

ticularly exerted in behalf of poor children. In order to support the schools established for their education, he devoted whatever he could spare from his limited income, and at one time when there was question of giving them up, he offered to dispose of certain testimonials of regard which had been presented to him, rather than that the good work should cease for want of temporal means. As a preacher, Mr Hearn's talents were of the first order, and no one could hear him without being as much delighted by the elegance of his language as moved by the truths which he so forcibly displayed. His last public act was one of piety and charity. He committed to verse some reflections upon the passion of Christ, composed, as he says in the dedication, during hours of suffering: the profits arising from the sale of which he devoted to the relief of the poor. His death was happy, as his life had been devoted to charity; full of faith and hope of soon receiving the crown laid up by the Almighty, for those who have fought the good fight, he gave his soul into the hands of his Creator.—R.I.P.—*Correspondent of Tablet.*

ROME.—DEATH OF THE ABBE MAC- HERSON.

This gentleman died at Rome lately, aged eighty-eight. He was for many years rector of the Scotch College on the Quirinal Hill. The most remarkable passage in his varied career was when he was selected by the British Government in 1797, as their agent in one of the boldest moves on the European chess-board ever imagined, and yet scarcely known to the historian of the period. In that year the British Cabinet received a suggestion as to the practicability of rescuing from the gripe of France, and placing under the protection of England, the person of Pope Pius VI., then a prisoner in the maritime town of Savona, on the Genoese coast. An English frigate was ordered to cruise off the land, and the Abbe was sent from London with ample funds to accomplish the object. It would have been successful in every arrangement had not a communication been made by parties in the pay of the Directory, from the neighbourhood of Downing Street, disclosing the plan to our friend in Paris. Macpherson was arrested and plundered on the frontier, and Pius died in the interior of France, whither he was instantly removed. Up to his death the Abbe had a liberal pension from the Papal Treasury.—*Edinburgh Express.*

THE LATE RIGHT REVEREND DOCTOR CROTTY.

The Dublin Gazette contains a notice to the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Be-

quests, from Revds. Morgan O'Brien and David Walsh, executors to the late Rt Rev Dr Crotty, stating that he had bequeathed the following legacies:—"The sum of £500 to his executors in trust for the charity denominated the Fund for Sick and Superannuated Roman Catholic Curates of the diocese of Cloyne and Ross: the sum of £1,500 sterling to his executors in trust for the parishes of Cove, Skibbereen, and Clonakilty, in equal portions of £500 to each parish, to be applied for the relief of the poor of each parish; the sum of £60 to each of the Lady Superiories of the six different convents in the towns of Doneraile, Youghal, Middleton, Fermoy, Charleville, and Mallow, to be by each of them, with the advice of her assistant, applied in such a way as they shall consider most conducive to the religious and literary improvement of the poor children of the parish the sum of £2 to each parish priest in the diocese of Cloyne and Ross, and to the Roman Catholic clergymen officiating in the Islands of Cape Clear and Sherkin, to be handed in shares of £1 each to three most deserving and indigent householders of their respective parishes: and the sum of £20 to the Roman Catholic clergymen of the Parish of Cove to be distributed by them amongst the most indigent or meritorious men or women of the said parish of Cove." The motion states that the will bears date of the 23rd of September, 1816, probate of which was granted on the 24th of November, in the Prorogative Court.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

At St Peter's Church, Ketch Harbour, on the 1st Inst, by the Rev. Edmund Doyle, Mr. Bernard Gallagher, to Miss Mary Keefe, both of that place.

At Chester, on Wednesday, 27th ult., by the Rev. T. Lyons, Mr. William Heneberry, to Miss Mary Dorothea Thompson, both of Chester.

INTERMENTS.

AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

FEB. 3, Ellen, daughter of Thomas and Mary McEgan, aged 5 years.

" 5, Mary, wife of Georga Cooke, native of Westmeath, Ireland, aged 84 years.

" 5, James, son of James and Sarah Stuart, aged 1 year.

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