

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

CAVAN.

On Aug. 26th, an imposing demonstration in support of the National League was held at Cotehill, County Cavan, and was addressed by Messrs. Biggar, J. J. O'Kelly, and Arthur O'Conner, M.P.'s.

CORK.

The Kanturk people are up and doing in more matters than one. They are determined that the landlord privileges shall be shared with the people, or be no more. Therefore, they have organized a club to hunt hares everywhere in Duhallow, and if their project is stopped so will the landlord's prerogative to chase the wily Reynard also.

At the Kanturk Petty Sessions, on August 22nd, several persons were fined for forming a gathering during the sale of some cattle seized for rent. On the occasion the police charged on the crowd with drawn bayonets, but were stopped by some inhabitants, who implored of them to desist. Some persons were seriously injured, and one of those who were fined, narrowly escaped being cut open by a bayonet.

DERRY.

In Derry city, in the present official list, the Parnellites have a hundred majority. They have, in addition, made 923 claims, to 414 of their opponents, and have lodged a slightly larger number of objections. They calculate on 500 majority when the revision is over.

DOWN.

The Orangemen of the North seem determined to test their full capacity for rowdiness, the patience of their Catholic fellow-countrymen, and the leniency of the local justices. One of the latest exploits of a bevy of bigots was to celebrate the Relief of Derry by attacking the chapel at Magheralin, smashing the windows, and then exercising their rowdy humor and indulging in their anti-Catholic propensities in assailing the house of the respected priest of the parish, Father McGrath.

At the weekly meeting of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, in the Cathedral, Hill Street, Newry, on Aug. 23rd, the Rev. P. McCartan, Adm., Spiritual Director, referred at considerable length to the organization of the National League in Newry, and hoped that, in view of the coming general election, the Catholics of Newry would recognize the importance of joining the National League, and thus co-operate in the great work for the welfare of Ireland.

DUBLIN.

On August 27th, while some Christian Brothers, staying at Baldoy, were bathing at the Kosh strand, they were swept out by the current. The water was very rough at the time, but Mr. James Egan, who was in a boat, and saw the predicament of the bathers, immediately went to their assistance. He succeeded in rescuing five, but one young man, Brother John McCowan, sank before any aid could reach him, and was drowned.

The General of the Franciscan Order at Rome has been pleased to appoint Very Rev. J. A. Jackson as Provincial of the Order in Ireland; Very Rev. P. D. Kehoe, Guardian of the Order in Wexford. Both reverend gentlemen held the same appointments during the past year.

FERMANAGH.

The National League organization has been doing sound work in Fermanagh. The vigilance of the local branches has been such that over 1,000 claims and 250 objections of a reasonable character have been lodged in the popular interest. The enemies' agents, on the other hand, have merely ventured to urge 200 claims, while their objections amount to fourteen! Thus the Nationalists continue to have such a bright outlook in the county that "garrison" audacity might well slink back in despair.

GALWAY.

Dr. Burke, of Loughrea, died on Aug. 20, aged 43 years. The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Richard Burke, Esq., of Roxborough. He was a magistrate of the county, and enjoyed the esteem and respect of all who knew him.

On Aug. 11, at the meeting of the Galway Harbor Commissioners, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Commissioners of Irish Lights, inquiring what progress had been made with the improvements in the harbor, which prevented their lighting the bay last Autumn. It was then in contemplation to make Mutton Island a convict settlement, and carry out vast improvements to the harbour by convict labour, and consequently the Harbor Commissioners delayed the matter of properly lighting the bay. The Chairman suggested that they should ask the Commissioners of Irish Lights to continue the work of lighting the bay, as there was no likelihood that the government would take any immediate steps to carry out the improvements then in contemplation.

KERRY.

On August 21st, the tenants of Charles W. Stoughton met at his country residence, Ballinac, to pay their rent. They demanded a reduction to meet the present depression. Mr. Stoughton heard their complaints, but refused giving a reduction. The tenants are of opinion that Mr. Stoughton's refusal was in a great measure due to visits he had from

three pettyfogging landlords on the previous days who treated their tenants in a similar manner; they all left in a body without paying.

KING'S COUNTY.

The Rev. Canon Horan died on Aug. 21st, at 5 Pall Mall, Victoria Road, Southsea. Not only among the Catholics of the diocese of Portsmouth, with and for whom the deceased Canon has worked for the past thirty years, but also by followers of all creeds throughout Portsmouth, and, indeed, wherever his worth was known, will the sad event be genuinely deplored. He was born in the parish of Tullamore, King's County, Ireland, in 1834. Canon Horan studied at All Hallows College, Dublin, and St. Edmund's College, Hertfordshire, and was ordained priest in 1857, and labored in connection with the mission at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chislehurst.

LEITRIM.

The "fixed faith and stubborn strength that strive unto the end" can beat down, among other things, Irish landlordism. After a long and weary struggle Colonel Tottenham has had to capitulate and accept terms from his Kiltyclogher tenants. This great victory shows how irresistible the national will is when it has unbroken union and resolute earnestness on its side. These Kiltyclogher tenants, to the number of 47, were evicted by Colonel Tottenham nearly five years ago.

LOUTH.

Arrangements are being perfected for holding a public meeting in Dunleer for the purpose of forming a branch of the Irish National League, which will include the principal districts of South Louth.

The Very Rev. Clement Hyland, O. S. E., Guardian of the Franciscan Convent in Drogheda, has been transferred to Waterford to fill the same office in that city. For the last four years Father Hyland has governed the Franciscan Order as Guardian, and he leaves Drogheda—his native town—amid the heartfelt regrets of every class, and leaving behind him a record of meekness, piety, and zeal which endeared him to every one.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Redwood, Bishop of Wellington, is staying at St. Mary's College, Dundalk, where he is the guest of the Marist Fathers. His Lordship is a member of the order himself, and was well-known in connection with the college in the town some years ago as a distinguished professor and an eloquent orator. In the latter capacity he has made a brilliant reputation in the Antipodes, as well as in his own diocese of Wellington.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Mr. R. Lalor, the member for Queen's County, has not written to Mr. Parnell stating his intention to resign. If his health should continue good he will be called upon to offer himself as a candidate. Should he see his way to so doing, he will represent the Eastern Division of the Queen's County, and Mr. A. O'Connor the Western Division. The Conservatives met at Maryborough, and decided not to contest the county at the general election.

TIPPERARY.

At a recent meeting of the Loughmore Branch of the National League, it was announced that a farmer named Fanning had decided to relinquish a holding which the former tenant had surrendered, as he considered the rent excessive. General satisfaction was expressed at the action of Mr. Fanning in the matter.

The Very Rev. Father Slattery, who has been Guardian at the Abbey Church, in Galway, for the past three years, has been promoted to the office of Definitor of his Order, and will reside in Dublin, attached to the Church of Adam and Eve, Merchant's Quay. Father Slattery is one of the most accomplished clergymen in the Irish Church.

Mr. William Bredin, J.P., Castleguard, Limerick, attended, on August 28, at a house in Meeting street, Tipperary, to receive the rents of the Killea tenants. He volunteered an abatement of fifteen per cent. The tenants to a man demanded that the rents should be at the valuation, which was refused by the agent, who said he would enforce the payment. The tenants said they had to borrow money to make up the rent at the valuation, which, if the agent refused now, he certainly would not get the chance of refusing again, for they would hand back the borrowed money, and in future would only pay what they had left after discharging their lawful engagements. The agent retired without accepting the valuation.

A great demonstration took place on Sunday, August 23rd, at Mullinahone, County Tipperary, in celebration of the anniversary of the poet-patriot Kickham, who lies buried there. Deputations attended from all parts of Tipperary, from the cities of Limerick and Cork, and all the surrounding districts.

At the weekly meeting of the Guardians of the Poor of the Clonmel Union, on August 27, Edmund O'Donnell, Esq., V.C., in the chair, more than the average number of the Guardians were present. On the consideration of an estimate for the supply of water for the electoral division of Kilsheelan, Mr. James O'Donnell, Guardian for the division, whilst addressing the chairman, was noticed to stagger, and Messrs. T. J. Condon, E. Murphy, and D. P. O'Mahony at once rushed to his assistance. Mr. Boland, the master of the workhouse, promptly sent for medical officers (who were professionally engaged in the hospital), and every aid that medical skill could be used was administered, but without avail, as the vital spark had fled. The medical officers pronounced that cause of death was disease of the heart.

WATERFORD.

The roller system of flour milling is slowly, but steadily gaining ground throughout Ireland, as millers are learn-

ing that by its adoption they may hope to successfully compete with their American and Continental rivals. A fine mill has been refitted with the new apparatus by Mr. John Brown, of Kilmacow, near Waterford, who has turned an abundant water supply to account by the introduction of a turbine wheel, twenty-seven inches in diameter, capable of developing 105 horse power. Most of the Dublin millers have also introduced the roller system, and it is plain that the days of the old-fashioned stones are numbered. On August 22, Mr. John O'Leary and Mr. P. N. Fitzgerald broke the journey from Dublin to Mullinahone at Waterford, where they met with a very cordial reception. A deputation from the Thomas Francis Meagher branch of the Young Ireland Society welcomed them at the railway station, and were afterwards entertained at dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Messrs. Richard Power and P. J. Power, M.P.'s, being also among the guests. Later on, a meeting was held at the Young Ireland Society's rooms, Mr. R. Power, M.P., presiding. An address of welcome was then read to Mr. O'Leary by the Society's honorable secretary, Mr. Thomas Hogan.

WEXFORD.

On August 21st, Mr. J. A. Scott, Gorey, and Mr. John J. Keating, Moneyvore, visited her Majesty's prison, Wexford, for the purpose of seeing the now world-wide known "Kinsella Girls." The Governor received both gentlemen courteously, and informed them that only one of the sisters was in the prison at present, and that, according to the rules, he could allow only one person to visit her. It was then arranged that Mr. Keating should visit her. The Governor said that in this case he would not enforce the red tapeism of the prison rules, but that he would allow her to be seen in his own private office, and not as heretofore, in "the cage." Mr. Keating was then brought up to the Governor's office, and in a few moments Catherine Kinsella stood before him, accompanied by the matron of the female wards, who remained during the interview. And oh! such a picture of the plundered victims of brutal landlordism it would be hard to find. The poor creature almost wept with joy to see a friend from the outside world. She looks very thin and worn, but she said that she was in very good health.

WANDERING WHIMSECALITIES.

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men"

'Waiter, can you bring me a nice young chicken smothered in onions?' 'No, sah. We doesn't kill 'em dat way, sah. We cuts off d'er heads.'

Gay old gentleman to boy, on 12th birthday—'I hope you will improve in wisdom, knowledge and virtue.' Boy, politely returning compliment, totally unconscious of sarcasm—'The same to you, sir!'

'Johnny, are you ambitions to be a great man and have fame when you die?' 'Yes, teacher.' 'And how do you propose to become great?' 'Make enough money to build me a monument—and build it myself to make sure.'

Little girl (at Saratoga hotel at half rates)—'You may bring me a piece of tender loin steak, a French chop, Saratoga chips, sliced tomatoes and chocolate, and let the chocolate be strong and hot.' Waiter (to mother of little girl)—'Your order, madam, if you please.' Mother—'You may bring me the same.'

'Have you been kept in again at school?' asked an Austin father of his son, who came slinking home just at dark. 'Yes, sir. I didn't know my jography lesson.' 'Good heavens alive, boy, if you are kept in that way now, at a little one horse school, when you go to the university at Austin, you won't get home once every two or three years.'

Correct.

Teacher: So you can't do a simple sum in arithmetic. Let me explain it to you. Suppose eight of you together have forty-eight apples, thirty-two peaches and sixteen melons, what will each one of you have? 'Cholera morgus,' replied Johnny Fizzletop, who was addicted to that malady.

Couldn't Understand It.

Dumley—How are you getting on up at the Jones's; Featherly? Do you find Miss Clara as attractive as ever? Featherly (somewhat gloomingly)—Yes, although things are not as satisfactory as they might be. I call there seven times a week, but the dog, who used to be my bitter enemy, now seems to be the only one to give me a cordial welcome. I can't understand it.

"O, Lor' Hit' Im Again!"

In the early days of Methodism in Scotland, a certain congregation, where there was but one rich man, desired to build a new chapel. A church meeting was held. The old rich Scotchman rose and said: "Brethren, we dinna need a new chapel: I'll give £5 for repairs."

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