

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Wexford.

Dr. Darley, County Court Judge, of Wexford, opened the Easter Sessions for the Northern Division of the county, at Ennisceary, on April 31, and proceeded to attend to the time-honored business of issuing decrees for landlords. No less than one hundred and seven decrees were issued, and of these seventy-three were in connection with the Brooks estate, and sixty-two decrees were given in all. Some men are unable to learn anything; and Mr. Hamilton seems to think that landlords can do just as they used to do in Ireland. There will be more than one opinion, however, on that subject with regard to his latest action, and the meeting which, after the adjournment of the court, was held in the Market square of Ennisceary, and which was addressed by Dr. Dillon, C.O., of Arklow, on behalf of the tenants, is a fine indication of how much the people of the county have learned.

Carlow.

John Kelly, who lives near Rathco, county Carlow, is under police protection. Two poor old laborers were evicted by him because a cottage was sought for them on his mother's land, under the Laborer's Act, and one of them a weak old man, died shortly after being turned out of his home. Kelly's act has earned for him utter detestation in the district. His former friends ran him with stoned looks; every other class holds his act in equal horror, and all conditions of men in the neighborhood, assembled on April 10, to express their opinions of him in his own townland.

Kilkenny.

The bishop and priests of the Diocese of Ossory, when protesting against coercion, were bound to take notice of the slanderous accusations directed against the people of Kilkenny by Mr. Balfour. One of the chief secretaries of the Liberal party, who was present at the meeting, said that the Englishmen to understand that Kilkenny was in sore need of exceptional legislation. His charge was indignantly repudiated by the Most Rev. Dr. Browning and his clergy as a libel upon a peaceful and law-abiding people, whose character is attested by the numerous medals and judges during the last three years. The resolutions adopted at the Diocesan Conference, besides protesting against the Coercion Bill, condemn the Land Bill as a scheme to increase the power of the landlords, and convey to Mr. Gladstone and the other Liberal members, the thanks of the clergy for the assistance which they have given to the Irish people. They furthermore give proof that the attacks made upon Mr. Farnell by his unscrupulous enemies serve but to strengthen the affection in which he is held by the Irish people.

Queen's County.

On April 19th, the Governor General of Canada resumed the evictions on his Queen's County property, from which he intends to evict some thousands of human beings. A regiment of Light Infantry and about seventy police accompanied the Sheriff and bailiffs. Two brothers named Thomas and Patrick Kavanagh paid their rent. All the other tenants were evicted, and as they left their houses they gave three cheers for the "Plan of Campaign," which the crowd took up and repeated again and again. Among the evicted were feeble old men and women up to eighty years of age, and a large number of infants. The tenants who paid were fiercely groined. The work of the day had just concluded when Mr. O'Brien arrived, and a singular event occurred. Several policemen warmly shook him by the hand, amidst the cheers of the people. The assembled people then gathered around Father Maher and a meeting was held, to listen to Mr. William O'Brien. Father Maher, in the course of an eloquent speech, said that nothing had occurred in that day's proceedings to disappoint any of them, for they knew from the commencement there were two traitors in their ranks. However, the rest of the tenantry were determined in their resolve to fight the landlord, and he would stand by them. On the drive from Luggacurra to Athy, Mr. O'Brien was recognized by several people and loudly cheered. In Athy a large crowd of people assembled, and the town band turned out. The enthusiasm was unbounded. Mr. O'Brien addressed a brief speech to the assembled people before leaving. The evictions will be continued.

Longford.

The death is announced of Mr. James B. Murray, formerly of Ballymahon, county Longford. He was an earnest worker in the National cause until stricken by failing health, and a generous helper of every project for its advancement.

Louth.

On April 17th, one of the most imposing anti-Coercion demonstrations held perhaps in any part of Ireland took place at Drogheda. The traders of Drogheda were represented with their banners in the procession, and there were also banners of the Independent Club and the bands present were—The Gaelic Independent brass band and the fife and drum bands. A procession of the trades, the townspeople and the contingents from Monasterboice, Tullyallen, and other districts, in addition to the Gaelic Clubs of South Louth, led by the Gaelic Independent band, made a circuit of the town. The demonstration had the approval of the Very Rev. Archbishop Murphy, P. P. V. G., and his curates were in attendance in addition to the curates of St. Mary's and the heads of all the religious houses in Drogheda. The Mayor presided.

Mr. John Dolan, Dyarl, a gentleman widely and deservedly popular all through Louth, died on April 19th. As a warm friend and a good neighbor, Mr. Dolan was held in high estimation. In the land war on the Smith Barry property, Mr. Dolan was in the van and one of the staunchest and most influential supporters of his own and of his fellow-tenants cause.

The recent death of the Rev. J. Sil-

cock, Rector of Ballymahon, has been learned with very great regret. He lived on the kindest terms with all his Catholic neighbors, ever ready to render them a neighborly service, and was respected by the people of the county with the highest esteem and respect.

Cork.

At a meeting of the Bishops and priests of the diocese of Cloyne, on April 19, a series of resolutions was passed, expressing sympathy with Canon Kaller, P. P., and Rev. Father Ryan, C. O., who have been arrested, also protesting against the Coercion Act.

At Malloy Quarter Sessions, on April 19, (before the Recorder of Cork) there was only one criminal case on the books, and as it was sent for trial to the next, there was nothing for grand jurors or petty jurors to do. The Recorder said he had great pleasure in discharging them.

The Hospital police raffians have been indicted in damages for assaulting a man who played there on the occasion of certain prosecutions. It was not Judge Purcell's fault though. He directed the jury to leave Inspector Greene out of the swim, but he had no power to allow them to bring damages against the men. It surely is hard that they should first be ordered to leave, and afterwards be indicted for the same thing.

Mr. Condon, M. P., speaking at a "Plan of Campaign" meeting at Ballydun, on the Kingston estate, said that Coercion, instead of improving the lot of the Irish tenants, has only made them more resolute. He directed the jury to leave Inspector Greene out of the swim, but he had no power to allow them to bring damages against the men. It surely is hard that they should first be ordered to leave, and afterwards be indicted for the same thing.

Kerry.

A great anti-Coercion meeting was held on April 17th, at Tralee, and a notable feature in connection with the demonstration was the presence on the platform of several priests who have been prevented for some time past by their Bishop from attending political gatherings.

Limerick.

A large meeting of Protestant Home-Rulers was held in Limerick on April 20, and among the speakers were Mr. T. A. Dickson and Mr. Ledlie, High Sheriff of Cork.

The sub-sheriff, Mr. Hobson, accompanied by bailiffs and police, proceeded on April 20th to Castleconnell and evicted six tenants on the Frowen estate. The proceedings were taken under the order of the court, and were for the purpose of giving over possession to the new purchasers. One of the tenants, named Deles, refused to leave, and there was much hooting and excitement. Later on, two tenants on Sir Croker's estate, at Glenstall, were evicted, and readmitted as caretakers. The sheriff effected seizures of cattle on the farms of two men named McElligott and Scallan, near Herbertstown, the landlord being Mr. Croker, a minor. The tenants redeemed the cattle by paying rent and costs. Evictions, attended by a scene of wild excitement, have been current on the estate at Carraghmore, near Killoola, of Mr. W. P. O'Sullivan, Queen's County. The sheriff's representative was guarded by one hundred police in charge of Col. Waring, R. M. The road leading to Carraghmore was blocked with trees and stones, and it was with the utmost difficulty that a passage was effected. The ringing of the chapel bell brought hundreds to the place, and the landlord was hooted and hissed. While a tenant named Collins was being put out, stones were thrown, and matters became so threatening that Col. Waring read the Riot Act. This had the effect of restoring order, but only for a short time. The houses of three other tenants named John Gleeson, John Hourigan and Denis Gleeson were barricaded with heavy stones, and while an entrance was being effected the crowd became very excited, but unpleasant consequences were averted by the exertions of Rev. P. O'Rowe. Ultimately the evictions were completed. A meeting in support of the "Plan of Campaign" was held and addressed by Father Mesgeur, P. P., and Father O'Brien.

Clare.

Posters have been extensively posted throughout West Clare, bearing appeal from the National League and the United Trades Association of Kilkenny, addressed to the men and women of Ireland against the buying of English manufactured goods. The manifesto points out that Nationalist shopkeepers who are importing such goods should discontinue to do so. A very enthusiastic meeting has been held in Newmarket-on-Fergus, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Father Lughnane, Adm., to protest against the Coercion Bill. A strong resolution was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Patrick Lynch, and seconded by Mr. James Kelly, Clough Castle. An eviction has taken place in the Union of Ennis, which has caused some commotion amongst the House League. The landlord was Mr. M. Ryne, and the tenant, Mr. P. Carmody of Market street. The tenant held at a rent of £22 a year, and owing to the depression of trade, he ran into several years arrears. Carmody required a reduction of 25 a year, and some arrears wiped off, but this was refused, and it is alleged, without giving due notice to the Board of Guardians, the eviction was carried out by the Sheriff and his police. Subsequently Mr. Carmody rode a horse back, at the head of a band and crowd, and an indignation meeting of the League, was held at the Town Hall, at which the ex-tenant was warmly assured of the sympathy of that body.

Waterford.

At the opening of the Waterford City Quarter Sessions on April 20th, Judge Waters, County Court Judge, after stating that there was only one case of a criminal nature to be before the Grand Jury, one of assault arising out of drunkenness such as might be expected to arise in a city like that, said he was sure they would be glad to know that in the great and populous county of Cavan, where he presided at the recent Quarter Sessions, there was but one criminal case to be tried, and that for the larceny of a couple of yards of flannel, in the large adjoining county of Leitrim, where he

also presided, there were but two criminal cases, one of which arose out of a family dispute. That was the entire criminal calendar that he had to deal with in three large counties. He was sorry to say that he had different figures in another matter in the county court on the previous day. He had to deal with 67 ejections, a number that was more than three and very near four times as much as he had to deal with in the county Waterford since he had the honor of presiding there. He hoped it did not mean that the county was becoming insolvent and unable to pay its way—that it was only a temporary depression, and that with a fine Spring and a favorable Summer the times would mend.

Nothing could be more emphatic than the terms in which his Grace the Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, and his clergy express their unabated confidence in the Irish leader and the Parliamentary Party. The declaration from the Northern province is as vigorous in denunciation of the wretched policy of the Government as any that have emanated from the conferences elsewhere.

At an eviction at Mayo Bridge, county Down, the bailiffs, on attempting to break open the door of the house of a woman named Connolly, were compelled to retreat by boiling water being thrown upon them, burning their faces and their hands. Several other attempts to force an entrance were repulsed, and eventually the bailiffs and police retired without effecting the eviction.

On April 17th, the people of Newry, South Down, and South Armagh, assembled in public meeting to protest and raise their voices with thousands of their countrymen against the iniquitous and despotic Coercion Bill, at present before Parliament.

On April 19th, Thomas Chambers, with a force of about 230 men, resumed the evictions on the Skinnery's estate, near Draperstown. Mr. Young, escorted by ten policemen, arrived from the residence of the Hon. Robert T. O'Neill, M. P., Mr. Nagle, R. M., was present, and County Inspector Garrett, was in command of the police. All the police were converted into constables, to Brackladyard, two miles distant. They proceeded to a house there, but orders were given not to proceed with the evictions. This announcement evoked loud cheers from the spectators. At the house of Laurence Bradley, in same townland, the eviction was being carried out and part of the furniture had been removed, when Mr. Young stopped proceedings, and the tenant was readmitted to his house on signing an agreement to pay his rent in six months. On the farm of Patrick Bradley the eviction was partly carried out, when the Rev. Wm. O'Doherty, C. O., said he would pay a year's rent. This offer was accepted. There is great excitement in Draperstown, and the police have been groined and hooted. The houses in town remained closed, from the arrival of the constabulary, and the town pump, which had been a source of annoyance to the police and the people, was effectually disabled, notwithstanding the guards who had been deputed to look after its safe keeping. There was consequently a perfect dearth of water, so far at least as the police are concerned, and private individuals will not allow them to use the pumps or wells situated on their property.

On April 15th, the Tenants' Estate Committee, appointed last November, called upon the new agent of the Clanricarde Estate, and reiterated the demand of the tenants for a reduction of 40 per cent., and that all evicted tenants should be reinstated. The agents reply was substantially the same as that given to the tenants last year—namely, 30 per cent. to tenants who would pay up, and whose rent was under £50 per year. No reduction would be given to those in arrears. The tenants again refused this sham offer, and have resolved to go on fighting Lord Clanricarde, until he thinks well of agreeing to the fair terms offered by his tenants.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

To fully realize the beauties and foretastes of heaven which a truly Christian home affords its inmates, we must go in spirit to other days and more Catholic times than we live in. The first balmy atmosphere that pervades the Christian home is the serene calm begotten of the grace of God. This manifests itself in the carriage and demeanor of the family, every member of which loves the other for the image of God which he bears. The head of the family rejoices in inspiring his members with holy thoughts and pious affections one for the other, every decoration that adorns the walls of home is calculated to elevate the soul to God and thoughts to paradise. The first works of the day are dedicated to God while every action is bedewed with heaven's blessings.

The foundation of our Christian homes was laid in Nazareth, where Joseph and Mary brought up the infant Jesus. He loved His mother with greater love than man ever possessed, while He was obedient to every command of His foster father, St. Joseph. He grew into manhood maintaining His great love, while the education that adorned the walls of home for Him enabled them to perform their arduous journey into Egypt to save Him from King Herod's cruelty. The same undying love carried His mother Mary to meet Him bleeding and slowly dying on Calvary's rugged heights. We may be satisfied that in St. Joseph's home no harsh or angry words were ever uttered, no violent outbreak of passion ever escaped his trained lips, no indignant humor defiled the sanctuaries of his home. Meekness, forbearance, patience, and a holy resignation to the will of God, rendered their home a model of Christian love, to which every member of the family contributed.

The home of a Christian should bear witness to the faith of its inmates. The home of the Catholic should enable the eyewitness to distinguish it from all others. The crucifix, which is a stumbling block to other Christians, should hold the place of honor in the Catholic churches. The tall spire of our churches ascending high into the aerial kingdom bears aloft the sign of redemption that carries us back in spirit to the hill at Calvary, where the cross, from being ignominious by the death of Jesus thereon, became sanctified and a perpetual remembrance to all, of redemption through trials and a cross throughout sorrow. The altars in our churches bear aloft the crucifix on its highest pinnacles, why then, if we possess a Catholic spirit should not a conspicuous place be devoted in our homes to this sign of salvation, which through which all Christians will safely through the boisterous storms that beset us in this world of sin and sorrow.

Besides the crucifix, the pictures of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, should adorn the walls as an incentive to us to follow in the footsteps that led them to glory. It is difficult to see the picture of the Blessed Virgin, without at the same time being moved to participate in the great love she bore to Jesus, her divine Son. It is not possible to study the lives of the saints without being moved to imitate and perform some of the works through which they ascended to heaven. The home of a Catholic should bear all these outward marks that tend to impress on the inward soul the works of charity, of self-control, of Christian patience and unity of purpose, that characterize the widely scattered family that composes the Catholic Church. Though separated by seas and distant nations, with different tastes and diversity of pursuits, they are one in faith, one in heart, through Jesus Christ. From every Catholic then, let an incessant incense of prayer ascend, and let pious images be guiding stars through which the family is moved by pious lives.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only," James 1:22.

Brothers, I fancy if St. James were addressing the Christians of our day he would be inclined to lay a little more stress upon the hearing of the word, for whatever may be said about the "doers of the Word" it cannot be denied that the number of those who hear God's Word with advantage might be increased. Indeed, there are many for whom a High Mass sermon, in view of its rarity, would be a luxury, and for whom even a five minute sermon is long and wearisome. In addressing you, dear brethren, it seems hardly necessary to dwell much upon the importance of hearing God's Word, for the very reason to believe you value it most highly. But there are some of us who know too much, we are born in ignorance, and as long as we live we must feel the need of instructions and exhortations on the great questions of the soul—how to live and how to die. But the important question is this: How can I hear the Word of God? Oh! how many Christians have listened to the Word of God, which He Himself declares to be "words of fire," and have profited nothing, have remained cold and indifferent to the warnings of that voice that "breaks where it lists." Christians, the Word of God is wise and who never think of applying these burning words to themselves.

How can I hear the Word of God with profit to my soul? "With meekness," says St. James, "receive the engraved Word, which is able to save your souls." Our Lord frequently likens the Word to the seed which the tiller sows in the field. Now, he who sows the seed must first carefully prepare the ground, for the harvest will be in proportion to the care he bestows in the preparation of the ground. The seed is the Word of God, and dear brethren, you have ears, and dear brethren, you have eyes, and you must prepare your hearts. And how? Just