

from the delegates representing the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Irish Parliamentary party in supporting the Miners' Eight Hours Bill and the Coal Mines Employment Bill.

Good Payers.

In the course of his speech in introducing the Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons Mr Wyndham gave the following particulars of how tenants who had purchased their holdings met their engagements. Taking the Acts of 1891 and 1896, under those Acts more than 30,000 purchasers are paying annually £171,211 to the State. I have no case of bad debts to offer. Then let me take unpunctuality, and in Ireland we know that previous to purchase people took a view of arrears which I may probably describe as liberal. Under these two Acts, out of 30,000 purchasers there are in all Ireland only 69 men six months late, and in all Ireland only one man out of 30,000 who is 18 months late with his payment. It comes to this, that we are £163 in arrears on £171,000, or a matter of 5s 5d in every £100.

A Judicial Boycott.

Mr Kilbride ex-M.P., addressing a meeting of the United Irish League at Lusk recently, said the judges had taken to denouncing boycotting of landgrabbers. How did these judges themselves act? A well-conducted well-educated sergeant in the Dublin Metropolitan Police recently memorialised the benchers, composed largely of judges, to be permitted to enter as law student at King's Inns, but the benchers boycotted him and refused the application. The son of a Connaught landlord explained the boycott by saying, do you think that the benchers, who have the custody of the honor of our profession could demean it by allowing a common policeman to become a student.

American Aid.

The reports of the progress of the United Irish League delegates, (Messrs W. Redmond and Devlin) in the States indicate that the work of establishing the organisation there has been well begun, and the action of the Government in threatening the suppression of the League in Ireland and crushing the right of public meeting and free speech is having the natural effect of rallying the Irish citizens of the United States and securing their sympathy. The mission has so far been very successful, and branches of the League are being started in the cities and towns of the States. That the Irish in America are prepared to extend substantial financial aid to the movement was proved at the great meeting held in Chicago a few weeks ago, when \$5000 was subscribed on the spot.

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People

Lord de Freyne, whose name is in pretty frequent mention just now, is the fourth holder of a title which dates from 1839. The first Baron was Arthur French. His father, another Arthur, was M.P. for Roscommon from his coming-of-age till his death—1783 to 1820. He was offered an earldom to support the Union, and subsequently a barony without any conditions at all. However, it was Arthur II., also M.P. for Roscommon—1821-32—who was presently created Baron French of Artagh.

Mr Michael Davitt was 56 years old on the 27th of March. At four years of age he tasted the bitterness of eviction, at ten he lost his arm in a cotton mill in Lancashire, next he was a printer's devil, at nineteen he joined the Fenian brotherhood, and was shortly in prison. He is now, first of all, a staunch Nationalist, and afterwards an advanced reformer on both political and social lines. He has not sat in Parliament since 1899, when he resigned his seat for North-East Cork as a protest against the war in South Africa. Since then he has visited the field of battle and interviewed the principal officers on the Boer side.

Bugler Dunne, of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to whom, in recognition of his gallantry at Colenso, Queen Victoria presented a silver bugle, has taken his discharge from the Army on account of ill-health. He left Dover (says the 'Tablet' of March 22), where he had been stationed for some time, on Monday night. Some of his enthusiastic bugler-boy comrades broke out of barracks on the occasion and played Dunne to the station. After much jubilation at the station the lads were arrested by the pickets, and the were sentenced each to a week's imprisonment by regimental court-martial.

Superintendent McVilvie, the head of the political detective department at Scotland Yard, hails from the county of Kerry. He has been in all the celebrated cases for years. The Anarchists in London are as familiar to him as the members of his own staff. He speaks French well, and ought to be one of the Assistant Commissioners were it not that, as in so many other cases in England, promotion is barred owing to the Government of the country being in the hands of the classes, thus blocking the way of talent in favor of half-pay officers and such-like, the nominee of the privileged.

In the early Victorian era there was a Lord Carlisle, who was Irish Secretary in the Melbourne Ministry and afterwards, Lord-Lieutenant. Like his successor, Lord Crewe, the Lord-Lieutenant was something of a poet, and was noted for his amiable ways. He used to stroll about the Phoenix Park in a shabby old coat, and chat in a friendly way with strangers. One day he shared a bench in the Park with some school-boys and a young R.I.C. recruit from the adjoining depot. They watched a boys' cricket match, and Lord Carlisle kept the score, no one suspecting who he was. The match over he strolled with the constabulary man to the depot gates. 'Come into the canteen and have a drink,' said the friendly recruit. 'No thanks,' apologised Lord Carlisle. 'I must hurry to the Vice-regal Lodge, you know, we have a ball to-night.'

One effect of the French Associations Law will be to deprive the tourists in the Dauphine of the frugal, but cheerful hospitality of the Grand Chartreuse. Formerly male visitors were welcome to two days' board and lodging, and the scenery

between the monastery and Grenoble amply repaid the journey. Queen Victoria, by special permission, was allowed to pass the monastic enclosure, and was pleasantly surprised to find an English monk, who showed her the cells, the cemetery, and the church, and then served her with tea. He was a prelate belonging to the Clifford family who exchanged the purple for a Trappist's cowl.

The leading Irish-American actress, Miss Ada Rehan, who has arrived in London from New York, is, according to American rumor, about to retire from the stage. Ill-health is given as the reason for her withdrawal from the scenes of her Transatlantic triumphs. Born in Limerick City, in that portion of the new town known as Mount Kennet, Miss Rehan belonged to an old family long resident in the Shannon city. At the age of ten she was brought to the States by her parents. Her brothers and sisters, who have also taken to the stage, have also met with success, though, of course, on a much more modest scale than their famous sister, who is classed as the leading actress of the New World. Miss Rehan, who is a frequent visitor to her native city, is said to be contemplating the erection of a residence on the Clare side of the Shannon not far from Limerick. Her extreme wealth makes her rumored retirement from the profession an easy matter from a financial point of view.

A well-known authority gives the following sketch of the life of the Lord Mayor of Dublin—Mr Timothy Charles Harrington, M.P. for Dublin City (Harbor Division), son of Denis Harrington, was born at Castletown Bere, in the County Cork, in 1851. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and at the Catholic University. He is a member of the Irish Bar, and was engaged as counsel in most of the recent Irish political trials, including the 'Times' Special Commission, where he appeared as junior counsel for the defence of Mr Parnell and his Parliamentary colleagues. He has had considerable experience as a journalist, having founded and edited the 'Kerry Sentinel,' and in more recent years he was connected with the 'Irish Daily Independent' and 'United Ireland.' He was secretary and chief organiser of the Irish National League from its establishment in 1882 until after Mr. Parnell's death, and had been closely associated with the great Irish leader. In 1883, while imprisoned in Mullingar gaol for a speech delivered in support of the claims of the agricultural laborers, he was returned to Parliament as junior representative of County Westmeath, and at the general election of 1885 he was returned for the Harbor Division of the City of Dublin, which constituency he has still represented. He is the author of several pamphlets connected with the Irish movement, including 'A Diary of Coercion,' 'Impeachment of the Maamtrasna Trials,' etc. When the division occurred in the ranks of the Irish Parliamentary Party, he, in company with Messrs John Dillon, William O'Brien, T. P. O'Connor, T. D. Sullivan, and T. P. Gill, were on the delegation to America. Five of the delegates declared against Mr. Parnell, whilst Mr Harrington supported the Irish leader, and remained a supporter of his to the end. He was married in 1892, at Dublin, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Dr Edward O'Neill, of that city.

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