

# News by the Irish Mail.

## The Board of Erin A.O.H. Declares Against American Mission.

(From our Correspondent.)  
 Dublin, June 2.—There was a great gathering at St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin, on the occasion of the blessing by the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, of a new Mortuary Chapel attached to the Church. This chapel is a beautiful specimen of Ionic architecture, and the altar which is in course of erection will form a memorial to the late Father Brennan, while in a niche over the altar will stand a marble statue of Our Lady of Sorrows.  
 Fifteen thousand dollars more are required for other new works in connection with the heating, lighting, painting, decorating, the providing of confessionals, and so on, and there is no doubt that this will be raised as the movement towards beautifying Irish churches is popular and progressing all over Ireland.

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S CONNECTION.

This meeting was the first for fifty-three years in connection with this Church held for any purpose in connection with the up-keep of that venerable edifice. His Grace contributed two thousand five hundred dollars to the collection taken at the gathering, and in his address said: "There is an interesting bond of connection between the Church and myself, the bond, if I may say so, of identity of age. I hope there is no danger of any being misunderstood. I spoke here to-day of the building of this church having been begun more than three-quarters of a century ago, and I cannot yet lay claim to such venerable antiquity for myself, but still there is a connection which may fairly be described in the words I have used just now. This church—which was solemnly consecrated six or seven years afterwards, in 1811. I have reason to know that it was consecrated on January 29 in that year. I happened to be born the next day. The newspaper, the Freeman's Journal, of the following morning gave, of course, a very detailed description of the magnificence of the ceremony, and through some curious fancy my good mother thought of keeping that particular number of the paper, marking on it that it was the number issued on the day of my birth. I have that paper still. I need hardly say that it was frequently shown me in my early years, and I have a sort of dim notion that I derived from it some of my elementary ideas of reading and spelling. At all events, I took a great interest in the contents of it, and there was nothing in it that interested me so deeply as the account given of the consecration of this church of Westland Row. From that accidental connection, I have always had a great interest in this church. I had it as a child. It lasted as time went on. And I need not say to you how it has grown deeper and stronger since this church has come to be the parish church of one of my own archiepiscopal parishes."

### ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE.

A very eloquent and impressive charity sermon has been preached in the Church of St. Saviour, St. Dominick street, by the Very Rev. Dr. Keane, O.P., in aid of St. Vincent's Girls' Orphanage, which is under the care of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. This orphanage shelters two hundred girls. In a personal address which moved his audience deeply, Dr. Keane said: "Sisters of Charity who administer the Orphanage in North William street, stand forth to beg from you. That institution in William street is a thing of God. It is doing God's work for God's purposes; towards God's poor. Intelligent philanthropy has gone through the establishment, and spoken high eulogy of its operations; recording angels have visited it many a time, and have credited it, in the Book of Life, with many glad fruits of its sacred mission: God ever looks down upon it, and notes the generous men and women of faith who help to maintain the beneficent enterprise. Brethren, for the past six days the shops through the city were open, wherein you purchased things to eat and drink, and wherewith to be clothed, but we have a shop open here where you can purchase that which is beyond all price—God's eternal friendship! Friendship of God! Most solid good in life! Gilead's balm for all the wounds of life! Cheering sunlight in the melancholy darkness of old age! Secret of strong peace in the dread crisis of death, and when death is over, life, health, riches, honor and bliss for ever!"

### THE BOARD OF ERIN.

A specially summoned meeting of the County Officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Ireland and Great Britain has been held this week at which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "That, having heard the statements of the National Officers as to what took place at the abortive conference held at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, on Wednesday, April 21st, we, the County Officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Ireland and Great Britain, heartily endorse the action of our representatives in withdrawing from said Conference, as we are convinced that the real object of Mr. Cummings' mission was not to promote unity amongst Hibernians the world over, as alleged, but, on the contrary, to use, if possible, the Board of Erin to undermine and wreck the constitutional movement now being carried on in Ireland."

The question of sending delegates immediately to America to place the position of the Board of Erin before the members of the Order there, and to show the manner the "peace mission" was conducted, was discussed at considerable length. Eventually it was unanimously decided that this conference recommends the National Convention of the Order, to be held in July next, to authorize the appointment of two representatives on its behalf to visit America as early as possible for the purpose mentioned.

### THE IRISH UNIVERSITY.

Immense interest has been aroused in connection with the Irish Universities Act of 1908 and the publication on Saturday last of the Statutes approved by the commissioners appointed under the Act to provide regulations for the government and management of the National University of Ireland as well as for its constituent University colleges in Belfast, Cork and Dublin, is another reminder to the Irish people that they are now in actual possession of an asset of enormous intellectual potentiality. The first Senate of the University is already in existence, having been created by the provisions of its foundation charter, and this Senate has called to the highest office in its power, that of Chancellor, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, than whom no man has labored more ably for the abolition of a cruel grievance of which the proclaiming of the actual constitution of the University marks the removal.

### THE GOVERNMENT.

The Statute declared that the Chancellor shall be the head and chief officer of the University, and shall, if present, be entitled to preside over all meetings of the Senate or of any committee appointed by the Senate and of convocation, and he shall hold office during his life, or until his resignation.  
 Superior, of course, to the Chancellor, is the Visitor, who, in accordance with precedent, would be His Majesty King Edward. Next to the Chancellor comes the Vice-Chancellor, of whom it is indicated by the Statute that he shall be elected by the Senate from amongst the members of the Senate. He shall hold office for such period, not exceeding five years, as the Senate may determine, and he shall be eligible for re-election. The Vice-Chancellor is to be the chief executive officer of the University.  
 The Senate can elect, if it desires, one or more assistants to him who shall be entitled pro-vice-chancellors. The office of the present Senate expires in five years, and future Senates shall be constituted as follows: The Chancellor of the University, the three presidents of the constituent colleges, four nominees of the King, of whom at least one shall be a woman, six persons elected by the governing body of the University College of Dublin, of whom at least three shall be members of the academic council of the college, four persons each from the university colleges of Cork and Galway, one registrar, eight members of convocation, and four co-opted members. This gives a total Senate of thirty-five, and it looks thoroughly democratic and fully representative of the high educational interests it is called upon to safeguard.

### THE STUDIES.

Full provision is made for the encouragement within the University of the study of the language and history of Ireland. There will be a Professor of Celtic Archaeology and Ancient Irish History, of Early Irish and of Modern Irish and its Literature. The occupants of these chairs will receive salaries of three thou-

sand dollars each. In addition, there will be lecturers in Modern Irish History and in the Irish Language, receiving, respectively, stipends of one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars and seven hundred and fifty dollars. It will be recognized that liberal provision has been made for the cultivation of national studies. There is to be a Professor of National Economics, with a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars a year, so that the practical as well as the historical, linguistic and literary interests of the country will be cared for. It will, of course, be understood that the professorships and lectureships referred to will be held in connection with University College, Dublin, the president of which, Dr. D. J. Coffey, will receive a salary of seven thousand five hundred dollars a year with an allowance for a residence in connection with the college buildings.

### A HIGH STANDARD.

It is satisfactory to be able to note that the National University will maintain a high standard as regards the conditions under which its Degrees are conferred. It is provided that "In the Faculties of Arts, Celtic Studies, Philosophy, Science, Law and Music, the Degree of Doctor shall be given only on original work which shall be supplemented by an examination, unless, in the judgment of the General Board of Studies, who may or may not be members of the Faculty concerned, the examination, in view of the excellence of the original work submitted by the candidate, may be wholly or in part dispensed with. The work to be submitted by a candidate for the Degree of Literature, of Celtic Studies, of Philosophy, or of Science must be a published work, which either shows original thought or embodies such results of personal research as to be, in the judgment of the examiners, worthy of recognition by the University as adding to the sum of existing knowledge of the subject treated."

### THE DEGREES.

Equally stringent rules are laid down in regard to the obtaining of the Degree of Master of Arts, and no student-student can ever hope to attain it. Altogether, it is apparent that our new University will start under conditions signifying that its first rulers aim at the attainment of high ideals, and that they are not ultimately reached. Needless to say, much remains to be accomplished before the University is fully launched. An enormous amount of detail has yet to be worked out.

## ESTEEM OF TURKS FOR THE CATHOLICS.

### THE PATRIARCH'S TESTIMONY.

Mgr. Sardi of Constantinople Has Words of Praise For the Ottoman Government.

The most interesting of recent visitors in Rome was Mgr. Sardi, Delegate-Apostolic at Constantinople for the Orientals, and Patriarch for the Latins. He had obtained leave of absence from his delegation, when the troubles broke out, but waited until comparative quiet was restored before leaving for his well-earned holidays in Rome. He gave a very interesting interview on the situation to the correspondent of "The Momento of Turin." "The Apostolic Delegation and the representative of the Holy See," he declared, "have always been treated with the utmost respect even in the most troubled and dangerous moments of the crisis. You will find it hard to believe the high esteem in which the Catholics are held by the present Ottoman Government. A few days ago a lofty personage declared to me: 'Monsignor, for the Catholics we have nothing but praise, they are our best subjects; we know them, and we appreciate the great moral force that Catholicism represents for the order and tranquillity of the Empire.' I have reason to believe that the same ideas are shared in general by the Young Turks."

### FREEMASON ACTIVITIES.

Of course, Freemasonry is active at work to turn the present political movement to the detriment of religion, but the honest and intelligent men of the Committee of Union and Progress have too much good sense not to understand that an anti-religious war in Turkey would be very impolitic.  
 Asked whether the three fatidic words "liberty, equality, fraternity," which the Young Turks have written on their banner, might not have in the Ottoman Empire the same results that have followed their adoption elsewhere, the Delegate answered: "Perhaps; but you must remember that the three dazzling words have been copied by the Young Turks with a fourth, that of 'Justice', and it must be said that up to the present they have shown that they intend to apply this addition. This is to be seen even in the courts-martial they are holding against the revolutionaries, which are inspired by, and carried out in a lofty sense of justice; the sentences given and put into execution represent just condemnations for crime committed and proved; nay, the sentences are executed on the very places where the crimes were committed to make the example they contain more striking."

### MEDIAEVAL FEUDALISM.

He was asked whether it was the same under Abdul Hamid. "Parce

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