

are as follows:—First term rents, a reduction of 6s in the £1; second term rents, a reduction of 4s in the £1; non-judicial tenants to be dealt with individually so as to put them on the same footing as the other tenants. Sporting rights to be reserved to the landlord during his lifetime and during the lifetime of Colonel John Leslie, and afterwards reservation to the tenants.

ROSCOMMON—A New Oratory

On the Feast of the Presentation Very Rev. Canon Coyne, P.P., V.F., opened a new oratory for the use of the Presentation Brothers, Boyle. The chalice used by the Canon at the celebration of Mass on the occasion was one that was used over 300 years ago by the Cistercian monks in the now dismantled Abbey of Boyle.

The Recent Find

Regarding the 'find' near Roscommon of Henry VIII.'s 'Defence of the Seven Sacraments,' an Irish antiquarian writes to the Dublin 'Freeman' as follows:—The 'find' which was so minutely detailed in the last issue of your valuable paper is of no particular importance. Henry VIII. wrote (by deputy, as Mark Twain would say) his famous 'Assertio Septem Sacramentorum adversus Martin Lutherum,' in Latin, printed and published by Richard Pynson, the Royal Printer, in 1521. A copy of the first edition of this work, for which Pope Leo X. conferred upon Henry the title of 'Fidei Defensor,' is now in the British Museum. Three years later Pynson printed a Psalter and Hymn Book, a copy of which is in Marsh's Library, Dublin. According to the English title page of the recent 'find,' the volume discovered in an old box dates from the middle of the 18th century. Though, no doubt, of local interest, the marketable value of the book is not very great.

TYRONE—A Centenarian

An old woman named Mary Campbell died at the advanced age of 107 years recently near Stewartstown. After the death of the deceased she was registered at the Stewartstown dispensary as 102. The Inspector of Deaths in Dublin took exception to the extraordinary age, and wrote to Dr. Harris to make minute inquiries respecting her age, and as a result of his inquiries he came to the conclusion that she was five years more than what she was registered. This remarkable old woman was born in the townland of Innevale, and died in the townland of Dooragh.

WATERFORD—Bonmahon Copper Mines

Once more the copper mines of Bonmahon, in the County Waterford, are to be worked. Situated a few miles from Tramore—the Brighton of Ireland—the quiet little bay of Bonmahon will soon witness the ore-laden ships leave the coast for the smelting foundries of Swansea. Bonmahon copper mines were originally worked by miners from Cornwall. Lead and iron are also to be found there, but not in sufficient quantities to prove workable from a financial point of view. The introduction of up-to-date machinery by the company at present in course of formation should make Bonmahon a good competitor with the copper ore producing mines of the United Kingdom. The total output of copper ore from Irish mines from 1880 to 1903, inclusive, was 4652 tons, value £25,425. That the profitable working of Bonmahon mine would mean much for the district there is no doubt; but its success would have a further benefit in encouraging investors to put their money in a mine they can visit in preference to some more or less imaginary mines in distant countries.

WEXFORD—A Native of Wexford

Monsignor Howlett, D.D., who has been appointed Administrator of Westminster Cathedral, is a member of a well known and much respected Wexford family.

GENERAL

The Language Movement

Over 10,000 copies of the Gaelic League publications were sold during the month of October, a fact which shows clearly that the language movement is progressing rapidly.

Proposed Memorial

An influential committee has been formed with the object of taking steps to erect a memorial to Sir Samuel and Lady Ferguson, whose labors in the field of Gaelic literature are widely appreciated.

The Rev. R. A. Corbett, who has been in Bathurst during the past two years, has been transferred to Wellington. The Rev. J. Dunne, of Wellington, takes Father Corbett's place.

People We Hear About

The rumor which had been in circulation for some time that General Sir William Butler would probably contest an Irish seat at the general election, had evidently no foundation, as we were informed by cable last week that he had started on a Government mission to South Africa to inquire into any subject requiring attention, and to report upon the general state of the country.

General O'Connor, who until recently was Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in Algiers, died last month at Paris. He was, as his name implies, of Irish descent, and was a most enthusiastic and painstaking soldier. He saw active service in many parts of the world, including Madagascar and the Far East. But it was in Algiers that the best part of his life was spent. He was 58 years of age.

October 27 was President Roosevelt's 47th birthday. There was not much prospect in his youth of Theodore Roosevelt developing the fine constitution which he possesses to-day. He was puny and sickly, and there was a fear lest he would not survive childhood. But Roosevelt set himself to train his strength, running, jumping, riding, boxing—with the set ideal of becoming strong. If he were asked to sail, he would only agree to row; if asked to ride, he would prefer to walk—anything, indeed, to increase his strength.

The London correspondent of the Dublin 'Daily Express,' in the course of a complimentary reference to Mr. Justin McCarthy, who celebrated his 76th birthday the other day, writes: 'Mr. McCarthy was—and I am sure still is—a strong Nationalist, but he has left some kindly memories behind him in the House, and, if he is almost forgotten as a politician, he will be remembered for many years because of the contributions he has made to the literature of our times. When the last word is said he will be remembered as a kindly man who, although he clung tenaciously to his party and had many political foes, left not an enemy behind.'

The Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, who accompanies the Archbishop of Melbourne on his visit to this Colony, is a native of Westmeath, and is about 65 years of age. He received his early education at St. Finian's Diocesan Seminary, Navan, thence he passed to Maynooth. He was raised to the priesthood in 1863, and after four years on the mission in his native diocese he was appointed President of the Ecclesiastical Seminary, a position which he filled with much distinction for a period of 16 years. In 1889 Dr. Higgins was appointed Auxiliary Bishop to his Eminence Cardinal Moran. On the death of Dr. Cane he was appointed Bishop of Rockhampton. Owing to the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Moore, in 1904, a vacancy was created in the See of Ballarat, to which he was transferred last year.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, who is at present on a health visit to Rotorua, is in his 67th year, having been born in County Galway in 1839. He pursued his first studies at St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, and afterwards proceeded to Maynooth College, where he read with great distinction the higher ecclesiastical course. He was ordained priest on May 17, 1866, nearly forty years ago. During the first years of his missionary career he labored with singular zeal in his native diocese, and as professor in St. Jarlath's College. In 1873 he returned to Maynooth and successively discharged the duties of Dean and Professor of Theology, and Prefect of the Dunboyne Establishment. In 1880 he was appointed Vice-President of the College, and three years later he was appointed Bishop of Galway. In 1886 Dr. Carr succeeded the late Archbishop Gould in the See of Melbourne. He was invested with the pallium in Rome on St. Patrick's Day, 1887, and arrived in Melbourne in the following June. In 1897 his Grace had the happiness of seeing St. Patrick's Cathedral consecrated, the whole of the cost—a quarter of a million sterling—having been subscribed. This happy result was due in a great measure to the zeal and energy which he put into this great undertaking—one of the finest ecclesiastical monuments in the Southern Hemisphere.

Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College at Rome, has presented the Peter's Pence from the archdiocese of Sydney to the Pope, and a letter from Cardinal Moran concerning the progress of Catholicism in Australia. The Pope, in thanking Monsignor O'Riordan, intimated that he intended to answer the letter personally.