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ANTRIM

On May 28 serious disturbances occurred in the city of Belfast. The chief fanatics, having held riot in Shaftesbury square on Saturday evening, proceeded through the city with a band and a howling mob. The conduct of the crowd was of the most disorderly character, but until Donegall street was reached the rowdiness was restricted to shouting, jostling, etc. In Donegall street, however, open violence was resorted to, and stones were thrown at Catholic houses, and the windows of Miss Skellington's shop was smashed into fragments. At Clifton street the mob turned back, and a volley of stones was fired. The window there suffered the same fate as that of Miss Skellington's shop, and a considerable part of the stock was ruined.

The police expected trouble at the "Steps" and a large number of men than usual were posted in the square. With the exception of Galbraith, all the street preachers turned up at their usual posts, and the biggest crowd ever congregated in the square mustered. It was calculated full twenty thousand people were in the assembly. From the commencement at three o'clock there was a fever of excitement, and this was heightened by the violent tone of the address of the rival "preachers." Further noisy, insulting references were made to the members of the Catholic community, and the Coroner came in for a large measure of abuse. One fanatic said he would march at the head of a crowd of his supporters to meet the bands coming into the city for the United Irish League demonstration on the 6th of June. Another remark indicative of the resentment the mob have towards the police was that every Protestant should boycott the R. I. C. sports, as the police were no friends of theirs, and that the speaker would prevent any Protestant attending the sports by holding a demonstration on that day against them. Shortly after the speakers started their orations a party of their followers made a rush down Gamble street, for the purpose evidently of wrecking Catholic houses, and generally creating riot. A number of Catholics were attacked before the police could get to their assistance.

An inquest on an old man named Davis, who was killed on the steps of Belfast Custom House on Sunday serves to concentrate public attention on the peculiar institution known as street-preaching. Two preachers held forth from the steps of the Belfast Custom House. Every respectable Protestant has read the Coroner's charge to the jury with pleasure. Mr. Finlayson is himself a Protestant. He has promised to bring the street-preaching nuisance under the notice of the Attorney-General. Representations coming from such a source, and in consequence of the loss of a man's life, should receive the careful consideration of the law officers of the Crown. The Coroner thinks the unrestrained pourings of ignorant men whose only claim upon the attention of their fellow-citizens is their superb impudence is a standing menace to the peace of a city like Belfast.

DUBLIN.

There is sincere regret in Dublin over the death of Mr. Michael Keenan, T.C. He was one of the best types of Dublin citizen. Enterprising, persevering, and capable, he sought and found fortune in the development of the industry and commerce of his native city. Public-spirited and patriotic, he was ever ready to contribute generously, and work strenuously, if quietly and unobtrusively, for the progress of Dublin and the good of Ireland.

The best cricketer in Ireland, and a leader of one of the triple-crowned international football fifteen, was, in the person of Mr. Lucius Gwynn, awarded a fellowship. It will not decrease popular interest in Mr. Gwynn's success that it should have been achieved also by a grandson of Smith O'Brien. The name is already distinguished in the list of Fellows.

GALWAY.

For the past few weeks Loughrea has been "honored" with the presence of street preachers on market day, who take their stand opposite the police barrack and deliver "sermons" and "sing" hymns. Some slight disturbances have arisen on their account.

KERRY.

At the meeting of the Kerry County Council the proposed sale of the Muckross demesne, Kiltarney, was discussed. Mr. David M. Moriarty, solicitor, proposed the following resolution:—"That we recommend to the Government the purchase of the Muckross demesne for a National park, and we beg further to point out that when the income derivable from the property is taken into consideration the loss to the revenue would be inconsiderable, if any." This was adopted.

The good work to which the late Canon Brosnan gave the last years of his life is being zealously prosecuted by the Very Rev. Denis J. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., who has succeeded him in the mission of Cahrliveen. The erection of a church in his native parish, as a memorial to Daniel O'Connell, was the ambition of Canon Brosnan's life, and the appropriateness of the memorial to a

great Catholic as well as a great Irishman, was abundantly manifest. Canon Brosnan roused enthusiasm for the project, and collected considerable sums. The church, which promises to be one of the chief architectural gems in Ireland, is a long way on its road to completion. Canon O'Riordan has taken up the project with a zeal that dates his predecessor's.

KINGS COUNTY.

The profession and reception into the Order of Mercy were witnessed by a very large congregation in St. John's Convent of Birs. The Very Rev. Theobald P.P., V.G., Bire and Carrig, president. Miss M. Egan, daughter of Michael Egan, Esq., J.P., Ballydonogh, made profession of her vows, her name in religion being Sister Mary Agnes, and Miss H. Cox, in religion Sister Mary Ita, who had been a postulant for some time, was received into the Order as a choir nun. All these nuns are going out to Africa.

MAYO.

The purchase of Lord Dillon's estates for a quarter of a million pounds sterling and the redistribution among 4,500 tenants, announced in the operation of the Congested Districts Board within the last few weeks in realizing the programme of the United Irish League. The Directory of the League at their last meeting enumerated a number of cases where graziers declined to renew their eleven months' tenancies. In several instances these lands have since been acquired for partition among the people. Last Tuesday's fresh purchase of grazing lands in the heart of the congested districts, of the so-called "disturbed districts," of Mayo. More than £12,000 is announced as having been advanced for the purchase of grass lands and enlargement of the people's holdings—more than had been spent in the first six years of the Board's operations. £1,500 was paid for the lands of Mr. James Faulkner, at Pheasant hill, near Castlebar. £2,000 was spent on acquiring from Lord Digby a vacant rancho at Aughoo, one of the most miserable of the congested districts of Birs.

On May 28 an enormous demonstration in support of the principles of the United Irish League was held at Knock, County Mayo. It was the anniversary of a great meeting held in the same place this time twelve months, when branches of the League were started in the district. The interest shown in the proceedings by the people of Knock and the surrounding parishes was all the greater because the estate of Lord Dillon, purchased by the Congested Districts Board for a sum of over £200,000, is largely situated in this locality, and the vast number of those present at the demonstration will be peasant proprietors in a few months. The estate will be taken over by the Congested Districts Board on the 24th of next month. The meeting was of vast dimensions, people being present in large numbers from Clarenorris, Kiltullagh, and Ballyhauns. Mr. Michael Davitt, the member of the division, received an enthusiastic greeting from his constituents, and the Rev. Father Fallon, the respected parish priest of Knock, also got a great ovation from the people.

TIPPERARY.

At present there is visiting Tipperary, within a few miles of which she was born, the Rev. Mother Matilda Ryan, Superior of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Galveston, Texas. This lady is daughter to the late Mr. John Ryan, Canea, Kiltfeale, who for many years was one of the ablest guardians of our local poor law union. She is accompanied by Sister Mary Teresa O'Gara, a native of Frenchpark, County Roscommon. Both ladies have come to their native land in search of subjects to aid them in carrying on the good work in which they are engaged abroad; nursing the sick and caring for orphans.

TYRONE.

On Trinity Sunday the beautiful new Gothic Church of the Sacred Heart, Omagh, was solemnly dedicated by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of the diocese. The occasion was one of very exceptional importance by reason of the fact that it was attended by His Eminence Cardinal Lojue, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland, who preached a most eloquent sermon, by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, and the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, who preached in the evening. But it was also a remarkable epoch in the history of the diocese because it signalled the crowning of one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in the country, and one of which certainly its reverend pastor, the Most Rev. Monsignor McNamee, has reason to be extremely proud.

A very disgraceful outrage was committed on Conian, county Tyrone. A mission was being given in the Catholic church there to the residents of the locality. Four women had erected stands in the vicinity of the church for the sale of statues, crucifixes, pictures, beads, and other religious emblems. Early in the morning these stands were entirely wrecked. Their contents were

scattered in all directions. Fragments of statues and images were thrown about the roads leading to the church, or attached to houses in the vicinity.

WEXFORD.

M. J. H. Gratton Esmond, M.P., chairman of the Wexford County Council, has forwarded a circular to his fellow-chairmen of County Councils throughout Ireland. It invites the formation of a County Councils Association, consisting of delegates from each of the County Councils for the purpose of enabling the separate councils of exchange views and experiences and con- sidering together the many practical questions arising in connection with their work. The circular gives reasons for supporting the scheme, and draws attention to the fact that the English County Councils Association has been formed on the lines he suggests. The Wexford resolutions were framed and proposed by Sir Thomas Gratton Esmond, who is grand-nephew of Henry Gratton.

ENGLAND.

Rev. Dr. Luke Rivington, the well-known convert from the Established Church to Roman Catholicism, is lying at his residence, off Manchester square, his condition being the cause of great anxiety to his friends.

SCOTLAND.

In St. Patrick's, Anderson, Glasgow, the annual sermon on behalf of the poor, visited by St. Patrick's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society was preached by R. Rev. Father Gartlan, S.J., of St. Aloysius, Garnhill. The reverend speaker said there were 620 active members in the Archdiocese of Glasgow—volunteers all of them, who gave their time, money, and whole interest to the Society, but there was work for a great many more, and he appealed to the young men of Glasgow to take this opportunity of laying up something for the Day of Judgment. As many as £200 have been paid to the poor. They went not as relieving officers, but as friends and brothers of the poor. Relief was given to 3,991 families, composed of the children of the representatives of Jesus Christ. As might be expected, they did not forget the children—the special favourites of Jesus Christ. Fifty thousand free dinners had been given to the poor little ones. To the poor there had been given 500 pairs of boots, and 200 books to those who could not provide for themselves. In the course of the year the Brothers had received £3,985, and of that they had expended £3,965.

FRANCISCANS AWAKE!

The cloisters of the Church of St. Etheldreda, Ely place, Holborn, are now being used for a purpose very different to that for which they were originally intended. Father Jarvis, the head of the House of Charity, there, has placed them at the disposal of any cyclists who may wish to store their machines while attending Divine Service. The Franciscan monks who have charge of the mission at Ely, have also attended to the spiritual needs of two other missions at long distances, and in order that they may accomplish their work they have, with the permission of Cardinal Vaughan, invested in the purchase of machines, on which they ride from one mission to another.

SCOTLAND.

Much indignation has been occasioned in Aberdeen by the discovery that Superintendent of the Graveyard has been opening graves and removing bodies. The whole town is in horror at the crime, which is certainly of a peculiarly revolting character. But if the good people of Aberdeen will only consult the Times they will see this crime not only palliated, but approved and justified. They are behind the times in Aberdeen in more senses than one. Moreover, if they read the debate in the House of Commons they will find that the man who



LAUNCHING THE LIFE-BOAT.

There are greater dangers than those of the angry sea. That dread disease—consumption, kills more men and women in a generation than the sea has swallowed up since the earliest history of navigation. There is a sure and safe life-boat ever ready to be launched for men and women who suffer from this merciless destroyer. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, bronchitis, asthma, laryngitis, weak lungs, spitting of blood and all other troubles that attack directly on the lungs, driving out all impurities and disease germs. It soothes and heals the mucous membrane of the lungs, bronchitis, throat and nasal cavities. It restores the lost appetite, makes digestion and assimilation perfect, enriches the blood. It fills the blood with the life-giving elements of iron and steel, and cleanses the system. It tears down, carries off and excretes the diseased and half dead tissues upon which the germ of consumption feeds and thrives. It checks the cough and forces expectoration until the lungs are thoroughly cleansed. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It restores the oil, it does not build fatty flesh, but it builds muscular tissues of health. It does not make corpulent, but it makes strong. Thousands have testified to their cure under this great medicine after they were given up by the doctors, and all hope was gone. An honest dealer will not suggest some inferior substitute for the sake of a little extra profit. A man or woman who neglects consumption suffers from slow poisoning. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets is a gentle laxative, and a "little Pellet" is a just cathartic medicine. It is safe for all. No other pills are "just as good."

ordered the decoration of the Mahdi's grave will get £30,000 of public money together with a tremendous testimonial to his courage and ability. If the Superintendent of the Aberdeen graveyard wants half, it is quite obvious to whom he should look in his hour of trial.

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Archbishop Corrigan at the morning services in St. Patrick's Cathedral has announced a three-days' prayer of preparation for the solemn consecration of the world to the sacred heart, as directed by the Pope some time ago. The consecration will be made on June 18th. The Archbishop's letter to the priests of the archdiocese is dated June 1st. In it the Archbishop says in part:—

"On the patronal feast of the United States, December 8th, 1875, this diocese and the entire ecclesiastical province of New York, in union with many other dioceses throughout this country, were solemnly consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

"By that solemn act we offered to our Divine Lord, for His greater honour and glory, all that we had and all that we are, in thanksgiving for countless favours received and in atonement for the sins and outrage committed against His Divine Majesty."

On June 9th, the feast of the Sacred Heart, the former consecration of the diocese, with its churches, schools, institutions, religious communities, clergy and people will be renewed.

"It is hardly necessary that you should remind your parishioners, reverend dear sir, that the devotion to the Sacred Heart is based on the teachings of Holy Scriptures concerning the Incarnation of our Divine Lord. . . .

"In the adorable humanity of Christ, His heart is selected as the particular object of our worship, because it presents the most powerful incentive of our love. In every language, ancient or modern, the heart is regarded as the seat of the affections, the source from which they spring, the focus to which they all converge. Our Divine Saviour sanctions this usage of speech when He says:—'Learn of Me all, for I am meek and humble of heart,' as if to say these virtues proceed from My heart as a centre and fountain of such affections."

"Moreover, our own feelings and inclinations lead us to regard His sacred heart as a furnace of divine love. When we read of His gentleness and mercy, of His forgiveness of Mary Magdalene, of His compassion on the multitude, whose strength He miraculously supports lest they faint on the way, above all, when we recall the institution of the Blessed Eucharist, we cannot repress the thought that the Divine Shepherd of our souls was in all things lovable like unto the children of men, with human affections, human sympathies, taking pity on our weakness, displaying His goodness not only by laying down His life for us, but showing greater love than this—by perpetuating His sweet presence after death, 'Loving His own who are in the world even till the end.'"

"Surely no heart with a spark of gratitude could refuse to serve, worship, love the tender heart of Jesus in return? Hence the saints of God, in all times, have had an intense affection, not only for the sacred humanity of our Lord in general, but for His adorable heart in particular, considering it with St. Gertrude as 'An Ocean of Divine Love.'"

"It is the wish of the Holy Father that a triduum precede the act of consecration, and that during each day of the triduum, the new Litany of the Sacred Heart be recited. The reverend rectors and chaplains will please arrange to have appropriate devotions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, preceding June 9th. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament may be given on the above days, on Friday itself, High Mass being sung when practicable, and after Mass the act of consecration recited, and the Te Deum intoned. If more convenient, however, this ceremony may take place in the evening."

"Wishing you and your congregation every blessing, I am, reverend dear sir, very faithfully yours, "Michael Augustine, "Archbishop of New York."

The act of consecration follows in part—'Would that I might be enabled to obtain the conversion of sinners, to awaken out of their unconcern so many Christians who, although they enjoy the blessings of belonging to Thy Church, have not the interests of that Church which is Thy spouse, nor Thy glory, at heart. Would, also, that those Catholics who have not indeed ceased to prove themselves such by external acts of charity, but who, through too great obstinacy in their own opinions, refuse submission to the decisions of the Holy See and cherish sentiments not in accordance with its teachings, may become better than advised and convinced that he that heareth not the Church in all things, heareth not God, Who is with the Church. Prostrate at Thy feet, in the presence of the most holy Virgin Mary, and of all the court of Heaven, I solemnly recognize that I belong entirely and solely, by all titles of justice and gratitude, to Thee alone, O Jesus Christ, my Redeemer. Thou only source of all my good, both of soul and body. Untiling myself, therefore, to the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff, I consecrate myself and all that belongs to me to Thy Sacred Heart,

and I resolve to love and to serve Thee alone, with all my soul, with all my heart, and with all my strength, by making Thy will mine, and by writing in all my desires to Thee.

In public token of this my consecration, I solemnly declare to Thee, O my God, that I will henceforward, in honour of the Sacred Heart, keep holy, according to the rules of the Church, all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, and will cause them to be observed by all persons over whom I have authority and influence.

FRANCE'S NEW HERO.

Major Marchand, France's new hero, is only thirty-three years old, and his own countrymen scarcely knew his name till his arrival at Fashoda on the Nile was heralded in last October. He had been engaged for two and a half years on a mission whose real purpose to confront the derelictions on the Upper Nile and to appropriate for France the lost provinces of Egypt, was concealed as far as possible. The French Government naturally did nothing to draw public attention to the work of its leader. But the colonial office had long known the man, if France did not know him well. As a humble lieutenant in the French Sudan he had shown extraordinary resource and facility in the discovery of ways and means for carrying out desirable projects. One of the most delicate, dangerous, and arduous missions ever undertaken in Africa was placed in his hands on the strength of the reputation he had made in the French Sudan before he was thirty years old.

His preliminary task was to transport two steel gunboats, barges, cannon, guns, and ammunition, camp equipment and supplies, the whole weighing some hundreds of thousands of pounds, across a vast territory in the upper part of the Congo and Nile basins, which he had to explore in order to ascertain the most feasible line of advance. Gest Pasha, Lupton Bey, and Dr. Junker had told the world practically all that was known of this region, but the sum total of information was wholly inadequate for the guidance of Marchand's expedition.

Every step of the way he was first explorer and then military chief. No one had ever heard before of the Boku branch of the Mkomu river, on which he floated to within forty-five miles of the Nile basin. No one had ever heard of the Suet river, which carried him over 200 miles to the Bahr el Ghazal affluent of the Nile.

No one knew until he discovered the fact that the Upper Mkomu would offer him a long stretch of good navigation, and when his officers told him that he could not possibly reach the Upper Mkomu past the obstructions in the lower river, he thought the matter over for a day, and declared that the feat could and would be accomplished. Then he set about building the corduroy roads, thirty feet wide, on which his boats, with 2,000 men at the tow lines, were hauled around the thirty-five stretches of falls and rapids in the lower river. And when he came to the region of the Congo and Nile water parting, where no streams were large enough to help him on his way, he personally sought for and found the nearest navigable point in the Nile system, then pulled his boats to pieces, and packed the whole equipment on the backs of men through the scrub, a hundred miles to the new-found river.

AN EVASIVE ANSWER.

"John," said a clergyman to his footman, "I shall be very busy this afternoon, and if any one calls I do not wish to be disturbed." "All right, sir. Will I tell them you're not in?" "No, John. That would be a lie." "An' what'll I say, yer reverence?" "Oh, just put 'em off with an evasive answer." At supper time John was asked if any one had called. "Yes, there did," he said. "And what did you tell him?" asked the clergyman. "I gave him an evasive answer." "How was that?" queried his reverence. "He asked me was yer reverence in, an' I sez to him, sez I, 'Was your grandmother a hoot owl?'—London Answers.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY AND PARLIAMENTARY LIFE.

There is no truth in the report that Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., has decided to retire from Parliament. Mr. McCarthy has offered and wished to retire more than once, as he feels very much not being able to attend in his place in the House, but at the request of his colleagues he has consented to stay on. There has been no question recently of his resignation, and in fact, there is every reason to hope that he may be well enough to reappear in the House of Commons next session. The operation he has undergone for his eyes has happily been most successful, and his general health has been wonderfully restored.

OPEN HOUSE.

"Come and dine with us to-morrow," said the old fellow who had made his money and wanted to push his way into society. "Sorry," replied the elegant man, "I can't. I'm going to see 'Hamlet.'"

SOCIETY NEWS IN INDIA. We learn from an India paper that Mr. and Mrs. Thambunayagamplil are now on a visit to Kovilkudytrappur. Mr. Thambunayagamplil is the son of Judge G. S. Athinayagamplil and son-in-law of Mr. A. Jambulingamudalar.—Westminster Gazette.

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