

Distinguished Limerick Jesuit

Passing of Rev. E. Cahill, S.J.

The death took place on Wednesday morning in a private nursing home of Rev Edward Cahill, s.j., of the Jesuit House of Studies, Miltown Park, Dublin. One of the most widely known priests in the country, Father Cahill was 73 years of age. He had been in poor health for some time past.

Fr Cahill was born in Cappagh, county Limerick, and was ordained in the Jesuit Order from Maynooth College in 1897. After a period of teaching in Mungret College he was appointed Superior of the Apostolic School, and later Rector, which office he held until 1916, when he was transferred to Galway as Minister. In 1918 he was appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Miltown Park, and in 1921 he again filled the office of Superior of the Apostolic School at Mungret. He was appointed Spiritual Instructor at Clongowes Wood College in 1923, and from 1924 he was Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Social Sciences at Miltown Park, celebrating the golden jubilee of his priesthood in June last. In 1929 Father Cahill founded "An Ríoghacht" (the League of the Kingship of Christ). An Ríoghacht was the pioneer of this country of the movement, now wide spread, for the study amongst the laity of Catholic social principles and for the effective recognition of these principles in public life.

Fr Cahill had a close association with Maistir na Tíre and the Clongowes Summer School. He regarded as tragedies threatening the existence of the Irish race the drift of the rural population to the towns and the domination of our economic system by external financial interests. His pamphlet "Ireland's Peril," issued in 1920, sounded a grave warning in this connection. His "Freemasonry and the Anti-Christian Movement" was published in 1929. "The Framework of a Christian State," published in 1932, was Fr Cahill's Magnum Opus.

At the time of his final illness Fr Cahill was engaged on a history of the Irish language, a large portion of which has already been published in serial form in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record."

The late Fr Cahill was a regular guest at the annual reunion of Mungret College, and was a most popular speaker at the function.

General sympathy is extended to his brothers, Mr John Cahill, Secretary to the Limerick Race Company, and Mr P Cahill, Callow House, A-keaton.

The funeral took place to day (Friday) after Solemn Office and Requiem Mass at the Church of St Francis Xavier, Gardiner street, Dublin.