

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.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Members of the Junior Branch of St. Peter's Total Abstinence League, Belfast, on July 31 had their annual excursion to Shane's Castle, Randalstown. The splendid band of the parish turned out to honor the occasion and discoursed sweet music. After a short delay in Randalstown the boys proceeded to the park, thrown open by Lord O'Neill. Refreshments were served, and a pleasant time spent on the banks of the Lough Neagh. Father Boylan's transfer from Ballymena to Cusinstown caused deep regret to the people of the former place, by whom he was greatly esteemed.

ARMAGH.

Cardinal Logue has appointed Rev. James Donnelly, P. P. of Ballymore, and Mullaghbrack, to P. P. of Carrickmore, County Tyrone, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Very Rev. Bernard Murphy.

CAVAN.

Ahern Bros., contractors, Mount Nugent, have the work of erecting the spire on the Catholic church in Clontarf, County Galway. This will complete the edifice.

DERRY.

July 26 a number of gentlemen representing the Grannan and Glenties districts, Maghera, waited on the Rev. P. McNamee, A.M., at Manor House, Bellaghy, to present him with an address and purse of sovereigns on his promotion to the charge of Bellaghy. On Sunday at Nazareth House, Hammershill, London, W., was celebrated the silver jubilee of Sister Emmanuel McCloskey, of Maghera, and sister to the late Mr. David McCloskey, and to Mr. James McCloskey, of Belfast.

DONEGAL.

By the death of Mr. Farrel McGowan, Ballyshannon loses one of its sterling natives, and his friends a true-hearted man. He was one of the old type of schoolmasters now rapidly thinning.

DOWN.

The land courts held in Down lately have not given reductions in rents in proportion to the fall in prices of all kinds of farm produce, most of which fell since the time last fair rent was fixed from 40 to 50 per centum. Rent reductions on an average were only 15 to 20 per cent.

FERMANAGH.

On July 28, at Bunlogher, Rosslin, died Mrs. Catherine McGuire, mother of Rev. Edward McGuire, P. P., Tybollan, Monaghan.

MONAGHAN.

From Emy, a town convenient to Emysvale, a case of sunstroke has been reported. A young man named MacCloskey, in the employment of Mr. O'Brien, was working when he suddenly dropped dead. The doctor said the case was one of sunstroke.

TYRONE.

On July 29 a further meeting of the tenantry on the estate of Anckellill Moutry, Favour Royal, Ballygawley, was held in Linnaveary national schoolroom to arrange if possible for the purchase of their holdings. James A. McLaren, Augher, occupied the chair, and there was a very fair attendance of tenants on the Favour Royal estate.

Rev. James Donnelly, P. P. of Ballymore and Mullaghbrack, has been appointed P. P. of Carrickmore, in succession to late Very Rev. Bernard Murphy.

The sudden death of Mr. John Kelly, who carried on business at North East Corner, Hancock, caused a widespread feeling of regret at Ballygawley. The deceased was a son of the late Mr. Patrick Kelly, Killeshill, Ballygawley, and had been thirty years in the United States. On Wednesday week he returned home to Ireland seeking health, and succumbed suddenly the following Saturday.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Landlords in the county are not treating their tenants in a fair way. Seizures for rent and many other methods are being resorted to in order to harass the unfortunate people. Rents are entirely too high—even the judicial rents—as the prices for all kinds of farm produce are abnormally low. Where is the rent to come from?

CORK.

Mr. P. Burke, of Clear Island, was drowned last week by the capsizing of a boat. The sad event has cast a gloom over the entire district.

A county championship match was played in the Cork park on Sunday, Killeagh vs. Dunmanway. Killeagh won the toss. When half-time was called the score was: Killeagh, one goal, three points; Dunmanway, nothing. After a change of sides, the match was finally awarded to Dunmanway. The score stood: Killeagh, one goal, three points; Dunmanway, three points. Referee, Mr. James Minnett.

The funeral of Mr. John Hickey, Curriellogh, Bandon, took place on Friday. Great numbers attended from Bandon, Newcestown, Crookstown, etc.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

Powell—August 1, at Kilbarry, Dunmanway, Martha Powell, aged 78 years. Nyhan—July 31, at Shannonvale, Thomas K. Nyhan, medical student, brother of the Rev. J. Nyhan, Longford, Scotland. McGauran—July 24, at Bravo Cottage, County Tipperary, Thomas McGauran, aged 81 years. Ahern—August 1, at 10 Windsor View, College road, Daniel Ahern, retired Customs Officer, Cahill—August 1, at North street, Francis Ahern, aged 84 years. Ahern—August 1, at North street, Francis Ahern, aged 84 years.

Killed at Malakaland Bass, India, July 28, Sergeant F. Byrne, royal engineers, aged 29 years, second son of Francis Byrne, 3 Mary street, Cork. Carroll—July 28, at 176 Blarney street, Denis Carroll, ex-sergeant R. I. C. Ryan—July 28, at Dunganvar, of meningitis, Richard Hayes Ryan, second son of James F. and Annie G. Ryan, in his 18th year. Murphy—July 28, Daniel Murphy, Garra, Kinsale. Pickley—July 30, at 82 South Mall, Margaret Mary Pickley, Hayes, Currale, Kinsale, Catherine Hayes, Currale, Kinsale. O'Neill—July 30, at L'Arrenterion, Minane Bridge, Kate O'Neill.

KERRY.

Most Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, recently visited Killarney as the guest of Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, bishop of Kerry. This was Dr. Grimes' second visit to Killarney. He belongs to the Marist Order, and labored in Ireland, England and America.

July 29 took place the funeral of the Rev. J. Molyneux, professor of St. Michael's college, Listowel, whose death took place at the residence of the Rev. J. Molyneux, Castle Gregory. The deceased had been for years connected with the college. The funeral cortege was of imposing dimensions.

A shocking fatality occurred on the Great Southern and Western railway at Castle Island station August 2. Some wagons were being shunted for the great August fair, when Simon Walsh attempted to cross between the wagons. The engine moved and he was crushed between the wagons.

He managed to get free, but his injuries were so serious that he died shortly after. Deceased was aged 40 years and unmarried.

The people of Kerry learned with extreme regret of the death of Rev. John O'Reilly, late P. P. of Trough, which occurred at the residence of his brother, Rev. Michael O'Reilly, Drogheda. Deceased was 80 years of age, and was 43 years on the mission.

LIMERICK.

The Creagh estate in Glin, Limerick, and Kilmallock, is for sale, as the owner has died.

TIPPERARY.

John Kendrick, merchant tailor, John street, Cashel, died suddenly August 2. He was aged 36.

Miss Julia Carroll, Captsimmenter, was professed a religious of the Order of Mercy in the convent, Galway, July 14, Bishop McCorrack officiating. Her title in religion is Sister Mary Antonia.

The death of Mr. Patrick Maher (deceased tenant), formerly of Thulesbeg, occurred July 28. Mr. Maher was one of the well-to-do tenants on the estate of Mr. Smith-Barry, who left their home in Thulesbeg ten years ago sooner than pay a rack-rent.

WATERFORD.

The dry goods store of James Harne & Co., of the Quay, Waterford city, was seriously injured by fire last week. Damage estimated at \$25,000. The fire originated in the tailoring department.

August 3 the carnival of Venice Bazaar and variety entertainment in aid of the Catholic cathedral in Waterford opened in the court house grounds and in charming weather presented a pretty and picturesque appearance.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

At the age of 64 years recently died Mrs. Nolan, Clonagath, of pneumonia. Office and high mass were held in Newtown church. Celebrant, Rev. Paul Murphy, Bagninstown, dean, Rev. M. Carleton, Bagninstown, sub-deacon, Rev. J. Fenlon, Myshall.

On Thursday a laborer named Byrne was carrying a scythe on his shoulder, and crossing a ditch he slipped and fell, his arm coming into contact with the implement. The limb was almost severed from the body, and he lost a quantity of blood. He was removed for treatment to the county infirmary, Carlow.

At a recent meeting of the Carlow Grange '98 memorial committee, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened for completing by the erection of a Celtic cross, the Carlow Grange '98 memorial, which marks the ground where those who fell fighting in Carlow streets in May, 1798, lie buried.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P., on August 4 made another attempt to obtain the release of the Irish political prisoners. Home Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, denied they were political prisoners, and said they should pay in fifteen years. All these men were convicted under the treason felony act, and are, therefore, unquestionably political prisoners. English officials are brutal in their treatment of Irishmen.

On July 27, at the convent of Our Lady of Charity, High Park, Drumcondra, after a short illness, Sister Mary of St. Angela McCabe died. Early in 1875 she entered the convent, and for twenty-two years of her religious life she devoted herself to the various duties of her state unsparringly, especially to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the poor penitents.

In the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner street, Dublin, last week, the archbishop of Dublin ordained priests joining the Order of Jesus. He was assisted by the Rev. Father Reid and Rev. F. E. Kelly, S. J. The Rev. F. O'Loughlin, master of ceremonies. The names of the ordained are: Rev. Denis Murphy, Rev. Edward Cahill, Rev. Patrick McCarthy, Rev. Joseph Brennan, Rev. Patrick Barrett, Rev. Edward Corish, Rev. Frederick Gill, Rev. Claud Roch, Rev. William Wilkinson, Rev. Claud Roch, Rev. Andrew Berna, Rev. Michael Kenny, Rev. Louis Paris.

The feast of St. Dominic, August 4, was celebrated in the Church of St. Saviour, Dominic street, with great solemnity. High mass at eleven o'clock, the church being filled. The altar was decorated as for a high festival.

August 2 a grand bazaar, musical and garden fete was opened in the grounds of St. Columba's, Ballybrack, in aid of the building fund of the priests' residence, now almost erected at a cost of \$1,000.

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Carroll—At 45 East Essex street,

John Carroll, Dalton—August 3, at the Presentation convent, Mayo, Mother Mary Aloysius Dalton, in the 78th year of her age and 54th of her religious life. Farrell—August 2, at Emmsayville, Handwick, Essey, relict of the late Alderman Thomas Farrell, of Sydney, N. S. Wales. Fegan—August 4, at 1 Marine Terrace, Elizabeth Fegan, McFadden August 2, at Model Farm, Glasnevin, Catherine McFadden, aged 22 years. O'Hara—August 2, at 128 North Strand road, Ellen Mary O'Hara, aged 43 years. Fitzpatrick—August 2, at 10 Castlewood place, Bathmines, William Fitzpatrick, aged 42 years. Timmins—August 4, at Mayor street, Elizabeth Timmins Butler—July 31, at 4 Lillburn street, Dublin, Matthew Butler, for 20 years bookmaker to Messrs. Harrington, Ltd., Brittain street. McCabe—July 27, at the convent of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, High Park, Drumcondra, Sister Mary of St. Angela McCabe, in the 42d year of her age, and of religion 22 years. Kerin—July 28, 1897, at Anghrim street, Dublin, Maurice Kerin, native of Brossna, Abbeyleide, County Limerick, formerly accountant in Sir Peter Tait's establishment, Limerick, and subsequently at Messrs. Craig, Gardner & Co. Stanley—July 26, at 6 Lower Mabbot street, Patrick Stanley, for many years in the employment of the City Bakery, Duly—At 18 Lindsafeld parade, John Joseph Duly, aged 4 months. Doyle—July 24, at 23 Cuffe street, Patrick J. Doyle, aged 50 years, late of Anglesea street, Hoey July 24, at Colon, County Louth, James Hoey, aged 59 years.

WEXFORD.

Police Sergeant Kenny, Rosbercon, New Ross, was lately attacked by four roughs and stabbed. The paper in reporting the occurrence said: "Unfortunately the wound inflicted was slight."

The Postmen's Federation has a branch in Ennisceorty, of which the following are members: William Moore, George Pepper, John Murphy, William Mitten, Michael Stedmond, Laurence Doyle, Patrick Flood, James Casy, Michael Carter and Patrick Redmond.

WICKLOW.

The proposal to start a co-operative store by the employes of the Kynoch cordite factory at Arklow, is arousing the resentment of the traders. A public meeting was held in the court house to protest against the establishment of the co-operative store. Dr. Howard presided. The speeches strongly resented the suggested innovation.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, archbishop of Tuam, is upon an extended contribution and visitation tour.

The work of erecting the spire completing the Catholic church of Clifton, will be commenced immediately, for Very Rev. Canon Lynskey, Canon Lynskey and the influential committee assisting him have entrusted the work to the Ahern Bros., of Mount Nugent, County Cavan.

The death of Edward Steele, town clerk executive sanitary officer and town surveyor, Ballinasloe, occurred at Galway on Wednesday. Mr. Steele was a native of the County Wexford.

Recently the twenty-fifth anniversary of the admission of the Sisters of Mercy as nurses to the Ballinasloe workhouse infirmary was celebrated. A solemn high mass was said in the workhouse chapel, after which an eloquent sermon was preached by Father Heenan, president of St. Michael's seminary. Sunday the inmates enjoyed the excellent dinner provided for them by the good sisters in commemoration of their silver jubilee as nurses of the house.

With deep regret we chronicle the death on July 27, at a ripe old age, of the Rev. Patrick Moran, P. P., Whitegate. Father Moran, who had been for a quarter of a century pastor of Whitegate, left behind him a monument of his zeal in the commodious church of Whitegate built under his auspices. The overflowing congregation which attended the obsequies bore testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

The branch of the Amnesty association, founded in the Ballinamore district, continues to perform good work toward the liberation of the unhappy political prisoners.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

An Interesting Summary Given of Them.

THE CHURCH AND LABOR.

Now as Ever Christ's Spouse Stands by the Workingman.

SOME REFUTED GALUMNIES.

Archbishop Ireland's Letter of Thanks to Captain O'Farrell for His Able Refutation of a Slandering Attack on the Church by the Rev. Dr. Townsend.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—It may be interesting to the readers of your paper to know what the superintendent of education for the United States says in his annual report as to the number of high schools for secondary education which are controlled by the Church. Of the 2180 such schools, public and private, 908 are classed as denominational schools and of this number 280 are under the control of the Church with 1,172 instructors, an examination of the tables showing the studies in their various secondary schools or academies shows a much higher and fuller course of study in the Church schools than in any of the others and, without any intention of its being so, is a first class advertisement for our system of schools.

Of the 481 so-called colleges and universities, 372 are denominational and of them 58 are under Church control. An examination of this list shows that quite a number of these "colleges and universities" all in fact but 138, admit co-education of the sexes. Of course the 58 Church institutions are of this number for the Church does not recognize the manliness of woman and tries to educate her for the high duties which God designs she should perform and not for those which a perverted public sentiment is trying to assign to her. It goes without saying, to use one of the idioms of the day that the range of studies in the Church institutions are of a higher grade than in all those "colleges and universities" with the exception of a few of the older and more richly endowed sectarian universities of the Eastern States and a few State institutions. The Church instituted education and still leads in imparting it.

The writer of this last winter attended a historical lecture at the Columbia University building in this city. The lecturer was talking about the period of the time about the beginning of the so-called reformation when the great Catholic Universities having been destroyed through he did not mention them, the renewal of education commenced. He had to say that this revival was entirely the work of a class of Catholic priests, the Jesuits. The admission was evidently a reluctant one forced from him by the truth of history and the knowledge that he was confronted by a fairly intelligent audience who would not quietly submit to the perversion of history. Even then the lecturer endeavored to throw a slur upon the self-sacrificing men of God by stating that they suppressed or at least failed to impart any knowledge of a most vital part of education. At the close of the lecture the lecturer was questioned by a Catholic gentleman present and admitted that, what he meant by this suppression was that the bible was not taught in their early schools, and he had to further admit that he knew that the Church held the doctrine that the Bible could only be interpreted by the Church and it was therefore, not a proper study for the laity. This unfairness of the lecturer was then plainly demonstrated.

The great mass of people hardly know that the preservation of letters, all the knowledge we have to-day of the past history of the world, is due to the great Catholic Universities that flourished during "the dark ages" near Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa, then the whole of the civilized world were convulsed with wars which threatened the destruction of civilization and Christianity. The great Catholic college at Pavia in Italy, which turned out from seven to nine thousand scholars every year, was closed as were similar colleges in France, Spain, Hungary and Great Britain.

So that not only the preservation of literature, but the beginning of the present system of universal education is due to the Church and it is not to be wondered at that its methods are the best. The best not only because of the experience of ages, but because its teachers are compelled to know what they are called upon to teach.

and further to have the ability to impart their knowledge to others.

It is a knowledge of these facts among educated protestants that is inducing them to send their sons and daughters to the Church seminaries, colleges and universities that they may acquire the broader education imparted at these institutions. And many of the more liberal minded have accepted the idea that the broadest education, even if it carries a religious conviction with it, will not be dangerous to their children or to the State.

The courts of Washington city two years ago gave a very remarkable evidence of the difference in methods between the Church and the Protestant system of female education.

There was on trial a most distinguished looking man, whose white hairs ought to have been a crown of glory, but who had made them a badge of infamy. He was on trial for having gone to a Protestant female school, taken from its parlor one of the students, carried her to a house of shame and returned her to the school. All this was proven in the case of Madeline Pollard vs. W. C. P. Breckinridge and every one knows it could not have happened at any Church school. It has put people to thinking how their daughters can be protected from such a wolf in sheep's clothing as Breckenridge, who, not only violated his Christian but his masonic obligation to a deceased brother.

THE CHURCH AND THE WORKINGMAN.

In these times of strikes, starvation and injunctions which forbid men who are only asking the right to labor for wages that will give them enough to provide food and clothing for their children from walking on the public highways, it is well to remember that the Holy Father, one of the wisest statesmen and Churchmen that has ever sat in the chair of St. Peter, has stated in unmistakable language the policy of the Church. Now as ever it stands by the workingman. It upholds his right to secure a sufficient way in recompense for his toil, and to organize for his own benefit. At the same time it deprecates violence and advocates peaceful methods. The Church stands for law and order but insists as Cardinal Manning did, when he settled the great London dock strike, that the law should see that the workingman is properly paid. The founder of the Church was the son of a carpenter and his chosen representation on earth was a poor fisherman, and they could appreciate the needs of the workingman.

REFUTED GALUMNIES.

Capt. Patrick O'Farrell received a very kind and cordial note from Archbishop Ireland for the facts brought out by him in his answer to the attack made by the Rev. Dr. Townsend on the head of the Church and the Catholic soldiers in the Union Army. Capt. O'Farrell was one of the very soldiers whom this reverend falsifier slandered and the rebuke was well deserved and well administered.

We give the letter of the Archbishop in full.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir: I thank you very cordially for the clippings which you sent to me. I read them with much interest and much instruction. The question of deserters you have cleared up to the honor of the country. Please keep at this matter until no one in America will dare repeat the calumnies which you have been refuting.

Sincerely,
(Signed) John Ireland.

Capt. P. O'Farrell.

Death of the Blessed Virgin. A great writer says: Nothing is too high for her to whom God owes His human life; no exuberance of grace, no access of glory but is becoming; but is to be expected there where God has lodged Himself, and those who realize however faintly, the perfection of her earthly life will feel that something different from the grave should await the stainless body of the "Lily among thorns." As she was obedient in life to all the laws of Church and state; obedient in the enrollment that the prophecies might be fulfilled; obedient in her purification, though well she knew herself to be spotless; obedient to the laws of love in her home at Nazareth, so too in her death she was obedient to the laws of nature.

But surely the perfect body which had never sinned should not endure the corruption of the death of the wicked, and our Lord could not be happy in Heaven without His Mother! "Nor Bethlehem nor Nazareth Apart from Mary's care; Nor Heaven itself a home for Him Were not his mother there."

Tradition tells us that she died at Jerusalem surrounded by a little company of faithful ones, the apostles, and those gentle women who were "last at the cross, first at the tomb." They buried her in a stately tomb under a wide-spreading Eastern cypress tree, but when they came on the third day, lo! the tomb was empty. Lilies grew in fragrant loveliness about the spot, strange perfumes lingered in the soft Judean air, and far in the distance floated wondrous sounds of angelic choirs.—Mary, E. Nixon in Donahoe's.