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DR. DAWSON BURNS.

WELL KNOWN REFORMER DEAD.

The "Times" announces the death of Rev. Dr. Dawson Burns, the well-known Temperance worker, at his residence, Battersea, London. He was taken ill on Friday morning and died yesterday. He was in his 81st year.

Dr. Burns's statistical articles on the progress of the Temperance movement were always regarded as reliable, and his figures were frequently quoted on Temperance platforms. In recent years, owing to declining health, he was unable to take an active part in the movement, but his record in the past gave him a leading place amongst temperance workers. He was the author in conjunction with F. R. Lees of "The Temperance Bible Commentary." He also wrote the "Bases of the Temperance Reformation."

PITHY PROVINCIAL NEWS

CONNAUGHT.

The professors and students of the Connaught Irish College have contributed £16 to the Dr. O'Hickey testimonial.

Dr. O'Hart has been the recipient of an address of welcome on his taking up duties in Ballymote. Mr. C. Smith, J.P., presided.

The Tuam magistrates at the last Petty Sessions, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Martin Bodkin, J.P., adjourned without transacting the business.

Mr. Elliott station master at Dromod, M.G.W. Railway, has been promoted to the position of station master at Longford. He was over three years at Dromod, where he was courteous and popular.

The Castlebar Guardians on Saturday unanimously elected Mr. Michael Carney relieving officer for the Balla district; he was subsequently elected sub-sanitary officer by the District Council.

Replying to Mr. John Roche, Mr. Birrell said the latest revision of the free quota of police in Ireland was made on the 26th May last, when a force of 741 sergeants and constables was allotted to Co. Galway, 375 to the East Riding and 366 to the West Riding. The free force previous to this revision was 313 men in East Riding and 303 in West Riding.

According to a Galway paper a serious accident occurred some days ago to Surgeon-Colonel Osborne, R.A.M.C., of Renmore Barracks. While cycling into town he was violently thrown from his bicycle and removed to the Co. Hospital in an unconscious condition. Later he was removed to his own residence and is making rapid recovery.

LEINSTER.

James and Bernard Sandes, Mapestown, Ardee, were charged at Dundalk on Saturday with the wilful murder of their father, Peter Sandes (60). Sergeant Benson deposed to arresting the prisoners on a charge of murder in Dundalk Prison. They had been remanded previously on an assault charge.

Much to the regret of his many friends in Drogheda Rev. Brother M. S. O'Farrell, Superior of the Christian Brothers' Schools there, has been transferred to the Waterford College of the Order. His work while in Drogheda was considered highly successful, and many of his pupils, in whom he took a deep interest, have secured good positions.

Yesterday the "Royal Meath" Marathon Race from Navan to Kells resulted in another victory for O'Flynn, the hero of the last "Herald" Race. The Waterford man covered the distance (11 English miles) in 57½ minutes, beating Pat White's performance over the same course last year by 53 minutes. Pat Fagan, Dublin, who won the "Herald" Race in 1908, was a good second; M. Downes, of Stackallen, Navan, third, and a runner named Geraghty, Carlamstown, Kells, fourth (61 minutes).

MUNSTER.

The profit on this year's Summer Show of the Munster Agricultural Society was £220 19s 6d.

Mr. F. C. West, of Bawnmow, Bilton, Rugby, Warwickshire, has taken over the mastership of the Muskerry country for the coming season. The country will be hunted three days a week.

The Rev. John Kingston, LL.D., chaplain, Royal Navy, formerly curate of Durrus, Co. Cork, has been awarded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 a year.

The Urbs Intacta Harriers, Waterford, are getting up a testimonial to the great Barrinamult runner, T. F. O'Flynn, winner of the "Herald" Cup and other important long-distance races in Ireland and Wales.

News has been received at Mountshannon, Co. Clare, by his brother, Mr. F. O'Sullivan, of the death from heart disease of Inspector P. J. O'Sullivan of the Hobart (Tasmania) Police. Deceased was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He had served in the Hobart police for 20 years, where he leaves hosts of friends. He was a native of Tuosist, Co. Kerry.

The Youghal Urban Council and Harbour Board have received letters from Captain Donelan and Mr. Waldron, M.P's, acknowledging the hospitality of the welcome extended to the members of the Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways during their recent inspection of the Blackwater. Captain Donelan anticipates substantial results from the visit, while Mr. Waldron states that he was much impressed with the river and its capacity for traffic, and still more by the vigorous local enterprise set on foot.

Speaking at a meeting of the Council of Colaiste na Mumhan, Mr. Denis Lynch, Ballyvourney, dealt with a recent article in "An Claidhearah Soluis," in which the writer made out that the percentage of Irish-speaking persons in rural Connacht was about 20 times greater than that of Macroom Rural District, Ballingearry, and Ballyvourney included. Mr. Lynch maintained that 99 per cent. of the people of Ballingearry and Ballyvourney are Irish speakers. A resolution was passed asking the Irish Registrar General to supply census returns of the Irish language for the electoral divisions, and it was stated that the inclusion of the town of Macroom in the return had the effect of substantially lowering the percentage of Irish speakers in the district.

ULSTER.

Both Portadown and Lurgan remained in a peaceful state on Saturday. The glaziers of Lurgan have been exceptionally busy of late repairing the windows broken in the late disturbances. It is estimated that in Lurgan property has been damaged to the extent of over £700.

In connection with the fund for University endowment at Magee College, Derry, the object of which is to enable the students to take full advantage of the arrangements recently entered into with Trinity College, it is mentioned that a sum of £2,794 odd is already subscribed.

The Executive of the Irish Temperance League has passed a resolution protesting against the establishment of post-offices on licensed premises as being contrary to the public interest and likely to destroy the good effects of the Old Age Pensions Act, and stating that the Postmaster-General's action regarding the Ballintry case was a violation of the terms of the advertisement, for which no adequate justification has been offered.

In connection with the case of David Porter, formerly in the employ of the Belfast Corporation as rate collector, under detention at Buenos Ayres, it is stated that the preliminary arrangements regarding his extradition have been completed, and that in accordance therewith an officer of the local police force will shortly leave Belfast for Buenos Ayres, for the purpose of receiving him into custody and taking him back to Belfast.

The Drogheda Corporation and the Drogheda Harbour Board have passed resolutions of sympathy with the relatives of the late Alderman Downey. Mr. Skeffington at the Corporation said Alderman Downey was a highly respected member of the Council, and he took a great interest in the affairs of the town. Mr. Jordan, who seconded the vote, said he always found the late Alderman did his level best in the interests of the Corporation. Speaking at the Harbour Board the Mayor (Mr. Callan, T.C.) in support of the vote moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Gorman, said Alderman Downey was a valued member, and he always found him a man very true and sincere of heart.