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DEATH OF THE EARL OF KENMARE.—We regret to announce the death of the venerable Earl of Kenmare, which occurred at his residence in Eaton-place at an early hour of Tuesday morning.

SCENE OF AN ALLEGED MURDER.—The unfortunate man charged with the murder of one of his boon companions at Miltown, within six miles of Tuam, on St. Stephen's night, with a blow of a stool on the head, the particulars of which as they transpired at the inquest held on Friday, appeared in the Irish Times of yesterday.

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.—At the meeting of the Board of Guardians at Lurgan, on Thursday last, the Rev. James McKenna, P.P., chaplain, brought the following case forward for consideration.

The following is taken from "A Brief Description of the Barony of Fort, in the County of Wexford," written for the information of the celebrated Sir William Petty, when making his "Down Survey of Ireland" in the early part of the reign of Charles the Second.

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rick this week to celebrate the return of Mr. Butt, and the occasion will be made use of as a Home Rule demonstration.

Captain Power, Vice-Chairman of the Waterford Board of Poor Law Guardians, brought under public notice at the weekly meeting a threatening letter, signed "Rory of the Hills," which warned him that he was a public nuisance and might expect, when going home at night, to receive some grains of lead or six inches of steel.

DEBATE OUTRAGE.—ROSCREA, TUESDAY.—As Cornelius Gailfoyle, from Cullinvarne, was returning from Moneygull on Monday night some party who had concealed himself or themselves behind a ditch threw one or more large stones, striking him on the head, which was so seriously fractured that little hopes are entertained that his life will be saved.

MR. BROWNING, a solicitor, who was fired at six months ago in Bray, while attempting to serve a notice of ejection, was defendant at the Bray Quarter Sessions on Saturday in an action at the suit of Green, the person whom he sought to eject.

LOCAL STRUGGLES WITH THE GIANT EVIL.—The Dublin papers record that by the almost superhuman exertions of the Very Rev. Mr. MacCabe, P.P., and his zealous curates, the people of Kingstown parish have been induced to welcome the coming of Christ by at least a few days' abstinence from the public-houses; the consequence has been that these places have been nearly empty during the week, and the police magistrates have had little or no business to transact.

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November—be prepared—I am your murderer," &c.

EVIL TREE.—EVIL FRUIT.—A labourer named Thomas Neal, residing at Fenton, near Haulley, went home drunk on Christmas morning.

A return of the shipments from the port of Dublin during the past year furnishes further evidence of the prosperity of its local trade.

THE SECRETARY OF THE APPRENTICE BOYS OF DERRY has served a notice of action for damages against the Mayor, on account of their exclusion from the Corporation Hall on the occasion of the late commemoration.

FALL OF A COURTROOM.—At the Killybegs petty sessions held on January 2 there was an unusual number of cases on the books for hearing, and consequently a great number of people in the court, which is held in a large room over the market house, and continues for the entire length of the building.

A year has not yet elapsed since the Land Act came into force, and we cannot yet form a full estimate of the extent to which it is likely to affect the condition of the country.

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country was fast turning into revolution. There, therefore, could be no alliance with Liberalism, because these who had separated themselves from the Established Church because it was too Conservative would not hesitate to trample underfoot the Catholic Church, which surpassed the Protestant Church in Conservatism as much as Protestantism surpassed Non-conformity.

CATHOLICISM IN SCOTLAND.—Some interesting statistics respecting the actual strength of Catholicism in Scotland are contained in "the Catholic Directory, Ecclesiastical Register, and Almanac for 1872," compiled by the Rev. W. A. Johnson, secretary to Archbishop Manning.

MR. GLADSTONE'S POLICY FOR THE COMING SESSION.—The London correspondent of the Daily Express states that Mr. Gladstone, on the opening night of the session, will make a clear and decisive declaration of the position which the Imperial Government is prepared to assume with regard to the Home Rule agitation in Ireland.

PROGRAMME OF THE PROTESTANT ALLIANCE.—It is as well to know exactly how far our enemies are prepared to go. The new year's programme of the Protestant Alliance is therefore worth noting, although we do not think that this Society represents the real danger which Catholics will have to meet, except so far as it may ally itself for this particular purpose with the persecuting Atheism of the future.

VERY "PECCABLE PEOPLE."—The Morning Advertiser states that one of the arches belonging to the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, in the neighbourhood of Walworth road, has been fitted up in a rough-and-ready sort of way as a chapel, by a protestant sect calling itself "Peccable People."

uttering gurgling, choking sounds from her throat. This boy and girl continued for some time to disport themselves in this fashion, occasionally clapping their hands, until the girl fainted.

The Tielborne case continued to attract a large share of public attention. The claimant's case is growing weaker. The one hundred pounds of Tielborne bonds have declined to eighteen pounds.

CATHOLIC STATISTICS.—From the new edition of the Catholic Directory just published, permission supersedes, for 1872, we learn that in the ranks of the Province of the three Kingdoms the Catholics can reckon one Duke, (Norfolk), one Marquis (Bute), eight Earls, four Viscounts, and 20 Barons.

A mass meeting in support of Sir Charles Dilke is advertised for the 5th of February, the day before the opening of Parliament.

UNITED STATES.

METROPOLITAN STATE UNION.

Call for a Catholic Temperance Convention in New York City on the First Sunday in February.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Societies of the Archdiocese of New York, and Counties of Kings, Queens, Suffolk and Richmond.

The parochial societies of the above district, including the Counties of New York, Kings, Queens, Suffolk, Richmond, Westchester, Ulster, Sullivan, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam and Orange, are respectively invited to appoint each, three delegates to meet in Convention in the Hall of the Transfiguration Society, corner of 11th and Park streets, New York City, on the First Sunday in February, at three o'clock, p.m., to take counsel as to the advisability of forming a general Union on the plan of the State Union, now working with such good effects in our neighboring States, and also in the interior districts of New York State.

The Central New York State Union does not extend to these counties. Our Societies are very numerous and being located conveniently to one another their delegates could assemble in general Convention at a central point, without the loss of time or expenses, which, connection with the more distant parts of the State, would entail.

Believing that the strong and weak societies alike would be benefited with us, as has been the case with our neighbors, on all sides, where those State Unions have been introduced, we earnestly invite every Catholic Parochial Temperance Society, in the above named counties, to send in their delegates and have a voice in framing the Rules of the Metropolitan Catholic State Temperance Union of New York.

The present action is taken by us with the knowledge and approval of our respective pastors. Our object is to make our movement more effective for its special object by having its direction in thorough accord with the views of our priests and prelates, and we hope to have the approval of the Most Rev. Archbishop of New York, and the Right Rev. Bishop of Brooklyn.

We earnestly request the Reverend pastors of the district to attend the Convention, and aid us in placing our State Union on the proper basis, that it may, from its inception, prove beneficial to our religion and our race, and acceptable to our spiritual directors.

- Thos. J. Cronan, Pres. Catholic Temperance Convention of New York County.
Thos. Reilly, Pres. Catholic Temperance Convention of Kings County.
Patrick Nutley, Pres. St. Columba's R. C. T. A. B. Society, New York City.
John C. Hurley, Pres. Young Men's St. James' R. C. T. A. B. Society, New York City.
James Keyes, Pres. St. Anthony's R. C. T. A. B. Society, New York City.
Stephen Walsh, Pres. Holy Innocent's R. C. T. A. B. Society, New York City.
Alex. Factor, Vice Pres. Transfiguration R. C. T. A. B. Society, New York City.
A. H. Cronin, Pres. St. Joseph's R. C. T. A. B. Society, New York City.
Thos. J. O'Connor, Pres. St. Paul's R. C. T. A. B. Society, Brooklyn, Kings County.
John C. Finnan, Pres. St. Joseph's R. C. T. A. B. Society, Brooklyn, Kings County.
James Malloy, Pres. Assumption R. C. T. A. B. Society, Brooklyn, Kings County.
Nicholas Woods, Pres. St. Patrick's R. C. T. A. B. Society, Brooklyn, Kings County.
William Sherlock, Pres. St. Malachy's R.C.T.A.B. Society, Brooklyn, Kings County.
John O'Neill, Pres. St. Mary's R.C. T.A.B. Society, Williamsburgh.
Patrick Reilly, Pres. St. Peter's R.C. T.A.B. Society, Haverstraw, Rockland County.
John B. Richmond, M.D., Pres. St. Mary's Temperance Benevolent Society, Clifton, Staten Island.

Several other societies have taken favorable action, but the names of their presidents have not as yet been forwarded. Delegates are requested to report the P. O. Address of Pastors and officers, membership and other particulars of their respective societies.

Honore Greeley lately recommended the prairie farmers of Minnesota to utilize the strong winds which prevail in that section to do some of their work. They declined, urging as a reason that Congress would levy a prohibitory tariff on the wind as being of foreign origin.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—A delegation from the Cape Cod fishermen this morning called upon the President for the purpose of having a conference with him in reference to that portion of the treaty pertaining to the fisheries.