

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

CORK.

A large meeting, presided over by the Rev. Barry, Queenstown, was held, on Dec. 29th, for the purpose of considering the forwarding of local industries, particularly the establishment of boat building, the formation of a fishing station, the erection of public baths. The meeting was addressed by Mr. W. J. Lane, M. P.; Dr. Fox, M. P.; Mr. Julian, T. C. Cork, and others, who dealt exhaustively with the subjects before the meeting, one of the outcomes of which was the appointment of a deputation to wait on the ship agents in the town, with the view of having them send a fair proportion of work carried out at Rushbrook, so as to give the employed men there something to do.

The Cork Corporation, on December 28, adopted the necessary legal machinery for obtaining a loan of £6,500 for the purpose of erecting 74 laborers' cottages in the disused Blackpool market, which is the property of the corporation. The cottages are only to be let to bona fide laborers at an estimated rent 2s. 8d. per week.

The Rev. William O'Donnell, C. C. Ringaskiddy, died at the parochial residence on Christmas Day. His death was mainly due to a heavy cold which he contracted in the discharge of his ministerial duties, and which brought on congestion of the lungs. He was a native of Bandon, where his father is one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants. He began his studies in France and finished his course in Rome. For sixteen years he has been in the parish of Monkstown, that being his first and only mission.

Skibbereen, the tenants of Lord Carberry have positively refused to pay on the reduction offered, and one hundred of them from the Baltimore district have now lodged the rents in the Bank of Ireland less the reduction sought for, namely, 15 per cent.

On December 28, the Very Rev. John Donegan, P. P., Kilmoon, died at his residence, Rosmore. The deceased priest was born in 1817, in the parish of Milford, diocese of Cloyne, and was educated at the Irish College, Paris, where he had for contemporaries the present Archbishop of Cashel, and others since distinguished in our National Church for holiness, learning, and patriotism. On the completion of his course, he was, in the year 1847, ordained at Queenstown.

MEATH.

A meeting of the Marquis of Conyngham's Slane tenantry was held on Dec. 29th in the Parochial House, Slane, the Rev. Father Kelly, P. P., presiding. There was a numerous attendance. The present situation was reviewed, and fully discussed, and the tenants expressed themselves fully determined not to pay any rent except the reduction of 30 per cent., already required, was granted. The Marquis, in reply to a resolution of the tenants, refused to dispense with the services of his agent, Mr. Osborne, J. P., and further said that the agent in the late transaction acted by his orders.

KILDARE.

The Rev. Father Staples is now engaged in building a new church on the ancient foundations of his order, in the White Abbey, Kildare, where more than six hundred years ago the first church was erected.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall, to promote a testimonial to Rev. W. Maher, C. C., on the occasion of his leaving the parish of Carlow Craigue. Mr. Edward Doyle, P. L. G., Tipper House, presided. A subscription list was opened, and in the course of a few minutes a sum of £40 was put down. The testimonial is expected to be a handsome one.

GALWAY.

On the estate of Captain Henry Hall Knockbrack, Atheny, where 22 tenants were served with ejectment processes, after an interview between Captain Hall and the Very Rev. E. Thomas, P. P., V. F., the processes were withdrawn, and the cost forgiven, and the tenants allowed 20 per cent. on the half year's rent. To the other tenants, who were not processed, 20 per cent. was also allowed, and to the tenants who only pay once a year a like concession was made on the payment of a half-year's rent. While time was given for payment of the remainder to the 1st of March.

On December 30, the numerous tenantry of Lord Ardilaun, assembled at the residence of Rev. P. Lavelle, P. P., and started in a body therefrom for Ashford Castle; they asked a reduction in their rents, and put forward as a plea the bad prices for stock and farm produce. After a little parley with the patriotic pastor and his curate, the Rev. P. McGirr, his lordship agreed to grant 25 per cent. This is the second reduction within the

last two years. Mr. J. Sameson, Dublin, who has some property in the neighborhood, also gave a slight reduction to his tenants. Lord Kilmaine is the only landlord in this county who has made no reduction in his rents. Great dissatisfaction prevails among the tenantry on this estate on account of the underhand work of some tenants, who, refusing to hold out with the majority, paid their rents secretly.

CLARE.

The tenantry on the Wandesforde estates at Kimihil, have granted a reduction of 35 per cent. This reduction of 35 per cent. has been enhanced by refunding to the tenantry 12 per cent of the preceding rent paid, thus granting to them a concession of 50 per cent., 10s. in the pound. To the Glenroe (Kilfinane) tenants has been given abatements varying 15 to 40 per cent.

WEXFORD.

John Thomas Devereux, Esq. D. L. died at his residence, on New Year's eve, in his 86th year. His political life commenced in 1847, at the time that the Repeal movement was on the wane, owing to the Liberator's long illness, his absence and death. Sir Charles Gavrn Duffy, in his "League of North and South," makes honorable mention of Mr. Devereux as having maintained a character for independence in having votes with Lucas, Duffy, McMahan, and the other honest independent Opposition, upon a critical test question.

DUBLIN.

Dunbar P. Barton, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, has been appointed to the Secretaryship to the Lord Chancellor; and J. M. Colles, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to the Lunacy Office.

The following landlords in the neighborhood of Swords have offered reductions to their tenants:—Mr. Joseph Gillies, of Nowton House, Swords, has given 15 per cent. reduction. Mr. H. O. Lewis, Hyde Park, London, has given 15 per cent. reduction to his Swords tenants. Lieutenant-Colonel S. F. Foster has abated 10s. per acre off lands let at 40s. per acre. M. Nolesworth London, has promised a reduction of 20 per cent. to his Swords tenants.

KERRY.

The reports of the last meetings of the Killarney and Listowel Board of Guardians are wholly up with discussion on the present condition of the laborers a body of whom in each case waited on the Board asking for work or relief. In Killarney a black flag was carried in procession to the Workhouse Board room.

On Dec. 30th, a number of Sir Edward Denny's tenantry at Currovough presented themselves at Mr. Hussey's office, at Tralee for the purpose of treating with the agent, Mr. Francis Denny, over the November gale. The tenants signified their intention to pay, should a reduction be afforded them of thirty per cent. This Mr. Denny flatly refused and threatened to take proceedings against them for non-payment, but the tenants steadily adhered to their decision,—not to pay unless the reduction was granted: On Dec. 30th, the tenants again presented themselves at the office on Mr. Denny's invitation, when he expressed his willingness to accept the rents, minus the abatement which they demanded, even intimating to those who had not the money that he would be ready to secure them in the bank for the reduced amounts. However the tenants were not able to pay at all, having expended the money since the last day.

WICKLOW.

The tenants on Earl Fitzwilliam's estate, situate at Balinglen, have been given a reduction of 50 per cent. on the previous half-year's rent.

Among the novices who recently made profession in the Mother house of the community of the Good Shepherd, Angers, France, was Miss Bridgid M. Doyle, in religion, Sister Mary St. Loran daughter of Mr. Moses Doyle, Timmonia, Aughrim, county Wicklow, and sister of the Rev. P. Doyle, C. C. Duncannon.

Miss Kate Power, in religion, Sister Mary of St. Francis Regis, and niece of the very Rev. Canon Busher, P. P. Newtonbarry, was one of the sixteen young ladies who, on the same day, received the habit of the Order of the Good Shepherd.

WATERFORD.

The Rev. James Terry, late of Newcastle-under-Tyne, died on Dec. 15th, at Harberne, near Birmingham. Thirty-three years ago, Father Terry was ordained priest by the Right Rev. Dr. Foran, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore. Electing England as the field in which he desired to exercise his sacred ministry, he became affiliated to the diocese of Birmingham. He obtained permission, about two years ago, to resign all

parochial care. Retiring to the picturesque township of Harborne,—a Birmingham suburb,—he happily found in the Passionist Fathers a never-failing source of comfort and consolation.

LIMERICK.

The Earl of Sandwich has yielded an abatement of thirty-two per cent. on the rents of his estate at Fedamore, county Limerick.

The Rev. C. McCarthy, P. P., died, on December 29th. He had been for many years parish priest of the combined parishes of Knockaderry and Cloneagh. He was always connected with any movement for the good of his native country. He was a true and ardent supporter of the National League, and was president of the local branch.

SLIGO.

Mr. Edward Hannon, who has just completed a brilliant course in the College of Maynooth, was raised to the dignity of the priesthood, on Dec. 28.

TIPPERARY.

On December 29, a banquet was given to Mr. P. J. O'Brien, M. P., by some of his admirers in Nenagh and the surrounding parish.

Mr. James J. Long has been selected as sub editor of the "Tipperary Nationalist," a new National journal to be published in Clonmel.

ANTRIM.

Mr. William Mullan, J. P., died on Jan. 2, at his residence, Abercorn House, Sydenham. Mr. Mullan had been a member of the Belfast Town Council and Mayor; also a member of the Harbor Board for close upon twenty years.

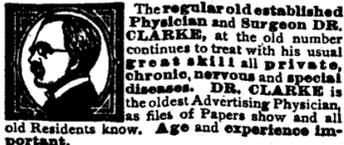
ROSCOMMON.

The tenants of Mrs. Longworth, widow of the late Dr. Longworth, on Ballinooly, property, near Athlone, have been granted, through the agent, Mr. P. McConnell, T. C., Athlone, an abatement of 20 per cent. on their November rents, with time to those who were then unable to pay.

Mr. Peter Hayden died on Jan. 3d, at his residence, Bridge street, Strokestown at the age of 62 years. For many years Mr. Hayden endeared himself to his own by his integrity, industry and charitable disposition. A large concourse of people followed his remains to their last resting place at Cloonfinlough.

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