

agreed to cancel the formal sale when it was known that the County Council had consented to intervene in the dispute. At the conference Mr. Fitzgerald, who at first held out for 18 years' purchase and all costs incurred in litigation, subsequently agreed to accept 18 years' purchase, with a half year's rent out of three years, and consented to forego all claim for costs. By the settlement thus effected the tenants obtain better terms than they were willing to accept 12 months ago, as the bargain now amounts to fifteen and a half years' purchase, taking into account the wiping off of two and a half years' rent.

An Obnoxious Land Agent.—A resolution was passed a short time ago by the Creora Branch of the United Irish League that the members would not allow a gentleman of the hunt to ride with hounds over their lands, because of his action in connection with Mrs. McMahon's farm, a widow residing at Cloockaloka. With a view of putting the resolution into practice I effect the members of the Creora Branch, with members of other branches numbering 150, assembled at Kilpeacon lately, where the county hounds were expected, with the intention of preventing the members of the club from hunting over their lands if the gentleman objected to was among them. On inquiry by members of the League they were informed that he was not present, and with this assurance there was no opposition to the hunt.

MONAGHAN.—Funeral of the Late Member.—The funeral of the late Mr. Daniel McAleese, M.P., at Monaghan, was a remarkable testimony to the esteem in which he was held. The town and neighborhood was in mourning. The attendance at the service in the Cathedral and at Lallurcan Cemetery was representative of every shade of political and religious opinion. Telegrams of condolence were received from London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and other places in Great Britain as well as from all parts of Ireland; whilst a happy and well-deserved eulogy of the deceased's work for the Catholic Church and Ireland was delivered by Father Keown, who spoke of Mr. McAleese as a practical Catholic and a good man. Mr. McAleese was a champion of Catholic rights in Belfast when the days were dark and evil.

WATERFORD.—Agricultural and Technical Education.—At the first meeting of the County Waterford Agricultural and Technical Education Committee, the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, was elected President. An interesting discussion took place on the scope of the work that would fall to the body.

WEXFORD.—A Successful Student.—Miss Howlin has obtained the degree in modern literature, having studied during her university course at Alexandra College, Dublin. She matriculated in 1896, gaining first honors in French and honors in English also. At the first arts she obtained an exhibition with honors in French and Latin, and was awarded the Jellicoe Memorial Scholarship given in connection with the examination. At the second arts competition she took second place with first class exhibition, obtaining first class honors and second place in German, and honors in French, English, and Logic. She also held the Queen Victoria Scholarship in Alexandra College. This clever young lady has taken this year second place in modern literature, with second exhibition and honors. At the last annual general meeting of the Royal University the degree of B.A. was conferred on Miss Howlin, who secured honors in modern literature. The young lady is a sister of Mr. James Howlin, Ballycronigan.

Appointment of a Medical Officer.—Dr. B. Connolly, son of Mr. John Connolly, of Deelish, has been elected dispensary medical officer for the Oulart Hill, Wexford, district.

Immunity from Crime.—Addressing the Grand Jury at the quarter Sessions Court held recently at Ennis-corthy, Wexford, Judge Kane congratulated them upon the immunity from crime which the county enjoyed. If it had not been for one small case there would be a crimeless calendar.

Wanted, about 50 clerks to help read testimonials *re* Tussicura. Sole manufacturer, S. J. Evans, 2s 6d.—*.*

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People We Hear About.

Lord Wolseley, whose retiring allowance is only £1300 a year, is, in consideration of his services, to have it increased to £2600.

Jeremiah Lynch, aged 72 years, the last surviving member of the crew of the Confederate battleship Alabama, died at his residence in Inman Park, Atlanta, Ga., recently.

The value of the estate of the late Mrs Gladstone, of Hawarden Castle, has been proved at £10,831. The Gladstones never got any wealth out of the Government.

Patrick McCarthy, a veteran Irish soldier, has been driven by rheumatism into Skipton Workhouse, though he has a pension of 1s 1½d per day. He went through the Crimean war, and was in the charge of the Light Brigade, being wounded in the hand. He was six weeks in the hospital, and his nurse was Florence Nightingale. He also served in the Indian Mutiny, and was in at the relief of Lucknow, where he was severely wounded in the face, the scars of which remain.

Among the persons recently presented to Leo XIII. was an aged woman named Catherine Tanturli, who is in the one hundred and second year of her age. The Pontiff received her with great kindness. She was born amid the Sabine Hills, and her long life was mostly passed in that district. Far back as the memory of Leo XIII. goes in the century, that of this old Sabine woman goes back still farther.

The subscription list for the memorial to the late Lord Russell of Killowen is fairly progressing. Amongst recent subscribers are the American Ambassador, who sends £50; Lord Rosebery, who gives an equal amount; the new Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, and the Attorney-General, who gave 25 guineas each. Sir George Lewis and Mr Ernest Cassel each subscribe £100. Mr C. W. Mathews, in addition to exacting services as honorary secretary, gives 25 guineas.

Mr Frank McDonnell, senior member for Fortitude Valley, Queensland, was born in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, 37 years ago. He received his education at the Christian Brothers' school in that town. Mr McDonnell is prominently identified with the Queensland Labor movement, and has taken a very keen interest in factory and shops legislation. The Catholics of Queensland are especially indebted to him for having secured for them the right for winners of State scholarships to take them out at any Catholic school which has been approved by the Government as giving a sufficiently high standard of education. He also secured this same right for any other private schools which qualify themselves for it.

It is one of the peculiarities of the present British Ministry that it does not include a single Catholic. In the last Ministry the Duke of Norfolk held the office of Postmaster-General, and in the 1886 to 1892 Ministry Mr. Henry Matthews, now Viscount Llandaff, was Home Secretary. Distinguished Catholics in the Liberal ranks have been Lord Ripon, who was Secretary for the Colonies in the Rosebery administration, and held high office at earlier dates; the late Lord Chief Justice, who twice held the office of Attorney-General under Mr. Gladstone; and Lord Emly, who, like the Duke of Norfolk, was Postmaster-General. Mr. Fitzalan Hope, the son of the Duke of the Address, is one of the four Catholics who represent English constituencies in the House of Commons.

On December 21 the death took place, at his residence in Belfast, of Mr. Vere Foster, the well philanthropist, in his eighty-second year. Mr. Foster, who was the second son of Sir Augustus Foster, Bart. was some years in the diplomatic service. During the Irish famine in 1847 he and his brother organised relief committees all over the country and saved thousands from starvation. He afterwards devoted his life to emigration legislation, Irish national education, and improved schoolhouse accommodation. Mr. Foster was also the author of an assisted emigration scheme for females, about 25,000 Irish girls being assisted after the distress in 1867, chiefly out of his own purse. His well known series of writing, drawing, and painting books is still in use in Irish National schools throughout the country, and in many other parts of the world.

One of the social events of the recent London season was the exhibition of Art and Industry at Earl's Court. Amongst the side attractions was a show of women of all nations, for which a prize of £130 was offered for the prettiest group from any country. The contest for this prize, according to *Leslie's Weekly*, was protracted and exciting in the highest degree. The award was eventually made to a group of Irish lassies. They had 33,095 votes in excess of all others, the group of English women coming second with 24,029 votes in excess of other competitors. Scotland third, and Canada fourth. It was a proud moment for the winsome Irish maidens when the prize was announced, and it was the unanimous opinion of the people that the award had been fairly and justly made.

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