

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN IRELAND.

CREMATION.—Mr. John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, secured a victory for the Catholics of Ireland when, recently he succeeded in obtaining exemption of Ireland, for some time at least, from the operation of the Cremation Bill. Ghasly as the subject was, one of the Irish papers managed to make a witty remark, it said: "We don't want the British Government to legislate on the manner how we may be buried, but to legislate on how to keep us alive and let us live on our land." As Mr. Redmond pointed out, the application of the bill to Ireland would be deeply resented by the vast majority who are Catholics.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH.—According to latest exchanges, we learn that Archbishop Walsh has announced through the medium of the Nationalist Press, that he has resigned his position as a member of the Board of National Education in Ireland. Some weeks ago the Archbishop of Dublin issued a statement in which he hinted at the existence of an extraordinary condition of confusion and insubordination in the education office. In interviews which he gave to the Nationalist evening papers on Saturday he repeated these charges somewhat more definitely. The commissioners, he said, know next to nothing of what is going on in the office. Documents had been issued by officials which had not been received, and never would be received, and the sanction of the commissioners. It would, in short, appear from the Archbishop's statement that the commissioners exercise absolutely no control over their own officials, "and I can," said his grace to one of his interviewers, "have nothing more to do with the education office, not its work, except of course, in giving evidence before a Commission of inquiry into the condition and working of the place, if such an inquiry is held—that is, if it is held in the light of day, in the presence of the public and of the press. In the circumstances I could have no confidence in any private inquiry, and I would not waste my time in attending it." Dr. Walsh added that in order to make it impossible for the Lord-Lieutenant to ask him to reconsider his resignation he had taken the most unusual course of having his resignation announced in the newspapers before his letter of resignation could reach the Lord-Lieutenant.

The subject came up for discussion in the House of Commons. Mr. J. Redmond asked the Chief Secretary whether his attention had been called to the resignation of the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, of his seat on the Board of National Education in Ireland, and by the public statement as to the condition of confusion and chaos in the office of the board, and whether he was prepared to institute such a public inquiry as was demanded by His Grace.

Mr. Wyndham: "Yes, Sir, the Lord-Lieutenant received this morning with great regret the letter in which the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh tendered the resignation of his seat on the Board of National Education. There is nothing, my noble friend informs me, which suggests a connection between the resignation and the statement recently communicated to the press by Dr. Walsh. Any further communication addressed by Archbishop Walsh to the Lord-Lieutenant on any subject affecting matters of education will receive his most anxious consideration. No such communication has been received."

Mr. J. Redmond said the right hon. gentleman no doubt received the newspaper cuttings sent to him that day embodying the right hon. gentleman's reasons. Would the Archbishop sanction the public inquiry?

Mr. Wyndham said that the Archbishop's letter only reached the Lord-Lieutenant that morning. The latter dealt with the resignation. He had overlooked any statement made in the press, but he thought that the Government might be allowed to await some formal communication from the Archbishop.

VALUABLE BEQUESTS.—The late Mrs. Margaret Bourke, a wealthy Catholic lady, who died last October, has by her will left valuable bequests to the church, to the poor of the town, and to various charitable institutions of Clonmel. To the poor women of Clonmel she leaves £4,000 and shares in the W. D. and L. Hallway; for the reduction of the building debt of St. Peter and Paul's, £300, and the building debt of the Friary, £200; to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Clonmel, £300; for breakfasts to children attending the Sisters of Charity schools, £100; to the sick poor visited by the Sisters, £100, and to the maintenance of 17 orphans in their orphanage, £400; to provide free breakfasts for children attending St. Peter and Paul Christian schools, £200; do. Presentation schools, £200; do. St. Mary's Christian Brothers' schools, £200; to the Diocesan fund for invalid Catholic priests, £300; to the Garpick street St. Vincent de Paul Society, £100 and a yearly rental of £17; to the Mercy Convent, Carrick, for the poor and the orphanage, £400; for free breakfasts at the Christian Brothers and Presentation schools, £100 each; to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Waterford, £200; to the Good Shepherd Convent, do. £500; to the Mater Misericordiae, Dublin, £200; to the Hospice for the Dying, do. £200; to the Convent of Refuge, Drumcondra, £500; to St. Mary's Blind Asylum, £400; to the Blind Asylum, do. £200; and various other donations in Clonmel. Mrs. Bourke belonged to the family which founded the Bourke Asylum for old men in Carrick.

A GOOD COLLECTOR.—"I say," said the business man to the detective, "some fellow has been representing himself as a collector of mine. He has been taking in more money than any two of the men we

have, and I want him collared as quickly as you can. 'All right, I'll have him in goal in less than a week.' 'Great Scot, man! I don't want to put him in goal; I want to engage him.'"

ALARMING REPORTS ABOUT THE CROPS

American newspapers contain reports of a very alarming character about the crops in the West. Kansas, Missouri and others of the great corn and wheat producing States are literally being burned up by an intense heat that has scorched their fields for days.

There has not been a drop of rain for months. The corn crop, one of the great crops of the section, has already been nearly half destroyed, the potato beds are simply fields of withered stalks, garden vegetables have been ruined, and unless rain comes very soon it is feared that the present destruction of growing corn will be largely increased.

What fields afford the only compensating outlook to the farmers. The dry spell has ripened the grain, and great harvests are already being gathered in. The loss to the farmers is already estimated at millions. The grass crop has been destroyed, and hay to-day commands as high a price as wheat. The condition in Kansas has never been so discouraging to the farmers, and never have they had to endure such serious conditions but once before, and that was in 1860, when the sun so thoroughly destroyed their crops that food had to be contributed from the Eastern and Middle States to prevent them from starving.

Whole communities are on their knees beseeching rain, to save some of them from absolute ruin, and all of them from tremendous losses. The reports of the withering crops have had effect in financial circles and railroad and industrial stocks have tumbled, lessening their stock market value millions of dollars and pulling down with them all other stocks.

The losses in the financial circles alone are daily piling up millions.

A despatch from Topeka, of a later date, says:—

F. D. Coburn, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, does not share in the general opinion that ruin will come upon Kansas, as a result of the present dry spell. The damage to hay and corn has been serious, but the deficiency will be nearly made up by the great crops of Kaffir corn and Alfalfa that have been raised. Mr. Coburn states that there are over 900,000 acres of Kaffir corn and Alfalfa in the State which have not been materially affected by the dry weather. In addition to this there are 40,000,000 bushels of old corn in the farmers' hands. This of itself is nearly a fourth of the average crop. The farmer who has stored his corn for the last two years will not be seriously crippled.

PRAYERS FOR RAIN.—The report comes from St. Louis, Mo., that Archbishop Kain, of the diocese of St. Louis, has ordered a special prayer in all Catholic churches of the diocese for rain. The prayer is to be said every Sunday until the end of August unless in the meantime an excess of rain should come. The following is the letter, which has been sent to the pastor of every Catholic Church in the diocese:—

"St. Louis, Mo., July 8. 'To Rev. Dear Sir: To the collects of the Mass you will add the rubrics permitting the prayer for rain, 'Deus in quo vivimus,' until the end of August. You will also recite after each Mass for same purpose three Our Fathers and three Hail Marys. Should there be an excess of rain you may omit these prayers as long as this excess continues."

"JOHN J. KAIN, Archbishop of St. Louis." A translation of the Latin prayer that is ordered, and which was said yesterday, is: "Oh, God, in whom we live, move and exist, grant unto us desired rain, that having been assisted in present need, we may more confidently desire everlasting good."

A later despatch, dated Tuesday, from Kansas, says:— Early this morning there was a lively shower, the first since June, and, except for that, the first since last April. The shower was a local one, and lasted only fifteen minutes. To-day started out just as it had done, with the thermometer above 80 at seven o'clock. Yesterday the mercury rose to 101 again. There were two prostrations, and both resulted fatally.

The outlook throughout the Kansas City tributary section is better. While there has been no real breaking of the drought, there have been local showers scattered here and there all over the district, and farmers are hoping again.

According to a New York daily newspaper, prices in the St. Louis retail vegetable and fruit markets show a marked rise since the commencement of the drought. In most instances the prices have just about doubled since June 15. Following are some of the increases in prices of vegetables in the last month due to the prolonged drought per bushel: Cabbages 25 cents, now 60 cents; potatoes (old) 30, now 55 cents; potatoes (new) 40, now 51.05; tomatoes 23, now 22.25; cucumbers 11.25 now 11.50.

SLEEPING ON THE OPEN BEACH

The "Evening Post" of New York gives this year picture of the scenes witnessed on the Coney Island during the heated term. Police of the Coney Island Precinct divide the persons who sleep on the beach at the seaside during the summer months into two classes, regulars and transients. The regulars

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