

NEWS DOTS FROM IRELAND

Interesting Paragraphs Concerning the Doings of Our Friends Across the Ocean,

Gathered from All Parts of the Emerald Isle for Our Readers.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

At a recent meeting of the Tuam Commissioners it was decided on the suggestion of Mr. Shine, T. O., that the translation of the old Irish inscription on the Tuam Cross be prominently printed on the pedestal. This is much needed, as strangers, and indeed residents generally are wholly unable to decipher the mystic syllables. The translation of the inscription on one side runs—'A prayer for O'Hessin (Hession), for the Abbot by whom it was made,' and on the other 'A prayer for Turlough O'Connor for the, (comhard) of Jarlath who made this.'

Mr. Alexander Phipps, Mus. Bac., Fellow of the London Society of Science, Letters, and Art, is his very favorable report on the Dominican Convent, Galway, says—'I have examined the candidates of the Dominican Convent, Galway, and have great pleasure to be able to forward such a satisfactory report of the musical work carried on in this institution. The examination, in accordance with my usual custom, was most searching and comprehensive, and the candidates appeared to enter into the work with earnestness and remarkable interest. That there was some little diffidence was only natural, but there was not lacking the spirit of emulation which goes far towards the attainment of success. On my part as examiner, it was my endeavor to carry out an important feature of the examinations, viz., the encouragement of the musical efforts of the candidates, and so to give them an incentive to further progress and future development. The number of marks gained by the various candidates shows that the musical instruction given is thorough, and reflects great credit upon those who impart it. Miss May Kelly, who was a candidate for both the violin and piano-forte, gained 91 marks for the former, and 94 for the latter, out of the maximum 100. I was much pleased with her work—the music was well prepared and the style and tone were commendable. There was also a brightness and interest manifested by this and the other candidates in general, denoting the geniality of the work. To Miss May Kelly I award the medal. Between Miss Mary Smiddy and Miss Nellie Godfrey there was a keen competition for the prize offered. The former candidate gained 94 and the latter 93 marks, so nearly equal that I awarded an extra prize. Miss Gertrude Kynes, who secured a First Class Junior Pass (80 marks), and Miss Mary Gannon, who gained 1st Class Honors, and three a first-class pass in the various grades. I trust such a satisfactory result will further induce the pupils to persevere in their musical studies. The charming situation of this excellent institution overlooking the Bay of Galway, the extensive recreation grounds and other genial surroundings must tend to awaken the intellectual faculties and develop artistic feeling, besides assisting in maintaining health—matters of the utmost importance in educational work.'

LEITRIM.

Mr. Thomas Rutherford, Manorhamilton, died suddenly in a field adjoining the town. He had been suffering from heart disease for a long time past. Deceased was much respected in Manorhamilton, and his funeral was largely attended.

Mr. P. M. Walsh, V. S., has been appointed Veterinary Inspector to the Manorhamilton Union.

MAYO.

There was heard in Dublin an action for libel brought by Mr. Michael O'Connell of Castlebar, against the County Telegraph Company, of which Patrick Lyons, P. P., is chairman. The libels were printed in connection with the dis-

pute which existed regarding the completion of what is known as the 'McHale Memorial Church.' A verdict was returned for the plaintiff with 6d. damages.

ROSCOMMON.

A sad drowning accident took place at Kiltloom. Mr. P. Martin, and a man of his father's, went to wash sheep. Afterwards the latter had a swim, and apparently having got a cramp, Mr. Martin went to his assistance, with the result that both disappeared, and were drowned before help could reach them. The bodies were immediately recovered, but life was extinct.

The fair at Strokestown was well supplied with stock, but the demand was not equal to previous fairs. There was a large supply at Ballygar, but buying was slow.

SLIGO.

At the urgent appeal of Mr. Justin McCarthy, M. P., Alderman Callery has consented to retain his seat for North Sligo until the General Election.

George A. Moloney, Esq., late R. M., for Enniskillen, has retired from the service, and is to reside permanently at Fort Hill House, Sligo.

We regret to announce the death of Rev. Peter Egan, parish priest of Geogagh.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Deep and widespread regret has been caused by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Bruen, wife of the Right Hon. Henry Bruen, P. C., Oak Park, Carlow, which occurred recently. The deceased lady was the third daughter of the late Colonel E. M. Connolly, M. P., Castletown, county Kildare, and was married in 1864. She leaves a numerous family to mourn her loss—her eldest daughter being Lady Rathdonnell. By her amiable disposition Mrs. Bruen had endeared herself to all who knew her, and by none will her death be more regretted than by the poor of the vicinity.

DUBLIN.

Messrs. Arnott & Co., whose fine premises in Henry street, Dublin, were, with some adjoining premises, completely destroyed by the great fire, have taken the Rotundo as a temporary shop and warehouse. The loss, which is covered by insurance, is estimated as being beyond £100,000 (half a million dollars). But this does not include the damage to buildings, which has yet to be estimated, and will swell the trial of losses to a sum almost if not nearly equal to that of what is still known as the 'Great Dublin Fire.'

KILDARE.

Dr. Joseph Smyth, Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Anne Murphy who died recently in the Athy Workhouse Infirmary—having been accidentally burned in her own house at Shanganagh. Michael Dwyer, a grandson of deceased, said when he went to his breakfast he found the deceased sitting at the fire. She was over 80 years of age, and was for some months confined to bed. When he returned the same day at one o'clock, to his dinner, he found that the deceased had been burned. She was admitted to the workhouse hospital, and was immediately attended by Dr. Neill and the Chaplain. The jury found that the deceased was accidentally burned.

KILKENNY.

Owing to the recent heavy rains, the Bragheda, a small tributary of the Nore, became considerably swollen and recently overflowed its banks.

LONGFORD.

Mr. Louis E. Deane, C. E., Engineer Inspector to the Local Government Board, held an inquiry into the Long-

ford Workhouse with reference to the application of the Guardians for the erection of 36 laborers' dwellings in eleven electoral divisions of the Union. A great deal of interest was taken in the proceedings. Mr. Maxwell, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Guardians, in support of the representations, and the objectors were represented by Mr. T. W. Delaney, solicitor, Mr. Wilson, solicitor, and Mr. Kenny. There was opposition only in a few cases, and they were mainly on the ground of alleged unsuitability of sites. The Inspector said he would visit the sites, and the inquiry terminated.

LOUTH.

An election recently took place in Drogheda for the office of Councillor for the West Gate Ward, vacated by the election of Mr. Simcocks to the Aldermanship. The candidates were Mr. Wm. Thomas Skeffington, Nationalist, and Mr. James Sampson, Redmondite. Alderman Jordan presided. The result was Skeffington (Nationalist), 38, Sampson (Redmondite), 29. Nationalist majority, 10. The announcement was received with loud cheers. Mr. Skeffington proposed a vote of thanks to Alderman Jordan for presiding. He said he regarded the victory as one for the party to which he belonged. Mr. Sampson seconded the vote of thanks, which was passed.

MEATH.

An inquiry was recently held at Oldcastle, by Dr. Stafford, Inspector to the Local Government Board, with reference to the application of the Board of Guardians to close against further interments the graveyard attached to the parish church of Oldcastle, on the ground that it is overcrowded, and that to allow any further burials in it would be dangerous to public health. Rev. I. Grehon, P. P., gave evidence as to the necessity for a new graveyard, and mentioned that a site for one had been promised to the Guardians. A number of persons claimed rights of interment, in consequence of their kindred for many generations past having been buried in the churchyard. The Inspector said it was probable the graveyard would be closed, as soon as the new burial place had been provided.

WEXFORD.

Mr. W. O. Foster has, through his agents, Messrs. Little & Nunn, returned a reply to the offer which emanated from the meeting of his tenants, held a few weeks ago, in Camolin, in which he declines the proffered terms of purchase, but it is trusted that his decision in the matter is not final.

MUNSTER.

CORK.

A shocking accident which resulted in the almost instant death of the victim, took place at Messrs. Morrough's tweed factory, Douglas, Cork. A young woman named Downey was, it appears, fixing some portion of a loom, and was in a stooping posture, when a portion of the machine came down on her head with great force, and caused such injury that the poor girl died in a few minutes. Medical aid was promptly summoned, and the priest was also sent for without delay, but she died before either could arrive.

At the last Presentation Session for the Barony of Killeena, held at Ballymartle, a presentment was passed for £2,500 for the erection of a bridge and the approaches across the Ringabella river, on the road from Ringabella to Crosshaven and Carrigaline.

KERRY.

From whatever cause it may arise, it may be as well to take notice of the fact that six policemen and a sergeant have been recently sent to Fenit, and the Dublin Castle authorities have decided to make the station a permanent one. The police authorities have also decided to station ten men at Fenit, during the fishing season.

At the last Examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and College of Music, the following candidates from the Loretto Convent, Killarney, were awarded certificates:—Miss Clara Sullivan, certificate of distinction; Misses M. Bowler, A. Curtin, L. Greany, pass certificates.

Head Constable Hugh Tiernan who was in charge of the patrol on the occasion of the charge being preferred against Constable John D'Arcy, which led to two days inquiry recently in Skibbereen, has been transferred from Skibbereen to

Clonakilty, and is replaced by Constable Thomas Irwin, from Bantry.

LIMERICK.

A specially convened meeting of the Limerick Corporation was held for the purpose of electing a law adviser to the Council, in room of the late Mr. P. S. Connolly. Only two candidates presented themselves for the position—Alderman John Dundon and Mr. James Gaffney. During the proceedings the greatest excitement prevailed, and it was at once evident that the election was to be conducted to some extent on extreme partisan lines, Mr. Gaffney being the Redmondite nominee. A poll being taken Alderman Dundon was found to be elected by a vote of 18 to 15.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. M. O'Donnell, a large farmer residing at Bannockstown, near Clonmel, has appointed a magistrate for the County Tipperary.

District Inspector W. P. C. Hedreel has been transferred from Borrisokane to Limerick city, vice Mr. B. R. Purdon, recently promoted to be a Resident Magistrate.

A few evenings ago, a man named Michael Leahy attacked a farmer named John Cooney, in the neighborhood of Portroe, with a knife and cut the nose off his face. Dr. McKeogh, Killarney, stitched up the severed organ. No motive is assigned except that Leahy had had a dispute with a young man who happened to be in Cooney's company. Leahy has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment, with hard labor, for the assault.

WATERFORD.

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Waterford, Dungarvan, Lismore and Fermoy Railway was held at the head offices, Grattan Quay, Waterford. Mr. W. G. D. Goff, Vice Chairman, presiding. The traffic receipts of the half year showed an increase of £213 8s. 8d. over the corresponding period of last year. Messrs. R. J. Usher and C. Marley, the directors who retired by rotation, and Mr. T. D. Smith, the retiring auditor, were re-elected.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

What is supposed to be a brutal murder is reported from Glinakirk, about three miles from Belfast. A married woman named Burke visited Belfast, with her husband, and both returned home, it is alleged, under the influence of drink. The man went into his house but on the next morning the woman was found lying about half a mile from her home. Her head and face bore traces of brutal treatment, and there were severe wounds all over her body. She was alive when discovered, and was removed to the Union Hospital, but died on the way. Her husband was subsequently arrested. In the evening at Newtownbreda, near Belfast, Clarke was charged with the murder of his wife. The prisoner, who denied having committed the crime, was remanded.

CAVAN.

Mr. E. Vesey Knox, M. P. for West Cavan, addressed his constituents in Belturbet. The attendance was very large, it being market day in the town. Then Belturbet and Camaloe National Flute Band were present, and discoursed a choice selection of National music. Mr. Knox, who was received with cordial cheers, delivered an eloquent speech, at the close of which a vote of confidence in the Irish Party, and the Member for West Cavan was unanimously passed.

DONEGAL.

For some time past, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, M. P., has been engaged in visiting the laborers' houses in the Stranorlar Union, with a view of aiding in the much-needed scheme for improved residence of this class. In one division the Local Government Board have determined to erect houses regardless of the landlords. This resolute step by the Local Government Board is exerting a wholesome influence in the northwest, generally to the advantage of the laborers.

DOWN.

A serious accident occurred, resulting in the death of a young man and severe injuries to his father. Shortly after three o'clock a young spirited horse, the property of a farmer named John Brown, residing at Mullaghglass, Bessbrook, which was attached to a cart, was being led down Monaghan street by Brown

and his son, James, a boy of 15 or 16 years of age, when the animal suddenly bolted and dashed along the street. Before Lamp's corner, at the foot of the street had been reached, John Brown was flung to one side of the street, and his right leg was broken. A little further down the street Brown's son had to yield to the runaway, and was thrown to the ground, the wheel of the cart passing over his back. Medical assistance was at once summoned, but before it could be of any avail the boy was dead.

FERMANAGH.

The splendid Nationalist meeting recently held in Enniskillen speaks well for the historic old town. If it should stir the men of Fermanagh into renewed determination to capture the Northern part of the county from the Tories, it would have an excellent result. There can be no doubt that the majority of the county are in union with their countrymen on the question of Home Rule.

MONAGHAN.

The news has been reported here of a singular occurrence which took place at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Noyse, rector of Creggan, near Crossmaglen. Michael Lavery, who had latterly shown signs of insanity (and who resided in Cloghagh), proceeded to the residence of Mr. Noyse and broke into the dining-room, through the window. Mr. Noyse and several members of his family descended to the room from whence the noise proceeded, and found Lavery there. He was after some difficulty ejected, but not before being shot in the leg, after knocking Rev. Mr. Noyse down. Lavery was arrested and committed to the asylum as a dangerous lunatic.

TYRONE.

At Nazareth House, Hammer-smith, London, the profession of Miss Annie Gertrude Monaghan (in religion Sister Mary Justin), youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Monaghan, ex-N.T., Cookstown, took place.

A few days ago, an attempt was made by the porter of the Dungan Provincial Bank, James Heslip, to commit suicide.

FATHER LAMBERT ON FORESIGHT AND LIBERTY

With those who admit divine foreknowledge the manner of it need not be discussed, except as a purely speculative question. As to a medium, we do not think Catholic theologians and philosophers recognize any such instrumentality between the infinite intelligence and the object known. To admit such a medium would be to admit a dependence.

God knows all things, the necessary, the contingent, the real and the possible, past, present and future, by one and the same eternal, immutable and unchangeable act. He knows all these absolutely and without dependence on any medium of information. This is a necessary consequence of His infinite perfection, for if there were anything that He did not know, anything that He could learn or any medium necessary to Him, He would, to that extent, not be perfect, and in Him to cease to be perfect is to cease to be.

But this eternal, immutable, unchangeable act by which God knows all things, though really one, is, in respect to us, logically three, because it corresponds to three different concepts of our intellect, which thinks the contingent in the order of time. These concepts are memory, as to past events; vision as to present events; and foresight, as to future events.

Events are related to us in these three divisions of time, and we must think and know them in these relations—that is, in their chronological order. These divisions of time are constantly changing in respect to us, the present becoming the past and the future becoming the present and then the past. To our finite minds events reveal themselves only by their realization in time and space.

But the infinite intelligence is subject to none of these relations or restrictions. It knows all things—the necessary, the contingent, the real and the possible—in the eternal Now, by one simple act or intuition, which includes all from the beginning to the end. To our minds time is an unfolding panorama of events, a portion of which only is in view at once, and as it continues to unfold events are seen in succession not only of order, but of time. To the infinite intelligence the whole panorama is in view at once, necessary causes and effects and free causes and effects all are there, the actual as actual, the possible as possible, the free as free.

We do not think anything we said in the article criticized by our correspondent conflicts with what is said above. Let us see. He says: "To say that God's foreknowledge

is conditioned on our free will and not vice versa would no doubt be a clear and easy solution of the difficulty, but will exact theology allow such a statement to stand?"

When we said that God's foreknowledge is conditioned on our free will, we did not mean that his foreknowledge depended on man's free act as its determining cause, but that it depended on it as the object or term of cognition. It is essential to every cognition to have an object. A cognition without an object is a contradiction. Knowledge cannot have nothing as its term. To know nothing is simply not to know. Every cognition then, whether finite or infinite must have an object. And this object is prior to the cognition, as St. Augustine says: "Nouque enim cognitio fieri potest, nisi cognoscenda praeceat." It is for this reason that every cognition depends on its object, not the object on the cognition. It is for this reason also that man cannot know a thing unless it is in some manner present to him, but a free future event cannot be present to him until by its realization it ceases to be a future event.

It is correct then to say that infinite cognition is conditioned or depends on the object cognized. Now in the case under consideration the future act depending on the free will of man is the object of infinite cognition. Hence the latter depends on the former. By dependence we do not here mean that of effect on cause, but that of a necessary condition of knowing. The dependence is purely a logical one. Man is free to place or not to place an act. God foreknows which alternative he will elect to place. The choice is the object of the divine cognition, and the choice depends on man. The Divine foresight, because infallible, must see the act as it is, and the act as it is, the act of the act depends on the free will of man, who places it.

It may be objected that the foresight is prior to the event, and therefore cannot depend in any way on the event. It is true that the foresight precedes the physical existence of the event, but in the logical order the foreknowledge is not prior to the event or object foreknown, for the latter being always a possible, was knowable from eternity and known as free. On this point Rotherham says:

"Objectum est natura prius cognitione, et cognitio natura posterior objecto."

And applying this to the relation between the foreknowledge and the foreknown, that is to future events, he says:

"Ergo physice sunt posteriores praecognitioni, logica vero seu secundum cognoscibilitatem sunt priores, ut adeo praecognitioni aliquatenus ab illis dependent."

Father Ventura, treating on this point in his Corso di Filosofia, says, "It is not because God foresees my sins that I commit them, but it is because I will commit them that God foresees them. It is not the foreknowledge of God that determines necessarily my actions, but it is my action that in a certain manner, predetermines the foreknowledge of God."

As to see a man doing an act depends or is conditioned on his doing it so, in like manner to foresee him doing it depends on him doing it. If he does not and never will do the act, neither infinite nor finite intelligence can see him doing it either now or hereafter.

On the same point the celebrated theologian Antoine, in his tract De Deo, says:

"According to the teaching of the fathers, free events do not happen because God foresees them, but it is because they are to happen that he foresees them as events that are to happen."

We believe we have quoted enough to show that the statement, 'foreknowledge is conditioned on our free will,' will be allowed to stand.

But will exact theology allow to stand our correspondent's statement that 'the divine idea, in conjunction with the divine will is the supreme cause of all things actual, possible and contingent.' Does not this destroy human liberty and make God the author of moral evil?

The next annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union will be held at Plattsburg, N. Y., on July 31st. It will continue two days. The delegates to the convention will be afforded an opportunity of attending the lectures of the Summer School.

A general chapter of the Order of School-sisters of Notre Dame will convene at Munich, Bavaria, the latter part of June. The delegates will come from all parts of the world, the object being to elect a successor to the late Rev. Mother General, M. Margaret de Cordova. The delegates from the United States are, Rev. Mother M. Ernesta, Milwaukee; Mother M. Bonaventura, Provincial of the Western Province, Milwaukee; Mother M. O'Leary, Provincial of the Eastern Province, Baltimore.