MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER.

NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1868.

MISCELLANEOUS IRISH NEWS.

ARMAGH.—The following names have been returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of next year's High Sheriff for the County Armagh: Joshua Walter McGeogh Bond, Esq., Drumsil, Armagh; John Ellison Macartney, Esq., The Palace, Clogher; Raph Smith Obree, Esq., Chantilew, Loughgall.

CORK.—The *Examiner* announces with regret the death of Mr. Isaac Stephen Varian. It says: Mr. Varian was a native, and for the most of his earlier life a resident of this city, but for many years past he was engaged in manufactures in London, and subsequently in Dublin, where he conducted a large brush factory up to the time of his death. He was a man of strong feeling, and of wide intellectual culture. He had a deep sympathy with poverty and misfortune, which made him an active helper in every philanthropic movement, and in the days when Father Mathew flourished, he had few more earnest or single-minded adherents than Isaac Varian. Into the political movements which seemed almost to follow the decline of Father Mathew's efforts, he threw himself with characteristic energy. He became an ardent member of the Young Ireland party, to whose cause he contributed both by speech and writing. During the troubles in 1848, he was arrested, and suffered a considerable period of imprisonment, but was never brought to trial. The strength of his national feelings or sympathies was never diminished, but of late years he ceased to take any active part in politics, from a belief that his exertions would bear no fruit. Gentle and yet earnest, tenacious of the right, honest to a degree rarely found even amongst good men, passionately devoted to his country, Ireland loses in Isaac Varian a son who did honor to our common mother.

The names of the following gentlemen have been returned by the Judges of Assize, for the selection of a High Sheriff for Cork county during next year: Lieutenant Colonel Richard Aldworth, Rathmore, Kinsale; Robert Heard, Esq., Pallastown, Kinsale; Major William Norton Barry, Castlecor, Mallow.

The following are the names returned for city High Sheriff: Maurice Murray, Esq., Beech Hill, Cork; Sir William B. Hackett, Glanmire, Cork; Thomas Waters, Esq, Patrick's Place, Cork.

A Waterloo veteran, named John Wright, who had been a color-sergeant in the Highlanders, died on the 22d ult., at Mallow, at the very advanced age of eighty-seven years and four months. Up to the day of his decease his intellect was clear and unimpaired. He was a highly intelligent man.

CLARE.—Cornelius A. Keogh, Esq., of Birchfield, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the County Clare.

The names of the following gentlemen have been returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of a High Sheriff for the County Clare for the coming year: Robert Cary Reeves, Esq., Besborough, Knock; Francis N. Burton, Esq., Carrigaholt Castle, Kilrush; Lieut. Col. Sir Augustine Fitzgerald, Bart., Carrigoran, Newmarket on Fergus.

CARLOW.—The Carlow *Post* of a late date, announces the death, in Dublin street, of that town, after a brief illness, of Mr. Thomas Lacey. Deceased was an old and respected inhabitant of Carlow, and his sudden demise caused wide-spread regret and deep sorrow.

CAVAN.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of next year's High Sheriff for the County Cavan; Llewellen Treherne Bassett Saunderson, Esq., Drumkeen House, Cavan; Edmond Robert Nugent, Esq., Bobsgrove, Mount Nugent; James Saunderson Winter, Esq., Agher, Summerhill.

DUBLIN.—On the 21st ult., a special meeting of the Municipal Council was held at the Dublin City Hall, to consider the propriety of petitioning for the release of the prisoners now suffering sentence for political offences. Sir W. Carroll, Lord Mayor, occupied the chair. Town Councillor Devitt moved: "That this Corporation do present a petition to the House of Commons, praying that Honorable House to address her Majesty to extend her royal clemency to all persons undergoing imprisonment for political offences, and that such petition, with the city seal attached thereto, be presented by the Right Hon. Lord Mayor, with the officers of State, and such members as shall accompany his lordship to the bar of the House."

A young man named Edmond Myles, son to Capt Myles, of Sandford, and a student of Trinity College, recently met his death from the effects of a miserable street row.

FERMANAGH.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of next year's High Sheriff for the County Fermanagh: John D. Brien, Esq., of Castletown, Monea; Hugh De Fellenburgh Montgomery, Esq., Fivemiletown; the Viscount Cole, Florence Court.

GALWAY.—The following are the names of those returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of next year's High Sheriff for the County Galway: Thomas Reddington Roche, Esq., Rye Hill, Monivea; John Wilson Lynch, Esq., Renmore, Galway; Allan Pollock, Esq., Lismany, Ballinasloe.

The names returned for the selection of Galway city High Sheriff, were: Marcus Lynch, Esq., Barna, Galway; John Galway Holmes, Esq., Rockwood, Galway; William George Murray, Esq., Maryville, Galway.

The name of Patrick Clayton, late of Eyre-square, in the town of Galway, not now in any business, has appeared in the insolvent list.

The Connaught *Patriot* announces the death, on the 17th of November, of Mr. John Burke, whitesmith. He was one of the old inhabitants of Tuam, and was much respected as an industrious and honest man.

KILKENNY.—Harvey J. Montmorency, Esq., has been appointed a magistrate for the County of Kilkenny, upon the recommendation of Hon. W. F. Tighe, Lieutenant of the county.

The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff of the County Kilkenny for the coming year: Arthur Poe, Esq., Harley Park, Callan; Michael Sullivan, Esq., Locken Hall, Kilkenny; Henry W. J. Langton, Esq., Dunganmore.

The names returned for city High Sheriff, were: James Sullivan, Jr., Esq., Parliament street, Kilkenny; John Smithwick, Jr. Esq., Drakeland; Wm. V. Potter, Esq., High street, Kilkenny.

The *Journal* announces with regret the demise of John Feehan, Esq., T. C., Kilkenny, who died suddenly on the morning of November 23. The *Journal* adds: It is unnecessary, in Kilkenny, to dwell upon the many virtues of our deeply-lamented friend, for his life had been one of devotion to the poor, by whom he was beloved as a father. Week after week for years, as one of the most eminent members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, he labored unceasingly to soothe their afflictions, and labored not in vain, as the voices of the poor and afflicted testified.

KING'S COUNTY.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff for King's County for the coming year: Capt. T. L. Dames, Greenhill, Edenderry; G. J. Minchin, Esq., Busherstown, Roscrea; Bernard Daly, Esq., Tullamore.

KERRY.—Hon. Rowland Winn, of Glenbeigh, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the County Kerry.

The names of the following gentlemen have been returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of a High Sheriff for the County Kerry for the ensuing year: Samuel M. Hussey, Esq., Edinburn, Tralee; Edward Morrogh Bernard, Esq., Shehane, Killarney; Townsend Gun, Esq., Rattoo, Causeway, Tralee.

LOUTH.—A breach of promise of marriage case was recently tried in Dublin, resulting in a verdict for plaintiff, named Thomas J. Marks, against Thomas Rowland, and Susan his wife. The lady was formerly a Miss Smith, who resided with her uncle in the County Louth, and had been twice engaged to Marks, a farmer in Canada, whom she induced to sell off his farm and stock in order to come and marry her in Ireland. When he came she was Mrs. Rowland. Verdict for plaintiff, £200 and costs.

The Drogheda municipal election, to fill vacancies of six retiring Town Councillors, took place on the 25th ult., when Messrs. Simcocks and McDonagh were re-elected from the Fair Gate Ward; Nicholas Flynn and J. P. Gormley from West-Gate Ward; Thomas Greene, (Mayor), and W. Whitworth from Lawrence's-Gate Ward. It is said Mr. E. McDonagh will be the next Mayor.

LONGFORD.—At an aggregate meeting of the National School teachers of the County Longford, held in Longford on the 14th ult., a deputation was appointed to wait on the county members, Col. Greville Nugent, and Major O'Reilly, to solicit their support whenever the claims of the teachers were brought before Parliament.

LIMERICK.—The names of the following gentlemen have been returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff for the County Limerick for the coming year: Edward William O'Brien, Esq., Cahermoyle, Rathkeale; Stephen De Vere, Esq. Monare, Foynes; the Viscount Adare, Adare Manor, Adare.

The names of those returned for selection of city High Sheriff are: John Thos. Devitt, Esq., Quinsboro', Limerick; Peter Tait, Esq., Limerick; John McDonnell, Esq., Fairy Hill, Limerick.

LEITRIM.—The following are the names of those returned as eligible to serve as High Sheriff of the County Leitrim during the coming year: Guy Lloyd, Esq., Groghan House, Boyle; John Madden, Esq., Hilton Park, Clones; Percy La Touche, Esq., Harristown, Brannoxtown, Newbridge.

We (Roscommon *Herald*) are glad to find that a very handsome tribute of respect has been paid to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur McDermott, by the erection of a monument in the Roman Catholic chapel of Carrick-on-Shannon, his native town.

MAYO.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff of the County Mayo for the coming year: Oliver Vaughan Jackson, Esq., Carramoe, Ballina; Charles B. Miller, Esq., Milford, Foxhall, Tuam; Major Ernest Knox, Castlerea, Killala.

Recently, Father Lavelle, having some business to transact in Swinford, was waited on by some of the inhabitants, and requested to briefly address the thousands assembled at market on the coming county election. Yielding to their solicitation, pressed as it was by several of the clergymen—Fathers Colman, Stanton, and Harte—and with the consent of the venerable and patriotic Dean, he acceded. He bid the people give the coercionist master demanding votes the answer given by O'Donnell to O'Neill, when the latter called for tribute to the former. He next compared the landlords to highwaymen, demanding a traveler's purse with the dagger at his throat. They, with the dagger of "notice to quit" in the bailiff's hand, demanded the tenant's vote, to which he had the same right he had to his purse. Every allusion to their "brothers" beyond the wave was received with rapturous applause; and three cheers having been given for the Irish in America, for the priests, for Moore, etc., the band accompanied Father Lavelle and the other clergymen to the residence of Dean Durkan, where he entertained them at dinner with his usual hospitality.

MEATH.—On the 8th ult., a beautiful new marble altar, given by M. E. Corbally, Esq., M. P., to the parish of Skryne, was solemnly consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Nulty and a number of the clergy. One present says: Surely there was that in the events of the day that appealed irresistibly to the hearts of Catholics and Irishmen. In sight of the Hill of Tara, where St. Patrick preached to the Kings of old and Druid priests, the great mysteries of our holy faith, and where the first signal conversions to Christianity in our holy island took place; as also in sight of the Hill of Skryne, where, in the year 875, stood the famous monastery in which were deposited the shrine containing the sacred relics of St. Columbkille, the occasion brought back to the souls of those assembled the glorious recollections of the ages of faith, and a spirit worthy of the fervent Christianity of our forefathers.

MONAGHAN.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of next year's High Sheriff for the County Monaghan: Wm. Tennison, Esq., Loughbawn, Shantonagh; John Brady, Esq., Clones; Capt. Thomas Coote, Racemell House, Monaghan.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—At a late meeting of the Queen's County National Teachers, held at Maryborough, Mr. D. Collins, Luggacurren, in the chair, it was resolved that the wants and requirements of the teachers be submitted to the Royal Commission, and that they be requested to embody them in their report to Government. They demand an increase of pay and a retiring pension.

SLIGO.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of next year's High Sheriff for the County Sligo: Denis M. O'Connor, Esq., Cloonalis, Castlerea; James Hale, Esq., Templeview, Dromore West.

At the inquest on the body of Capt. King, D. L., who was shot during the Sligo borough election, evidence was given tending to show that he was not shot accidentally by his own pistol, but by one of the mob—a person unknown. The Coroner adjourned the inquest for a week, on the ground that the evidence could not finish before the county election comes off.

TYRONE.—An action was recently brought in the Court of Probate, Dublin, to test the will of the late Mr. Bernard McCallan, of Annagher, County Tyrone, who died in June, 1867, possessed of property worth near £4000, and which he willed to the defendants, Messrs. Daniel Quin, of Coal Island, John Donaghy and James Harbinson, of Maherafelt, in trust for the use of his (testator's) mother during her life; after her death £100 was to be paid to each of the plaintiffs, the sisters of deceased, now named Mrs. Fallon and Mrs. O'Farrell. When the case was partly opened a settlement was effected by which the plaintiffs were to get £500 each for their separate use, in addition to the £100 bequeathed by the will after their mother's death. A verdict was taken establishing the will on these terms.

The following names have been returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of a High Sheriff for the County Tyrone to serve during the coming year: Capt. Yher Henry Burgess, Esq., Parkanure, Dungannon; the Viscount Stuart-Richardson, Oaklands, Cookstown; Jno. Byres Gunning Moore, Esq., Loymount, Cookstown.

WATERFORD.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of a High Sheriff of the County Waterford for the coming year: Samuel Maguire, Esq., Clonea Castle, Dungarvan; Patrick William Power, Esq., Pembrokestown, Tramore; Mich'l Dobbyn Hassard, Esq., Glanville, Waterford.

The names returned for High Sheriff of the city of Waterford, were: Napoleon B. Wyse, Esq., Manor of St. John, Waterford; William G. D. Goff, Esq., Waterford; Henry B. Sargeant, Esq., Newton Lodge, Waterford.

WICKLOW.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff of the County Wicklow for the coming year: O'Neil Segrave, Esq., Kiltymon; —— Truell, Jr., Esq, Clonmannon; David Mahony, Esq., Cahircor.

WEXFORD.—The following are the names returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff of the County Wexford for next year: John Hatchell, Jr., Esq., Dublin; John D'Olier George, Esq., Cahore House, Gorey; Lieut. Col. Chas. J. T. Woodstock, Newtownmountkennedy.

WESTMEATH.—The following are the names of those returned by the Judges of Assize for the selection of High Sheriff of the County Westmeath for the coming year: Walter Nugent, Esq., Donore, Multifarnham; the Hon. F. W. Brown, Galston House, Kilucan; the Hon. George Mostyn, Rosmead, Delvin.

SUNDAY ALL THE WEEK.—Truth comes up to us from unaccustomed places occasionally. But it is powerful, and finds utterance sometimes from lips but little given to "speaking out in meeting." Our meaning will be clear when it is known that the following is from the pen of *Fanny Fern*, and published in the New York *Ledger*:

Our Catholic brethren have set us, at least, one good example; their churches are not silent as the tomb on week-days. Their worshippers do not do up all their religion on Sunday. It may be only for a few moments they step in through that open church-door, on a week-day, to kneel and lay down burdens too heavy else to be borne. I like the custom. I should rather say, I like the reminder, and the opportunity thus afforded them; and I heartily wish that all our Protestant churches could be thus opened. If rich Christians object to the promiscuous use of their velvet cushions and gilded prayer-books, at least let the aisles and the altar be free for those who need God on the week-days—for the poor, the tried, the tempted—for those who shrink, in their shabby habiliments from the Sunday exhibition of fine toilettes and superfine Christianity. Were I a minister, and obliged to preach to paniers and diamonds and satins, on Sunday, I think I should *have* to ease my heart in some such way as this, to make my pastoral life endurable, else my office would seem to me the most hollow of all mockeries. "The rich and the poor meet together, and the Lord is the Maker of them all!" should be inscribed outside my church door, had I one. I could not preach to those paniers and their owners. My tongue would be paralyzed at the sight of those kneeling distortions of womanhood, bearing such a resemblance to organ-grinders' monkeys. I am not sure that I should not grow hysterical over it, and laugh and cry in the same breath, instead of preaching. I can never tell what vent my disgust would take; but I am sure it must have some escape-valve. You may say that such worshippers (Heaven save the mark!) *need* preaching to. I tell you that women, so given up to the "devil and all his works" are past praying for—"having eyes, they see not; having ears, they hear not." They are ossified—impervious; they are Dead-sea apples, full of ashes. There! now I feel better.

Having alluded to our Roman Catholic friends, allow me to ask leave of them to have the cross surmounting all our Protestant churches, unless they have taken out a patent for the same. It is lovely to me, this symbol, as I pass along our streets. It rests my heart to look at it, amid the turmoil, and din, and hurry, and anxious faces, and sorrowful faces, and, worse, than all, the empty faces, that I meet. I say to myself—there is truth *there;* there is hope and comfort there, and this tangle of life is *not* the end. When I am a Protestant minister, the dear cross shall be on my church, and, nobody shall stay away from it because they are ragged or poor, or because the cushions are too nice. Oh, I like Catholicism for *that*. They are nearer heaven than Protestants on this point.

I am very glad for the Protsstant noon-day prayer-meetings, wheresoever held. One may have a great spiritual need on other days than Sunday. One may happen in there—if such things ever happen, which I doubt—and there learn that need, and the way to satisfy it. The devil is cunning and wisely busy every day and every night of the week—why then should good Christians think to circumvent this skilful diplomatist in one—on Sunday only? The devil makes easy all the paths leading to perdition. Christians make hard and difficult the road to heaven, with their fine churches, and fine worshipers, and empty preaching once a week. And all around us pitiful hands are outstretched, and hungry hearts are waiting for the loving Christian word of help, temporal and spiritual; and men and women go down into the maelstrom of despair, folly and sin; and we open our churches and let well-dressed Christians in to pray for them on Sunday!—the word has no meaning. Call it Monday or Tuesday, or the fourth of July, or any thing you will, but not "Sunday." That once meant something.

RETRACTION.—Some months ago, a charge of a most scandalous nature was made by a Roman correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, against two religious institutions of that city. The disgusting details were extensively copied by the English and American press. With that spirit of fairness which the English boast of and sometimes practice, the *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes the following retraction:

"In reference to a statement by our Roman correspondent, a week or two since, reflecting upon the inmates of a certain convent in Rome, a correspondent sends us a letter in which Monsignor Talbot is cited as authorizing an entire contradiction of the story. The Vicegerent of Rome (our correspondent proceeds) was removed from office because he did not show energy enough in exposing the deceptions of a certain nun, who pretended to be a saint, and who would not obey the Superiors of the convent in which she lived. But there was no accusation whatever of any immorality, nor had the story been so much as heard of in Rome before the copy of the *Pall Mall Gazette* in which it was published came to hand. A letter from a Protestant gentleman in Rome, to a friend in England, gives, almost word for word, the same version of the story as Monsignor Talbot, and denies that any accusation of immorality was brought against the convent of nuns."

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