The Better Part.

John T. Curry

He promised wealth, a name among the great,
Af she would share the fortune of his life;
Mine ancient home shall all its former

Revive," he said, "if thou reign there my wife."

Her father urged the lover's eager suit. He knew him worthy of his daughter's But like a tree denuded of its fruit,

Nought was there left of what they craved
a part.

"Myself to God in cloister life I've given," She sweetly murmured in their listening

ear;

"Bar not, I pray, my chosen path to Heaven,
For well I know my calling to be clear."

Then, with obeisance due and downcast eyes,
She to the door across the chamber trod;
"Farewell, dear one," the noble lover cries,
"Farewell to thee, O bride elect of God!"

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN

The Irish Land League held a meeting on Dec. 30th, at which a report was received from Mr. Davitt as to distress in the West and it was resolved to form a Weir Hole, Millstreet. ceived from Mr. Davitt as to distress in the West, and it was resolved to form a confederacy of land clubs throughout the country; every parish and every town having one of these clubs, whose functions

P. J. Smith, the Hon. David Plunkett, Sir A. Guinness, and other prominent Irishmen of different shades of politics, and the subscriptions handed in amounted to £1,400. Mr. Gray, M. P., who presidents ed as Lord Mayor, alluded to letters which he had received from the Roman Catholic Bishops of Donegal, Tuam and Kerry, describing the distress in their different districts and stating it has increased suddenly and largely on all hands. He strongly denied any rivalry on the part of that movement with that which had been started by the Duchess, of Marlborough.

Here the third the circumstances under which the works were commenced. The men and their families are represented as literally starving.

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A pauper inmate of the North Dublin nion Workhouse, named John Kirwan,

Chion Workhouse, named John Kirwan, aged 70 years, dropped dead while crossing the yard on Dec. 24th.

The Dublin Corporation have resolved to reclaim the foreshore of the Liffey, along Sandymount and Merrion, as a public work that might be undertaken with profit and advantage, at the present season of distress.

WICKLOW.

Colonel Oliver, of Cherrymount, Ovoca, county Wicklow, has given to his tenantry on his estate at Tigroney and Ballyrogan, a reduction on the rent payable on the 29th of last September of 20 per cent.

Instead of giving the usual Christmas
boxes the traders of Wicklow subscribed
liberally for the relief of the poor to the

Mr. Thomas Bowers, Graigiona, county of Kilkenny, has annonneed that he will be the independent farmers' candidate for be the independent tarmers cannot the representation of that county.

There is a great increase in the in Kilkenny county. There is no employment. Local charity is actively at work. Mr. Arthur Kavanagh, M. P., has Ravanagh has distributed fifty blankets to the poor of that town, and Mr. Brennan, J. P., has given a supply of coal for distribution amongst the poor. The Rev. William Martin, P. P., Freshford, has acknowledged the donation of £50—the joint gift of Lady Milford and Mr. Thomas Ferre II. has acknowledged the donation of £50—the joint gift of Lady Milford and Mr. Thomas Eyre, Upper Court—towards the alleviation of the distress. The Corporation of this city are about borrowing £1,000 from the National Bank to spend on public works.

MEATH.

Patrick Brennan, who is accused of firing at and wounding a farmer, named Simonds, at Fordstown, Meath, on Dec.

7th, has been returned for trial, but was admitted to bail.
On Dec. 31st, an inquest was held by James Kelly, Esq., one of the county Meath coroners, at Caddlestown, county Meath, on the body of a little boy named Patrick Louth, son of a farmer and miller at that place. It appeared from the evidence that the little fellow and a playmate of his own age were amusing themselves near a churning machine, which is worked by the mill machinery. A tin whistle fell from his hand, and in stooping to recover it the revolving cog-wheel caught him by the neck, killing him instantly. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

The tenantry on the property of Lord Ashbrook, a portion of which is situated in the King's County and portion in the Queen's County, intimated to the agent that they could not pay the half year's rent, and his agent did not therefore attend at the office on the day stipulated. He placed the rental books in the hands of Messrs. Adam Mitchell & Son, Parsonstown, and that firm issued a circular stating that if the rent was not paid within ten days they would proceed to serve ejectments on all the tenants.

KING'S COUNTY.

The Parsonstown Town Commissioners have set on foot a scheme for relieving the poor of the place by opening up public works of utility and availing of their powers to borrow money for the purpose. A main sewer is now being constructed and

James Moore, a shoemaker, living in Richmond street, Longford, proceeded to Dublin street, to the house of a man named Robert Walsh to bring his son In doing so a quarrel arose, and Moore received a kick on an ulcerated leg,

CORK.

The Right Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, Bishop of Ross, has received £150 from Cardinal Manning in aid of the distress existing in

On Dec. 22nd, Lieutenant James White, 57th Regiment, son of the late Major White, of Kilburn, Doneraile, returned from Zululand, and met with a cordial reception. A huge bonfire was erected at the entrance gate, and hundreds of the surrounding tenantry were assembled to

surrounding tenantry were assembled to welcome him.

The landlord of the large tract of country known as Corrin Bog, Mr. Woods, visited this large waste recently in order to ascertain if draining it would prove feasible. An engineer has reported the work quite feasible when the bed of the river Bride is deepened and widened. Mr. Woods has, therefore, in conjunction with the proprietor of an adjoining bog, Mr. J. W. Perrott, determined to proceed with the work, and the bog will be reclaimed through the clearing of the river bed. Most of the water may be turned into the Blackwater watershed, but the Bride will receive the whole.

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The public meeting convened by the Mayor of Dublin for the purpose of commencing a national subscription for the relief of the distress in Ireland was held on Jan. 2nd. The attendance was pretty numerous and influential, including Mr.

Brosnan, the poor people there are on the very brink of starvation. The children are foodless and clothesless, and are in an utterly unfit condition to be sent to school. The adults cannot venture out of their miserable hovels, and whilst in them and pinched with cold and hunger. Local resources are nothing to cope with the pinched with cold and hunger. Local resources are nothing to cope with the calamity, and these resources have been already drained almost to the very last.

LIMERICK.

One hundred and fifty men have been thrown out of employment by the stoppage of the Skule drainage works, county Limerick, owing to an informality in the circumstances under which the works were commenced. The men and their families are represented as literally

Rev. James Moran, P. P., Castlemahon, died on December 31st, at his parochial residence, after an illness the fatal termination of which was not at first apprehended. He had been on the mission about 27 years. After the solemn obsequies for the dead, which were celebrated in the parish church of Mahoonagh, his remains were interred near the altar at which he officiated amid the tears and lamentations of every one in the parish.

of every one in the parish.
On Dec. 27th, Mr. John Starsfield On Dec. 27th, Mr. John Starsfield Casey, coroner, held an inquest, at Croom, on the body of an old woman, named Catherine O'Brien. From the evidence it appeared that deceased, who was 80 years of age, was at one time in affluent circumstances, but for some years past was residing in a semi-detached cottage, on the outskirts of the town, supporting herself out of a small annuity obtained out of house property. Deceased was last seen alive at 5 o'clock on Christmas Day. The neighbors, surprised at finding her deor closed until late on St. Stephen's day, drew the attention of the police to the circumstances. On bursting open the door the poor woman was found seated in a chair in front of the fireplace dead. A jury having been sworn, it was found that deceased died from "old age, and the visitation of God."

held on Jan. 2nd, at Ennis to urge on the Government the necessity of making loans on more favorable terms than those now offered by the Board of Works. Resolutions to the effect were passed, and complaining of the delay caused by many restrictions in the present Acts of Parliament.

Actual famine.

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A peculiar form of fever—famine-fever it was called—began to show itself ever—where. A terrible dysentery set in as well. In some districts the people died in hundreds daily from fever dysentery, or sheer starvation. The districts of Skibbereen, Skull Westport and other the following the present Acts of Parliament.

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WATERFORD.

On December 30th one of the most severe storms that has visited the district great damage to house property in the city and districts. At daybreak the streets were found to be strewn with slates and portions of chimney-tops. Two vessels anchored in the harbor broke from their moorings, but fortunately escaped injury.

A cowhouse belonging to Mr. Thomas Kearney, residing some miles from the blown down, and two of his cows were killed.

ARMAGH.

A boating accident occurred near Lurgan, on Lough Neagh, on Dec. 26th, by which two men named Murphy and Grimes were drowned, and a third named Morrow o injured by his immersion in the water, so injured by his immersion in the water, that he is not expected to recover. On Dec. 30th while a boat containing three blue jackets was on their way from the Prince's Pier, Greenock, to her Majesty's ship Hercules, it capsized, and the three men were thrown into the water. Two were rescued, but the third, named William Carpenter, twenty years of age, belonging to Plymouth, was drowned. Deceased was employed in the paymaster's

DOWN.

officers to grant outdoor relief to ablebodied destitute persons; and the second was the convening of a special meeting on the 6th instant to consider the propriety of borrowing a large sum of money from the Board of Works, to be laid out on works that will give immediate relief to the distressed laborers and small farmers.

GALWAY.

that the misery of Irelend touched "even the heart of the Turk at the far Dardanelles, and he sent her in pity the alms of a beggar." It was true that from Turkey, as from most other countries, had come contributions toward the relief of Irish distress. At the same time there were some very foolish performances gone through in Dublin under the sanction and patronage of the Lord Lieutenaux; the

we have, both in Paris and the country, equal sufferings, which impose a heavy tax upon the charity of every Frenchman, and especially on land-owners. I am obliged, therefore, to limit my offering to a small sum. As a token of sympathy for the victims of the harvest in your country, I have instructed Messrs. Coutts to send you the sum of £10."

MAYO.

A process-server in the employ of Mr. Tuohy, on Dec. 27th, attempted to serve notices of ejectment to the tenants on the estate near Kilmactigh, when he was attacked by a large number of women and children, who pursued him and pelted him with stones. He succeeded in reaching the constabulary barracks at Kiltimagh without receiving much injury and appropriate the constabulary barracks. without receiving much injury, and was accompained by a number of constabu-lary to the scene of the attack, when he succeeded in serving three writs. The tenants, however, declared their determination of not paying rent unless they re-ceive 25 per cent. reduction. On the pro-perty of Mrs. Ruane, Ballyvary, Balla, an attempt was made by the process-servers, aided by a number of police, to serve an ejectment, but they were forcibly resisted by a body of men who prevented the officers from performing their duty.

THE FAMINE IN IRELAND.

A HISTORY OF WANT AND SUFFERING

BY JUSTIN MACCARTHY.

The Irish peasant with his wife and his family lived on the potato. Hardly in any country coming within the pale of civilization was there to be found a whole peasant population dependent for their living on one single root. When the potato failed in 1845 the life-system of the people seemed to have given way. At first it was not thought the failure must necessarily be anything more than partial. But it soon began to appear that for at least two seasons the whole food of the peasant population and of the poor in towns wa absolutely gone. Lord John Russell' Government pottered with the difficulty rather than encountered it. In their excuse it has to be said, of course, that the calamity they had to meet was un cedented and that it must have tried the sources of the most energetic and fore-seeing statesmanship. Still the fact re-mains that the measures of the Government were at first utterly inadequate to the occasion, and that afterward some of them were calculated to make bad wors Not a country in Ireland wholly escaped the potato disease, and many of the Southern and Western counties were

offered by the Board of Works. Resolutions to the effect were passed, and complaining of the delay caused by many restrictions in the present Acts of Parliament.

The tenants on the estate of Mr. Henry Trench, Roscrea, who refused to pay their rents because of the unwillingness of the proprietor to give a reduction, and who are situated at Shanaheamore, Kildysart, have received notification through the bailiff on the property that a reduction of 10 per cent. in the rents yet uncollected will now be made to those who pay or clear up the half gale promptly. The tenants refused to comply with the terms laid down without at least a reduction of 20 per cent.

WATERFORD. some charge of wilful murder against Lord John Russel, or the Lord Lieutenant, or some other official whose supposed neglect was set down as the cause of the had to show an immense activity in the introduction of coercion bills and other repressive measures. It would have been impossible that in such a country as Ireland a famine of that gigantic kind should set in without bringing crime of violence along with it. The peasantry had always

THE LAND TENURE SYSTEM they had always been told, not surely without justice, that it was at the bottom of all their miseries; they were now under the firm conviction that the Government could have saved them if it would. What wonder, then, if there were bread riots and agrarian disturbances? Who can now wonder, that being so, that the Government introduced exceptional measures of repression? But it certainly had a grim an neartening effect on the spirit of the Irish people when it seemed as if the Government could potter and palter with famine, but could be earnest and energetic when devising coercion bills.

Whatever might be said of the Govern-

ment, no one could doubt the good will of the English people. In Liverpool, for ex-ample, a great number of the merchants of the place laid down a thousand pounds powers to borrow money for the purpose. A main sewer is now being constructed and over fifty men are kept in employment. The Shannon drainage scheme is giving employment to five hundred laborers, whose average weekly wages is eleven shillings.

LONGFORD.

On December 25th a man named

DOWN.

In the house of a man named Arthur Connor, in the townland of Derryeraw, near Newry, the Newry police discovered and seized a private distilling apparatus. When the police entered the house a little girl was making off with the worm, concealed in a bag. The utensils were brought to Newry. A prosecution will be instituted against Connor. ace laid down a thousand pounds The Quakers in England sent over began to be poured in from all countries.

On Dec. 31st, at the meeting of the Cavan Board of Guardians, two very important resolutions were passed, in consequence of the serious distress. The first was to the effect that the Local Cavan Board of the serious distress. quence of the serious distress. The first is alleged, a man named Peter He died in half an hour after. has been arrested.

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