

Mr. T. J. Sullivan, master of the Workhouse at Tralee, has resigned.

KILKENNY.—New Convent at Kilmacow.—A new convent of the nuns of the Presentation Order has been opened at Kilmacow by Bishop Brownrigg. A large number of the priests of the diocese were present.

KING'S COUNTY.—Died in her Duty.—The death is announced of the Rev. Mother Gabriel Egan, Convent of Mercy, Tullamore, who passed away on 23rd November last. She was the daughter of a highly respected Kilbeggan family, and at the early age of 19 she consecrated her pure soul to God. During 32 years she devoted herself to the comfort of the sick and desolate and the instruction of the young; and much of the well known success of the Tullamore Convent Schools was due to her great teaching ability. As a nurse she was indefatigable, and met her death in discharge of her duty. When nursing a sick member of her Community in Dublin she contracted typhoid fever, which terminated fatally. Her funeral obsequies took place at Tullamore and were most imposing and impressive, being attended by a large body of clergy and the inhabitants. *R.I.P.*

LIMERICK.—Parliamentary.—Lord Emly has severed himself from the Unionist party, and will in future stand with his co-religionists on the broad Nationalist platform of Home Rule.

LOUTH.—Sodality of the Holy Name.—The members of the Sodality of the Holy Name attached to the Dominican Church, Drogheda, have presented their late spiritual director, the Rev. A. L. Kirwan, P.P. Dundalk, with a beautiful chalice, and an address expressing their gratitude for the deep interest he had taken in their spiritual welfare, and the many blessings they had derived from the sodality, and his care for the sick and sorrowing. The reverend father acknowledged the gift in most feeling terms.

TIPPERARY.—'Ringing the Changes.'—The swindling trick known as 'ringing the changes' has been frequently played upon simple-minded folk. The following account of the *modus operandi* came out in the course of a prosecution in which Mr. Rhodes, draper, Roscrea, was the victim. His assistant, Mr. C. Thompson, deposed that a woman named Corrigan 'whom I did not know came into the shop and bought some buttons, and paid for them; she then asked me for a silver shilling in exchange for coppers she had in her hand; I asked her for the coppers, and she told me to get the shilling first; I brought the shilling and laid it on the counter, and she laid the coppers beside it and pushed both towards me, saying, "Bring me a two shilling piece for that"; I brought her the two shilling piece and she bought more buttons, and paid me sixpence for them, and then bought one pennyworth of buttons and gave me a shilling for them; I brought her back eleven pence; a man who was standing with her took out a penny and said he would pay; she said she had paid for them, and took the penny from him and put it to the eleven pence and asked me to get her another shilling piece; I brought a second shilling piece and gave it to her, and she put another shilling to it and pushed it to me again, asking to get her another two shilling piece for it, which I did; she bought other things lower down in the shop and returned again to me and asked me for another card of buttons; I gave her that, and she gave me a two shilling piece. I brought her 1s 11d change, and she put one penny to it and asked me for a two shilling piece, but did not give it to me; I got another two shilling piece, and she then put three shillings to it, and asked me to get her five shillings in two half crowns for all; I brought her two half crowns, and both herself and the man left together, and on thinking over the transaction I found I had been swindled out of four shillings; I informed the police and they arrested the woman, whom I now identify, and whose name I am informed is Ellie Corrigan.' The pair were sent to gaol.

TIPPERARY.—Memorial to C. J. Kickham.—On Sunday, November 27, the national memorial to Charles Kickham, Irish national poet, novelist, and patriot, was unveiled at Tipperary in presence of an enthusiastic crowd. Special trains were run from Cork, Dublin, Waterford, Clonmel, Limerick, and Thurles, bringing large contingents; and all the national societies were represented. Messrs. Condon and Mandeville, M.P., and the mayors of Cork and Clonmel were present. In the course of a speech Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M.P., said that they might believe that in far away Australia, in the broad expanse of the United States, in New Zealand, Canada, or wherever a true Irishman lived the name of Charles Kickham was honoured and dear to his heart.

WEXFORD.—Magnificent Collection.—On Sunday, December 4, after last Mass, the Very Rev. Canon Kavanagh, P.P., of New Ross, announced that the annual demonstration of the parish in favour of the building of their new church had been a magnificent and unprecedented success realising over £1080. Last year the amount was £1021. He also announced that a magnificent Sanctus bell had been presented to the church.

Tragedy in an Asylum.—A man named Doyle, an inmate of the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum, was found in his dormitory dead, his skull having been shattered to pieces, in the first week of December.

WICKLOW.—'98 Memorial.—A meeting has been held at Arklow to bring about the erection in that town of a memorial to the Rev. Michael Murphy, one of the most pure souled patriots of '98.

GENERAL.

Mr. Dillon's Heir.—Mr. John Dillon, M.P. (says the London *Star*), has been made happy by the birth of a son and heir. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are always accorded an audience with the Pope when they go to Rome, and it is understood that the Papal blessing has been bestowed on the infant.

An Irishman in the Transvaal.—It is said that one of the most trusted friends of 'Oom Paul' is Peter Gillingham, baker, J.P., and 'Lord High Introducer of Foreigners' in Oom Paul's Court. Although a native of the Cape, he is an Irishman to the backbone, and took the field against Jameson. He has a long head, knows when to advise and when to keep quiet, and many political questions are settled and appointments made in the bakehouse.

AN APPEAL FOR IRELAND.

THE following appeal has been issued by the Auckland Branch of the Irish National Federation:—

'A man should make it part of his religion to see that his country is well governed.'—*William Penn.*

The Auckland Branch of the Irish National Federation at its last meeting, held in St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday, December 22, 1898, unanimously decided to make an urgent appeal to the Irishmen and Irishwomen and their descendants, and to all Democrats and Land Reformers for monetary assistance to aid the good cause of Ireland. To attain autonomy, as we enjoy it in this favoured part of the empire, and to promote necessary remedial land legislation it is absolutely essential to have in the House of Commons a strong and vigilant Irish National Party. Great Britain does not yet cherish the principle of the payment of Members of Parliament; consequently the vast majority of the Irish people have striven to maintain out of their impoverished resources a Parliamentary Party, pledge-bound to eschew all emoluments of office, and to serve but the interests of Ireland. How well; hitherto, the Irish Party has done this, forcing the unwilling attention of successive Parliaments and compelling them to alleviate the crying wrongs of Ireland, the Statute books bear record. An effectual check has been given to the incubus of landlordism, but in this direction there remains much more to be accomplished. In one district alone of Connaught at the present moment a population numbering three times that of the city of Auckland has been ruthlessly driven into the mountain wastes, condemned by the hand of man to periodical famines, while hordes of cattle fatten upon the abundant and luxuriant plains which at one time sustained in comfort and happiness the unfortunate people. The recent Royal Commission, composed of men of all shades of political opinion, after exhaustive enquiry, reported that Ireland was over-taxed annually to the extent of two and three-quarter million pounds. This levy is imposed by the richest upon the poorest country in the world. A State-endowed University, though for years enjoyed by the minority, has been persistently refused to the majority in deference to the antiquated protests of a handful of bigots. The administration of the land laws, in the interests of the people, call for constant watchfulness inside and outside of Parliament. 'It is to the Irish representatives in Parliament,' says Lecky, Unionist historian, 'that is mainly due the present transformation of English politics to their present democratic basis.' Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Chairman of the Irish Party, last October in Glasgow made an urgent appeal to the whole Irish race to rally round and assist Ireland in her long and continuous struggle for the inalienable right to govern and direct her own destinies. It is a just and holy cause, and one that commands the support and sympathies of every lover of freedom and humanity, because to Ireland's heroic struggles for social and political reform the human race is largely indebted. Our countrymen in the United States and in Canada have nobly answered Ireland's appeal. Let it not be said that we have turned a deaf ear to that appeal.

'Here's to the land that we think of in dreams,
Here's to the sky that bends o'er her,
Here's to her hills, her lakes and her streams,
And here's to the future before her.'

We beg to remain, JOS. A. TOLE, President; W. J. CROKE, Hon. Treasurer; M. J. SHEAHAN, Hon. Secretary, Mallow Villa, Hayden street, Auckland.

N.B.—Contributions will be thankfully received at the above address of the Secretary, who will personally call upon as many as possible. All contributions will be acknowledged in the columns of the NEW ZEALAND TABLET and Dublin *Freeman's Journal*.

MR. P. LUNDON, Phoenix Chambers, Wanganui, is still busy putting people on the soil. He has also hotels in town and country For Sale and To Lease Write to him,—*.*

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Few deaths have occasioned Leo XIII. in his old age so sincere and deep a grief as that of the Grand Duchess Marie Antoinette, ex-Sovereign of Tuscany, who was only four years younger than himself. Every year the Princess had been for a certain time the guest of the Pope, who felt for her a fatherly affection. She confessed to him, assisted at his Masses, and, after having taken Communion from his hand, she passed into the private apartment of the Holy Father and breakfasted with him—an honour accorded to very few. The Princess was very devout, and contributed largely to the Church. In 1894 his Holiness presented her with a mosaic table of exquisite workmanship, such as only leaves the Vatican workshops.