

THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mails from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Horrible Occurrence in the County Down. A young girl was murdered in a house near the coast...

On the 21st of the month of Great Isle 1st, the victim of a woman named Boyd was attacked by the police. One of the boys, John Abercrombie was shot from inside the house...

John Maxwell, charged with the murder of John Brennan at Clon in January has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

Miss Clara O'Farrell, daughter of a K. O'Farrell, Dublin, made her profession at the Portadown convent on the 6th.

A farmer named Buckley, of Olyduff, near Middleton was gored by a mad bull that broke loose near the town on March 10th.

The silver jubilee of Lord and Lady Ardilaun was celebrated by the convent schoolchildren of Macroom on the 6th.

At the Police Office Messrs. Landon Bros., printers, Bridge street, were prosecuted under the Factories and Workshops Acts for having four persons under 18 employed in their factory after four o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 1st. A fine of 6s. and costs for each person was imposed.

Michael Dwyer, Oragelo, in the Tulla district was shot at from behind a wall but escaped uninjured on the 6th. The outrage is attributed to the strained relations on the O'Garra estate lately purchased by his brother.

Father McFadden of Gweedore writes that the number of migratory laborers in Gweedore and Templemore is nearly 7000. The official statistics are, he says, absurdly inaccurate.

On his way from the fair of Cresslough, near Letterkenny, Patrick Ferry was shot and killed. Two men named McGinley have been arrested.

It is reported that the Dean and chapter of St. Patrick's will remove the old seat of bells from the Cathedral. Lord Ardilaun and the citizens are protesting.

The depressed markets are said to be driving farmers to despair. A large meeting was held in the parish church, James St., on March 8th to adopt means of commemorating the life of the late pastor work. Right Rev. Dan Kennedy, the archbishop of Dublin delivered an address. Over 41,000 was subscribed.

The Bishop of Galway and Kilmaeagh writes a letter to the press appealing to the Government for fair play for Catholics in regard to Queen's College Galway. Dr. MacCormack says all that is necessary is to reconstitute the college on lines that will afford Catholics to enter without a strain on their consciences. The counties of Galway and Mayo are almost wholly Catholic, hence Queen's College, Galway, is now practically deserted.

The Irish National Foresters opened a branch in Tuam on the 7th.

Head Constable Drohan has received £1600 compensation for injuries received at Knockagoshell in September last.

Maurice McGrath was shot at and slightly wounded at Ardara on the 6th. It is alleged McGrath took up his brother-in-law's evicted farm.

Patrick Carroll, a farmer near Causeway, has been arrested for shooting at his brother-in-law, Maurice McGrath.

An attempt was made on the 9th to wreck the mail train from Malloy to Tralee.

Pat McDonnell was found dead from exposure at Gray Abbey, Newtownmore, on the 6th. He had lately been married and had become dissipated.

At the close of the Limerick Assizes Judge O'Brien said it was a shame and scandal that not one conviction could be secured by the machinery of the law in criminal cases from Limerick County, owing to jury signing their obligations.

Mr. W. M. Marphy, lately defeated in South Kerry has been nominated for South Louth against the Nationalist.

In 1895 the number of laborers who migrated to England for harvest work from Mayo was 8,874. This was five sixths of the total migratory laboring population.

At Lisaphelan six miles from Roscommon, on March 8th, James Cunningham was seized with religious mania and attacked the other members of his family, of whom had been shown signs of insanity. Neighbors rushed in and a terrible scene ensued. James Cunningham was killed, his head being battered in. His father, three brothers, sister and three nephews were arrested charged with his murder. All the prisoners went violently insane. The district in which the murder took place is inhabited exclusively by people of the same name and of blood relationship. No one would assist in the burial of the murdered man, and the police had to put the remains in the coffin, and inter them in Lisaphelan burial ground. During the magisterial investigation at Tuam the prisoners tried to kill each other, and the police. The girl was committed to an asylum. Shocking scenes were witnessed in the jail among the lunatic prisoners.

A new light has been thrown on the Lisaphelan mystery by a statement that for some days previous to the fatal occurrence the Cunningham family had eaten of the flesh of a sheep which had been worried by mad dogs. Two corpses of the dog, who are at present managing the farm at Lisaphelan, stated in the course of an interview that since the death of all the domestic animals on the premises have had to be shot, some of them having shown unmistakable signs of rabies. The animals were destroyed by order of the police.

It is proposed to erect a co-operative bacon factory for the county of Roscommon.

Hugh Duff, a Sugo miser, lately died leaving £100, although he had been living on out door relief from the workhouse.

Judge Johnson and the grand jury ranged themselves on the side of the street preachers at the opening of the assizes. Local feeling is much worked up against these preachers who have come into the city simply to disturb the public peace.

Ellen Curran, a domestic servant, accused of poisoning Mrs. Clendenning in July last has been acquitted at the assizes.

Sir Peter O'Brien had to remark at Clonmel upon the peaceful state of Tipperary.

Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Farrell, and two Misses Davin were charged with assaulting a bailiff at the Curristown evictions and acquitted.

A farmer named Moloney, residing near Louisa, Thurles, was way laid and robbed on the road on the 16th. Several arrests have been made.

A cattle dealer named Funston, was found dead on the road near Kilmenny on the 11th. It is feared he met foul play.

Under the will of the late Marquis of Waterford the personality is sworn at £84,000.

Rev. Pierce Power, son of Patrick Power, Ballyoullane, New Ross, has been ordained to the priesthood.

St. Patrick's Day Banquet. Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., was entertained by his fellow countrymen in London to a complimentary banquet on Tuesday St. Patrick's Day, at 4.30 in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, in recognition of his services as Chairman of the Irish Party since 1891. The banquet took place of the usual Irish banquet on St. Patrick's Day, and the new Chairman of the Irish Party, Mr. John Dillon, M.P., presided. Mr. Dillon was supported by Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Michael Davitt, M.P.; the Hon. Edward Blake, M.P.; Mr. T. D. Sullivan M.P., and Sir Bro. Gratian Emond, Bart, M.P. The arrangements were of a most successful gathering.

Her Majesty the Queen, since the announcement of her patronage, has sent twenty guineas to be expended in the purchase of articles made by Irish cottagers at the Exhibition and Sale at Loudouderly House, Park Lane, on St. Patrick's Day and Wednesday, 17th and 18th inst., when all the various Irish industries were represented in one national combined effort to show the quality and value of the work made by Irish peasants. In addition to the Irish Industries Association Stalls represented by the Duchess of Devonshire, Lady Londonderry, Lady Salisbury, Lady Cadogan, Lady Belfour, Lady Tweedmouth, Lady Arthur, Hill, Lady Bective, Hon. Lady Ridley, Mrs. V. B. Dillon, Miss Balfour, Mrs. T. P. O'Connor and Mrs. W. Redmond, stalls were held, each for their own industry, by the Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Arran, Lady Lucan, Lady Mayo, Lady Castlerosse, Lady Dugannon, Lady Margaret Donville, Lady Erne and Mrs. W. E. H. Lecky.

Death of a World's Champion Athlete. The death of Owen Duffy, who for twenty years was the champion weight putter of the world, took place at Edinburgh, on Jan. 10. Duffy was born forty nine years ago at Castleblinny, county Monaghan, Ireland. Duffy was a member of the club of the same name, and was a member of the club of the same name, and was a member of the club of the same name.

Consequent on the receipt of Father Sheehan to Ireland, the vacancy in Broxburn has been filled by the appointment of Rev. J. P. Nugent.

The Central Council of the Catholic Truth Society, of Scotland, held its quarterly meeting in the vestry of the cathedral, on Thursday, 6th inst., when delegates to present from all parts of the country.

A small community of Poor Clares has been for some time in residence at Liberton Brae, near Edinburgh, pending the erection of a suitable convent. A piece of ground has been secured beside the old historic Well of St. Catherine. Plans for the new convent have been approved, and building operations will commence without delay.

The Very Rev. Canon Mackintosh (St. Margaret's) is graciously ill. Rev. Father Alexander, O. S. F., Killarnoy, is at present on a visit to St. Francis, Glasgow, and he spoke on Monday evening at the meeting of the League of the Cross.

A mission for Italians is being given in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, the preachers being Father Conolly, of Verona, and Father Palloni, of Perth. There is a large colony of Italians in Glasgow, and the services are being well attended.

REV. FATHER PHELAN. Presented With an Address and a Handsome Breveting Case.

At the Library of the Catholic Association, Peterborough, on Thursday evening of last week, in view of the impending departure of Rev. Father Phelan to a new field of labour in North Bay, a few gentlemen representing the hosts of personal friends of Rev. Father Phelan in Peterborough, presented him with the following address, accompanied by a handsome dressing case, the presentation being made by Dr. Mober. The address was read by Mr. Thomas Cahill, who prefaced the reading by the remark that Rev. Father Phelan was the first native of the town who had been reared and educated and advanced to the priesthood in Peterborough.

The following is the address: To the Rev. C. J. Phelan: REV. AND DEAR FATHER—Your many warm friends in Peterborough have learned with regret of your intention to depart from amongst us. For though we rejoice at the sacred dignity and important office conferred upon you, and though we know of your great virtues and submission to the will of your superiors, yet we cannot but lament parting with one we have known so long and so favorably.

To most of us you have been known since childhood. We have learned with delight of your achievements in study, both in your native city of Limerick and at the seats of Catholic learning in Toronto and in Montreal. It has been a source of great pleasure to us to note the honorable stand you have taken among your fellow students, and to witness your brilliant career and the friends gathered here to bid farewell and Goodspeed attest the warmth of your friendship.

We have come not only to express our appreciation of your many abilities and virtues which we so well know you to possess; but also to wish you every success and happiness in your new home. We hope you will find North Bay pleasant and congenial; we know that the members of the Catholic congregation there will find your reverence worthy of their best respect and kindest regards; and we trust by their warmth and generosity they may partially recompense you for the sacrifice you make in thus giving up home, family and friends for their sake, in order that you may go as a priest of God and minister unto them.

It is our prayer that our Almighty Father may bless your life and work, that He will give you, devoted to His service, all the happiness that at some future time His reward will bestow on you. We trust to call you back among your many friends and relatives to duty in your native city.

In conclusion we would ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a souvenir of our esteem and good wishes in parting, and may it often remind you of the warm friends you leave behind in Peterborough.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Celebrations in Many Cities and Towns.

Irish Music and Songs filled the Banquet-rooms of the Hotel de Ville, in Toronto on the 26th. A number of the most popular Irish songs were sung, and the evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner.

In the evening a concert and lecture in aid of St. Mary's school was given by St. Mary's Separate school children, and Father Moyna of St. Mary's.

The musical part of the programme consisted of Irish songs, opening with a grand chorus, "St. Patrick's Day, by 450 children, which was rendered in a very affectional and pleasing manner.

The great treat of the evening was given by the little ones in a "Frame drill," 24 little girls taking part and playing their parts with a courage and precision which was remarkable. In all about 150 moves and figures were made upon the stage, some being very difficult from the fact that there were many alternate moves in the drill.

"The Dumb Bell Drill," the club drill and merry workers deserve special mention, every part being well carried out.

Several instrumental selections were given by the Messrs Moran, Blaine, Cavanah and Bryl.

A violin solo by Miss Moran was very good. Miss Ellen Mahoney sang "Kilbrany" very sweetly and as an encore gave "Barney O'Hara." A trio by the Messrs Mahoney, Graham and Hamlin was well received.

The Sisters of St. Joseph are to be congratulated upon their great success in training the children in the manner they have. Although the Sisters were not present, so perfect was the organization of the children not a single mistake was made in the marching or drill.

The lecture by Rev. Father Moyna on "Ireland in the 19th Century" was very much appreciated. He has just returned from the "Green Isle," where he had an opportunity to see things as they really are. He is certainly very observant, judging from the many incidents related.

To Father Hart must be given credit for the able manner in which he organized the concert and decorated the hall, although he was absent the greater part of the time.

After a few remarks by Rev. Dean Egan in his usual witty style, a vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. Father Moyna, after which the children sang "God Save the Queen," which brought a very pleasant evening to an end.

IN ST. THOMAS. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with High Mass at 10 a.m., the church being crowded to the doors. Before and at the conclusion of Mass, the school children sang in a body Father Faber's Hymn, "All praise to St. Patrick who brought to our mountains. The light of God's Faith &c."

After the Gospel Rev. Dr. Flannery, who was celebrant, ascended the pulpit and preached a very appropriate sermon from the text: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." (St. Matt. v. 16.)

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that the Duncombe Opera House was packed in every part in the evening every seat being filled and chairs placed in the aisles, for that is the fact on the occasion of every St. Patrick's Day entertainment. There was certain therefore to be a full house when the usual St. Patrick's Day entertainment and the celebration of the twenty fifth St. Patrick's Day concert, given by the patronage of Rev. Dr. Flannery.

The entertainment was in every way a thorough success and thoroughly enjoyable, a fitting climax of twenty-five years of St. Patrick's Day celebrating.

It was 8.20 p.m. when Rev. Dr. Flannery modestly stepped in front of the curtain and made his usual address. He said he was appalled and embarrassed by the vast audience. He thanked them for patronizing what he called his 25th anniversary celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the morning.

He told them how twenty five years ago he held his first concert in the court house, being given in use by Mr. J. McCausland, county treasurer, then warden. The concert was a success, and upon its success he based the success of his mission here. The pastor then told how he built the church and school here, being assisted by Protestants and Catholics alike. For twenty five years Protestants and Catholics had lived in St. Thomas on the best terms, never having a word. They agreed in everything but religious matters, and agreed indeed in most all the essentials in religion. Speaking of St. Patrick he said he believed, not only the maker of Ireland, but all Saint's followers. He referred to the fact that some time ago a woman had been brought here to sow the seeds of discord in the community. They did not take root, but decayed like seed sown on stony ground. "They withered," he said, "under the warm rays of the burning sunbeam of Christian charity which reigns in St. Thomas."

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At the concert of the 26th a clever series, composed by the Rev. Dr. Flannery, was recited by the children.

My wife and baby stay at home In when a stormy weather, But when the summer breezes blow We sail off together.

I am a little girl, I like to play with you, And when I see the clouds appear, I turn down the best of cheer, I never go out creeping Or other people mind, For with my husband and my child There's love to do it find.

I am a little woman, I help the engineer, I ring the bell, I leave the coal, I keep the throttle clear, But when there's any danger, I shut of steam, I jump myself, And then I hush for life.

I am a little housekeeper, I bake the pie and bread, And when I dust the rooms upstairs, I turn down the best of cheer, I never go out creeping Or other people mind, For with my husband and my child There's love to do it find.

I am a little merchant, I have all things for sale, From a big stove and a rocker, Down to a penny nail; I have taken all the cuts and collars, Whatever you may choose, And a smile for all the ladies, When I'm fitting on new shoes.

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The following societies took part in the parade of the congregation of St. Anthony (not members of any society), the congregation of St. Gabriel (not members of any society), the St. Gabriel Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, the congregation of St. Mary (not members of any society), Holy Name Society, St. Mary's Young Men Society, the congregation of St. Ann (not members of any society), the St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, congregation of St. Patrick's, boys of St. Lawrence, Christian Brothers' Schools, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Young Irishman's Literary and Benefit Association, Irish Catholic Benefit Society, a schola Young Men's Society, the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society and the St. Patrick's Society. There were no less than twelve bands, including the Police Band, the 66th Band, St. Cunegonde, Bordeaux, and others.

HAMILTON. At the Grand Opera House there was a St. Patrick's concert of real worth. It was well patronized, and the appearance of such artists as Fred Warrington of Toronto and Mrs. Martin Murphy, along with Mrs. Band, made a sufficient guarantee of excellence in the programme. Added to these was the exhibition of a series of Irish views.

Association Hall could hardly hold the crowd that attended the fourth annual concert of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It was a packed house that greeted the performers, and the committee in charge of the affair can well afford to be satisfied with the results. The master of ceremonies was Daniel Haggerty, and the committee in charge was composed of Messrs. D. Mulcahy, W. J. Ryan, W. J. Mulvala and P. McGowan.

LECTURE BY THE RIGHT REV. DR. DOWLING. Standing room was all the late concert goers who attended the lecture given by Bishop Dowling in St. Joseph's Church. The subject of His Lordship's remarks was Bright Epochs of Irish History, and he dealt with it in a manner that made every Irishman present feel more proud of his country than ever.

He referred in glowing terms to Ireland's noble patron saint, Patrick, in whom the natives never lost faith—a virtue which few of the leading nations can boast of. He considered Ireland the most moral nation in Europe, and pointed out that, being noted for its universities and colleges, it was the birthplace of eminent scholars as well as saints. In the course of the evening the choir, under the direction of Prof. Boyes, sang two choruses, and Misses K. O'Leary and M. Cavanah contributed solos. The lecture was given under the joint auspices of the E. B. A. and the O. B. U., and among the interested listeners were Mr. McGowan, Chancellor Craven and Father Hinchey.

Ottawa. A large and cultured audience assembled in the Convocation Hall of the Rideau street convent to hear Mr. John Francis Waters, B.A., lecture on "Dean Swift and his Times." Being the eve of the feast day of Ireland's patron saint a charming programme of appropriate vocal and instrumental music was artistically and gracefully rendered by the pupils.

The St. Patrick's concert was under the auspices of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society, and was under vice royal patronage.

For the occasion the stage of the Opera House was prettily decorated. The green harp decked flag of Ireland, the Union Jack, the cross of St. George and the Stars and Stripes were joined harmoniously. President J. P. Dunne acted as chairman. The address was given by Senator Ferguson of Wexford.

The musical talent included Mr. C. O. H. Beddoe, Mr. A. D. Sturrock, Miss Edythe Forbes, Miss B. McGrady, Miss K. Ryan, Miss N. Ryan, Mrs. James Morris, Messrs. Miller, Thicke, Beddoe, and Johnston, and the Capital Orchestra. Mr. H. Collier Grounds was accompanist. The programme included such selections as "The Minstrel Boy," "Oh Harp Immortal," "Kathleen Mavourneen," "Rory, Darlin'," "The Harp that Once," and "Father O'Flynn." Altogether the affair was most enjoyable.

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