, while returning from Miltown, fell off the car and received a fracture of the skull. A medical doctor was immediately in attendance, but all his efforts were fruitless, as the unfortunate man expired in a few hours.

COBK.

On the 10th of August, the illustrious Archbishop of Cashel, Most Rev. Dr. Croke, visited Fermoy. When the people were apprised of his presence in their midst, the Fermoy brass band turned out and paraded the principal street in his honor. Subsequently the band accompanied by a vast multitude eager to get a glimpse of the venerated Prelate, visited the Presbytery and played some choice selections of national music. Afterwards the Archbishop addressed the people, thanking them for their manifestation of welcome.

CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA

America is the most democratic country in the world, and it is at the same time according to reports worthy of the highest country in which the Roman Catholic religion makes most progress. At first sight this is surprising. Two

things must be here accurately distinguished: which equally inclines men to wish to form their own opinions; but on the other hand, it imbues them with the taste and the idea of unity, simplicity, and impartiality in the power which governs society. Men living in democratic ages are therefore very prone to shake off all religious authority; but if they consent to subject themselves to any authority of this kind, they choose at least that it should be single and uniform. Religious powers not radiating from a common centre, are naturally repugnant to their minds; and they almost as readily conceive that there should be no religion as that there should be several. At the present time more than any preceding one, Roman Catholics are seen to rise from infidelity, and Protestants to be converted to Roman Catholicism, if the Roman Catholic faith be considered within the pale of the Church it would seem to be losing ground; without that pale to be gaining it. Nor is this circumstance difficult of explanation. The men of our days are naturally little disposed to believe; but as soon as they have any religion, they immediately find in themselves a latent propensity which urges them unconsciously towards Catholicism. Many of the doctrines and practices of the Roman Church astonish them, but they feel a secret admiration for its discipline, and its great unity attracts them. If Catholicism could at length withdraw itself from the political animosities to which it has given rise, I have hardly any doubt but that the same spirit of the age, which appears to be so opposed to it, would become so favorable as to admit of its great and sudden advancement. One of the most ordinary weaknesses of the human intellect is to seek to reconcile contrary principles, and to purchase peace at the expense of logic. Thus there have ever been, and will ever be, men who, after having submitted some portion of their religious belief to the principle of authority, will seek to exempt several other parts of their faith from its influence, and to keep their minds floating at random between liberty and obedience. But I am inclined to believe that the number of these thinkers will be less in democratic than in other ages; and that our posterity will tend more and more into two parts—some relinquishing Christianity entirely, others returning to the bosom of the Church of Rome.

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