

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Wexford.

On Christmas Eve the work of eviction was carried out in Wexford, and in the bleak winter's day four families were flung out on the roadside, and to see two poor old women sitting outside the door of that home which is theirs, but from which they have been so ruthlessly thrown out by a cruel law, crying bitterly and loudly, is indeed a sad sight.

King's County.

Admiral Coote has given from 15 to 25 per cent. reduction to his numerous tenants in the Tullamore and surrounding districts. He has received his rents, and has ordered, at one of the large drapery establishments, a plentiful supply of warm clothing for those of his tenants requiring such.

Longford.

On Dec. 27, Messrs. R. Noud and Joseph Wilson, of Longford, attended a meeting of the tenants on the Grand estate, who have been recently refused a reduction suitable to their condition, and addressed an enthusiastic gathering of about 500 of them.

Waterford.

Rev. John Croft, P. P., of Crook and Passage, died at his residence, on Christmas Day, after a long illness, at an advanced age. Father Croft's first mission was in Waterford city, where he won golden opinions by his zeal and exemplary piety.

Cork.

The tenants on the McKenna and Lyrennagh property, in the parish of Meelin, county Cork, have lodged with trustees one year's rent, less 30 per cent. It appears the landlord, Mr. Lyaght, of Malwood, though giving 20 per cent. on last rent, would give no abatement this time.

Waterford.

Unless some of the Ulster landlords are more careful they will make a trouble for themselves. It was by insisting upon "rights," at all costs, and refusing to deal considerably, or even justly, with their tenants, that the landlords of the other three provinces raised the storm which they cannot quell; and although the Northern landlords are happy in their knowledge that the tenants are united, they may count too much upon this advantage.

Down.

On Dec. 23, at Newry, a sad drowning accident occurred, whereby a blacksmith, named John Wilson, lost his life. It appears that some porters who happened to be in the vicinity of the Godfrey Bridge, at Monaghan street, heard a man struggling in the canal close to the bridge.

Limerick.

The Earl of Kenmare has offered an abatement of 30 per cent. to his county Limerick tenants. The tenants, it is stated, have decided to accept that offer.

Galway.

On Christmas Eve, a force of forty police, under D. J. Tilly, Esq., of Cavan, under the command of A. M. Harper, Esq., R. M., proceeded to the townland of Tullytraut, near Clough, county Cavan, to evict three families on the estate of David Finlay, Esq., J. P., Bawnboy. The families were evicted last March, and were re-admitted as caretakers since that date, pending redemption, but they did not pay rent since, so at the last petty session, of Bawnboy, Mr. Finlay obtained decrees for possession, which were carried out, and some snow on the mountain; there was no opposition offered. One of the tenants paid two years' rent and was not evicted; the next third—Hugh Prior and his family—were turned out on the street.

Athens.

On Dec. 21, Miss Wall, Ardman, sister of the Rev. John Wall, and Miss Dean, of the parish of Thuzies, received the black veil, at the Convent of Mercy, Carick-on-Suir.

Clare.

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It is the fact that the policeman was engaged at the time in doing an illegal act—namely, trespassing on the field of the woman whom he was endeavoring, according to Mr. Moloney's showing, to choke. The whole incident arose out of the recent abortive attempt to evict Mr. Davoren, of Elton, county Limerick. The policeman had been trying to effect an entrance to Mr. Davoren's place by illegally trespassing on Miss Barry's field, but that plucky Limerick woman forbade him, as she had a perfect right to do.

Tipperary.

On Dec. 23, Deputy Sub Sheriff Quinn, assisted by bailiffs and the police, proceeded to the lands of Donohill, near Limerick Junction, to evict John Carow, a tenant holding 17 acres of land, for non-payment of four years' rent. Mr. Popham Bell, agent to Colonel Mansergh Walsh, was in attendance. The agent stated he would take any settlement at all which the tenant might make rather than evict him. The tenant said all he could give Mr. Bell was one year's rent. The agent said he would accept it. The eviction proceedings were accordingly abandoned.

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balliffs and a large squad of police, evicted at the suit of his father the Widow Mary Byrne, aged 75, her sickly daughter, and another daughter who has been deprived of her right reason. It was heartrending to witness in this season of peace the sad plight of this poor woman in tears while torn from her home by the Galway emergency men, and pitched out on the public streets of Athlone with all her little effects.

Some sheriff's officers, protected by about a hundred policemen under the command of two district inspectors, visited Killybeggan on Dec. 27th, for the purpose of evicting Michael Fordham, at the suit of Mr. Dolphin, of Loughrea, the tenant owing three years' rent, amounting to £24. Chapel bells were rung and horns blown. About five hundred people answered the call, but they did not interfere with the sheriff's men. Fordham was admitted as caretaker. The police and sheriff's men next proceeded to the farm of a man named Donohoe, on the property of Mr. Begot, with the object of making a seizure for rent, but no stock was to be found. The people became so violent the police were ordered to charge them.

A meeting of the priests of Lord Dillon's estate was held at the presbytery, Ballybeggar, on December 26th. The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—1. That we deeply regret the refusal of Lord Dillon to notice the reasonable request of his tenants for an abatement on this year's rent. 2. That we have viewed with entire approval their determination in the circumstances to combine for their self-preservation and protection. 3. That we have held from the outset that the course which they adopted for this purpose is just and justifiable, we now declare that nothing has occurred to change our belief. 4. That accordingly their further and persevering efforts will have our cordial sympathy and approval.

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THE PROPAGATION OF SIN.

WHY BISHOP WATTERSON THINKS THE WORLD IS GROWING WORSE. The representative of a secular paper interviewed Bishop Watterson, of Columbus, prior to his visit to Rome, and in response to the question why sin was spreading so rapidly in the world, the Bishop gave the following response: "As a Catholic prelate, he, of course, blamed much evil on secular schools and the faraway ministrations of the Protestant clergy. He drew an unpleasant picture of the viciousness which is daily increasing and the immorality which is dragging down thousands to shameless graves. 'You have no idea,' he said, 'of the evil which is in the world—the secret sin which has become universal. * * * And you ask the cause. I answer the lack of religious education. It was Washington who said a century ago, 'let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that natural morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles.' Now, why is it that Protestant ministers are not able to keep a controlling hold on the young men and women of their sects? This insufficiency they are feeling more and more keenly every day, so much so that here and there though against the law they have tried to introduce religion in some form or other into the public schools.'"

"Are you in favor of the Bible in the public schools?" I asked. "No, for the Bible is a dead book. It needs an interpreter. There is much in the Bible which should not be given to school children. Why is it that with all the boasted benefits of a school system, which secular instruction is divorced from religion, our trial by jury is falling into disrepute? The law requires that jury-men shall be intelligent, and our school system is supposed to make them so; but it requires much more, that they shall be men of sound, moral principles, at least, and our school system does not make them so. What makes our courts of justice so often a mockery, but the lack of true principles of ethics and religion, which must underlie all law and influence its administration?"

"With all our boasted intelligence, why is it that politics have grown so vulgar and disreputable, that now 'the post of honor is the private station'—with our high standard of popular education and the enlightened use of the elective franchise, why is it that bribery and corruption are every day becoming more common and brazened?"

The Bishop regretted that infidelity was on the increase; that it was evident in the literature, in the sensational press, in the profane sensuous ideas of marriage, in licentious social relations. And he said further: "Why is it that divorce, adultery, fornication, foeticide and infanticide are so frequent? With all our advantages, our education, our infidelity, materialism, indifference, irreligion and immorality are on the increase, because, as a rule, education and religion do not go hand in hand. If even gross exterior crimes are not diminishing with the spread of mere secular culture, what shall we say of hidden and more disastrous immorality? And if even with all the checks of religion, people are sometimes led astray by the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, what would become of them without these restraints? If such things are done in the green wood, what would become of them without these resources done in the dry?"

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THE OLD CLOCK.

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In front of the fire sat an old woman, grey-haired, wrinkled, feeble. The clock did not disturb her, she watched the fitful flames on the hearth and thought. "But it's excusable on this night, the clock, in softer 'Highly! but it's the last day of year! Three hours more and done with it. You and I are a watch the old year out together, see! How many years have I seen go! Forty—exactly forty years. That's a long, long time." The woman rocked gently to and by with the clock's sudden outbursts.

"What! Tears in your eyes. Come! but that's no way to end the year, you were thinking of the same thing, was a good and loving husband, say this for both of you, that heard one unpleasant word between us twenty years since he died. I look into his face on any bed, and if Heaven ever sent it lead a soul across the dark valley given to him. I remember you and moans and sobs, and you pray death might come to you as well. The woman wiped her tears away, there was a feeling of suffocation, let memory bring up the events of years.

"Eight—nine—ten!" called after awhile. "How times does it seem scarcely a month since striking the last hours of last year, I see! Some one wept with you beside. There was a son and a daughter, now I recall their faces—the way—their loving words. I recall there was another death—beats and sobs, and I saw the pale as they carried the daughter to the house. It seemed as if I must crush you, and I well remembering to myself that it wouldn't before you were called to go." The woman held her face in her hands and sobbed.

"Come! Come!" chided the "Death is ever busy, and it must each and every one. The past is what we must put behind us. How it that you are alone to-night! The son of whom I spoke?" The woman choked back her tears, her lips moved as if she were speaking of her dead ones. For minutes her reverie was unbroken, heard not the tick-tack! tick-tack steady old clock.

"Nine—ten—eleven!" sudden the clock. "The son! Ah! how minded I have become! Well, I remember the way a woman who frightened eyes opened the window a letter which bore news of death. You open it with trembling fingers, and the next moment were like one dead. These days and days when you hovered life and death, and for my part, all hopes. Died in a foreign land among strangers over the sea, but I hope aimed at a heart twice broken. The woman covered her face in her hands and sobbed.

"Don't grieve so; the dead are forevermore. Life's mistakes are to be washed away with tears, and I have respected their reward, are old and poor and broken, but tell what new friends the New Year raise up for you! I can not forget the past, for a mother's love goes out for her dead, but the I may have more sunshine. Come, am about to strike the Old Year in the New Year in. Let us greet with a smile of welcome as eleven—twelve—a happy New Year!"

The woman did not move. "Highly!" called the clock; left the old behind!" Her hands had dropped beside her head had fallen.

"Dead!" ticked the clock, a faint echo of his bell died away. "Verily, it is so! The Old Year her soul from earth to eternity!" Ere Press.

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