THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

which had been interrupted, but the women and happy, why, from the bottom of his heart he thought that it would be better to leave the matter stand as it was. Then Boycott was terribly mad, for he could not get a process server for love or money. But a happy thought struck him, and he wrote to the English newspapers saying that his fences were pulled down and destroyed, and that he was otherwise persecuted because he was a Protestant. A nice Protestant Boycott was, a man who could not speak half-a-dozen words without swearing. Boycott had a num. ber of rules for the management of his cwn estate. His laborers were being continually fined for several trifling things, such as being two or three minutes late, although they worked 12 hours a day, leaving a gate open behind them, etc., until their wages would be reduced from \$2.25 per week to an average of \$1.75. (Groans.) In reference to Boycott's fences being pulled down, he (Redpath) had passed by his estate the day after the complaint had been made and found the fences and gates all right, (applause,) and twelve constables guarding the property. But the people were exasper-ated by his treatment of them, and when his wife next went down to the village to make purchases she could find no one willing to sell her anything. Boycotting thus began. The landlords, however, had welcomed the religious cry with fervor, for in it they thought they saw a way to fight the Land League. So they brought down fifty Orange loafers from Ulster, and British Government had to prothe tect them with 1,000 soldiers. And how had Boycott welcomed his saviors? Well, as the people refused to sell anything for either the soldiers or Orangemen he was enabled to sell them the potatoes they were digging at fourpence a stone. (Laughter and applause) It cost the Government \$50,000 to dig a few acres of potatoes, and, therefore, it was a matter for serious calculation how much it would cost to gather the crops belonging to ene-mies of the Land League throughout the country. (Cheers.) He would tell them how the name "Boy cotting" originated. The social ostracism to which Boycott had been subjected seemed to auswer the purposes of the people so well that it was resolved to adopt it generally. He had consulted with Father John in regard to a name for the new plan, for the word "os:racism " did not express the full meaning and was not otherwise considered suitable. "If you will suggest a name" said he (Redpath) to Father John, "I will put it into everybody's mouth and make it known throughout the world." Then Father John after thinking deeply for a few moments, suddenly brightened up and said that he thought the name "Boycott," besides making its owner famous or infamous, would be a perfectly fitting word, and so the

name was adopted (cheers). What had the Land League done for Ireland? What had it achieved in the interests of a misruled people. The Land League was the grandest movement in the history of Ireland, for the unity and patriotism of its purpose and for the strength and intelligence of its organization. It had reduced the rents to Griffith's valuation, and had thereby saved millions to the robbed peasants-and this he looked upon as the greatest victory ever obtained since the days of Catholic Emancipation. (Applause). It had kept thousands of the poor and destitute Irish from falling victims to forced starvation and going down to untimely graves. It had taught the lrish tenants that they had other interests to look after than those of the landlords, and that they were no longer at the will of that tyrannical class. (Cheers). It had made the laws which might be favorable to and protect the tonant, but which were efficacy. It goes simply on its merits as a influence of landlordism; it had made these laws live letters. It had restrained the people of Ireland; it had kept them within the legal and constitutional limits of action. The great London daily, the Times, a most infamous sheet, and as bad, if not worse, than the New York Herald, (hisses and groans) in its dealings with the Irish people had said that there were two Governments in Ireland. and that that of her Majesty was scarcely recognized. Yes, the Land League was the Government of the land, for it had greater power and exercised a more salutary in fluence than the English Government; and what was more, it was the greatest conservative power in the British Empire, for the object of the patriot Davitt (here three cheers were given for Davitt) in founding this movement was to preserve the land to the people, and to have Ireland for the Irish. (Immense and enthusiastic cheering.) The Land League had finally roused the spirit of the nation ; it had roused the manbood of Ireland such as it never had been since 700 years. It was a manhood awake to its rights, and bent on liberty and justice. It was a manhood, self-contained, cool, courageous and defiant. (Great applause.) Now, who were, and what were, the leaders of this great national agitation? He was an American abolitionist himself; he had worked to free the slaves; he had been in constant communication and contact with the greatest defenders of justice and humanity of the day; they all knew such men as Lyod Garrison and Wendell Phillips, whose sincerity in the cause of freedom no one ever doubted, and whose love for mankind was universal. Well, these men were now equalled by the leaders of the Irish people, who were working in a | \$1.00 per annum in advance. similar cause and were animated with a similar spirit. Parnell, Davitt, Dillon, Sullivan, and their associates would be as true to the cause of oppressed Ireland as the American agitators were as true to the cause of the slave. (Enthusiastic applause.) He could speak in this strain for he personally knew all the Irish Leaders and was thus in a position to compare the leaders of the two agitations, both in the interests of justice and humanity, and he was satisfied that the honesty and sincerity of the one were as great as those of the others. (Applause and cheers for the Irish Leaders.) Landlordism was on the wane in Ireland, and it was time, for during the last 700 years it had not only blighted the land but it had made slaves of the people-it had sunk them in ruin and povwould soon he swept out of existence, and they all must be its executioners. (Great cheering.) The Irishmen who got rich in Canada or the United States and who did not wish to recognize the Land Lesgue, would receive, as he might imagine, no respect or admiration from his fellow-citizens of other nationalities, but would be the laughing stock of all. The Irish people, he could tell them, would never be satisfied until they saw their own Irish Parliament once more sitting in Uollege Green in Dublin, (Applause.) And there was no reason why they should not, except a brutal power stopped them. He would ask them to sustain the Irish people in their demands, until Home Rule, such as existed here in Canada, was granted to their fellowsubjects across the sea. And if the Irish people failed in obtaining fair, just and adequate concessions, if their demands remained unheeded, in fact if they were not made free

told his wife that if he came a ain they and with the whole mergy of his soul he would leave their doors ajar and deluge him would wish and strive to see a Republic with boiling hot water when he attemp ed to established in Ireland, and to see the green nail up a process, and she told him, and then flag float free over a free people and an independent nation.

The cheering which followed was deafen-ing; it seemed if the enthuisiasm of the brilliant and thronged audience knew no limits -Mr. Redpath had finished his lecture.

Messrs. F. A. Quinn, J. C. Fleming, and C. J. Doherty, being each called upon by the audience, made a few remarks, the tenor of which was gratitude to Mr. Redpath for his instructive lecture, a confidence that his prophecies concerning Ireland and the Irish would be fulfilled, and a wish that those present would be strengthened in their duty to their country by the story of the past sufferings and present struggle of their countrymen at home.

Three cheers were then given for Mr. Redpath, the entire audience rising to its feet in so doing, after which the assemblage dispersed.



The TRUE WITNESS has within the past year made an immense stude in circulation, and if the testimony of a large number of our subscribers is not too flattering it may also claim a stride in general improvement.

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THE TRANSVAAL.

THE DISASTER TO THE 54TH REGIMENT-THE PRE-MIER ON THE SITUATION-MORE TROOPS FOR THE CAPE.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Jan. 5 .- Capt. Laubert, lately a prisoner at Heidelberg, has just arrived. He was released on parole with Cap. Elliott. Both were sent to Orange Free State unarmed, but when crossing the Vaal River the boers who accompanied them fired on them, and killed Elliott. Sixty two prisoners of the 54th Regiment, released by the Boers, are on their way down. Captain Lambert gives the following account of the disaster to the 54th :- On the road from Pret ria to Sydenburg the detachment was met by two men with a letter, summoning the colonel to surrender in two minutes. The colonel refused, and formed his men, when fire was immediately opened on all The officers were almost insides. stantly shot down, and the force disabled. The colonel then ordered a surrender. Eighty-six men were buried on the field, and 26 have since died. Lambert estimates the number of Boers at Heidle berg at 8,000. He met a large number of Boers going in from Orange Free State. The commanding efficer at Newcatle reports that 3,000 Boers entered Natal and took up a strong position on the road to Transvaal about five miles within the border. They are pushing the patriots to points 10 miles from Newcastle.

Mr. Gladstone, repiying to a letter relative to the Transvaal, says : "I am assured that when full information is presented to Parliament, the Government's desire to act with an impartial regard to the interest and rights of all parties concerned will be appreciated." London, Jan. 6 .- The Boers' treacherous slaughter of the 54th Regiment is officially confirmed by despatches received at the War Office.

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