

ing gale and the imaginary half-year's rent to which we all are bound under one of the old-time customs so familiar to every farmer. Captain Hamilton, under a distress warrant, seized on his cattle and put two bailiffs into his house for the purpose simply of annoying him, as the rent was paid the moment the seizure was made. On the mountain side of Brandon there are many poor cotters who are daily in dread of seeing their little stock swept away.

Limerick.—Rev Brother Slattery, Superior of the Christian Brothers, Limerick, recently celebrated his golden jubilee. Brother Slattery, who was born in County Limerick, left his home in 1842 at the age of twenty-two years, and entered the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers of Lady's Mount, Cork. After spending a time in the Novitiate he was given charge of the school formerly taught by the famous Gerald Griffin, and after a time appointed to Mill street, in the Liberties of Dublin, in the year 1845. There during the terrible famine years he taught in schools thronged with starving children, who were fed as well as instructed, for the Brothers had to fight against the proselytizers who prowled about seeking to kidnap the perishing little ones. He spent fifteen years in this locality, and he was then selected as Director of the house at Enniscorthy, at the foot of Vinegar Hill, where he built two beautiful schools, one of which was erected on the site of an Orange Lodge. He was afterwards sent to open the Brothers' establishment at Bruff, in 1850, and after three years he went to Synge street, Dublin, to the new schools. Thence he was set to Mullingar, to take charge of St Mary's College and from that to the great northern city of Belfast. The Brother, there before him had had a hard time of it, and so had he when he began his work, but he not only succeeded but he increased the schools from four to ten, four of which he had built at a cost of £3,000, subscribed by Protestants as well as Catholics. Eight years ago Brother Slattery went back to Limerick, and since, through the

The Archbishop of Tasmania, Most Rev Doctor Murphy, came nearly 17,000 miles to pay the homage of his love to the Immaculate Mother of God. He was in Knock ten years ago, when he came to redeem his promise to manifest his gratitude to the Queen of Heaven, who had, by the use of the Knock cement, restored his sight and enabled him ever since to say Mass, read the Divine Office, and perform all the other duties of his exalted position in the Church. Previous to the use of the cement he tried all other remedies, but to no purpose. Accompanied by his worthy chaplain, Rev F. O'Calaghan, he said Mass at Knock on Wednesday, the Feast of the Holy Cross. He was delighted to see the improvements in the Church of the Apparition.

Meath.—The attempt made by the Parnellites to cast Mr Davitt from his seat in Parliament has proved abortive. The Registration Sessions recently held at Navan, at which 500 Nationalists' claims to vote were allowed, proved that even if Parnellites were successful in the law courts, the people would re-select Mr Davitt as their representative. This had much to do with the abandonment of the case.

Monaghan.—The bailiff of the Ancketill Grove estate, owned by the Scottish Provident Institution, recently proceeded to the townland of Cloonacullion, and unrooted and tore down the dwelling-house and offices of Mary McKenna. Next they proceeded to Dundian, and similarly demolished the neat and comfortable dwelling-house and offices of John McKenna. Just as the work of demolition was completed the unfortunate tenant came on the scene, being that day liberated from Armagh Jail, where he had completed a month's imprisonment for occupying the homestead from which he had been evicted. His brother and sister are detained in jail for the same offence, and this is the third or fourth imprisonment of these people. The estate in question is one of the most impoverished in the

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support of the Bishop, Right Rev Doctor O'Dwyer, he has structurally improved the schools, and built a new school in St John's parish. Bishop O'Dwyer purchased and presented the site to the Brothers, and upon it has been raised the fine building known as the "Walsh Memorial School," because it was raised in memory of Brother Slattery's pious and venerable predecessor, Mr Walsh. The interesting event of his golden jubilee was fittingly celebrated at the Sexton street schools.

Longford.—The situation in the County, it is alleged, could not well be more gloomy looking. Since August scarcely a fine day has been experienced here. There were intervals of sunshine, but they were generally accompanied by such a high wind that harvesting operations were conducted on the most limited scale. The consequence is that hay, of which there promised to be a most abundant crop, is in a most wretched state. Late cut hay is all rotten and can't be lifted. The oat crop is also in danger. Up to the end of July there was a splendid prospect. Then came heavy rains, which beat down the good oats, which rotted. A large amount of damage has been done to the potato crop, vast quantities becoming black and worthless from continuous rain.

Mayo.—There were seven evictions carried out at Charlestown a few days ago. The names of the evicted are:—Patrick Duffy, Hubert Jordan, Patrick Dunleavy of Barnacolga; Thomas Mulligan, Cairn; Widow Halligan, Cashel; Mrs Doherty and James Cooke, Lurga. Three houses were levelled to the ground. In James Cooke's case this was done without removing any of the furniture, etc, from within. The roof caught fire, and in a few minutes all was in ashes. The houses of Patrick Dunleavy and Thomas Mulligan were also levelled. The former is a prominent member of the Federation. The inhuman work of the landlord is not going to stop at these cases, the bailiffs are distributing "death warrants" in hundreds.

country. The judicial rents were fixed chiefly out of court by the thumb-screw method.

Tipperary.—When Father Humphreys arrived in Tipperary, after his seven day's imprisonment, he was given a reception which clearly proved the great hold he has upon the affection of his parishioners. An enormous procession was formed around him, headed by the William O'Brien Fife and Drum Band and the Sarsfield Fife and Drum Band, and a move made towards New Tipperary. As the procession passed through the streets the greeting with which Father Humphreys met at every point of the route was very warm. When the upper end of William O'Brien street was reached a halt was made, and here a temporary platform had been erected, over which a banner bearing the words "Welcome home," had been inscribed. And Father Humphreys ascended the structure and delivered a spiritual address to the people.

An eviction took place near Sheheverie, on the estate of Charles N. Clarke Holycross. Mary A. McGrath and five others of the same family, who for the past two years have been left without father or mother, were evicted from their holding at Durie, near Kilcommon. There was still left in the house an old woman of over 90 years of age, the grandmother of the orphans, and she being in a helpless condition it was thought wiser not to disturb her. Two of her granddaughters were allowed to go back into the house and take care and nurse their aged grandparent, but when the poor old woman heard that two emergency men were remaining in the house as caretakers, she declined to remain, and with the help of her two granddaughters limped out on the roadside. She and her grandchildren were, however, very shortly afterwards provided with ample accommodation, refreshments, etc., by one of their kind-hearted neighbours. The McGraths and their ancestors have been in occupation of this mountainous farm for the past seventy years. Their parents died a few years ago.