

THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Malls from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Dr. Howley, Bishop of Newfoundland, at Maynooth. A Characteristic Speech—Cambridge University and Catholic Education—A Second Important Step in the Right Direction.

At the Ballymalinch Petty Sessions Samuel Scott was charged by Constable Donaldson with having been drunk and disorderly for cursing the Pope, and with assaulting Patrick Olemager, a Catholic employed at the waterworks. The chairman said such conduct was serious and calculated to lead to a riot, and the spot was fenced with wire and a lock put down such riotousness. A fine of £10 and costs was bound over to keep the peace for twelve months.

The House of Commons has negatived without a division Mr. Johnston's attempt to procure the rejection of the settlement arrived at by the Belfast Committee in regard to Catholic claims. The exhibition of intolerance to which Mr. Johnston treated the House was not, however, without its uses, and Sir James Hackett, who is quite as bigoted and narrow minded as the gentleman from Ballykilbeg, though he is a little more out, thought it necessary to make a show of accepting the arrangement with as good grace as possible. There was a sinister ring, however, in the observations of Mr. Arnold Foster. He indicated plainly that the Orangemen would take the same measure to prevent the representation of the Catholics on the Council that had proved so effectual in the case of West Belfast. The Orange workman would be transplanted into the two wards in sufficient numbers to return Orange councillors.

A very pertinent question of Mr. McCarren elicited from the Chief Secretary some interesting figures regarding 48 cases in the County Armagh in which second judicial rents had been fixed. The aggregate of the original rents was £820. The first reduction pulled them down by close on £200, and the second by very nearly the same sum.

On June 25 a fatal accident occurred on the Great Northern Railway at the Metal Bridge near the Omagh railway station, when a man named E. C. Schultz, an artist and decorator (a German), lost his life.

A successful bazaar was held in Blarney on June 23rd and 24th in the grounds of Blarney Castle in aid of Father Lynch's church. Two agricultural tenancies named John Croxty and Daniel Croxty have been evicted from the lands of Ballyanno, a mile from Middleton, for non-payment of £50, two years' rent. The landlord was Lord Middleton.

A great shock was felt in Cork on June 23rd by the news of the death of Mr. J. M. Fitzgibbon, managing director of the Munster and Leinster Bank. The circumstances under which it occurred are particularly painful and distressing. Mr. Fitzgibbon left Cork for Crosshaven, where he has been staying at Conit terrace for the season. He arrived at his seaside home at 4.30 o'clock, and at once took out a new Enfield Safety bicycle which he had purchased a few days ago and then walked the machine from his house to the level opposite the coastguard station, where he mounted it. He was not very expert as a cyclist having learned only during the present season. He rode slowly along the road in a level part of the road when found was unconscious. He never rallied.

The following letter appears in The Spectator: Sir—In a notice, excellently intended to be kind in The Spectator of June 6th, of a paper of mine in The Contemporary Review, you are good enough to draw the inference that the first root of Irish bitterness is jealousy of English success. Permit me to point out in the same page, and only a few sentences removed, you yourself furnish a far truer explanation of how even the best meant English patronage has its bitterness for us. You are dealing with a notice of the late Mr. J. A. Tukey, who, you generally remark, "did more for Ireland than most of her past agitators," and you refer to his "anxious solicitude" and you refer to how the peasants of Belmullet led him as to their children's graves, "as a good plan to excite sympathy," and get included in Mr. Tukey's congratulatory scheme. Whereupon your observation is: "Is not that Ireland?" I am afraid you rather lay yourself open to retort "Is not that England?" For what is the fact? The only person proved to have been guilty of fraud in reference to Mr. Tukey's assisted emigration scheme was not of the Belmullet peasant class, but a landlord of purely English blood named, I believe, Bird who was detected in the act of defrauding the Government of emigration grants by false representations. I am not aware that any Irishman has ever been guilty of such a deed. "Is not that, England?" still less hoped to obtain English goodwill by such a line of operation. I make no remark on Mr. Tukey's unhappy experiments in wireless emigration, although, having met some homeless mendicants in the streets of Toronto the victims of his unfortunate philanthropy, it would not be possible to draw from my experiences a useful moral as to English attempts to teach Irishmen their own business. Mr. Tukey's intentions were undoubtedly as excellent as your own.—I am, Sir, &c.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Mallow Cottage, Westport, Co. Mayo, June 16th.

The Lord and Lady Lieutenant are having the wedding cake for the marriage of her daughter, Lady Sophia Cadogan, made in Dublin, though the marriage is taking place in London. The cake is to be surmounted with a crowned Irish harp, and the floral decorations are to be orange blossoms and shamrocks only.

The Evening Mail announces that Lord Justice Fitzgibbon has resigned his position as a member of the Board of National Education. The Mail states that "his lordship is deeply incensed on account of the action of the Government in relation to the Irish share of the school grants, and his resignation is attributable to the suggestion by Mr. Hanbury that the National Education Commissioners, and not the Government, were responsible for the short payments that have been made." We are not surprised at the Lord Justice's action, says The Freeman, though we deeply regret it. He was one of the most efficient and most industrious members of the Board, and was absolutely fair and impartial towards all the interests with which he had to deal.

On the 19th of June a meeting was held at the Imperial Hotel in furtherance of the movement inaugurated amongst the past students of Blackrock College to erect a memorial to late Father Refse, who was for so many years connected with the French College, Blackrock.

The Dublin United Tramways Company have entered into an arrangement to acquire the undertaking of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Company at the price of £278,500.

A man named McGarry, of 13 Cinnamon street, attempted, it is alleged, to kill his wife Catherine McGarry, by cutting her throat. He had been drinking all morning, and on meeting his wife in Durham street it is alleged he drew a pocket knife from his pocket and attacked her.

On June 20 the Royal Irish Military Tournament was opened at Ballsbridge. There was a large attendance of spectators at the opening hour, who, seated on a row of benches which lined the area, formed an effective framework for the scene in which the several displays came off. At half-past two o'clock Field Marshal Lord Roberts arrived at Ballsbridge, and was received with cheers as he passed up to his seat.

The mimic warfare at Ballsbridge proved a serious affair on the second day for Sergeant Hart and Gunner Light, of the Royal Horse Artillery. The military spectacle or sham battle, which concludes each performance, was taking place. In this encounter two sections of the troop were engaged, and field pieces were employed on both sides, and while the battle was proceeding a heavy piece of ordnance—said to be a heavy pounder—was brought into play. Just as some of the infantry engaged were moving out of sight firing was heard in the distance, and the big guns came into action. During the sham fight the big guns fired several shots, and, as the programme naively added: "During the operations the wounded are attended by the Army Medical Service." Unfortunately the much-despised Army Medical Service men had to be requisitioned for more than mimic work. When the smoke of the sham battle had cleared off there were seen on the field the prostrate bodies of Sergeant Hart and Gunner Light. One lost an arm and the other his eyes.

We rejoice to learn that active steps are being taken to secure the due celebration of the 13th centenary of the great Saint Columba, which will take place next summer, says The Irish Catholic. It was on Sunday, the 9th June, A.D. 597, that the Dove of the North, in the steamer service, was called from earth to heaven, to receive the reward of a life recollection of the glory and the merit of which is destined to live for ever in the hearts of his people. It may be doubted indeed if, of all the saints whom Ireland has given to the Church—with the exception of St. Patrick—there has been one the memory of whose services and labors is so deeply enshrined in popular veneration as is that of the toils and efforts of St. Columba. Other servants of God are honored in various portions of the land, and their memory endures in the love and legends of sections of the people. In the case of St. Columba, however, things are different. Like St. Patrick and St. Malachy and St. Brigid, he is pre-eminently a national saint. Go where the traveler may—into Ulster, Munster, Leinster or Connaught—let him mingle with our peasantry when and where he will, he will find everywhere the same undying, unchangeable reverence for St. Columba.

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At a meeting in the Mans on House on June 26 presided over by the Archbishop of Dublin, Mr. Wm. Field, M. P., proposed a resolution. "That the meeting pledge itself to support the project of establishing a Catholic Boys Home as a memorial to the late Canon Daniel." It appears that Mr. Tener, who is chief instrument of the Marquis of Clanricarde in the extermination of his tenants over the vast estate that is cursed by his ownership in the county of Galway while engaged in "this devil's work" (the words are those of the Attorney-General for Ireland) for the last three years, has cost the public just £9,000 for his protection. By a refinement of cruelty these people are compelled to pay in rates for this encouragement to their own extirpation.

The Right Honorable Earl Clonmel died on June 19th at his residence, Bishops court, about three miles from Naas. His lordship, who had been away for a short period, returned on the 6th inst., and afterwards attended the races at Leopardstown. On the 10th inst. he took ill. The successor to the title will be Beauchamp Henry John Scott, born in 1847, and married in 1875 to Lucy, daughter of the late Mr. Anthony Wilson.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Leahy, formerly member of Parliament for Kildare. Mr. Leahy, who was very much respected, was elected to Parliament in 1860, and re-elected in 1865 and 1866.

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sentiments went towards the East and the old land rather than the West. The commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Phoebe Wolfe Tone was celebrated on June 22 at Bodonstown Churchyard, the last resting place of the patriot. There was an extremely large attendance, which included, besides the Dublin contingent, a large number of delegates from all parts of the County Kildare and other places. The Irish National Foresters turned out in great force from Dublin, and dressed in the insignia of their order presented a picturesque appearance. There were several bands also present from Dublin and other places. They included the Irish National Foresters, the Corporation Employes, Barrack street Band, Kilkool and Strifann Bands, &c. Delegates attended from the following places—Maryborough, Queen's County; Buttevant, County Cork; Naas, Caragh, Kill, Newbridge. And other places.

Michael Austin an English M.P., claimed five thousand pounds damages from the Central News, Limited, for stating in a report of a speech by plaintiff at Rathkeale that plaintiff asserted that he hoped the time was not far distant when every Irish constituency would elect men of John Daly's stamp. As Daly had been convicted as a dynamiter, the plaintiff contended that the innuendo was that he himself sympathized with dynamiters. Messrs Leng and Co., the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph," the "Birmingham Gazette," and "Norfolk News," were also included as defendants.

The jury, after about a quarter of an hour's consideration, found for the plaintiff, damages £1,000, which they divided thus—Central News Agency, £400; "Birmingham Gazette," £200; "Norfolk News," £100; "Sheffield Telegraph," £100.

An amusing case came before County Judge Curran at the Longford Criminal Quarter Sessions. Some twenty years ago a young man and a young woman who reside in the A-bayshrule district of the county began their love affairs. The young man in course of time emigrated to America but the lady still entertained the old love for him. On his return from America the friendship was renewed. According to the evidence the young woman, named Margaret McGary, gave him 10s 6d to buy the engagement ring, but the accused, Michael McCormick, had not spent the money in drink and gambling, as he was said to do, but he had not got the ring. The judge said if the prisoner were found guilty he would have ordered him to refund the 10s 6d, but the jury deprived him of that opportunity.

On the 19th, on the arrival of the 9.40 train at Amiens street with passengers from the Boyne regatta a considerable amount of excitement was occasioned when five respectable young men were arrested the moment the train reached the terminus. The persons taken into custody were Trinity College students, and some of them were members of the University Boat Club, which competed with marked success at the Drogheda Regatta. It is alleged by the railway company's officials, that the students behaved not only in a disorderly manner, but that they further did much damage to the carriages of the train.

On June 19 before County Court Judge Orr and a special jury, Miss Ellen M'Gorman, formerly a National school teacher, but at present a shopkeeper and dressmaker, residing near the village of Rookery, County Monaghan, sought to recover £250 damages from Michael Cassidy, a police constable stationed at Castle-shane, a village about three miles from Monaghan.

Miss Mary Anne Tate, one of the defendant's witnesses, a girl 16 years old stated—I never knew defendant to know him. I carried some letters addressed to the defendant, but I never delivered them (laughter). Miss M'Gorman gave me some letters addressed to the defendant last Tuesday. He came there to summon me to appear before the court. He wrote to me about the letters, but they were not affectionate ones (laughter).

Mr. Ross—Did Miss M'Gorman ever give you letters addressed to Cassidy? Witness—She did. Mr. Ross—What did you do with them? Witness—I opened them and read them. Defendant was then sworn and stated that he had never offered marriage to the plaintiff. He repudiated the letters.

His Honor, in directing a verdict for the defendant, said that Miss M'Gorman had been the victim of this little girl's acts. Miss M'Gorman firmly believed that the defendant had the intention of marrying her, and all this mischief and all the expense of this action had been the fault of this wretched little girl. The jury found for the defendant in accordance with the direction of the judge.

At the annual meeting of the Roscommon Town Commissioners, Mr. L. P. Hayden, M.P., was unanimously re-elected chairman of the board for the seventeenth time.

William Steele, secretary of the Tyrone tenant farmers' organization having forwarded to Mr. John Dillon a resolution adopted on the Land Bill, the Irish leader replied as follows:—

"I have received your letter of June 10th, enclosing a copy of the important resolutions passed at a meeting at which men of all political parties were present. I heartily agree with the views put forward in those resolutions; and I desire to draw the attention of all friends of the tenant farmers to the fact that the Government are not to be taken in by the resolutions which they could obtain would have dated from the period of their application to the Court. The Government refused to accept the amendment, although Mr. Balfour admitted that the rents fixed before 1887 were excessive, and had reduced if the tenants could now vote to enter the Land Courts immediately, and any reductions which they could obtain would have dated from the period of their application to the Court. 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