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IRISH NATIONAL AID ASSOCIATION

ESTABLISHED MAY, 1916.

To provide for those in Dublin, and in certain other parts of Ireland, who have suffered as the result of the recent insurrection.

AN APPEAL.

No doom of law condemns to privation and penalty the relatives of imprisoned men, or the families of the sentenced Dead.

The voice of Justice forbids that injury shall be inflicted upon the innocent.

God's precepts command us to comfort those who mourn, to assist those who are bereaved, and to protect the fatherless child.

Many are the mourners in Ireland to-day, many are the bereaved, many are the children fatherless, many the homes made desolate.

Other Associations have charge of the question of general distress, and met its special and urgent claims.

Our Association appeals for immediate and national aid on behalf of another class, not included there—the destitute families of some three hundred men slain during the insurrection, of fifteen executed by Courts Martial, of one hundred and thirty-four condemned to penal servitude, of two thousand six hundred and fifty deported without trial, and of about four hundred awaiting sentence of Courts Martial. In all there have been to this date three thousand two hundred cases of imprisonment, now diminished by two hundred cases of released captives adjudged innocent, but not compensated for their imprisonment.

It adds to the urgency of the appeal that many of these have been deprived of their employment, and that some of the female relatives of accused men have though entirely distinct and without reproach, been heartlessly dismissed from their occupation and despoiled of their livelihood.

Shall the voice of Justice, then, be unheard, and the Innocent be compelled to suffer injury, without sympathy and without redress?

Shall the dictates of Christianity be despised, which announce a blessing on the lovers of righteousness and declare that those only who show mercy shall obtain mercy on the great day of perfect Justice?

We make our appeal to all human hearts, whose noble compassion can reach over every obstacle to redress wrongs and alleviate suffering, that they may co-operate in this merciful and righteous work. For the sake of our country we make it, of our Nation's honour, and of our own, so that its high repute for justice shall be transmitted by our generation unsullied to future and happier times.

The Irish National Aid Association begs to acknowledge receipt of subscriptions to date amounting to £1,315 13s. 0d. Amongst the contributors are the following:—

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Additional subscriptions amounting to £1,032 12s. 9d. were received by the National Aid Association during the week, making a total to date of £2,325 12s. 9d. Amongst the contributors are:—

- Father Hayes, St. Werburgh's, Chester, formerly of Kerry £10 0 0
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Further subscriptions should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurers, Rev. Father Richard Bowden, Administrator, Pro-Cathedral, Dublin; Alderman Patrick W. Corrigan, and Mr. Gore. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to 'The Irish National Aid Association.'

ABBEYFEALE.

At a meeting of the Irish National Aid Association in the Temperance Hall, Abbeyfeale, Mr. P. Buckley presided, and having explained the object of the meeting, the following appointments were made: Mr. P. Buckley, President; Mr. Denis Leen, Sec.; Rev. D. O'Riordan, C.C., Treasurer.

A committee having been also appointed, subscriptions were handed in amounting to £30, and contributed by:—

- Race Committee (1914) Fund £9 15 8
- Volunteers Fund 6 17 0
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- Denis Leen 0 10 0
- Timothy Harnett 0 10 0
- Joseph Kelly, N.T. 0 10 0
- Cen. Murphy 0 10 0
- Denis Brosnan 0 7 0
- Daniel O'Neill 0 5 6
- A Friend 0 2 6

Received Subsequently: Peter Berner 1 0 0, Edward W. Forde 1 0 0, Maurice W. Harnett 0 10 0, John Harnett 0 10 0, Philip Downey 0 7 0, Patrick J. O'Connell (Clash) 0 5 0, Maurice J. Browne 0 4 0

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ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Abbeyfeale branch National Aid Association held in the local Temperance Hall, in addition to the £30 8s. 8d. already subscribed to the Fund, the following additional subscriptions were handed in:—

- Mrs. Dr. McCarthy £1 0 0
- Dr. P. McCarthy 2 0 0
- P. McCarthy, N.T. 1 0 0
- W. D. O'Connor 1 0 0
- J. D. Harnett 0 10 0
- Lec. C. Harnett, D.C. Ballaugh 0 10 0
- Mrs. M. Shanahan 0 10 0
- Mrs. T. J. O'Connell 0 10 0
- Patrick Lane 0 6 0
- Sympathiser 0 5 0
- Tom Woulfe, Ballaugh 0 5 0
- John Moloney 0 5 0
- Con Foley 0 5 0
- Miss B. Collins 0 5 0
- M. C. Creany 0 5 0
- Matt McCoy 0 4 0
- Mcc. Callaghan 0 1 0

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LOST—About two weeks ago, a gentleman's silver-mounted umbrella, between Caherleece and Pembroke Street. Finder will be rewarded by bringing same to James Sugrue's, 10 Pembroke Street, Tralee. (2)

DIED—At her residence, Market Street, Listowel, Johanna, mother of Mr. John J. McKenna, V.C., Co. C.; O.U.D.C. on Wednesday morning. Funeral from the Parish Church, Listowel, at 1 o'clock on Friday. —R.I.P.

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TRALEE, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1916.

THE DECISION.

The practised riggers of the Irish Party have succeeded once more, and this time despite the most powerful opposition, in imposing Mr. Redmond's will upon the people. Every conceivable expedient was availed of as regards the Ulster Convention, to secure a decision in favour of the exclusion of the Six Counties. Mr. Redmond himself threatened that he would resign if the gathering decided against him, and guaranteed that there would be no new Executive—an Orange one—appointed for the excluded part of Ireland and that there would be no Orange control of Education in the same district. He further made the pronouncement that the arrangement was only temporary; otherwise he and his colleagues would offer the proposals, the most bitter opposition. Mr. Dillon assured the gathering that even if they accepted the provisions of Lloyd-George's "settlement" there was a possibility that they would never materialise, as there was grave danger that the Cabinet would break up in connection with it. Which meant that if they endorsed dismemberment they stood a good chance of doing no harm in view of a conceivable resignation of the Government over Home Rule. This, together with his plea that partition was sound strategy, showed that Mr. Dillon did not really believe that the position of the Party was a sound one from a patriotic standpoint. We did not hear so much of the "sorehead" argument on this

occasion, considering that Cardinal Logue and the Northern Bishops, together with a large majority of the Ulster Priests, can be numbered with the "factionists" on the present occasion.

Two features of the situation must strike every person considering the question. One is, why are the Government forcing Home Rule on Ireland now—or rather on part of Ireland—after it had been arranged that it was not to stare until after the war? The second is, what kind of Home Rule are the Government going to give?

Why the Government are in such a hurry now to concede Irish self-government, when they were so deliberate and reluctant before, is very much of a mystery. "Imperial necessities" are spoken of. What are they, and couldn't a better bargain be exacted out of them?

What kind is "Home Rule" going to be? It is freely rumoured that our new-found freedom, striking its roots in Martial Law, is to debar us from having any control whatever—and at any time—over the Judiciary, Police and Finances. Even now when our "statesmen" are forcing the Government's proposals on Ireland, the Dublin Metropolitan Police force is fast being converted into a military organisation, something after the fashion of the R.I.C. To ask the Irish people to accept a Home Rule Bill, about which they know nothing, for twenty-six Irish counties is presuming on the gullibility of the people of this country.

How can Messrs. Redmond, Devlin, and Dillon guarantee that the exclusion proposals will be only temporary? And how can they, who have swallowed all their many previous protestations against Ulster exclusion, now expect that their new declarations will be believed?

Their policy of surrender has only led from one disaster to another, and this "victory" which they have now secured by the most doubtful means, bids fair to be the crowning misfortune. Time is the great test; and the future student of Irish history will be able to appraise at its proper worth the fatal weakness of a policy which was not capable of exacting from pressing "Imperial necessities" greater advantages for this country. Nothing less than a full measure of self-government will satisfy the people of Ireland; any halting substitutes will only make further trouble in the days to come.

THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY.

Chapter V.

FOR THE SAKE OF A FALSE FRIEND.

Hagar saw the movement as the diamond disappeared over Vivian's shoulder. That was not the only sensation of the night. Suddenly the sheriff of Fairfax appeared in the doof way with Tom Blake. "I want Arthur Stanley over there for the murder of Dr. Lee." Blake seized Arthur but Hagar fought his efforts and Arthur broke away and escaped. He ran to the railroad and got into a van of a goods train when he was stunned by tramps who went away leaving the erstwhile heir of Stanley a suit of clothes of doubtful cleanliness in exchange for his evening suit!

Now that he had The Diamond from the Sky Luke Lovell found he could not evade pursuit and dropped the jewel into a letter box. The mail was cleared, the jewel being swept into the bag with the letters. Later in the night the bag was ripped and the jewel was held by its clasp in the torn hem at the bottom of the bag. The word "Repair" was chalked on the bag which was then thrown on the top of the mail truck. A jolt and the bag fell off to be found by Quabba, a poor hunchback organ grinder, who with Clarence, the monkey, was walking along the street. With heart beating high Quabba drew the diamond and chain from the torn bag and whispered to the monkey "We are rich men now, Clarence." Then he placed it in his breast and the monkey snuggled close to him, and they fell asleep and had such dreams as man and monkey may. In the dawn Clarence awoke and gaining the diamond climbed a tree to rob an owl's nest. He took an egg and left the diamond, presumably on the principle that exchange is no robbery. The wonderful jewel so soon found was soon lost again! The brilliant jewel—the Stanley "charm against harm"—lay gleaming in the nest of the blinking night bird. And Arthur Stanley? As "John Powell" he found regular employment with Farmer Smith.

Next week—"SHADOWS AT SUNRISE" in Saturday's issue of The Liberator.

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TRALEE UNION OFFICIALS "REDUCED TO SLAVES."

PROTEST AGAINST ACTION OF L.G.B.

Motion to Have Guardians Resign in a Body.

HANDED IN AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

THE CHAIRMAN LOOKING FOR "GUARANTEES."

TRALEE, Saturday.

Mr. Jerh. MacSweeney, chairman, presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Tralee Board of Guardians to-day, and Mr. W. B. Lawlor at the Rural Council.

There was a large attendance of members present.

DEATH OF A GUARDIAN.

The Chairman said that they all heard of the death of Mr. McMahon and he thought it would be the wish of the meeting to adjourn.

Mr. McCarthy—A more sterling, independent man was not here.

Chairman—I suppose we will refer the relief cases to the R.O.

Mr. P. O'Connor—We will transact no business.

Mr. M. O'Sullivan—None whatever. Clerk—There is nothing to be done now except one matter to which I would draw your attention.

Mr. Crowley—Adjourn it to the next meeting.

Chairman—It is no harm to read it.

STILL REFUSING SANCTION.

The Clerk then read the letter, which was as follows: The Local Government Board for Ireland have to acknowledge the receipt of minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Guardians of the Tralee Union on the 10th inst., containing the entry of a resolution requesting that the decision communicated to the Guardians in the Board's letter of the 26th ult., declining to sanction the re-appointments of Night Nurse, Wardmistress, and Porter of the Workhouse, respectively, should be reconsidered, and that the Board approve of the payment to those persons of salaries and allowances since their re-election by the Guardians.

In reply the Local Government Board desire to state that they regret they are

UNABLE TO ALTER THEIR DECISION.

or to sanction payment to the officials in question for the period they have remained in the Workhouse, although no longer Union officers, and any expenditure incurred under the heads of salaries or rations to these persons will be subject to surcharge by the Auditor. In the interests, therefore, of all concerned the Board trust that the Guardians will accept this decision as final and will, at once, proceed to appoint suitable persons to fill the existing vacancies in the posts above referred to.

The Guardians do not appear to have made any order on that portion of the Board's letter dealing with the Relieving Officer and the Schoolmaster of the Workhouse, and the Board request that they will do so at the next meeting.

Chairman—Mr. Huggard, solr., made

A VERY WISE SUGGESTION

and that is that as it is our intention to adjourn the Board we get an undertaking from the officers referred to in the letter that if they are finally sanctioned to do no work responsible for payment. If you do not do that there may be a surcharge.

Mr. Lawlor—Conia they sue you? Chairman—Apparently they can. You appointed them.

Mr. P. O'Connor—It is very hard on the officials to be treated like this. They are

REDUCED TO SLAVES.

Chairman—There will be probably a change of Government within the next month, and you will then have a new Government, and we will do our best for them in the meantime; but we want the guarantee that they won't ask for payment unless they are finally sanctioned.

Miss Collins, wardmistress, and Mr. Galvin, porter, appeared, before the meeting, and were asked if they would be willing to give an undertaking to claim no remuneration for their services since February.

The Chairman said that the Board were in full sympathy with them and were inclined to keep the matter going on in order to help

them.

Miss Collins or Mr. Galvin did not make any reply to the Chairman's query.

Mr. P. O'Connor—The Board would not be inclined to keep them on without paying them.

Chairman—Mr. Huggard says if you are finally sanctioned you will get your whole pay. If Mr. Galvin and Miss Collins got decrees you would probably have a surcharge. If you consider it and

GIVE US AN UNDERTAKING IN WRITING

not to hold us responsible for payment since last February we will do all we can for you.

Mr. Crowley—If there was a surcharge would it make any difference?

Mr. Huggard—Whoever signs the cheque will have to pay it.

Mr. O'Mahony—The Clerk will not present the cheque to be signed; he will see to that. Mr. Huggard—If they take you to court and get a decree for the time they were doing duty—

Mr. O'Mahony—The ratepayers will pay. Mr. Huggard—You will pay. Whoever signs the cheque will be responsible to the Auditor.

Mr. O'Neill—What about the other two cases mentioned in the letter?

Chairman—They are different; they have not resigned at all.

Clerk—The three officers are asked to give a guarantee to claim no pay from the 12th February, and if they do that the letter can be adjourned to next meeting.

Chairman—If the officers are prepared to fight we are prepared to fight with them.

Mr. McCarthy—I do not see that they have committed any crime. Mr. M. O'Sullivan—

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD ARE BOSSING YOU.

Mr. McCarthy—They are bossing Ireland. Law and justice are different things.

Other members having entered, the letter was re-read.

Mr. O'Neill—It seems to be final. I don't think there is any use in adjourning it at all. I would be for resigning in a body.

THE THING HAS BEEN DONE BEHIND OUR BACKS

and they held their Inquiry behind our backs. I would be for ignoring them too.

Mr. T. McCarthy—That is a wrong thing. There is no use in knocking your head against a stone wall.

Mr. O'Neill—We might as well not be here. Mr. T. McCarthy—You must be here.

Mr. M. O'Sullivan—I think the Board will get into trouble over this.

Mr. T. McCarthy—The best way out of it is the easiest way.

After some further discussion, Mr. O'Neill still thought they should resign in a body.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald—Let us resign in a body. Mr. P. O'Connor—

LET US ALL WALK OUT TOGETHER.

Miss Collins and Mr. Galvin handed in a note in reply to the request re indemnifying the Guardians, stating that they should take legal advice first.

A further reply was received from Miss Collins and Mr. Galvin stating that they would be willing to give a guarantee to ask no payment from this date, but this did not satisfy the Board and the whole matter was adjourned, the Master to provide substitutes unless they give a guarantee, and notify them accordingly.

Mr. O'Neill handed in notice of motion that he would propose at the next meeting that the Board resign in a body as a protest against the action of the Local Government Board in reference to the recent inquiry.

SYMPATHY.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed to the memory of the Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., Brosna, and Mr. Jerh. MacMahon, R.D.C., and the meeting adjourned without transacting any further business.

WETHERS' WELL.

For the past week numbers of people from all over the county visited this famous Shrine. To-day (St. John's Day) more than the usual number journeyed to the well either by train or car.