

# Irish News.

**ANTRIM.**—The Most Rev. Dr. McAlister, Bishop of Down and Connor, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £4 from Mr. James Feely Secretary, National League, Bishop Auckland, Durham, being the subscriptions of the members of the Bishop Auckland Branch of the National League towards the fund for the relief of the distress of the Catholics deprived of employment by means of the late riots in Belfast.

**CAVAN.**—The glimmerings of reason breaking in upon the minds of sellingly-disposed landlords (says *United Ireland*) are beginning to spread and magnify. Some evidences of this fact are to hand. For instance, a batch of sales which are reported from County Cavan. William Erskin, Esq., Harcourt Temple, London, has sold his property in Loughduff to his tenants at fifteen years' purchase, giving to each a large quantity of turbary free, and forgiving the current half-years' rent. These advantages make the terms equal to thirteen years' purchase. John Erskine, Esq., D.M., has sold his property in Mullaboran, County Cavan, to his tenants at fifteen years' purchase, with free turbary and the current half-years' rent forgiven. The sale was conducted by the agent, Mr. Frederick Gifford, Dublin, and accepted by the parish priest on the part of the tenants. Mrs. Juliette Harris, Dublin, has sold her estates in Loughduff, Co. Cavan, to her tenants at fifteen years' purchase, giving to each an acre of turbary and a large amount of unreclaimed land free, and forgiving the current half-year's rent—terms equal to 12 years' purchase. The sale was conducted by the agent, Mr. Alfred Killingley, and accepted by the parish priest, Rev. J. Corcoran, on behalf of the tenants. In all these cases the rents were judicially fixed in '82, by agreement, at a reduction of from 27 to 40 per cent. from the former rents. These were no hasty bargains. On the contrary, the landlords in each case held out for a very much higher price as long as they were able, and they only gave in when they found that the tenants could not agree, according to the present position of the land market, possibly give more.

**CLARE.**—About two hundred of the tenants of Lord James Butler met the agent, Mr. Sydney Cox, at Kilrush, and paid their rents, getting an abatement of 37½ per cent. with half rents and county cess. Dr. Counihan, Kilrush, granted his Querrin tenants an abatement of 15 per cent. off the judicial rents, and the tenants are paying.

The tenants on the West Clare estates of the Marquis of Conyngham, Mr. Westby, Mr. Marcus Keane, and the Stuart Vandeleur property met the agent, Mr. Keane, at Kilrush concerning the rents due. In all cases applications for reductions of rent were made by the tenants owing to the agricultural depression. The tenants of Mr. Keane at Scattery Island, about twelve in number, were given no abatement, and only one tenant paid. Mr. Stuart Vandeleur gave an abatement of 20 per cent., and most of the tenants paid, and on the estates of Mr. Westby and Mr. Marcus Keane 15 per cent. abatement was granted.

The tenants on the Clare properties of Lord Cavendish Bentinck, an English absentee landlord, and Robert Gardner, Dublin, decline to pay any rents unless a reduction of 25 per cent. is made.

Through the exertions of the Rev. Thomas McMahon, P.P., of Kilmihill, near Kilrush, and his curate, the Rev. J. Glynn, C.C., the following landlords having estates in County Clare have made general reductions of rent owing to the present great agricultural depression: The Right Hon. Judge Flanagan, Captain Charles George O'Callaghan, D. L., Ballinahinch, Lord James Butler, the Hon. Julia Celina Ball, of Portfergus, near Ballinally; Mr. Timothy McMahon, J.P., Carrahan, near Quinn; Mr. Ryan, J.P., Bruree, County Limerick.

In vindication of the principles of the House League Mr. James Kelly, a shopkeeper of Kilrush suffered his place to be shut up by the sheriff and his property sold off sooner than pay a rackrent to the landlord, one John Moloney. The goods were bought in for Mr. Kelly by his brother-in-law, Mr. Moody.

**CORK.**—The Earl of Egmont still refuses to make a fair settlement with his tenants, and Lord Bandon threatens to take legal measures if the rents—grinding as they are—are not immediately paid.

Before Mr. Justice Monroe, on Oct. 4, counsel for Sir George Colthurst, moved for a writ of possession of certain lands in the county of Cork, now held by Julia Forrest. The plaintiff having obtained judgement in ejectment against the defendant, who owed £1,221, arrears of rent, on the 15th of last March, a writ for possession was issued out of the Exchequer Division, and on the 13th of August it was executed, and the defendant, Martin Forrest, was evicted. Subsequently, the doors of the house were broken open, and Forrest and his family retook possession. In September following Forrest was prosecuted for having taken forcible possession of the premises, and was by the Justices at Millstreet Sessions committed for trial, without bail, and was now in the gaol of Cork County. His wife and children held possession of the house and lands. Counsel said his client wanted either the land or the crops. Mr. Justice Monroe granted an order for possession.

The Jamesbrook tenants of Capt. Adams have been allowed reductions in rent varying from 15 to 25 per cent.

There recently died at the Presentation Convent, Youghal, Mother Mary Clare Hennessy in her 82nd year, 51 of which were spent in the religious state.

Several seizures of cattle in lieu of rent have been made on the Ballybawn property of Alexander McCarthy, of Cork.

The County Sub-Sheriff, accompanied by a force of 70 police, evicted a farmer named Dennis Hanlon at Pluckanes near Donoughmore on the Townsend minors property, for the non-payment of rent. The tenant was subsequently readmitted as a care-taker. There was a large crowd of excited people, and all the approaches to the

house were blocked up with large stones. The eviction was, however, effected quietly.

**DONEGAL.**—Mr. O'Hea, M.P., addressed a large meeting at Murlough, Donegal, on Sunday, Oct. 3, Rev. J. McIlhatton occupied the chair. Mr. O'Hea dealt powerfully with the present situation. The fight, he said, would be at its hottest, but that would only nerve them for any eventualities. They were not strangers to repressive legislation, and they could profit by the lessons of a bitter past. Their enemies were exulting in the hope that the League would be suppressed; but knowing the people as he did, he could confidently say that the Government could no more make an educated man illiterate by burning his books than they could stifle the demand of justice and stamp out their National aspirations by suppressing their organ.

On October 5, one of the steam trawlers belonging to the Donegal Bay Fishing Company, and 47 boats, all full of herrings, came to Donegal quay. The herrings were very large, and the fishermen say the bay is full of them.

**DOWN.**—The Nationalists have reason to be gratified at the results of the revision in Newry Borough up to the present, and notwithstanding the combined efforts of the Tory party they have succeeded in establishing a large number of claims which will materially strengthen the Nationalist majority which they indisputably hold at the present time in the borough.

In South Down, too, in the claims gone through the Nationalists in almost every case sustained their claims. The Unionists lost very heavily.

**DUBLIN.**—The Orange papers remarked with much severity that the Nationalist guardians of the South Dublin Union did not attend Lord Castlereagh the Little, on the occasion of his visit to the South Dublin Workhouse—we suppose, to offer him their respectful congratulations on the life and labors of his great-uncle, the base and blackguard. The disgraceful fact is also noted that not one of the Catholic officers of the institution put in an appearance. The really disgraceful fact, however, has escaped the notice of our contemporaries, that the only Catholic officer in the whole institution is the Catholic chaplain, all the rest of the establishment being officered by men taken from Orange and Freemason nurseries by the detestable gang of bigots who dominate the board, and whose only regret is that an over-punctilious Poor Law obliges them to appoint so much as a chaplain of the Romanist type. How sweetly this enlightened state of things in a union nine-tenths of whose ratepayers are Catholic contrasts with the fact mentioned by Mr. Alexander Bowman in a letter to a Northern paper this week, that of £8,400 a year paid by the Catholic and Nationalist Corporation of the City of Dublin as salaries to the superior class of civic officials, £4,000 is paid to Protestants.

When (says *United Ireland*) it was announced that Sir E. C. Guinness, contemplated retiring from proprietorship of the great Dublin brewery, the West-British faction had for the moment another cry. It was secretly whispered that the big brewer had begun to fear for the stability of his property in Ireland, and had resolved to get rid of it ere the great crash came. Things were tending towards Home Rule, said the gloomy gobemouches; and in that case there would be no security for such a property as Guinness's. The answer given has been the most conclusive ever heard of. Twenty-one times over have the six millions which Sir E. C. Guinness put upon his brewery as its working value been subscribed; and the bulk of the money has been subscribed in England! The answer to the West Briton alarmists has been crushing in its completeness. An Irish Parliament may come, but the English holders of more than a hundred millions are not a bit afraid of it.

On Friday, the 22nd October, the pupils of the Young Ireland Society celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Davis in a deeply interesting way. A concert was given, consisting exclusively of selections from the works of the poet. After this an eloquent address on the life and writings of Davis was delivered by Mr. J. F. Taylor, B. L., in which the speaker dwelt forcibly on the noble ideals Davis ever kept before him, and exhorted the pupils to take the lesson of his career thoroughly to heart. The annual prizes in connection with the classes were then presented by the President's sister, Miss O'Leary.

**FERMANAGH.**—The revision of the lists for the North Fermanagh district was concluded on October 2. From a Nationalist point of view the result of the revision is a distinct triumph. The claims and objections were well sustained, owing to the care bestowed on the work of preparation by the Rev. John F. Maguire, O.C., O. Ederney, and his unwearied attendance in court during the whole sittings.

It was only last week that the last was heard of the battle of the general election in County Fermanagh. A memorial of that event remained, in the shape of a prosecution against a policeman who had the effrontery to interfere with the sport of Mr. Frank Brooke's lambs. These playful gentlemen manifested their sentiments over Mr. Redmond's election by bludgeoning all the Nationalists they could meet, and the policemen in endeavouring to save some of the victims inflicted some injury upon some "loyal" cranium. For this outrage he was prosecuted, but the evidence not being up to the mark, the matter was put off from one week to another; and last week witnessed the utter collapse of the sham. In this connection it may be noted that Mr. Condon, solicitor, who has kept a friendly eye over the case while attending to the revision proceedings in Fermanagh, was the recipient of a very flattering compliment when leaving Enniskillen last Tuesday. He was escorted to the railway station by a great body of the townspeople, headed by a band; and all the leading men of the place, clerical and lay, assembled on the platform to bid him farewell.

**GALWAY.**—Colonel O'Hara, chairman of the Galway Harbour Commissioners, stated on October 7, at the meeting of the Town Board, that in reply to the memorial forwarded to the Chief Secretary, with reference to the establishment of the convict depot in Galway, and the construction of the breakwater, he had received a