

of the Catholic Church in the kingdom of the Netherlands. This would be the commencement of the new organisation, consequent on the abolition of the Concordat of 1827, and of the convention of 1841, an organisation of which the Ministers of Justice and of Foreign Affairs have spoken on the discussion of the budget." On this the *Univers* remarks:—"It is well known that negotiations have been for some time going on between the Dutch government and the Holy See for the re-establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy in the Netherlands kingdom. According to the latest advices we have received, those negotiations were at length on the point of completion. But we do not know if things are so far advanced as the news given by the *Woodbrabant* would lead one to believe. The wishes of the Netherlands Catholics would be crowned on the day when Pius IX., meeting with no obstacle on the part of the government, shall be able to do for the Churches of Holland what he has done for the Churches of England."

CONCORDAT WITH AUSTRIA.—A Concordat is on the eve of being concluded between the Holy See and the Austrian government. Count Buol-Schauenstein, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Count Thun, Minister of Worship, with whom is joined for Ecclesiastical affairs Mgr. Rauscher, Archbishop of Leclan, have been charged with the negotiations in the name of the Emperor of Austria. His Excellence the Nuncio Apostolic, Mgr. Viale-Prela, has been designated by his Holiness the Pope.—*Univers*.

CONVERSIONS.—On the 10th Dec., the Count Pfeil von Diersdorf and M. Rochus von Roehow made their abjuration of Protestantism in the Cathedral of Breslau. Before entering the haven of the Church, these two distinguished men had explored all the phases of Protestantism, from Hegelian rationalism to the pietism of Spener. The awakening given by Silesian Protestantism, the compromise into which their Church entered during the last revolutionary tempests—a compromise by which it favored dena-gogy—the clamors raised against the missions and the Jesuits, and the noble conduct of the Catholic Episcopate, all these things contributed to inspire in them the desire of studying the doctrine of the Roman Church. They had become acquainted with the book of the "Imitation of Jesus Christ" in the school of Dr. Stahl; but as pietism had maimed the most beautiful book that ever came from the hand of man, by retrenching from it the fourth book, they wished to possess the whole of it, and to return to the Catholic Faith, in order to draw at their true source the waters springing up into life everlasting, of which they had had a foretaste in reading the first three books. What, in fact, becomes of piety without the generative dogma, so excellently treated in the fourth book of the Imitation? The flower deprived of its root withers very soon, and the most limpid water, when it becomes stagnant, corrupts. Thus piety has become among Protestants a vibration of the nerves, which has no more force except in hatred, and which knows not the chaste and sweet expansions of a confiding soul. "You have restored the crucifix to our churches," exclaims the Pastor Lutkemuller, addressing himself to the evangelical unionists; "be then logically consistent by restoring to them also the true Corpus Christi."—*Ibid.*

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

CHANCERY APPOINTMENT.—The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Francis Blackburne Martley to the office of chief clerk in the Registrar's office, Court of Chancery, in the place of Mr. John Kelly, who has resigned.

LEGAL APPOINTMENT.—Mr. J. Kemmis has been appointed Crown Solicitor for the Leinster circuit, in the room of his father, who has resigned the office.

CAYAN ELECTION.—It is said that Mr. W. Humphreys, of Ballyhaine, will contest the representation with Sir John Young, Chief Secretary for Ireland.

It was rumored yesterday evening that Baron Pennefather had at length consented to make way for Mr. Brewster—that the baron's son, Mr. Pennefather, was appointed to the Under Secretaryship—and that Mr. Keogh had been promoted to the Attorney-Generalship.—*Daily Express*.

THE IRISH PARTY.—In despite of the treasonable treachery of the leaders of the "Old Brigade," all is still right. Ireland will not be so easily trafficked in, or bartered away, as Messrs. Keogh, Sadler, O'Flaherty, and Co., in the folly of their self-sufficiency, vainly imagined. They have done their utmost to debauch and corrupt the public mind; but they have failed. We had our misgivings about the extent to which the defection from the ranks of the Irish party might proceed. But with the publication of the letters of Mr. Lucas and of Mr. Moore, and upon reading the opinions of the liberal people of Ireland, reflected in the columns of the metropolitan journals of the last few days, we feel thoroughly convinced that the "policy" of the Irish party has sunk too deeply into the national mind to be shaken by the ignoble desertion of a few. Ever since the deserters sought with might and main to "merge measures in the men," we have had our doubts about their designs. Ever since they started their own organ, on the false plea that the Catholic and national interests of Ireland were not in sufficiently safe keeping in the hands of the pre-existing metropolitan and provincial journals of the country, wise men had their misgivings. The first time our confidence in the "pea-green-incorruptible" of Galway was shaken, was when he had the hardi- hood to lecture the Clergy of Tuam because they had the discrimination to see, and the honesty to condemn the evil tendencies of the *Telegraph* speculation. However, it is needless now to continue any further recrimination. The people and Clergy of Tuam were never deceived in these men. The result has proved the wisdom and the sagacity of their conduct in separating the "principles" from the "men" of the "Brigade." All Ireland is now alive to the depth of the gulf of treachery which lay in their path. Thus forewarned is it to be in future forearmed.—*Tuam Herald*.

ATHLONE.—The petition against Mr. W. Keogh has not been withdrawn, consequently no new writ has been issued.

ATHLONE.—On the 9th ult., Mr. Keogh, the Solicitor-General for Ireland, paid an electioneering visit to his constituents at Athlone. He collected a number of electors and others at Rourke's Hotel; where he entertained them to a speech. The parting looks of the audience showed clearly their misgivings had not been removed by the eloquence of the right hon. and learned gentleman. More than one or two were heard to say he was "no longer the man for Connaught."

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW VICEROY.—The Earl of St. Germans, the newly-appointed Lord Lieutenant arrived in Kingstown, shortly before 12 o'clock on Thursday from Holyhead, in the Prince Arthur steamer, and was conveyed by special train to Westland-row, and from thence to the castle, in one of the Earl of Eglington's carriages, which was in waiting at the terminus. His entry was strictly private, and the hour of his arrival was only known by a few. A Privy Council was held at the Castle, at which the noble Earl was sworn in as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The ceremony of inaugurating Mr. Kinahan, the eminent wine and spirit merchant, as Lord Mayor of Dublin, took place on Saturday last with all due pomp and circumstance. The old glass coach was produced on the occasion, with the brilliancy of its best days renewed, and a long train of private carriages followed in the procession. The Town Council passed a cordial and merited vote of thanks to the out-going Lord Mayor, Mr. Darcy.

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY COMMITTEE.—The meeting of the Religious Equality Society took place on Wednesday, 12th ult., in Lower Sackville-street—Mr. George H. Moore, M. P., in the chair. Resolutions were adopted calling upon the Liberal Members and their constituencies to maintain an opposition to the new Government, "until they made religious equality a Cabinet question," and condemning and denouncing Messrs. Sadler and Keogh for having accepted office under such a Government. Opposition was given, but most unavailingly, by Mr. Sharkey and a few other gentlemen, who with Mr. Devoreux, M. P., for Wexford, left the meeting protesting against the proceedings.

MONUMENT OF THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN.—After a lengthened examination of the several designs and models submitted for this work, the committee have selected that of Mr. Thomas Farrell, a younger member of a distinguished family of Irish artists. The monument is to be erected in the Cathedral Church, Marlborough-Street. We heartily congratulate the young artist on his well-deserved success. The design is that of a kneeling figure vested in alb and cope.—The entire composition is beautifully expressive of the piety and sweetness of character of the illustrious Archbishop; and will, we are certain, when executed in marble, more than justify the choice of the committee. It is but fair towards the young sculptor to say that some of the most eminent artists in these kingdoms were competitors on this occasion.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY.—The vacancy created by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. O'Toole, as Vice-President of the Queen's College of Galway, is at last finally settled. The appointment of Joseph O'Leary, Esq., has been confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant.—*Galway Vindicator*.

We hear that Lord Annesley intends expending about £20,000 in the erection of a castellated mansion near Belfast.

MR. GAVAN DUFFY, M.P.—The Term Grand Jury returned a "true bill" of indictment in the Court of Queen's Bench, Dublin, on Wednesday, against Mr. Duffy, as proprietor of the *Nation*, for a libel upon Birch—the late proprietor of the defunct *World*—with reference to the celebrated trial in which Lord Clarendon and Sir William Somerville were involved.

MORE STIPENDARY MISREPRESENTATIONS.—A few weeks ago we noticed the discomfiture of the cabal who had secretly denounced Mr. Geo. H. Moore, M. P. to the late Government with reference to his magisterial conduct as a Justice of the Peace, in the County of Mayo. A similar game was played in Clare as appears from the following extract from a Dublin letter:—"Some weeks since an inquiry was held in Clare, by Sir Lucius O'Brien, the lieutenant of that county, under the direction of the government, respecting charges preferred by the local Tory party against Mr. Cornelius O'Brien, one of the present members for the county, Mr. John O'Brien late member for Limerick, and other magistrates, for their conduct in adjudicating at petty sessions on a charge arising out of some election squabbles. The *Evening Post* states that Sir Lucius O'Brien has forwarded his report to the government, and that the result is, "the entire case has broken down, and ended in a ludicrous failure." It is added that Mr. Franks, the stipendary magistrate, upon whose representation the inquiry had been granted by the government, has been removed from Clare to the Queen's County." We have not heard that the Mayo spies were either discharged or removed. It has been proved that they told wilful falsehoods in order to damage the character of the patriotic member for Mayo—and the interests of society demands that such calumniators should be dismissed or at least publicly reprimanded.

DEATH OF MR. ALEXANDER, M.P. FOR ANTRIM.—The Irish papers announce the death of this gentleman, which took place last week, caused by a violent attack of hydrothorax. He was only 37 years of age.

THE WEATHER.—Rain has been falling in torrents all this morning. The accounts from the country are becoming really alarming, and a destructive rot prevails amongst sheep.—*Tablet of Jan. 15.*

It appears by a statement in the *Northern Whig*, that within the last three years, flax cultivation in Ireland has increased from 53,000 acres to nearly 150,000 acres and that arrangements have been made by the Ulster Society to open flax markets next month in Cork, Limerick, Galway, Athlone, and New Ross, at which Belfast buyers regularly attend. Linen powerlooms are increasing, to meet the deficiency of weavers resulting from emigration, and the flax-spinning mills have been rapidly augmenting. The cotton trade is also extending in Ulster, and the muslin and embroidery branches have become a great staple of industry throughout the country, affording vast employment, especially to young females.

EXPORTATION OF SALMON.—The *Limerick Chronicle* states that 228 tons of salmon taken in the Shannon, were sent by railway from that city to various parts of England and to Dublin, during the last season.

Engineers are engaged making surveys at Gort for an intended line from Ennis to Athenry on the Midland Louth Western Railway. When the Limerick and Ennis line is finished, railway communication will be then perfect between Galway, Limerick, Cork, Tipperary, Clonmel, and Dublin.—*Baldler*.

PUBLIC MEETING—THE BRIGADE.—A public meeting of the North City ward was held on Monday, at the Mechanics' Institute, to petition parliament in favor of Mr. W. S. Crawford's Tenant right Bill, Alderman Campbell presided. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Gray, Mr. Lucas, M. P., Mr. J. M. Cantwell, and other persons of local distinction. The meeting was unanimously of opinion that the late Whig attempts to remove the Viceroyalty, and otherwise impoverish Ireland, would be renewed by the present unpopular government, unless the people of Dublin and of Ireland generally, aroused themselves at once to a sense of the danger which threatened them. They should stand on the defensive and be ready to meet the attacks which they might expect from the treacherous Whigs, if they were deemed too weak to make effectual resistance. The traitors who sold themselves, and thought to sell the Irish party to the minister, were denounced in unmeasured terms by the leading orators. The following is one of the resolutions adopted by the meeting:—

"Resolved—That this meeting views with profound indignation the conduct of Messrs. Sadler, Keogh, and O'Flaherty—three prominent members of the Irish party, who, though solemnly pledged not to identify themselves with any government that would not make the repeal of the Ecclesiastical Titles Act, Sharman Crawford's Bill, and Religious Equality Cabinet questions, have sought for or accepted office under a coalition government, the leading members of which consist of the framers of the titles act, the opponents of Mr. Crawford's bill, and the preservers of the Irish Church establishment—thereby destroying, so far as in them lay, the moral influence of the Irish party which they affected to sustain, and giving countenance to the scandal of the London Clubs and political coteries that the Irish representation is a mass of corruption and venality.—*Tablet*.

The 31st Regiment embarked on the 8th ult., at Cork on board the steamship *Simoon*, for the Mediterranean.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENE IN A COURTHOUSE.—One of the most extraordinary scenes ever witnessed in a court of justice, took place at the Galway quarter Sessions on Wednesday. In an action with regard to right of property, a witness was subpoenaed to produce a lease. When he came on the table he refused to surrender the document, although he admitted that it was in his possession, "without the consent of his partners" in it. The court threatened to send the witness to gaol, but without any effect; and as he still persisted in refusing, his worship ordered him to be searched. Accordingly four or five policemen seized him, and attempted to throw him down on the table. The witness, however, showed fight, kicking and tripping with all his might. In the melee, the witness's chair was upset, and there being now a clear stage, physical force gained the ascendant, and poor Paddy was stretched on his back; but not until he succeeded in causing some consternation among the young gentlemen of the bar who sat round the table, and who, having a due regard for the preservation of their faces, quickly vacated their seats. Though down, the man did not yet surrender, and it was not without considerable difficulty that the police effected their purpose. As soon as the deed was taken from him, and he had recovered his legs, he laughed heartily, saying he did "not care about it, as they took it from him by force; but he would not give it up without the consent of his partners." Whilst this scene, which lasted several minutes, was being enacted the greatest confusion pervaded the whole court.—*Galway Packet*.

ILLEGAL MARRIAGES.—Mr. Jacob Scott, a degraded clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, has been committed by the Sligo Petty Sessions, for trial at the ensuing assizes, on a charge of solemnizing illegal marriages.—*Dublin Express*.

THE CONVICT KIRWAN—SUSPICION OF ANOTHER MURDER.—On Thursday the magistrates of the Head office of Police were engaged in the preliminary investigation of a charge of a most serious character against the convict Kirwan. We understand that it amounts to murder. An artist named Boyer, who had been on intimate terms with Kirwan, disappeared from Dublin in a most mysterious manner some years ago. His wife has tendered evidence calculated to criminate that wretched culprit in his disappearance.—*Evening Packet*.

The above charge has been the subject of public rumor and gossip ever since the proceedings were taken on the part of the crown to discover and seize the property of the convict after his sentence. The story in circulation, whatever be its accuracy, ran thus:—Mrs. Boyer, who had been receiving an annuity of £40 per annum from Kirwan for some years, came forward and claimed the house in which he had been living, in Merion-street, together with other houses, and a large portion of the furniture, pictures, and ornaments, on the ground that Kirwan, who had been a constant companion of her husband, whose property they were, had obtained possession of them from him—that her husband suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, and that Kirwan had a deed whereby, as he alleged, her husband had made over all his property to him, that he agreed to pay Mrs. Boyer the sum of £40 per annum during her life. She not being in a condition to contest the point, was obliged to accept the arrangement; but when his conviction at once stopped her annuity, and seized all that was his at the time to the use of the crown, she threw herself upon the justice and mercy of the law officers to regain possession of what was hers by right. The examination into the truth or falsehood of her strange story has led them step by step to the investigation which is now pending.—*Catholic Standard*.

The following is from the Dublin correspondent of the *Limerick and Clare Examiner*:—

"Now that there no longer exists a doubt of the commutation of the sentence of this man, there can be no injustice done him by the mention of a passage or two in his previous life, which would not be so appropriate if his position were unchanged:—Some four or five years ago Mr. Kirwan induced a young and interesting girl, of respectable connexions here, to abandon her home and accompany him to England, where they lived for some time together. After the eagerness of appetite passed, the unfortunate creature was abandoned in Liverpool. I have not learned what her fate was since he returned to Dublin. After his return he was met by the brother of his victim, who attacked him, and gave him a tremendous beating, by which he was prevented for a considerable time from appearing in public. So soon as he had recovered, however, he summoned his assailant before the magistrates, seeking informations for the assault. The provocation, however, transpired before the magistrates, who, after a no very complimentary comment on his conduct, dismissed the charge.

LOUGHCOOTER CASTLE.—We are requested to contradict the statement of a paragraph which has appeared in several journals to the effect that Loughcooter Castle which was lately purchased in the Incumbered Estates Court by Mrs. Ball, the Prioress of Rathfarnham Convent, has been resold.—*Tablet*.

THE DISGLED PROSELYTISERS.—About twelve months ago a person named Kennedy and his family, who had been perverts for fourteen years, returned to the Catholic faith. As he himself stated, he felt his health declining, and his end approaching fast; and hence he thought it high time to repair, as far as lay in his power, the scandal he had given. He accordingly made a public submission. No sooner, however, had he made the change than he was ordered to quit the house which he had inhabited for years, and which, together with a weekly allowance, was given him as the price of his apostasy. For reasons, into which I shall not enter at present but which will ere long appear before the proper tribunal, he refused to give immediate possession. On the 9th of this month (December), in the height of rain and storm, a parron marshalled and marched a gang of perverts to this poor man's house—he had not left his sick bed for weeks previously—he was dragged out, cast into the dung pit, and brutally treated by two of these "myrmidons," who trampled on his body. His wife and mother-in-law, who is eighty years of age, received similar treatment. The children, even to the infant in the cradle were dragged out and flung into the same pool; and all was the work of an instant. This movement being executed, the party ascended the roof, and in half an hour all that remained of the house were four blackened walls to attest its being once a human habitation.—*Correspondent of Catholic Standard*.

We have just been informed that typhus fever, of a very malignant type, is raging in several villages in the parish of Killanin, and that the poor are left without any medical relief. We find that the parish priest of Killanin has addressed a letter to a Dublin contemporary, from which we take the following extract, bearing out the accuracy of our informant's statement;—"What dreadful sufferings you may see in those villages where fever is now rife? Last week the father and mother died, leaving seven orphans, three of whom are now in fever. On the same day another head of a family died in the same village, leaving five orphans, and all of whom had fever previously. These and many more were poor and naked, and half-starved. It was the charity of our Dublin benefactors that provided collars for those who died." Society must be in a truly melancholy state when such scenes as those described in the above extract are of daily occurrence.—*Galway Packet*.

LOSS OF LIFE BY DROWNING AT CORK.—On Sunday evening a most melancholy accident, resulting in the loss of five lives, occurred in Queenstown. The Ship Wanderer, bound, we believe, from London to Australia, put into Queenstown on Saturday night, or Sunday morning, in a dismantled condition, having lost her masts and sustained other serious damages during the late gale. About eight o'clock on Sunday night a boat was alongside with four of the passengers, who had come ashore during the day, and two boatmen belonging to Queenstown, and all parties having, it appeared, stood up at the time to get on board, the boat, by some mischance, upset, and all were precipitated into the water. The result is that nothing further has been heard of the four passengers and one of the boatmen, their bodies, most probably, having been drifted away by the tide, and the only account of the accident which has been as yet furnished, is by the sole survivor, the second boatman, who was picked up by one of the vessels in the harbor.

DISASTER AT SEA—GREAT LOSS OF LIFE—COUNTY WATERFORD.—About eight o'clock on Wednesday morning the brig "Ann," of South Shields, was driven ashore on Tramore strand—crew saved. She was laden with about 4,000 qrs. of wheat from Odessa (last from Falmouth), bound to Limerick. The Turkish or Egyptian brig "Selin Sava," of Beyrout, from Alexandria, for Liverpool, laden with wheat, was driven ashore on Wednesday evening, at Bonmahon Strand, ten miles to the westward of Tramore—crew saved.

About eleven o'clock on Wednesday forenoon a large brig struck upon the "Bulls," a sand-bank between Bannon and Fethard, in the county Wexford.—The shore was lined with spectators, but owing to the violence of the storm no assistance could be rendered to the ill-fated crew, evidently Greeks from their costume. Two of them attempted to reach land in the jolly-boat, but perished in the vain attempt. The remainder of the crew afterwards sought to save themselves in the long boat, and shared the same terrible fate. The vessel broke up about six o'clock in the afternoon. We have not heard the name. Some fragments of the flowing petticoat-trowsers of the Greeks were the only vestiges washed ashore.

MURDEROUS OUTRAGE—APPREHENSION OF THE PARTIES.—On Wednesday last, a miller, named McNeille, in the employment of Messrs. Swain and Holten, was attacked on the bridge of Annagh, within a few yards of the mill, and about two miles from Athlone, by two men, who knocked him down and beat him most cruelly. McNeille cried for mercy, and implored the ruffians to spare his life, whereupon one of them raised him up, and swore him to leave his employment and never enter the mill again. Having taken the oath, he was again set upon and beaten until he was senseless, and left for dead upon the road. The unhappy man's life, however, has been saved. He was discovered on the road in a bruised and bleeding state, and conveyed into town. Information was given to the police, when sub-constables Ward and McGowan arrested two men, named White and Keegan, upon suspicion, and who have since been identified by McNeille as the perpetrators of the outrage. White, it appears, had some relatives in the mill to whom McNeille was obnoxious, and who wished to get rid of him in the manner described. Much credit is due to the constables for the tact and promptitude with which they arrested these offenders.—*Westmeath Independent*.

MURDER IN MAYO.—A few days ago an inquest was held at Loughnabo, in the county Mayo, on the body of Thomas McNicholas. It appeared by the evidence that the deceased, with some friends, were returning from a funeral, and having adjourned to a public house in Behola, where they had some whisky, they were assailed by a party of five men in the house, who had just arrived from England, and who were much intoxicated. In the *melee* the unfortunate deceased was struck with a pitchfork and killed. A verdict of Wilful Murder was returned against one of the parties, named Kenney, and of being accessories before the fact against the remainder.