

SAVIOURS OF LANGUAGE

ERAPHOE BISHOP'S TRIBUTE

The Tirconail Feis was held under unfavourable weather conditions at Carrigart. Despite an almost continuous down-pour the proceedings, which were held in the open, were attended by a very large crowd.

Most Rev. Dr. Wm. McNeely, Bishop of Raphoe, presided, and in the course of an address, paid an eloquent tribute to the work of Cardinal O'Donnell in connection with the founding of the Feis.

Alluding to the language, he said that to-day it was a bread-and-butter subject; the people had got to learn it. They must not, however, forget in this connection

that due credit was to be given to those who a quarter of a century ago were really responsible for holding the fortress and saving the language from extinction.

He referred to the fisheries and the cottage industries of that parish, which, he said, in that connection enjoyed almost international renown. Unfortunately in recent years things had not gone on so well.

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They had hopes that with the earnest resolve of the Government which had been clearly expressed recently they would soon see schemes in operation which would vastly improve the condition of the people along those shores.

His lordship paid a tribute to the suitability of the Parliamentary representatives elected for that constituency to the Dail—men, who were pledged to do their best for the people and to work in the cause of the people of the Gaeltacht.

He referred humorously to the eclipse, about which, he felt, many were disappointed, but he would say that those who came to that Feis were not disappointed even by the weather. In other words, the feis had eclipsed the eclipse.

A Gaelic ode was delivered by Mr. A. O'Doherty, N.T., Falcarragh, and a Gaelic oration by Rev. J. Shields, Maynooth College.

Addresses were also given by Rev. J. Shields, P.P. Carrigart, and Mr. J. J. Shields, P.P. Carrigart.

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