

# Great Churchman.

## Death of Most Rev. Dr. Turner.

### A Distinguished Limerickman

The announcement of the death of Most Rev Dr Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, has been learned with deep regret in Limerick. The distinguished Bishop was on the eve of paying his annual visit to his home at Ardkilmarino, Kilmallock, and was expected to sail for Ireland on the 15th inst. The sad news of his death came through instead that his Lordship had passed to his eternal reward.

Bishop Turner, who was the son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Turner, was 65 years of age. Educated at Mungret College, he was ordained in Rome in 1893. He did a post-graduate course of Philosophy in Paris and Strasbourg. He left afterwards for the United States, and was for a time stationed was for a time stationed in St. Paul's, Minnesota. Later he was appointed Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University at Washington, which he occupied for twenty years. He was for a period editor of the important "American Ecclesiastical Review." During that time he won the admiration of all scholars by his "History of Philosophy" and by a work Logic.

In 1919 he was consecrated Bishop of Buffalo in the Franciscan Church of Mount St Sepulchre, Washington, in the presence of a vast congregation.

Since 1926 Dr Turner paid a yearly visit to his native land, never failing to see the place of his birth.

In 1923 he was decorated by the King of Italy as Commander of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy in recognition of his labours on behalf of the Italian residents of Buffalo and district.

Dr Turner's name and cause were presented to the King of Italy by Signor Mussolini.

He was one of a family of ten, three of whom became priests and three nuns. Of the ten only one now survives Mrs Casey, of Ardkilmarino, with whom the utmost sympathy is felt in her sad bereavement.

All his life he kept in close touch with Irish affairs, and many Irish leaders were among his personal friends.

In the movement for the erection of a monument over the grave of "The Bard of Thomond" he took a very keen and practical interest. He sent a cheque for \$5 towards the project, and in an accompanying letter paid a great tribute to Michael Hogan, saying that "he was very nearly a great poet."

At Mass at Kilmallock on Sunday the Very Rev Canon Mulcahy, P.P. paid a high tribute to the memory of Bishop Turner, and referred to his generosity in respect of the Church and the girls' national schools.

Bishop Turner, he said, gave two stained glass windows for the church, and a very liberal contribution towards the schools to commemorate Bishop Healy and Father C O'Rourke, executed for the Faith at Kilmallock in 1580. He was instrumental in having erected the statue of the Little Flower some six years ago, and on the occasion of the unveiling preached an eloquent sermon exhorting devotion to her.

High Mass at which Most Rev Dr Keane, Bishop of Limerick, will preside will be celebrated at Kilmallock on Friday for the repose of the soul of Bishop Turner.