

OUR IRISH LETTER.

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

At the regular meeting last week of the Executive of the Irish National Amnesty Association, in the Workmen's Club, No. 41 York street, Dublin...

"Dear, delightful," (though no longer "dirty") Dublin—as Lady Morgan called the Irish capital—has followed the example of "rebel Cork," and refused to take any part in the "rejoicings" over Queen Victoria's "jubilee."

A movement that has been started in Ballygarrett for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the widow and family of the late Mr. Lawrence O'Connor, master of the Emancipation Workhouse...

The proposals for the New Ross and Waterford extension of the Dublin, Wicklow and Waterford Railway were before the Select Committee of the House of Lords on May 28.

In the Sheriff's Court, London, on May 31st, Sheriff Burchell and a jury heard before them the remitted case of Quinn vs. Richmond.

The officers of the Tenth Hussars have presented Mr. Thomas Breen, stationmaster at Newbridge, with a valuable present, as a testimony of his courtesy and strict attention to the regiment during their stay there.

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The results of the sale of work at Lady Cadogan's house, fair in London, recently, under the auspices of the Irish Industries Association, have been published.

It is a pity that Lord Meath should have accepted an apparent concession to the inhabitants of Bray with conditions which in the unanimous opinion of the Town Board render it completely inadvisable.

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resolution, and tendering to their fellowtownsmen, Messrs. Clifton and Condron, their hearty congratulations for the mainly part they took on the occasion "in showing that we are not all English yet."

WEXFORD.

The Most Rev. Bishop of Ferns has promoted Rev. John Cornish, C. C., Kilmynshall, to the pastoral charge of Ballymore, recently vacant by the death of Canon Cahill.

There was genuine and general regret in Kilmynshall when it became known that Rev. John Cornish, C. C., was about to sever his connection with the parish where he has labored so long and zealously.

A movement is on foot to light the town of Carnew with electricity at an early date. Lord Milton has promised £460 towards the object, and the remainder of the required amount will be subscribed by the traders of the town.

Samuel Massey Power, Esq. of Ballinakil House, has just been received into the Roman Catholic Church, by the Rev. William Joseph Mulcahy, P. P., Kilmurry, Ballygarrett.

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At the meeting of the Rathfriland Town Commissioners specially convened on the 18th of May, it was unanimously resolved: "That we convey to Robert E. Reeves, Esq., of Trafalgar terrace, Monkstown, County Dublin, our sincere sympathy for the death of his estimable wife and our deep regret at his bereavement."

The killing of bacon hogs in the three southern counties, Limerick, Waterford and Cork, for the week ended May 25th, were in excess of the average, reaching a total of 9,880 distributed as follows: Limerick, 3,200; Waterford, 3,889; and Cork, 2,991.

The following nominations have been received by the Returning Officer for Poor-Law Guardians, for those electoral divisions of Skibbereen Union in which the late elections were nullified owing to the recent bribery prosecutions: Dinagh—James McCarthy, Daniel Conolly and Tim Lardon.

Mr. Hanbury has given notice to introduce a bill to enable the Postmaster-General to acquire lands for post-office purposes in various places, including Cork.

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arches bearing such mottoes as "Unchanged and Unchangeable," "Faith and Fatherland," "The Priests and the People." After a short interval the Archbishop appeared, and thanked the people in a brief speech for coming in such numbers to meet him.

After many years, the Irish Language Movement appears to have taken hold in Waterford. The Waterford "News," in a recent issue, says: "We hope, in future, to cater amply for the large Irish-speaking population in Waterford and adjoining counties."

Acting Sergeant Lacy, R. I. C., has been advanced to the permanent rank of Sergeant. He is at present Clerk in the District Inspector's Office at Lady Lane Station, Waterford City.

Twelve Irish Tory Unionist members have signed an open letter to Mr. Balfour, strongly urging upon him the demand that Ireland should get equal relief with England in the matter of agricultural rating.

In the Belfast Custody Court, on May 27th, Arthur O'Kelly, of 5, Ulster street, appeared on remand charged with keeping an office for betting purposes, contrary to the statute, and Walter Kelly was charged with assisting the defendant in conducting betting transactions.

A deputation, from the Belfast Naturalists' Field Club, recently waited on the Board of Down Cathedral for the purpose of obtaining permission to re-erect the old granite cross on ground adjacent to the cathedral, which permission was granted.

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of his charge of falsification, when at the end of the inquiry narrowed itself down to two items, each of half a ton of coal. The Chairman moved that a sworn inquiry be held, and, after a prolonged discussion, a motion by Mr. E. E. Shaw Toner, seconded by Mr. E. E. Shaw Toner, was carried by 5 votes to 4, the chairman's proposition being lost.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. John W. Hayes, of Woodmount, Ballinacree to the Commission of the Peace for the County Roscommon. Mr. Hayes has also been appointed a magistrate of County Galway.

On Sunday, May 28th, the foundation stone of Ballinacree, New Church was solemnly laid by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy. A large number of the local clergy, as well as the Redemptorist Fathers conducting the mission at "Casterea, were in attendance.

Mr. Timothy Finn, who for many years was connected with the postal and railway telegraph in the Sligo district, has after a service of thirty years, recently retired on a superannuation allowance.

The death is announced on May 29, 1897, after a brief but painful illness, of Thomas Ryan Kilmahughler, parish of Templeogue, in his 82d year, deeply and deservedly regretted by his sorrowing family.

The average number of passengers carried over the Westport and Achill branch railway during the past year was 100 per day and the average distance travelled by each person was six miles.

The marriage rate in Mayo, per 1,000 of the population for the last quarter of 1896 was 1.1, the birth rate for the first quarter of 1896, and the death rate for the latter period 1.5.

Mr. Richard Gordon, of Castlebar, has obtained an important contract for general repairs to the Constabulary Barracks in Balla, as well as making requisite alterations in the sewerage system of the whole premises.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Francis Egan to be a Notary Public at Westport for the County of Mayo in room of his late father Mr. John Egan.

The death is announced on May 26, at Lincolnton street, Castlebar, of Annie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Jennings, aged 7 years. This makes the fourth death (including father and mother) in that bereaved family within the past two years.

A paper called Dixie, which is published in Atlanta, Georgia, says that 20,000 negroes have been graduated, at a cost of one hundred million dollars, from colleges for negroes which are supported by Northern money in the South. It also says that there are many thirty, prosperous negroes everywhere in the South who are doing well, but it declares that very few of these 20,000 colleges graduates are to be found among them.

Dixie may be prejudiced and very possibly it underates the good that the colleges do, but it speaks very positively, and assumes to know whereof it speaks, and its opinions seem, on the face of them, to be pretty sensible. To fit negroes for profession in which they will surely be greatly handicapped by their color may be excusable on grounds of sentiment, but it certainly seems to lack practical justification.

There are excellent chances for colored men in this country, but they are not yet to be found in the army or navy, and only to a very limited extent in the professions of law and medicine. —Harper's Weekly.

Mr. Andrew Clark's Preceptor of Minn. Sir Andrew Clark was once on top of a tall building in London admiring the view of the surrounding country. While thus employed he was touched on the shoulder by a quiet-looking man, who slowly remarked, to the great astonishment of Sir Andrew, "Sir, I am going to throw you off." "As the quiet-looking man was the larger, and there was no help at hand, the matter for the moment assumed a very serious aspect. Fortunately for Sir Andrew, he is possessed of rare presence of mind, and in a bantering way he exclaimed: "Pooh! that's nothing; anybody could throw a man off here. Now if you want to do something great try and throw me up here from the ground."

"Well, I can do that," said the maniac, for such he proved to be, "and if you will kindly descend to the street I will prove it."

"With pleasure," Sir Andrew replied, and with great decorum the two descended to the street, where the maniac was quickly handed into the custody of the law. —Harper's Round Table.

There are no less than 12,000 labor organizations in New York State, according to the report of Commissioner of Labor Statistics John T. McEneaney.

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