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GENERAL IRISH NEWS.

SIR THOMAS FARRELL DEAD.

We regret to learn of the death of Sir Thomas Farrell, the President of the Royal Hibernian Academy. He died at his residence, Stillorgan, after a brief illness. He was buried in Glasnevin. The grave is close to the statues of Sir John Gray and Barry Sullivan, some of the best works from the chisel of the deceased.

Sir Thomas Farrell was the son of Terence Farrell, a Hibernian leader, and a sculptor of great repute towards the middle of the century. The son achieved distinction early in his career. He was born in the year of Emancipation, 1829. He was an indefatigable worker, and was devoted to the ideals of his art. Among the numerous works of his which adorn the city are the statues of William Smith O'Brien, Sir John Gray, Lord Ardilaun. The statues of Cardinal Cullen and Archbishop Murray in the Pro-Cathedral, and those of Shiel and Lord O'Hagan in the hall of the Four Courts, are from his chisel, and he also completed the statue of Sir Robert Stewart for the Royal Dublin Society. Other well-known works of his are the statues of Boyd and Dr. Wintley in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sir Alexander McDonnell, and Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness. The magnificent bas-relief on the Wellington Monument in the Phoenix Park, representing the last charge of the battle of Waterloo, is a fine specimen of the elaborateness of his art. In his studio is a magnificent design for a statue of Gladstone. It was an elaborate work, with allegorical grouping, following somewhat the lines of Foley's great work, the O'Connell Monument. The work did not go beyond the model in consequence of the refusal of a site. The personal qualities of the deceased were most genial and kindly, and he made hosts of friends, all who met him experiencing something of his kindly nature.

In 1893 Sir Thomas was elected President of the Royal Hibernian Academy, a position which he retained up to the day of his death. He was knighted in 1894.

BEAGH.

The Very Rev. M. Connolly, P. P., V.F., Beagh, has passed away peacefully to his reward after the long period of 37 years in the Ministry. He was ordained priest in the year 1848 after a distinguished course of studies at Maynooth. During the calamitous period of the famine he labored in the parishes of Ennistymon, Lisconcor, and Lisdoonvarna. He was subsequently promoted to the pastoral charge of Killoonnan. In the year 1866 he was appointed to the charge of Beagh, which has been since the scene of his labors.

DERRY.

A meeting of the Catholic citizens of Derry was convened to assemble in the Library of St. Columba's Hall to establish a branch of the Catholic Truth Society in Derry. Those present were gratified to see His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty take the chair. There was a very large attendance, the meeting being representative of the Catholic community, clerical and lay, and deep interest was manifested in the proceedings.

The Bishop having concluded his statement the proceeds concluded by His Lordship being appointed president of the local society which was then formed. Father Phillip O'Doherty, P.P., Claudy, was appointed diocesan secretary, and the priest in charge of Sacred Heart Societies in Derry city and Waterside were appointed the local secretaries.

NAVAN.

An accident by which crossing Signaller J. Ryan, aged 23 years, lost his life under very pathetic circumstances, occurred at a level crossing on the Great Northern Railway, known as the Factory lane. It appears that the deceased was holding up his signal flag in the usual way to the 8.45 p.m. train from Drogheda to Navan, when just as the engine was approaching he observed a child suddenly try to cross the line from the opposite side. He at once made a rush to save the child, and succeeded in doing so, but then unhappily tried to regain his own side of the line, but was struck on the temple by the engine buffer, hurled thirty yards away, and killed instantly.

MIRATH.

In conjunction with this year's show at Meath, a flower, fruit and vegetable show will be held on the 8th of August. This addition to the already extensive programme of the society is promoted in the interests of small farmers and cottiers with a view to the en-

much attached to him. Only a few weeks ago his congregation made him a present of a sum of money to enable him to visit the Ober-Ammergau Passion Play. Mr. Filmer when he finally decided to renounce Anglicanism urged the donors to permit him to return their gift, but they would not hear of it. He attended some of the lectures given by St. Paul's Society last winter. Mr. Filmer has made it known that his reception, which took place in London had no connection with the late pronouncement of the two Archbishops on Reservation in which they practically repudiated the doctrine of the Real Presence. His mind was long occupied in seeking an answer to the question "Did Christ institute an infallible teaching authority in His Church, with Peter and his successors for its mouthpieces?" Mr. Filmer arrived at the conclusion that the Papacy was of Divine institution, and consequently made his submission.

The Sisters of Charity have opened a house in one of the most populous districts of the Metropolis. The new foundation which is situated in Hackney, was formally opened on Monday 2nd Inst. It is interesting in this connection to remember that St. Joseph's Convent, Hackney, is the first house established in London by the Sisters of Charity and the third of its kind in the whole of England.

The foundation stone of the new Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernard, Kingsley Road, Liverpool, was blessed and laid in the presence of a large gathering. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of the diocese (the Right Rev. Dr. Whitfeld). The new church is to be erected on a piece of land adjoining the existing school-chapel of St. Bernard in Kingsley Road. It will comprise a nave and aisle, 82 ft. in length, and 48 ft. in width, and will be built of St. Helens bricks with red Runcorn stone. The total cost of the new building will be close on £5000, four thousand of which has already been subscribed.

The English Catholics propose to commemorate the Holy Year by subscribing £200,000 to endow 200 beds for friendless and destitute boys in the several homes founded for that purpose by the late Father Berry.

A new Catholic church for the needs of Catholics in Walkden, Little Hulton, and Worsley, Lancashire, has been erected in Bridgewater street, Little Hulton, Walkden, at a cost of £3,000. The new edifice supersedes one destroyed by fire in 1898.

The Rev. Father James Foley, late of St. Mary's Stonyhurst, who was the preacher at St. Edmund's Catholic Church, Bury St. Edmunds, on Sunday evening, was found dead in his bedroom on Monday morning. The deceased was fully dressed and the bed had not been slept in.

The Catholics of Holloway have sustained a severe loss by the death of the priest who has labored long and zealously in their midst. The Rev. William Ignatius Delan, dean and missionary rector, was an excellent type of the parish priest, and it may well be doubted whether his place will be easily filled.

The funeral of the late Rev. Mother (nee Miss Fannie Margaret Taylor), the foundress and first Superior-General of the Institute of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God and the Poor, took place at St. Mary's Convent, Roehampton. The chapel was draped.

According to the last annual report the English Church Union now numbers 40,000 members, the increase having been as great in the past twenty months as in the previous eight years.

The Hon. Charles Russell, while acting as chairman at Fulham, at the reception of Bishop Brindle, D.C.O., said that there were over 800 Catholic officers at the front in South Africa.

A collegiate school of higher education for a limited number of boys, and to be known as St. Boufflay's Collegiate School, will be opened at Plymouth. A house near the Cathedral has been purchased for the purpose, and will be under the charge of the Rev. Michael Burns, Professor at Valladolid, Spain.

St. Etheldreda's Church enjoys the distinction of being the only church in London, in which there has been no interruption of the Holy Sacrifices of the Mass since its foundation. The Reformation did not affect it.

For nearly three years Mass has been said in a miserable thatched cottage for the benefit of those living in the neighborhood of Kirby. Now at last, on July 1st, His Lordship the Bishop of Liverpool laid the foundation stone of a new building to serve as a chapel-of-ease to Maghull. The chapel is to bear the title of the Most Holy

Redeemer, in addition to that of St. Kottigron. The site is in W. Lidcombe, Melling, about half a mile by a footpath across the fields from Kirby Station, and about two miles from Maghull Station.

It is intended to hold a grand bazaar in connection with St. Mary's Brodford, in October next year, for the purpose of raising the heavy debt of £10,000 which rests upon the mission. One of Canon Simpson's objects in visiting America is to advance the interests of this great undertaking.

At a meeting of the Chapter, at Portsmouth, presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, which was summoned to select three approved candidates for the Bishopric rendered vacant by the death of Right Rev. Dr. Virtue, it was rumored that the name placed at the top of the rota was that of Monsignor Cahill.

A special service was held at Melior street for the purpose of unveiling the memorial tablet erected by the parishioners in Southwark and Bermondsey to the memory of the late Father Simon McDonnell, the predecessor of Father Buckley.

FATHER GORDON DEAD.

A figure familiar in the Catholic life of London has been removed by the death of Rev. W. T. Gordon, Father Philip, Superior of the Fathers of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, the Oratory, Beaumont Street. Father Gordon's career presents striking features of the kind which would render it inimitable.

Father Gordon was of Scotch descent, and he was born on the 15th, 1827, in Buckinghamshire. His family were the Gordons of Kethockmills, Aberdeen, supplied professors to King's College, Aberdeen, continuously for 171 years. His father left the north when a young man, and made a fortune in the West Indies, where he married a Frenchwoman. After his education at Christ Church, Oxford, Father Gordon's name comes under the name of Rev. W. T. Gordon, who was joined at Maryvale.

Dr. Newman sent Father Gordon and others (including Father Gordon, who was at that time a novice) to found a house in London, and in the year 1849, the priory was established themselves in King William street, Strand. Of the Oratorians who lived in the first London house of the Order only three survive; Father Stanton and Father C. H. Bowden, both of Beaumont, and the Right Rev. E. G. Bagehove, Bishop of Nottingham.

SCOTLAND.

The statement is current that a new diocese is about to be formed which will comprise the parishes in the North-Western part of the Province, and that the Rev. James Mackenzie, a retired official of the Catholic population in this district has increased at a rapid rate and is still increasing, and a number of new missions are about to be created in the Monklands.

The building of Renfrew new church, schools, and presbytery has been commenced. A bazaar has been organized to assist in liquidating what will, doubtless, be a very heavy debt. An massive and elaborate marble and granite monument is in course of erection within one of the aisles of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. It is being raised by the relatives of a deceased British officer in memory of the Catholic soldiers and sailors who have died in the service of Queen Victoria. The cost of the monument is between £700 and £800. The unveiling ceremony will take place on the second Sunday of July, immediately after the 11 o'clock solemn High Mass.

A large stained window representing St. Francis and St. Clare was unveiled in St. Francis Church, Chamberlain street, Glasgow, in presence of a large congregation. The local branch of the League of the Cross, which had presented the window attended the church in a body. We deeply regret to announce the death of Rev. Thomas Smith, of St. Francis Xavier's, Carlin, which took place on Wednesday of last week. Since his ordination in 1860, Father Smith has done splendid work for the Archdiocese of Glasgow, and both at Dalry and Carlin, where he acted as parish priest.

WELSH CHURCH.

The Franciscan Capuchin Monastery, Pantasaph, nestling in a lovely valley amidst the Welsh hills, is well known in most parts of England as a large congregation. The local monastery lies at the foot of the last eminence of a mountain, on the top of which there is a life-sized Calvary group, and immediately below a chapel excavated out of the rock.

Pantasaph is the nursery of the English Province, where the future missionaries of the Order in England are trained and trained. The present small group of monks found far too houses has long been found far too small for the Province, and the Fathers have been obliged to build another wing. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, the foundation stone of the new wing was laid. The stone was blessed by the Right Rev. Francis Mostyn, Bishop of Merioneth, and the ceremony of laying the stone was performed by Lady Mostyn, of Talacre Hall. The new building, like the old part of the monastery, will be in the 15th century perpendicular style of architecture. It will be 112 ft. long, 34 ft. wide, and about 54 ft. high.

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