

that prevailed on both sides of the house in relation to the merits of the late Lord Mayor. Sir George Moyers said that Councillor Sexton's conduct in the chair had earned for him the sincere regard and admiration of all the citizens of Dublin. On the return of the procession to Dawson street the Lord Mayor entertained some 200 guests at luncheon at the Mansion House.

Fermainagh.—Over £80 has been subscribed by the people of the parish of Enniskillen to the Tenants' Defence Fund. Over forty Protestants were among the subscribers. Some of these men up to a very recent date were most pronounced Orangemen, but, as some of them have said, their eyes have been opened by the way their landlords have treated them.

Galway.—At the meeting of the Mountshannon branch of the National League, held on Sunday, December 29, this resolution was adopted: "That we beg to join our humble voices with those of our fellow-countrymen in cordially greeting that noblest of patriots, William O'Brien, on his release from Galway Prison, and we hope that the coming year may witness the abolition of the system by which the noblest in the land are tortured in prison, while the most corrupt are placed in exalted positions."

Kildare.—Two thousand people attended a meeting at Monasterevan on December 15 to select National League officers. The Rev. James Hughes presided. Mr. S. J. Malone proposed a series of resolutions endorsing the National programme, approving of the action of the Smith-Barry tenantry, condemning the evictions in the district by the Marquis of Drogheda, and also indignantly protesting against the conduct of the last-named landlord in subscribing £500 of the rents paid him by his tenants in this district to assist in the work of the extermination of tenants on other estates with whom he has no cause of quarrel. Mr. P. O'Brien, M.P., addressed the meeting.

Mr. Henry O'Connor, editor of the *Leinster Leader*, was, on December 26, served with summonses under the Coercion Act to appear at Naas Petty Sessions, to answer a charge of having used intimidation towards one William Cullen, for having taken and occupied an evicted farm at Davidsown. The intimidation, the summons states, is contained in several numbers of the *Leinster Leader*. There is another summons for intimidation towards one William Johnson, with a view to cause him to abstain from employing Cullen.

On January 3, Dr. Darley, Q.C., County Court Judge, took up the Crown business of the County Kildare in the Naas courthouse. Addressing the grand jury, he said the business to go before them was very light. Speaking further, Judge Darley said that some time ago he was asked by a Court of Equity to grant an injunction to level a hut, into possession of which an individual had been put who was evicted from a neighbouring farm. "I had a serious difficulty in carrying out that strong power of ordering an injunction to level that building, and the difficulty I had in my mind was that in the proceeding there was no charge that this thing which was done amounted to waste, or to such injury to the property as to call for the interference of the law. My decision was found fault with, and was brought under the notice of the Vice-Chancellor, who took a different view from what I did. He directed the case to go back to me and that I should carry out his opinion that the decision I gave should be reversed, and the hut in question removed. I take it that the Vice-Chancellor took a general view of the case, and that the proceedings were in furtherance of what is known as the Plan of Campaign. The Vice-Chancellor may have considered that this was sufficient to call for a Court of Equity to order the hut removed. I will not comment upon that, but I will say that it should be known that I am bound to act according to the view of the Vice-Chancellor, and if a case comes before me again, in which there is any charge of anything being done amounting to waste or injuries to a farm or of the nature of the above case, when it is in furtherance of the Plan of Campaign, it would be my duty to order that to be levelled to the ground. I merely mention this as a matter of law and it will be my duty to make such orders levelling such huts or houses. Therefore, I would caution persons against raising huts or buildings of any kind contrary to law, because if you do, it will be my duty to order such buildings to be levelled to the ground."

King's County.—Father O'Dwyer, of Cork, who is still in Tullamore Gaol, continues to enjoy fairly good health. He is frequently visited by Dr. Moorhead, J.P., and Rev. P. O'Reilly, C.C., chaplain. He makes no complaint, but refuses to accept of any assistance from the officials, medical or otherwise, until he is allowed all the privileges granted him in Cork prison.

Limerick.—Mr. William O'Donnell was installed Mayor of Limerick, and Mr. Nolan High Sheriff, on January 1. Alderman Dundon proposed a resolution of confidence in Mr. Parnell. He neither knew nor cared what the result of the O'Shea proceedings would be. The cause of Irish Nationality would go on to the completion of their hopes. Alderman O'Mara seconded the resolution, which was carried, Alderman Gaffney dissenting. A crowd of persons in the council chamber groaned and hooted Alderman Gaffney.

On January 2, at an adjourned Crimes Act Court, held in Limerick, Mr. John McInerney, editor of the *Limerick Leader*, was charged with intimidation by the publication of an article in his paper vigorously condemning Michael Ryan as grabber. The magistrate, Mr. F. G. Hodder, and Major Rolleston passed the sentence on the defendant for the first article a term of three months' imprisonment with hard labour; for the second article a further term of three months, to commence at the expiration of the first, and at the conclusion of these terms to enter into recognisances to keep the peace for six months, or to be further imprisoned for three months. Mr. McInerney gave a notice of appeal from this outrageous sentence.

The freedom of Limerick City was, on December 23, presented to the Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Bishop of Sale, Victoria, who is now visiting Ireland. Dr. Corbett is a native of Limerick, and was recently appointed bishop in Australia. Bishop Corbett is an ardent Home Ruler.

A deputation representing the porters at the Waterford and Limerick Railway, of Tralee, Listowel, Newcastle West, Bathkeale,

Ennis, Tipperary and Clonmel, who were out on a strike, had an interview at Limerick Terminus on December 25 with Sir James Spaight, Chairman of the Waterford and Limerick Railway. A general strike, in which the Limerick and Waterford employees would join, was threatened if the men at the country stations did not receive a larger increase than one shilling a week. Sir James said the most the directors could do was to offer an increase of sixpence in addition to that already granted to the men at second-class. A settlement on these terms was made.

Sligo.—Mr. P. A. McHugh, editor of the *Sligo Champion*, has been again summoned to appear at court under the Coercion Act. Mr. McHugh, it will be remembered, passed a term of six months' imprisonment in the gaols of Sligo and Derry, for having fearlessly condemned land-grabbers and land-grabbing in his paper. He has been enjoying his freedom for only a few months when the authorities are expressing a desire to gag the journalist once more. Eight summonses were served on Mr. McHugh, on January 1, charging him with having intimidated two men who took farms from which others had been evicted.

Tipperary.—On December 16, a number of drunken bailiffs and emergency men had a free fight in one of their lodges in Tipperary. Hostilities waxed so warm and blood flowed so freely that a reinforcement of police had to be called in, with the result that five bailiffs were marched off as prisoners to the barrack.

On December 23, the funeral occurred of William Walsh, a highly-respected young Tipperary man, whose death is attributed to a brutal beating he received from three policemen on the night of March 7 last, when a number of townspeople were wantonly attacked by the police. The remains were followed to the grave by a great number of people, who were deeply grieved and highly indignant at the sad death of a bright young man.

Over 500 tenants have already been evicted on the Smith-Barry estate in this county during the present campaign. The tenants and people are showing wonderful courage and splendid temper under this trying ordeal. Some of the larger tenants on the Smith-Barry property in the Cashel district were, on January 2, served with attorneys' letters from the agent, demanding that the rents be paid not later than January 6, otherwise proceedings would be taken for the recovery of same. All the tenants here have pledged themselves by formal resolution to follow in the footsteps of the men of Tipperary. Already their farms are cleared and ready to be given up to the bailiffs of Smith-Barry when they call.

Waterford.—The release of Mr. O'Brien, M.P., was celebrated in Tallow on the night of December 20. The town was fully illuminated. St. Patrick's Brass Band paraded, followed by hundreds of people, who flocked in from the surrounding districts. Cheer after cheer was given for the brave hero.

At the appeal of Messrs. C. P. Redmond, editor of the *Waterford News*, H. D. Fisher, editor of the *Munster Express*, and Pierce Power, a well-known farmer, against the outrageous sentence of imprisonment passed on them by the Removables, for alleged intimidation recently, was heard at the Court House, Waterford, on January 2, before County Court Judge Waters. The Judge's decision in every case quashed all the convictions of a notorious Removable. He ridiculed their rulings at every point, and evoked applause from the audience by his masterly arrangement of them and their tyrannous motives. Judge Waters ordered the immediate discharge of Mr. Power, who was in the dock, whereupon the warden who had the prisoners in charge said the Governor would require a written order from the Judge commanding his release, and he could not allow him out till he got an authority. The Judge replied that he would send him to gaol if he did not release him, and the frightened warden immediately complied with the request. Mr. Power was soon afterwards a free man.

Westmeath.—An enthusiastic meeting of the National League was held on Sunday last at Empor, in the chapel-yard, after Mass, in compliance with the rules laid down at the county convention held at Mullingar. After appointing collecting officers, it was resolved—"That we tender to our late president, the Rev. J. Fay, our heartfelt gratitude for his untiring exertions in the national cause while in our midst, and we rejoice at his promotion to the dignity of parish priest, and wish him happiness among his new friends."

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There was a good deal of talk some months ago, says a contemporary, about Canon Farrar's proposal to establish an order of Protestant Preaching Friars in connection with the Church of England. But one never hears anything of the new order now, unless when the Canon's suggestion is made into a peg on which to hang a resolution at an anti-ritualistic meeting. We imagine that the scheme has collapsed on account of the impossibility of finding a number of Anglican clergymen willing to undertake work which would not, under any circumstances, lead to a benefice and a wife. That difficulty has already caused one such attempt to come to an ignominious end. Nine years ago the Rev. F. Percival Downman founded the "Order of the Sacred Redeemer," of which he was the first and only superior. He now finds (says the *Guardian*) that it is impossible to carry out his intentions, so he has abandoned the idea, and has obtained such dispensation from his self-imposed vows as the Bishop of London can give him. With Mr. Downman's experience before his eyes Canon Farrar will do well to let his proposal fade into nothingness without more ado.