

house in the locality. The application was refused by a majority of five magistrates.

Queen's County.—The Stradbally "suppressed" League has called upon Timaoce to be a little more active in stamping out the evil of land-grabbing which has become rife there.

Roscommon.—Favoured by beautiful weather Strokes-town was the scene of a great demonstration of National League branches on Sunday week last. The people travelled long distances to meet their ever-faithful representative, Mr. O'Kelly, M.P., who attended, to advise his constituents as to how they should face the impending famine. The chair was occupied by James Neary.

An incident of an amusing character occurred in Castlereagh recently. A woman, the wife of a farmer who had taken evicted land, was recently groaned while travelling through the district. Her husband travelled the same road afterward with an ass and cart, the box of which was very neatly and carefully covered with a canvas, giving the unwary to understand that it contained fowl or bonhams. However, the people suspected something, and one man was able to discern beneath the canvas the forms of policemen. This proceeding was gone through with the object of getting up a prosecution if any person came into unfriendly contact with the farmer.

Riverstown fair, which was held recently, was largely attended and good business done. The quality of the stock was excellent. Calves sold well, average price being £5; year-and-a-half-olds, £9 12s 6d to £10; two-and-a-half-year-olds, £13 to £14; sheep were in good demand, and sellers seemed satisfied. Pigs were sold from 35s to 40s per cwt., the principal buyers being Messrs Curran, Healy, Burns, and Mulligan, all of Sligo.

Tipperary.—Sir Charles Russell, speaking at Burnley, England, said the recent events in Tipperary cast a lurid light on the mode in which justice was brought home to the heart and conscience of the Irish people.

Very enthusiastic meetings of the Aherlow and Cappawhite branches were recently held, Fathers O'Brien and Crowe presiding. The Aherlow meeting adopted a resolution calling upon their countrymen in America for assistance to carry on the war against Balfour and landlordism.

John Redmond, M.P., spoke last week at a Tenants' Defence Fund meeting in Clonmel. There were over 1000 persons present, and £100 was subscribed for the fund. Jeremiah Moynihan was arrested for distributing the bills announcing the meeting. The police said they were "seditious."

The police tore down a number of placards having reference to the forthcoming election of Tipperary Town Commissioners which were posted extensively through the town. The placard contained an extract from *United Ireland* expressing the hope that the nominees of Michael O'Brien-Dalton would receive the support of the people.

Waterford.—The sea in the vicinity of Dunmore recently has swarmed with herrings, and immense takes were the result. They sold at £1 per measure.

Some cattle, the property of John Fitzgerald, was seized by landlord E. P. Walsh, of Aghlish. The Knockanore band attended the sale in Dungavgan, when the cattle were bought in for the tenant and driven home decorated with green ribbons.

Thomas O'Brien was arrested at recent Waterford fair on a charge of boycotting a grabber named Garrett Troy. "Detective" Wilson swore that he heard O'Brien "coughing" and saw him beating with his stick when any buyer approached the cattle.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

Readers of the *Pilot* will recall the visit of Bishop Wulfingh, of Surinam, or Dutch Guiana, to the United States last summer, in aid of the leper settlement under his jurisdiction, and our reference to a Redemptorist missionary who had incurred the terrible disease in his ministrations, and who was dying of it amid great suffering. A private letter brings us the tidings of the happy consummation of the good priest's martyrdom. He went to his reward August 26 last. His name was John Bakker. He was a native of Holland, and had laboured in Surinam among the lepers since 1866. The leprosy first manifested itself in him about ten years ago. During the latter part of his life he was perfectly helpless. It had become necessary to amputate his fingers. "In the midst of his sufferings," writes our correspondent, "he was always cheerful and resigned." Once the Bishop asked him if he had any desire to express. He answered no. Pressed, however, he asked to be allowed means for a tangible expression of gratitude to the physician, a leper like himself, who attended him daily. This is the third Redemptorist priest who has died in the service of the lepers of Surinam. Although the vast majority of the lepers are non-Catholic, only Catholic priests have thus far lived at the leper settlement, Batavia. Here, as at Mulokai, forever consecrated by Father Damien's martyrdom, the heroic Franciscan nurse minister to the leper women and children.

The Chapter of Strasbourg desire as Bishop, Prince Edmund de Badzivil, son of the late Prince Boguslav. He is a member of the Benedictine Community of the Abbey of Beuron. One of his brothers is also a Benedictine of the Abbey of Maredsous; another brother is a member of the Society of Jesus; whilst one of his sisters is a Franciscan Nun, at Mariaschein, Toplitz, and another is a Sister of Charity at Bonn. Father Badzivil would be the second member of a princely house to wear the mitre of Strasbourg since the resignation in 1802, of the unfortunately celebrated Cardinal de Rohan; the first was Prince Maximilian de Croy-Dulmen, 1819, Bishop of Strasbourg and Grand Almoner of France, in 1821, a true model of every episcopal virtue.

Cardinal Von Hergenroether, was one of the most learned historians of our day. His great work on Pothius and the Eastern schism made his reputation among scholars; while his crushing

reply to Dollinger, published under the title of *Anti Janus*, brought his name more prominently before the general public. His summary of Church history is a monument of painstaking research and intelligent criticism. He was a scientific historian in the best sense of the word, and it is much to be regretted that, while his Church history is hardly known even by name to English readers, Darres' feeble and uncritical performance in the same field has obtained a wide circulation among Catholics both in England and America. The Cardinal's later years were devoted to work at the Vatican library and he has edited several volumes of the *Res gesta* issued from the Pontifical archives.

On Sunday, October 26, there was an interesting ceremony at the Archbishop's house at Westminster. The Cardinal-Archbishop gave the white veil to three ladies, who are the first postulants of a religious congregation, the special object of which will be the care and reformation of women who are the victims of the vice of intemperance.

The national Basilica of the Sacred Heart erected by the Republic of Ecuador on Mount Pichischa, 15,000 feet above the sea, is rapidly approaching completion. The President of the neighbouring Republic of Venezuela has lately subscribed a very large sum for the erection of another church of the Sacred Heart in his capital city.

Sister Maria Caprini has arrived in Naples from the Soudan, where she has been detained a prisoner since the year 1882. The story of her imprisonment by the Madhi is one of thrilling interest. Closely confined for years, with four other Sisters, one of whom succumbed to her sufferings and privations, she was subjected to all sorts of torments. On one occasion the Madhi, enraged because she refused to renounce Christianity, ordered that she should be decapitated, but fortunately he changed his mind before his commands were executed. Two years after the Madhi's death Sister Caprini made her escape to Berber, and thence to Cairo, travelling mostly at night in the disguise of a native woman. The Sister, who is only twenty-six years of age, has borne her trials with quiet fortitude and disclaims any title to be classed as a heroine. Such is the modest bravery of those good nuns who are, week after week, singled out for the insults and calumnies of bigots.

RELICS OF IRISH MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARGARET STOKES has, we (*Nation*) learn from the *Daily Express*, enriched the museum with some relics of St. Columbanus and his successors which she gathered last winter in the Saint's ancient home at Bobbio. She went there in continuation of those pious and patriotic labours that resulted in her imperishable book on "Early Christian Art" in Ireland. Her pilgrimage was rewarded. She found there several traces of Celtic art. Among these were the ornamental interlacing on the tomb of Attala, Columbanus's successor. "The tomb proves that the Celtic missionaries wherever they went brought the traditional Celtic style of ornamentation with them, which we can see here at home displayed so abundantly in the Book of Kells and the other celebrated monuments of Irish Art." This ornamentation Miss Stokes has carefully copied, and she has presented copies to the Museum. She found traces of Celtic Art at Lucca also, in the Church of St. Martin. At Bobbio also are preserved St. Columbanus's bell and wooden cup, photographs of which were made by Miss Stokes and added to the collection. She also photographed the Saint's tomb, which was erected in the 15th century.

The most important find, however, was the tomb of Cumman, an Irish abbot, who was born early in the seventh century, and late in life found his way to the place which St. Columbanus had sanctified. He was a student of Clonmacnoise. In Lombardy he became a great friend of the famous King Liutprand, and at his death the king erected the tomb to his memory. Miss Stokes took rubbings of the monument, and has given a copy to the Museum.

This is her translation of the inscription to the memory of this son of Early Christian Erin:—

Here the sacred remains of the blessed Cumman are dissolved,
Whose soul, penetrating to heaven, rejoices with angels.
He was great in dignity, grace, and beauty,
Scotia sent him to the confines of Italy in his old age.
He remained at Bobbio, constrained by the love of the Lord,
Where, following the rule of the venerable Columbanus,
In watching, fasting unceasingly, sedulous in prayer,
Four Olympiads and the circle of one year
He lived in such blessedness, that he may now be believed to be
happy.

Gentle, prudent, pious with the brethren, peaceable with all men,
The years of his life were nine times ten,
Also one lustrum and four months.

But, renowned Father, be a powerful intercessor
For the most pious King Liutprand, who to thee
In devotion decorated this precious stone.

That it might be manifest where thy precious body lies.

Cumman, Bishop, buried here NIV. Kal. Sep. (August 19th).
John the Master made this.

Words of praise are a weak reward for the devotion to the relics of Ireland's proudest past, of which these relics, rescued for the instruction of the Ireland of the present, are the conquest.

MYERS AND CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. The guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth gives general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read.—[ADVT.]