

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Condensed from the Irish American. Dublín. The shabby attempt to deprive Mr. Sexton, M. P., of the civic chair and the seats of the municipal office has practically failed, the Revision Court having dismissed the Toro objection, only one of the legal assessors, Mr. G. V. Hart, concurring for the removal of his name from the burgess roll. From this decision there is no appeal; but an application can be made to the Queen's Bench for a mandamus.

Wexford. On November 9, the twenty-one prisoners from Ballykerogue, or as they are popularly known, the defenders of "Foley's Fort" were liberated on bail from Wexford Prison. The prisoners were in high spirits and appeared in excellent health, notwithstanding their fourteen days incarceration. They were—Patrick Cunniff, James Ryan, Laurence Foley, Michael Walsh, Patrick Murphy, Thomas Chapman, Patrick Keat, Peter Chapman, Daniel Shannon, James Fowler, Michael Colfer, Michael Keat, Michael O'Keefe, James Kennedy, James D'yle, James Nell, John Nolan, William Murphy, Edward Costello, Patrick Kennedy, and Denis Connor. Along the roads towards Ballykerogue large crowds were assembled, and cheered loudly as the "prisoners" passed. As they neared Ballykerogue large fires were lighted at different places to herald the approach of the defenders of "the Fort," and the signal being given, in a few minutes the surrounding country was ablaze. On arrival at the "Castle" Ballykerogue, the residence of the old veteran, Mr. David Foley, the prisoners went inside to see the old man for a few moments, and it is needless to say he received them with joy. They then proceeded to Camp, along the roads leading to which large fires were lighted. In the little village of Camp, as in New Ross some houses were illuminated and here also the cheers were loud and long continued. Refreshments were then served out to the Campaigners. Songs were sung, toasts were given and responded to by the "prisoners" and their friends and the greater part of the first night at liberty was spent by the defenders of the "Fort" in a glad manner as possible.

Kilkenny. There are 15,000 Catholics in Kilkenny. The number of Protestants of all denominations is in or about eight hundred. The falling off of the Protestant population for the last thirteen years has been about 50 per cent. The annual crusade engaged in by Mr. J. W. Sullivan (commonly known as Mahon's Gully), against his tenants in Lower Graigue, is fairly opened. The rents fall due on the first of November.

An imposing demonstration took place on October 25th, at Killoe, Co. L. On that day a large gathering of her Catholic neighbors assembled in Mrs. M'creer's farm, a Protestant, at Killoe, for the purpose of securing her potatoes—of proving their sympathy in a practical way—and of protesting against the harsh treatment she has been experiencing at the hands of her rack-renting landlord, Mr. A. Poe, of Harley Park. Horses and ploughs were present from every house in the parish. And as many more would have been seen from the neighboring parishes had they been invited to do so. From early morning until about three o'clock, men, women, and children worked with such earnestness and energy, that by that time everything had been secured for Mrs. M'creer, so that she can possess her soil in peace, pending the final decision. The arrival of the Rev. N. Murphy, P. P., and of the Rev. J. Carroll, C. C., was a source of great satisfaction and encouragement to the assembled people.

Queen's County. The Earl of Portarlington has allowed his judicial and non-judicial tenants in the Queen's County, a reduction of 35 per cent, and he immediately paid when the landlord's concession was made known.

Lord Drogheda carried out an eviction recently. Michael H. Ferran, of Fungstown, near Narraghmore, was admitted as caretaker of his farm at a penny a week. The eviction did not cause much excitement in the district. It did not even receive the notice of the energetic local branch of the National League.

Louth. The ten young men imprisoned in Drogheda Jail in connection with the M'Creer evictions, were on Sunday, Nov. 7, and on the previous Sunday, deprived of hearing Mrs. Cassidy and Father Woods, called at the prison, but would not be permitted to see the prisoners. They inquired if the prisoners had heard Mrs. Cassidy, and were informed that according to the prison regulations they could not be permitted to hear Mrs. Cassidy.

Cork. The last American bill brought to Congress by Washington a pension certificate granting twelve dollars a month for life to the mother of a soldier who was killed in battle during the late war as far back as 1852, with vouchers to be signed for the amount of the pension from that date to the 26th October, date of granting pension—a total equal to £2,170. The woman, Mary Barrett, died in poor circumstances about two years since. Her only son, Patrick Barrett (who, though a poor laboring man and having a large family, supported and faithfully provided for his parent to her death, for 25 years), will succeed to the amount owing to his mother.

Derry. Nearly all the tenants on the Brandon portion of the Hickson property have been served through the post with eviction notices and civil bill processes for rent. This unhappy district lies chiefly between the village of Quay and Brandon point. The public road was extended lately from Quay to Murrine from whence a by-road leads the verge of the point from which a view can be obtained, perhaps not equalled in beauty in any part of Ireland. The view, which, as the moon signals, is a mountain side so steep that no car can be used for any of the farm crops of the village, and all the manure, etc., is taken

to the fields by the tenants on their backs. Cattle can never be turned out to grass on the land unless they are closely watched, for underneath is a cliff overhanging the sea which has more than once lessened the number of their herds. Their houses too are mere hovels, some of which are of the rudest kind. The upper walls, on account of the inclination of the land, are sunk so that the thatch sweeps the ground. A stone set in motion at their doors will roll into the blue sea beneath. The present landlord, G. E. Hickson, Woodville, Castle Island, and formerly of Fermoyle is a middleman, and receives a profit rent of £100 per year in this district. The head rent is £20, while the present rent is £180. These figures speak for themselves. The inhabitants are all of the fishing class; but fishing, like everything else that these poor people had to rely on for their support, is an absolute failure these two years back, and hence their present pecuniary difficulties.

Clare. The tenants on Mrs. D'Esterre's Gaunt nahaha estate, have succeeded in obtaining a reduction of 35 per cent on the present rent. The tenants, who were agreeably surprised at the announcement of the reduction, thanking the agent and paying their rents. The reduction is considered liberal.

Ennis, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, witnessed a scene that for daring illegality is unsurpassed in all the annals of police rule in Ireland. The constabulary suddenly entered several posting establishments, and in spite of the protests of the owners seized horses and cars, threatening the proprietors with arrest if they dared interfere.

A supper was given by the inhabitants of Kilmash to Constable William Buckley, in recognition of the strong Catholic and National feeling which he manifested by refusing to join the brutal force of evictions on the occasion of Mr. James Clancy's eviction for standing out on principle against excessive ground rent, and also as a protest, as a Catholic, against the outrageous conduct of the authorities in occupying, with an armed force, the chapel yard, on Oct. 30th. The notice of his dismissal did not reach Mr. Buckley (who is a native of Ballymote, a place within ten miles of Mallow, county Cork) until Nov. 1st, and as the first intention of the people was to present him with a testimonial, which he refused to accept, the only thing the people could do within the short time at their disposal (he having signified his intention of leaving for home), was to get up a snapper to him. The snapper of the Working Men's Club willingly gave the use of their splendid rooms, and did everything in their power to make it the success it was. Fifty-two of the most respectable inhabitants of the town attended, and many, including the Catholic clergy of the town, sent letters of apology for non-attendance. A very bright evening was spent, the company breaking about midnight, after having sung "God Save Ireland."

Tipperary. A great demonstration was held on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at Clonmel. County Inspector Stephens, driving in a trap, with a spirited horse, endeavored to force his way through the crowd, but the crowd, highly incensed, and brandishing blackthorns, were determined he should not pass. The horse got restless and plunged, and the excitement at one time was very great. Several persons including some priests, took the animal by the head, and led him round by another street. Speeches were subsequently made by Messrs. David Sheehy and Douglas, J. Pyne and Thomas Moran, M. P.

On Nov. 11th, Mr. Fitzmaurice, agent to Lord Clonmel, was again in attendance at Hean's Hotel, to receive rents from tenants on the estate. A very large number of them were in town. The general demand was a reduction of 40 per cent. Several tenants paid at a reduction of 20 per cent, and those on the townland of 40 per cent reduction. The great majority of the tenants, however, did not go to Mr. Fitzmaurice at all, and it is understood that there is a movement on foot to have all the tenants on the property combine in demanding the same terms as those demanded by the Ballymote men, viz. 40 per cent, on year's rent, with the provision that the rent should be reduced on reasonable terms, and that the tenants unable to pay should get "breathing time," &c. Father Hean, P. P., Newcastle, stated that a meeting of tenants was proposed to be held in the neighborhood in a few days, with a view to combination. He expressed it as his opinion that if a reasonable reduction were given, and breathing time allowed to the tenants to pay the question would be amicably settled.

Waterford. The tenants of Lord Waterford, at Carrigrohane, and those of Mr. De La Puer, near Carrick on Sur, resolved to adopt the "Plan of Campaign," falling a reduction of fifty per cent, being accorded to in the former case, and thirty per cent in the latter. About four hundred tenants are concerned.

Down. At a conference of the clergy of the diocese of Down, held in the Cathedral, Newry, the venerable Bishop of the diocese, the Most Rev. Dr. Leahy, presiding, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, That we condemn the conduct of the Government in imprisoning William O'Brien, M. P., as an outrage on the rights of public meeting, freedom of the Press, and destruction of every constitutional right of the people of Ireland, and that we sympathize deeply with him under his present cruel treatment. It is counter-signed by the Most Rev. Dr. McGovern, Coadjutor Bishop and the clergy.

Tyrone. Sturdy Ulster is not idle while the general malice goes on. Several meetings of the members of the five district provinces were held recently. Two of these in especial deserve mention, those at Dungannon (Tyrone) and Kilduff (Down). The Dungannon meeting was held in Total Abstinence Hall, and it packed that building choke full. It was presided over by that sturdy Nationalist, Mr. W. M. Hat, of Dungannon House. The parish priest, Dean Byrne, who may be described as a con-

A CATHOLIC TRAINING.

Catholic Training. The public mind is coming gradually to recognize the fact that in educating the child it is dangerous and often fatal to discard, altogether, religion. Without religion and its teaching, there can be no real, true and substantial morality, and dishonesty among men never before so prevalent of crookedness, drew attention to the great defect of State schools.

To impart a Catholic training it is essential that religion enter into the daily routine of the school exercises. A brief catechetical instruction is insufficient. There must be, in a measure, a Catholic atmosphere in our school rooms. The scholars must be taught the glory of the Cross of Christ, and the significance of the crucifix; also, that the valiant and true Christian ought to have, constantly, a tender and strong devotion to Mary, Mother of God, who is so outrageously depreciated in the sentiments and practice of most Protestants. These and many similar points are worthy of daily instruction.

The Catholic people, both by the sea, the ear and the mind, must thus be familiarized with sacred things and the mysteries of religion. These lessons should enter deeply into the moral system. If their minds are thus imbued with those great truths which our holy religion teaches, the impressions made are not likely to be effaced by contact with the world.

Therefore, the child, as to education, is, that what a child learns at school should be religious. Its studies should have about them and with them the aroma of Catholic truth, purity and sanctity. The world has become less disposed to faith; encourages skepticism largely; and pre-emptory temptations and obstacles in the path of the student, by entering it in the various public examinations of the day, that requires a vigorous course of Catholic school instruction to encounter and effectually resist.

THE FIRST MASS.

Church News. The question is often asked, especially by Protestants, who celebrated the first Mass, and where was it celebrated, and in what language? The most distinguished ancient writers sustain the opinion, that the Holy Sacrifice was first offered by the chief of the Apostles, St. Peter, and that the locale was the place selected for his body purpose. As to the language employed, we find that Eusebius, a German divine of the sixteenth century, held that it was in the early days of the Church celebrated every where in Hebrew.

This opinion is not sustained by the ablest liturgical writers, who hold that in the Apostolic days Mass was celebrated in the language of the places at which the Apostles offered it; so that at Jerusalem it was said in Syriac; at Antioch, Alexandria, and other Grecian cities in Greek, and at Rome in Latin. It is, therefore, believed that the first Mass was celebrated in Syriac.

It will be remembered that it was in the centenary where Our Divine Lord first instituted the Blessed Eucharist. A recent writer says the centenary, which stands upon Mount Zion, is to day one of the greatest objects of veneration in the Holy Land, and it is remarkable as being the supposed place where the last supper was held—where Our Lord appeared to His disciples after His glorious resurrection on Easter morning; where the Sacrament of Penance was first instituted, and where Our Lord was seen to converse for the last time with His chosen band before He ascended into Heaven.

It was in this blessed spot, also, that St. James the Less, styled the brother of Our Lord, was consecrated first Bishop of Jerusalem; and a pious tradition has it that it was here the "Beloved Disciple" said Mass in the presence of the Blessed Virgin, who, it is said, departed this life there. The room, now known as the "Beloved Disciple's," is a large one, divided by a kind of altar. He said a plenary indulgence is attached to a visit to it with, of course, the usual conditions.

As is generally known, Mass was not celebrated until after the descent of the Holy Ghost, for the reasons given by the sacred ministers of the Holy Law. We have but little information of the articles used in celebrating the Mass in the early days, but it is evident that it was celebrated in a manner in harmony with the divine office, especially when we consider that the Apostles were well versed in the gorgeous display of the Jewish sacrifice of the Mosaic law.

If the boys of bulls, lambs, and other animals demanded an exhibition of the character, how much more deserving of rich robes and brilliant lights is the Victim offered in the sacrifice of the Mass, when the Saviour of man comes to dwell upon our altars? It is true, He does not refuse to come to those who worship in rude places, when the celebrant is compelled to wear worn and faded vestments; but when Mass is so celebrated it is from necessity and not from choice. When the Church has the means she erects magnificent basilicas and beautiful cathedrals, in the adornment of which genius has rivaled genius.

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