

Irish News.

Antrim.—William Hill, Charles Higginson, James Paisley, and Thomas Hill were hunting rabbits, and, having entered the lands of Samuel Bradford, were espied by Samuel Bradford, jun., who fired upon them. William Hill was dangerously wounded, and the others more or less injured with grains of shot. Samuel Bradford was arrested and lodged in Belfast Gaol.

At a special meeting of the Route Tenants' Defence Association recently held in Ballymoney Town Hall, William Stewart, J.P., presiding, after considerable discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of D. J. McMaster, seconded by Thomas Tweed:—That we heartily approve of the land programme adopted at the united meeting of the Antrim Tenant-Right Association and Ulster Land Committee, and agree to hold a public soiree for the purpose of giving adequate expression to local opinion on the subject.

There was a meeting of the Antrim Tenant-Right Association recently held in Central Hall, Rosemary street, Belfast. The attendance was exceptionally large, as questions of vital importance were to be discussed and the association reorganised. Mr. Smiley, Drumalis, was elected President; Adam Duffin, Samuel Black, and Herbert Brown were elected deputy-presidents; John Magaw, treasurer; and Mr. McElroy, secretary. Prof. Robinson introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:—That in view of the unsatisfactory relations subsisting between landlords and tenants, and the difficulties in the way of the adjustment of their respective interests, and having regard to the obstacles thereby created to the profitable pursuit of agriculture, the consequent insecurity from which the landlords suffer, and the salutary influence which such a measure would exercise on the permanent peace and the social condition of the country, it is hereby resolved that the future efforts of this association shall be mainly directed towards the compulsory abolition of dual ownership in land in Ireland. William Gault seconded the motion. After a lengthened and earnest conversation on the policy therein set forth, the resolution was unanimously adopted. Mr. Stewart, J.P., moved:—That this object can only be effectively attained by the compulsory sale of the landlord's interest on equitable terms to the occupier, with such financial arrangements as will bring immediate relief to the farmers and provide ample security for such sums as may be advanced on the public credit. Herbert Brown seconded the motion, which was supported by the Rev. J. McClure and others, and unanimously adopted.

Armagh.—Right Rev. Dr. Logue, Primate of Ireland, on reading the Pope's recent allocution in the Cathedral, Armagh, said that the Italian Government, while professing to act for the prosperity and welfare of Italy, had sunk the country in the most abject poverty. He had seen poverty and distress amongst the peasantry of the mountains of Donegal and Connemara, but it was nothing to the poverty and distress in which the peasantry of Italy lived at the present time. They were flying from Italy in greater numbers than the Irish fled from Ireland. The Italian people were so ground down from taxation that he had known several people to give up house property there, as the taxation more than equaled the rent. Referring to the position of the Pope and the treatment he is receiving, his Grace said it had now come to be pretty generally known that his Holiness is liable to leave Italy at any moment for some country where he will be at liberty to discharge his duties.

Clare.—A demonstration was held in Kiltrush to welcome from gaol Patrick McGrath, one of the Vandeleur prisoners. During the excitement Thomas Coote was apprehended for alleged stone-throwing at the police.

Cork.—M. D. Daly visited Fathers O'Dwyer and McCarthy, and James O'Brien in Cork gaol. Father O'Dwyer was in good health, James O'Brien had no complaints to make, but Father McCarthy was not quite as strong as could be wished.

Mr. O'Donohue, of Killavullen, has been arrested on a charge of barricading the castle during the eviction proceedings. The persons who are imprisoned in Cork gaol on the same charge will soon be liberated, and the people of the district are making preparations for their reception. Tom Barry is amongst those who are in prison.

At a fancy ball recently held in the Mall House, Youghal, a person appeared in the garb of a nun with beads and crucifix. The act called forth the following resolution passed by the Youghal Town Commissioners at the last meeting, the chairman, who is a Protestant, endorsing every word:—That we condemn the action of the Managing Committee of the fancy ball recently held in the Mall House in permitting one of the persons present thereat to appear in the garb of a nun and with a bead and crucifix for the purpose of caricaturing the practices of the Catholic Church, and that the Mall House shall not be let in future for any fancy ball unless the promoters will guarantee not to allow the feelings of the members of any religious creed to be insulted.

Derry.—There is an old wall across the doorway of the New Hall which is unsightly and an obstruction. The members wish its removal, but the Orangemen are creating quite an uproar, and all the siege memories are called into requisition to assist them.

Fifty-seven tenants on the Ballynascreen division of the Drapers' estate recently petitioned the Land Commission Court to send down an Inspector, as they were anxious to purchase their holdings under Lord Ashbourne's Act. The application was allowed to stand over.

The Month's Mind of the late Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Derry, was recently celebrated in St. Eugene's Church. His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell presided and sang the Requiem High Mass. His Grace the Primate, and the Lord Bishop of Clogher, the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor, the Lord Bishop of Kilmore, and the Coadjutor Bishop of Down also assisted. The assistant priest during High Mass was Very Rev. Charles McFaul, Water-side; deacon, Very Rev. Hugh O'Hagan, Strabane; sub-deacon, Rev. Charles Kelly,

Drumquin. At the conclusion of the Last Gospel. His Grace the Primate preached an eloquent discourse, in the course of which he said that they were assembled to honour a prelate whose chief aim in life was edification, not display, who took as much pains to avoid the notice of man as others do to win their applause. His Grace reviewed the exhaustive labours of the deceased Bishop's zeal in the cause of education and religion, of which zeal so many monuments existed throughout his diocese. In the Irish Church there was not a heart which beat more warmly, consistently, and fearlessly in sympathy with the legitimate aspiration of the Irish people than that which then lay in the cathedral crypt.

Donegal.—Mr. Conybeare, M.P., the English victim of Balfour's Irish Coercion laws, who now clearly and fully understands how little freedom exists in Ireland, as he had been imprisoned for a long term for feeding the starving people of Falcarragh, had an opportunity afforded him of giving to the English people his own experience of the brutal rule of Balfour in Ireland. He spoke at an immense meeting in Clerkenwell Green, London, and dealt the present Government some staggering blows.

Down.—The Prison's Board recently investigated a charge made against a warder of the Downpatrick convict prison named Behan for being too Irish. It appears that Behan and a fellow warder named Johnson went recently for a holiday to Newcastle, and on their way home it was alleged that Behan made use of party expressions. A number of civilians attended at the inquiry for the purpose of giving evidence on behalf of the accused, and positively swore that they did not hear the accused curse or shout "To hell with Balfour," or sing treasonable songs, as alleged in the charge, on his way in the train from Newcastle to Downpatrick, but they heard him singing "Old Ireland You're My Darling," and that no policeman, as alleged, attempted to arrest him. The evidence having been forwarded to the Prison's Board, a reply was received dismissing Behan from the service.

Dublin.—Dr. Crimmin, nephew of the esteemed Catholic clergyman, Rev. Dr. O'Mulloy of Torenure, has been awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery during his Indian service.

B. B. Leach presided at last Ringsend League meeting. A resolution thanking the electors of Egin, Nairn, and Peterborough for returning Home Rulers was passed. Henry Adams proposed and Mr. Carpenter seconded the resolution.

Henrietta Madden, sister of the Irish Solicitor-General, has been received into the Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed in St. Peter's Church, Poitborough. She was for many years a member of a Protestant sisterhood of nurses and had the care of the Protestant sick poor in the North Dublin Union Workhouse.

Fermanagh.—At the recent meeting of the Enniskillen Board of Guardians—the Earl of Belmore presiding—John Nixon said he wished to place before the Board a resolution which had been passed by the Carrick-on-Shannon Board of Guardians with reference to the proposed line of light railway to run from Thornhill Crossing, a short distance above Belcoo, on the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway to Carrick-on-Shannon via Dowra and Drumshambo. He also would ask them to pass a resolution on the subject. The resolution passed by the Carrick-on-Shannon Guardians was as follows:—"That this Board of Guardians strongly approve of the proposed railway between the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway via Dowra and Drumshambo and Carrick-on-Shannon, and believe it would promote the interests of the district." The resolution which he would now move and ask them to pass was as follows:—"Whereas, at present the small farmers along the proposed line of railway, namely, Droghally, Glen, Ballinglara, and Innishmagrath, are debarred from the sale of their farm produce in the important markets of Enniskillen, Derry, and Belfast, and are compelled to sell in the local markets at greatly reduced prices. The district through which the line would pass is one of the most congested in Ireland, and the locality is rich in coal and iron mines, which, if developed, would give large and constant employment to small farmers and labourers. And whereas the proposed line would be the shortest and most direct from this district to the North of Ireland and the English centres; Resolved, that the Guardians of Enniskillen Union strongly recommend to the Government for a free grant the proposed line of rail— that is, from the Sligo, Leitrim, and Northern Counties Railway, at a point on the Dowra Road, via Dowra and Drumshambo, to Carrick-on-Shannon, and which will be more minutely described by maps, etc., hereafter." The Chairman having put the resolution to the Board, it was passed almost unanimously, James Beatty only voting against it.

Galway.—Constable Austin Burke had the incorrigible Jack Varley summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the public street on September 24. The complainant stated that he saw Jack fighting with an "unfortunate girl" in William street. He ordered him off the street, and then he went away, but subsequently he came out again, and he was so bad that a clergyman drew the constable's attention to him. Jack—Just so; that's just it. But come here, your Worships, wait till I ask Mr. Austin Burke—Constable Austin Burke—that's his name, I know him well, the purty boy. Are you finished now, Mr. Austin? I'll tell you all about it, your Worships. The officer's servant brought me in to give me a pint of porter, and the girl pitched into me. Dr. Rice—Have you any question to ask the constable? Jack—To be sure, your Worship. Tell me, Mr. Burke, why didn't you arrest the woman when she struck me three times with her fist on the jaw, this way (Jack here illustrated the assault by striking himself with his clenched fist on the jaw). Ha, ha, because you were afraid of her; but you haul me up, because you know I never said a surly word to one of ye. It was the major's servant gave me a pint, and she struck me, and you were afraid to handle her. Head-Constable Colleary said there was a second charge against Jack. Constable Farrell then charged him with being drunk and disorderly on September 18th. He said Jack's conduct was very bad. He had his coat off—Jack—No; I hadn't my coat off, but I was putting in leather for Mr. Conlon, and I had off my coat. I don't be doing nothing to no one, but the blackguards of the street