

McDonald held the office of Dean of the Diocese of Ossory. He was born in November 1819, and first studied in a private school in the city of Waterford and finally in Maynooth. His death took place on December 8, at the age of 70 years. The greatest sorrow was visible everywhere in the city when the sad intelligence became known. Business houses were closed and the blinds of private dwellings were down as indications of the general mourning. The funeral was the greatest ever witnessed; all classes and creeds were represented. A solemn *Requiem* Mass was celebrated in St. Canice's.

Leitrim.—At the recent meeting of this branch the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—"Resolved—That we sincerely sympathise with our esteemed and revered P.P., Rev. Thomas Lynch, on the occasion of his illness, and fondly hope he may soon be restored to his pristine health and vigour." "That we fully approve of the resolutions adopted at the County Leitrim Convention, and pledge ourselves to do what in us lies to urge the people of this important parish to work in harmony with the other districts of Ireland in aiding the Tenants' Defence Association."

Limerick.—Sixmilebridge fair has been re-established, and the first fair was held recently. The attendance was large and a good business done all round.

Longford.—The matters in dispute between Robert Tait, manager of the Limerick Army Clothing Factory, and Board of Directors have, through the intervention of William Abraham, M.P., and other gentlemen, been amicably and satisfactorily arranged. The avoidance of legal proceedings and the delay, expense, and manifold inconveniences likely to follow, show that good sense and feeling prevailed on both sides, and that a factory which leaves thousands of pounds annually in Limerick by providing constant employment for five hundred or six hundred girls will be continued in full operation.

The convention held in the New Hall, Longford, to establish the Tenants' Defence Association was very representative in character; delegates from the different branches of the league and public bodies in the country being in attendance. Four M.P.'s attended, T. M. Healy, Dr. Fitzgerald, Denis Kilbride, and James Tufts. The three released Longford "criminals," Messrs. Flood, Wilson and Fenlon, were greeted with hearty cheering by the people. Mr. Healy and his brother M.P.'s made a special call of sympathy on Mrs. J. P. Farrell, whose husband is so manfully bearing his punishment in Sligo Gaol. Mr. Kilbride presided over the meeting, at which the men of Longford threw in their lot with the people of Tipperary to counteract exterminating landlords' tactics.

Monaghan.—Intelligence received from Carrickmacross gives further accounts of the latest development of the boycotting of the railway owing to the action of the stationmaster in taking an "evicted" house. The fair in Carrickmacross was recently held, and not a single head of cattle bought in the fair was sent by train. A long array of carts, extending fully a mile, started in processional order for Dundalk, all laden with pigs bought in the fair, and all the other cattle were waked to that port for shipment. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed among the people, who are now more determined than ever to adhere to their attitude of passive resistance. The arrangements for reaching Dundalk and other towns are complete without railway communication. The town is crowded with police and detectives, who are sying after every one. There is no intimidation, except on the part of the police, who seem anxious to bully and coerce and frighten the people into resuming business with the line. On a recent occasion 60 carts were engaged to convey the oats bought in the market to Dundalk. The police went round each and every one of the men in charge and took down their names and addresses with great solemnity. Their right to act in this fashion is naturally questioned, as men ought to be able to earn a day's wages without a policeman covertly threatening them with prosecution. Matters, however, have gone so far that no power that the Government can bring to bear will induce the people to deal with the line until the house is vacated.

Roscommon.—A most enthusiastic open air meeting of the tenants of the townlands of Mullen and Raheela was held at Raheela. About fifty of the tenants were present. The object of the meeting was to defend the reputation of our venerable chairman of the meeting held on the 25th inst. Luke Sharkey was proposed and elected chairman and Michael Toolan was appointed to act as secretary. It was resolved—That we, the tenants of the above townlands, redouble our energy in upholding the resolutions passed at the tenant-farmers' meeting held on the 25th; that we redouble our determination not to interfere between James Beirne of Mullen and the landlord as far as the rent question is now concerned, and that we look at the report in the *Herald* regarding our venerable chairman as a lying, scurrilous, mean, low fabrication in ranking Mr Sharkey as of Star-Chamber fame.

Sligo.—A convention to inaugurate the Tenants' Defence Association in the County Sligo, was held in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall. Delegates from the different branches of the National League throughout the County attended, and the local Boards of Guardians were also represented. The Mayor (John Connolly) was present and took part in the proceedings. Messrs. P. J. Power, Edmund Leamy, P. McDonald, M. McCartan, and D. Sheehy, M.P.'s, arrived by the limited mail, and were met at the station by the Emmet and Gaelic bands, and a crowd of people who escorted them to the Town Hall. Admission to the meeting was by ticket, and at the time the speaking commenced a large assemblage thronged the capacious building. On motion of Father B. McLaughlin, seconded by John Connolly, Mayor, P. J. Power took the chair; and on the motion of Father McGauran, Patrick A. McHugh and John O'Dowd were appointed secretaries to the meeting. Letters were read from Bishop Gillooly, who enclosed a cheque for £10, with his best wishes for the success of the movement; and Bishop Lyster, who enclosed a cheque for £5, and stated that he thoroughly approved of the programme of the association and sympathised with its object.

Tipperary.—Mr. Shaw-Lefevre recently visited the scene of the great struggle now being waged between Smith-Barry and the men of gallant Tipperary. He was received by Canon Cahill and the leading Nationalists of the town, and was presented with an address of welcome, to which Mr. Lefevre publicly replied. The police were as busy as bees in a sugar barrel.

Tyrone.—A public meeting, convened for the purpose of advocating a compulsory sale of land Bill, was held recently at Stewartstown. It was one of a series intended to be held throughout the County of Tyrone on the same subject. The meeting, which was held in the Market House, was convened in the ordinary way, and was well attended by the farmers of the district and the people of the town, all creeds and politics being represented. Resolutions were passed demanding the Government to pass a bill of compulsory sale of land.

Waterford.—A meeting of the members of the Dungarven Literary Society was held recently, at which the Very Rev. P. Casey attended, for the purpose of forming classes in connection with the society. Mr. E. Koehan presided. The details of the project were discussed, after which a resolution was proposed establishing a class for the teaching of Irish, and a good many members gave in their names as pupils. With regard to the other classes it was proposed to wait on the teachers of the locality and ascertain their terms for teaching two nights in the week. The meeting rendered their thanks to the Very Rev. P. Carey, for attending and taking so great an interest in the working of the society.

H. G. Fisher, of the *Munster Express*, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment for publishing League reports. Four other summonses are still against him. C. Redmond, junr., has been also treated to a further term of two months, making a total of seven months' imprisonment for the same offence.

CANTERBURY CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOLLAND occupied the chair on the "Original Paper night," held on the 4th March.

Mr. Perceval was, unfortunately, unable to attend. As this is only the second time he has been absent, his apology was freely accepted.

The items submitted consisted of:—"Criminal and other statistics," "Recollections of a Phrenologist," and "A Trip to Dunedin." Mr. Milner's contribution on the subject of "Mummies" was not quite original, nor was it a "paper," but a brief lecture.

Mr. Hines' account of Dunedin was his first effort for the Society in the way of a paper. However, it was a very nice one. He saw many things faulty in the Exhibition City, and he enumerated them, The Fire Brigade accommodation seemed to specially touch his risible faculty. Certainly Mr. Hines told the story of his experience in a very taking style.

Mr. Kennedy's "Criminal and other statistics" was a most able exposition of the fallacious idea that Ireland is low and criminal. He said—or read that many go entirely by first impressions. If we trust, then, to this way, all the Old World's people are surely criminal. According to the cablegrams, crime and its perpetration, seem the only things worth living for. Crime was most ably defined by the writer, by which it could be seen that one might be a vile wretch and yet remain a respectable (?) and even popular citizen. Statistics were quoted to show the relative amount of criminals in the United Kingdom, as a whole, and many individual comparisons were made. Taken any way, they clearly showed Ireland to be more law-abiding and virtuous than England, Scotland, or Wales. Mr. Kennedy's paper concluded with an eloquent reference to the ministry of the Catholic Priesthood.

A critic said that the "Phrenologist's recollections" showed his ability to write down, very minutely too, what he had seen. It was brief and local.

Mr. Milner must have taken an interest in his task to be enabled to expound so clearly the various methods of embalming the dead. He showed that in pre-historic times, one went to an embalmer, instead of hieing to the local undertaker, to dispose of his dead friend's body. The process of embalming was described as most elaborate and effectual to an extraordinary degree. There was a cheap process and a spurious way. Mr. Milner described the "Cemetery system," wherein these much embalmed bodies were laid. Even the rather gruesome nature of the subject did not prevent several bursts of merriment to escape from his audience.

The usual critique was not indulged in, as three of the writers left the room, thus leaving criticism without its point.

On the 18th March the Society's "Lecture Night" will be held. On these occasions the President and members are pleased to welcome visitors.

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Speaking of the forthcoming marriage of Lord Clifford, of Chudleigh, and Miss Mabel Towneley, of Towneley, which is to unite two of the oldest English Catholic families, *Vanity Fair* says: "Neither the Cliffords nor the Towneleys have ever changed their faith, and the latter boast that Mass was said regularly at Towneley Hall, near Burnley, even in the darkest days of the Penal Laws. Lord Clifford owns some 7000 acres of land centring around his fine old seat, Ugbrooke Park, South Devon; and Miss Towneley inherits a large property in Lancashire and Cumberland."