

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS (IRISH) COMMISSION.

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LEAMY'S SCHOOL

was next taken up. Dean Bunbury said that he had been deputed on behalf of the trustees to attend in their behalf.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon read the will under the terms of which the school was founded. It stated that the residue of the estate was to be applied to the education of the poor of Limerick, principally in and about Limerick City.

Dean Bunbury—We work under the Chancery scheme.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon said the trustees did not act, and the Lord Chancellor made an order in 1874 for the purchase of premises and the establishment of a system of education subject to the Lord Chancellor's approval. Part of the scheme was the reading of the Holy Scriptures—those of the two religions to be placed in separate rooms. That scheme remained in force till 1874, when a new scheme was made.

Dean Bunbury—And that is the one we are now working under; we were asked by your Commissioners to furnish a scheme if we thought fit, and the reply to that was that we were satisfied with the scheme under which we at present work, and we consider the school has been efficiently conducted so far as the finances at our disposal are concerned.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—The existing Trustees are satisfied with the existing scheme?

Dean Bunbury—Yes.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—What does the property amount to?

Dean Bunbury—To over £10,000.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—Is that all in money?

Dean Bunbury—All in money—invested in the 3 per cents; it is in Chancery; the money reaches the governors from Chancery, and is paid through power of attorney and lodged in the Provincial Bank; it amounts to about £450 a year—the whole income of the charity I should have said amounts to that, including in that sum our pupils' fees.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon referred to the report of 1881, which showed the income to be something larger.

Dean Bunbury explained that the expenditure had exceeded the income; the Governors, he continued, are—Lord Emly, the Bishop of Limerick Dr Graves, the Ven Archdeacon Hamilton, Dr Kane, Sir James Spaight, Mr R Hunt, Colonel Maunsell, Captain Vanderkiste, Lord Clarina, and myself.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—How were they appointed?

Witness—By the Court of Chancery; we co-opt when a vacancy occurs; we recommend a name to the Court, and the Court usually sanctions the appointment made by the Governors; unfortunately there was considerable litigation as regards this Trust at one time, and the expenses were considerable; the expense of appointing Governors is ridiculously large, but we have no power to check it.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—What does it cost?

Witness—It usually costs £26 or £27.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—How?

Witness—To get the approval of the Court of Chancery. We have on more than one occasion waited until there were two vacancies and then it seemed as if the expense of appointing to two vacancies was nothing additional to the expense of filling one vacancy.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—What is the number of pupils attending the school at present?

Witness—On the roll for the male school there are at present 43; of these 29 are paying and 16 are free pupils; the amount of payment is £2 a year; the stipulated number of free pupils is 20 and it just happens that we are short 4 of our number at present, but these may be filled up very shortly; sometimes we are up to the number and sometimes not. There are 65 girls on the roll—20 of them—the full number are free, 45 are paying—and the sum is the same as that paid for the boys; the average attendance for boys is 45 and for girls 55.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—What class of education do they receive in the school?

Witness—A good English education. French is taught and Chemistry.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon—Is it anything beyond the National Board's subjects?

The Dean answered in the affirmative. The school was to a certain extent an Intermediate School. The girls school partook partly of primary education for young boys and young girls; boys under the age of 9 years were admitted to the girls school, and when they exceeded

THE LATE MR. ARCHIBALD MURRAY, SENIOR.

This morning the mortal remains of the above deeply lamented and highly esteemed gentleman were interred in the family burial place at St Munchin's churchyard. The funeral was the largest we have seen for a considerable time, and embracing as it did various classes and creeds of the community, spoke volumes for Mr Murray's worth and the high opinion held of him by the citizens of Limerick amongst whom he had moved so long. At 9 o'clock the funeral left Portland, the residence of the deceased, for the place of interment via the Strand. The chief mourners were:—Mr Archibald Murray, Mr Andrew Murray, Mr Henry W Murray, Mr Bruce Murray, sons; Mr Bruce Todd, Dr T W Todd, brothers-in-law; Mr Wm Todd, Mr H Todd, nephews; Mr S Hamilton.

Amongst the general public present were:—Dr Wilson, Presbyterian Church, to which the deceased belonged, the Dean of Limerick, the Archdeacon of Limerick, Rev Precentor Meredyth, the Rev Canon Gregg, Rev W Blood Smyth, Rev W J Clarke, Rev J Dowd, Rev G M Luther, Rev Father O'Shaughnessy, C C; Rev W Baxendale, the Mayor of Limerick, Mr T A Ferguson, Mr Wilkinson, Messrs Goodwin, Senior and Junior; Mr J Wallace, Mr John Morton, Provincial Bank; Mr Robert Hunt, JP; Mr Boherman, Mr Christy, Mr James Nolan, Mr Sterling, Mr Devitt, Mr Switzer, Mr W Mercer, Hon Sec, Protestant Young Mens' Association; Mr S Moore, Dr Myles, Mr James Harris, Mr M Bourke, Mr B Barrington, solr; Mr J C T Day, Mr S R Lee, Mr R J Lee, Mr James Shine, Mr Hill, Mr J Hardiman, Mr John M'Binney, Mr Palmer, Manager—M'Binney & Co; Mr Barnett, same Company; Mr Palmer, jun; Mr Lavertine, Limerick Warehouse Company; Mr Mitchell, Supt. do; Mr James Moran, Managing Director, Cannock & Co; Messrs Parsons, Clancy, and O'Leary, Supts Messrs Todd & Co; Messrs Hewson, Mr William Boyd, J P; Mr Stephen J Dowling, J P; Mr W G Gubbins, J P; Mr R De Ros Rose, J P; Dr Malone, Mr J L Copeman, Mr E Clune, Mr T E Bunting, Messrs Elliot, O'Donoghue, Clelland, J. Ewart, Messrs Banratyne and Sons; Mr Geo Smith, P L G; Mr Spain, T C; Mr C H Fitt, Sub-Sheriff; Mr Morrissey, Mr Felkins, Clyde Shipping Co; Mr Wilkinson, Circular Road; Mr J Flynn, Cruise's Hotel; Alderman Gaffney, Mr James O'Mara, City High Sheriff, Mr D F McNamara, Shelbourne; Mr John Guinan, J P; Mr R Wilson, Mr R Tait, Mr B Hamilton, Mr Welply, Mr G Gloster, Mr Wm Leahy, solr; Mr Cantillon, Mr George Boyd, Mr M E Conway, Mr Russell, Sixmile-bridge; Messrs Christy, Adare; Mr Wm M'Donnell, Mr J Matternson, J P; Mr A W Shaw, J P; Mr Richard Fry, Dublin; Mr James Nash, J P; Mr R Nash, solr; Mr J Cronin, Alderman Myles, J P; Mr J G Kelly, J P; Mr L Kelly, Mr Wm Spillane, J P; Mr M Mahon, Patrick-street; Mr C. M Wilson; Mr Johnston, V S; Mr W Bassett, Mr E L Hunt, Mr Cashell, G S & W R; Mr Mitchell, do; Mr W H Swain, Mr T S Deane, Mr Curren, Limerick Warehouse. A large number of the staff of Messrs Todd & Co, of which the deceased was senior partner, were present, and the other large drapery concerns were also fully represented.

The following sent carriages—Messrs Archibald and Andrew Murray, Mr White, Richmond; Mr Hogan, Henry street; Mr R Hunt, J P; Mr J R Tinsly, J P; Mr T A Ferguson, Mr L Kelly, Mr J G Kelly, J P; Mr A Bannatyne, Woodsdown; Mr Stephen Quin, JP; Rev Precentor Meredyth, Mr S Dowling, J P, Thomas street; Mr McCarthy, Mr Michael Egan, Mr T E O'Brien, D L; Mr Matternson, Mr A W Shaw, J P; Mrs O'Callaghan, Mr Leonard, William street; Mr Tidmarsh, Mr Geo Smith, Mr James Harris, Mr Moran (Cannock and Co), Mr J Quin, Mr R de Ros Rose, J P; Mr M Hartigan, Mr O Wallace, J P, George street; Mr J C Delmege, J P; Mr William Boyd, Mr G Boyd (J & G Boyd), Mr M E Conway, Mr J B Alton, Mr W Leahy, the City High Sheriff, Mr Russell, Sixmile Bridge; Mr W McDonnell, Mr R Power, Mr Cavanagh, builder; Mr Alexander, Mr Laird, George street; Mr R Walsh, Clonlara, Mr O'Connell, Thomas street, Mr J H Wallace.

The burial service was conducted by Dr Wilson who delivered a sympathetic address on the many good qualities of the late Mr Murray, and his honourable and upright career through life. The remains, which were enclosed in a suite of coffins, the outer being of polished oak richly mounted were then consigned to their last resting place. On the coffin was the simple inscription—“Archibald Murray, died, October 8th, 1887, aged 83 years.”

MR. HALL AND THE MAYOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

that, pending the result of the Commission, the position of master in the boys' school in Henry-street had not been filled within the last two months. The school, owing to its proximity to Leamy's School, had been lately dwindling, and, on the whole, he thought that if the salary of the master were applied to enlarging the orphanage in connexion with the institution it would be a decided advantage. The Chairman suggested that the present trustees should be supplemented by two laymen to be selected from the Presbyterian congregation and St Munchin's. In conclusion, Lord Justice Fitzgibbon suggested that Mr. Clarke and Dr. Wilson should meet together within the next fortnight and go fully and carefully through their position with regard to the constitution of the body and the administration of the charity, and state their requirements at length to the Commissioners. Leamy's School was next taken up. Dean Bunbury said that he had been deputed to attend on behalf of the trustees. The Dean stated the trustees were working under a Chancery scheme of 1874, and that they were of opinion that the school was being as effectually worked as the resources of the establishment admitted. The funds being originally for the purpose of aiding the education of the poor of Ireland, principally in and about Limerick city, there is, therefore, provision made for a certain number of free scholars—twenty boys and twenty girls. At present the number is four short of this total. It appeared that there are more applications of late, especially amongst the girls for free places. The school was intended by the founder to be undenominational, but at present there are only eight Roman Catholics attending, no less than twenty-seven being withdrawn in a body in February 1886. The result is that practically Leamy's Schools have become Protestant, and the governing body is Protestant also. The Dean gave it as his opinion that it ought not to be kept up as a primary school, but rather that it should be made a Protestant intermediate school, as there was a great want in Limerick in this respect, and also in the district around, whilst there are numerous primary schools. Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer pointed out that the number of free pupils had largely increased since 1881, when there were but two free girls, and stated that the increase occurred in consequence of the letter he wrote to the Commission complaining of the management of Leamy's School and its working. His Lordship went over the evidence, and pointed out that the intention of the donor evidently was that the endowment should be applied for the benefit of the poor of Limerick, without distinction of denomination; that at present those attending Leamy's School could not be described as poor, whilst there were many poor in Limerick, instancing the numbers attending the Christian Brothers' School and others, and here there was an opportunity of applying Leamy's funds. His Lordship thought that if they did not get the building, and that was simply a question of dealing with the interest of the moneys invested, he would say that some of the money ought to be applied to supplement the funds of the Christian Brothers' Schools. To-day, the Rev. Mr. Baxendale spoke strongly in favour of retaining Leamy's endowments. At present it is an undenominational school, and he

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