

## Irish News.

**Antrim.**—At the first examinations under the Pharmacy (Ireland) Amendment Act of last session, held in Belfast Queen's College recently, thirty-six chemists and druggists of Belfast and other parts of Ulster presented themselves as candidates.

A specially-convened meeting of the Belfast National League was held when a motion expressing confidence in the party by Mr. McCarthy was carried by nineteen votes against thirteen.

**Carlow.**—The present unsettled condition of national affairs in Ireland called together a great number of members at the recent meeting of the Donegal National League. Resolutions were unanimously adopted calling on Mr. Parnell to give up the untenable attitude he has assumed, approving of the O'Gorman Mahon's action in opposing Mr. Parnell, and of confidence in the majority led by Justin McCarthy.

**Cavan.**—A large and representative meeting of the united parishes of Kingscourt, Muff, and Corlea was held in the Parochial Hall in Kingscourt to consider the question of the leadership of the Irish party. Rev. J. Flood presided. After a few preliminary remarks from the reverend chairman, Rev. J. Duffy, C.C., in an able and practical speech, moved a resolution expressing confidence in the leadership of Justin McCarthy M.P., which was seconded by M. Donegan, merchant. Dr. Dempsey moved an amendment conferring the leadership on Charles S. Parnell. The resolution was declared carried by an overwhelming majority.

**Clare.**—Twenty horses were recently engaged in conveying to the poor at Kildysart turf granted them by Lord Annally.

A meeting of the shopkeepers of Ennistymon and people of surrounding district was held at the Temperance Hall, Sunday week, for the purpose of considering the best means of dealing with the prevailing distress now keenly felt amongst the small farmers and labouring classes in the district. Father Newell presided. A resolution was unanimously adopted calling on the Government to provide seed potatoes for the small farmers and employment for the labourers.

Ballynacally Labour Federation recently held a meeting to consider the action of some members who, unauthorised, gave the position of president of the Federation to Mr. Parnell and deposed Mr. Davitt. The members present expressed great indignation. The following resolution was proposed by James Meany and seconded by Michael O'Toole. *Resolved*.—That we, the members of this branch, in meeting assembled do pledge ourselves to stand by Michael Davitt, who has suffered years of imprisonment for the cause of his down-trodden country.

**Cork.**—The Mayor and M. D. Daly, J.P., visited the gaol recently, and saw Father Crowley and P. Stanton. Both were in good health and spirits, and had no complaints to make.

The news from Kilkenny was anxiously awaited at Youghal. When a telegram was received great satisfaction was generally felt when it was learned that Sir John Pope Hennessy, who is considered a townsmen, had won by such a sweeping majority.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, a Protestant Home Ruler of Cork, died recently in Kingstown. His demise is deeply regretted by Nationalists. Genial and witty, he was personally very popular. Sad to say that owing to the political opinions he held and was not afraid to express, his life was made burdensome to him by some of his congregation, from whom he chose to differ.

**Derry.**—There was great rejoicing in Magerafelt on the reception of the news of the North Kilkenny poll. The general feeling was that the constituency has declared emphatically for Ireland against Parnell. The rejoicings in Draperstown were unanimous and unprecedented when the result was known.

**Donegal.**—At a recent meeting of the Donegal League, Jerome Boyce presiding, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—1. That we heartily congratulate the sturdy Nationalist electors of North Kilkenny on the magnificent victory they have achieved in favour of Ireland and Home Rule. 2. That we hereby sever all connection with the Central Branch of the Irish National League as at present constituted. 3. That we pledge ourselves to support the true Irish National party, under the leadership of Justin McCarthy. 4. That we condemn the action of the *Freeman's Journal* and *Derry Journal* in the present political crisis.

**Fermanagh.**—The two strongest supporters of Mr. Parnell are the members for this County, William Redmond and Henry Campbell. The latter was the deposed leader's Private Secretary.

**Galway.**—The National League branch in Tuam has pronounced for Mr. Parnell.

Captain John Smyth of Masonbrook, Loughrea, through his agent, Laurence Egan, granted 20 per cent. reduction below the valuation of their holdings to tenants on his Cummer property near Tuam. Then all cheerfully paid their rents.

Relief works have been commenced in Carna and Carraroe. Major Peacock is in charge of the work, assisted by Mr. Perry, county surveyor. About 300 people are employed in making roads, etc., which in due time will be taken up by the Grand Jury.

A large and important meeting of the Craughwell parishoners was recently held, Father Quinn presiding, at which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—That we cordially approve of the manifesto of the Archbishops and Bishops declaring Mr. Parnell unfit to be the leader of the Irish people; that we approve of the action of our representative, David Sheehy, in voting with the majority of the Irish party; that we condemn the seizure of *United Ireland*, and the one-sided feeling at present adopted by the *Freeman's Journal*.

**Kerry.**—At a special meeting of the Ballybunion National League, held a few days ago, the committee adopted the following resolution unanimously:—We declare our confidence in the views of the Parliamentary party as expressed by the majority. We also express our approval of the action of our member, John Stack, M.P., in adhering to the pledge taken by the representatives of the nation of sitting and voting with the majority. Signed on behalf of this branch of the I. N. L., William O'Sullivan, president; James Collins, treasurer; Robert Stack, secretary.

At the meeting of the Killarney Board of Guardians, the distress which exists in the union was under discussion. M. Joy presided. There was a large attendance of Guardians. A number of labourers from the parishes of Bathmore and Gueevgrilla, on the Kenmare estate, gathered into the boardroom urging the Guardians to find them immediate employment to enable them to tide over the distress. They handed in a letter from Rev. John O'Brien, Bathmore, which stated that the labourers of Bathmore and Gueevgrilla were in a deplorable state.

**Kildare.**—The Celbridge Board of Guardians passed a resolution expressing the fullest confidence in Mr. Parnell as leader, not alone of the Irish Parliamentary party, but of the Irish people.

The parish priest of Carbury, Rev. L. Dillon, wrote to the *Irish Times*, enclosing a resolution passed by a large majority of the Carbury branch I. N. L., declaring their determination to stand by the party led by Justin McCarthy. Father Dillon complained that the resolution was denied publication in the *Freeman's Journal*.

**Kilkenny.**—The result of the North Kilkenny election so pleased the people of Ireland, England, and Scotland, that innumerable letters reached Right Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of the diocese, to which he replied as follows:—"The Bishop of Ossory begs to acknowledge with most grateful thanks a very large number of kind and sympathetic letters and telegrams during the past ten days from persons of every rank and condition in Ireland, and even in England and Scotland. Their kind words of encouragement aided very much all here who have been engaged during those stirring days in their battle for religion and country. It is quite out of the question that all those communications could be replied to personally by the Bishop, as he would desire to do, but our many friends will, he trusts, accept this public acknowledgment. It must not be forgotten, too, that the *Irish Catholic*, by its powerful advocacy, has contributed very materially in achieving our great victory, while other newspapers, long trusted by the people, have cruelly and heartlessly deserted us in this trying crisis."

**King's County.**—It is currently reported that Bernard C. Molloy, member of Parliament for the Birr Division of King's County, has left for South Africa, and placed in Justin McCarthy's hands his application for the Chiltern Hundreds to be used as advisable.

The usual monthly meeting of the Rahan I. N. L. Branch was held recently, Rev. P. Tuite in the chair. The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—That we reprobate the insane conduct of Mr. Parnell in sacrificing the interests of his country to his own vanity and ambition; that we heartily endorse the action of our county members, Dr. Fox and Mr. Molloy, in preferring Patriotism to Parnellism; that henceforth we will give our allegiance to the National League as organised and directed by the majority of the Parliamentary party, which alone we regard as the National party.

**Leitrim.**—The people of Glenade and Drumlease parishes have pronounced against Mr. Parnell and Mr. Cooway, their representative in Parliament.

The members of the Glenfarm Hall branch recently passed several resolutions bearing upon the National crisis, amongst them being the following:—That we tender to the majority of the Irish Parliamentary party our sincere gratitude for the noble part they took in defending the honour and the fame of dear old Ireland, and in tallyhoing out of public life the McMurrrough of the nineteenth century and his crazy gang of pliant pledge-breakers.

**Limerick.**—S. Geary presided at a meeting of Castlemabon League, at which the action of W. Abraham was endorsed. Mr. Abraham is of the majority party.

Sir Stephen de Vere, of Foynes Island, was recently presented with a magnificent address and a handsome carriage and horse by the