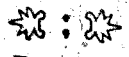


porarily at least the rising is not of an anti-foreign character, but it is recognised that it may very easily develop in that direction. Its dimensions already indicate that it is the most wide spread movement which has occurred in China since the Boxer rising. From the foreign point of view the most reassuring sign is that the rebellion has its inception in the south, where the leaders of public opinion are inclined to appreciate the useful work which the foreigners have done in developing Chinese resources. The rising is not one of sudden growth. The revolutionary party has been preparing for it for years, and many young Chinamen have been engaged for some time past in acquiring military and other training in Japan in anticipation of this expected coup d'etat. According to one report the movement has for its object the establishment of a Republic with Sun-Yat-Sen as its President. Sun-Yat-Sen was, it will be remembered, the revolutionary leader who was detained a prisoner some days at the Chinese Embassy in London until his release was peremptorily ordered by Lord Salisbury.



Land Purchase Dead-lock.

The meeting of the Irish landowners has been noticeable for an attempt to break down the impasse that has almost put a stop to land purchase. So far about half the estates have been sold to tenants with the help of eighty or ninety millions advanced by the State. So great, however, has been the depreciation of Irish land stock, and so much higher in consequence has risen the interest on these advances paid by the Irish ratepayers, that the latter, it was calculated, would find them themselves saddled with the payment of nearly an extra million annually unless some change was made. Changes were accordingly made in 1909, one of them being the increase of the tenants' purchase annuity from 3½ to 3¾ per cent. On the other side something was ripped off the landlords' receipts, the result of the two changes being a sudden drop in the amount of land purchased. As an extremely beneficial measure is thereby being scotched, the landowners propose that the period of the tenants' repayment shall be extended as one way out of the difficulty. "The experiment is worth trying, remarks a contemporary.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Lord and Lady Castletown of Upper Ossory will return to London from Doneraile Court, Co.

DEATH OF CANON LUTHER, LIMERICK QUAR M.A.

We deeply regret to record the death of Canon Geo. M. Luther, M.A., T.C.D., Rector of Cahernary, which took place on Sunday afternoon at his residence after a lengthened illness. The rev. gentleman had suffered from an inward complaint, and all that medical skill could do proved unavailing. The end, which was not unexpected, came peacefully, and there has passed away from amongst us a gentleman who was a familiar and esteemed personality in city and county, and who, in the district where 38 years of his ministerial life were spent, was loved by all classes and creeds. With Mrs. Luther, he ever proved himself a most kindly neighbour, generous and open-hearted to the poor, and to all with whom he came in contact he was ever courteous and genial. His premature demise at the age of 64 years, has, therefore, occasioned the deepest sorrow in Cahernary and its surroundings, while, needless to say, the same remark applies to the full to his brother clergy of the diocese, and the laity, by whom he was held in affectionate regard. Canon Luther, who was son of the late Mr. Guy Luther, of Crohane, County Tipperary, and brother of the late Canon J. P. Luther, M.A., Rector of Killynn, County Limerick, was ordained in 1869, and in 1873 was admitted to the diocese of Limerick, since which period he had been Rector of Cahernary, a few miles outside the city. A zealous parochial clergyman, he interested himself in various branches of the work of the Church. In one, particularly, his name has for very many years past been conspicuously identified, and that is the Limerick Protestant Orphan Society. The fatherless and the widow had no warmer friend, and in his capacity as Honorary Inspector he made himself by personal visits thoroughly acquainted with the orphan children all through the Diocese. It was simply to him a labour of love. For three years he had been Chairman of the Society and constantly attended the general and committee meetings even up to a recent period although broken down in health. He was a Rural Dean and Canon of Limerick, a member of the Diocesan Council, Board of Education, and member of the General Synod, etc. In Diocesan affairs his sound and calm judgment was ever, valued and in private life he enjoyed the warmest esteem and affection of a wide circle of friends who deeply sympathise with Mrs. Luther and her daughter in their great sorrow.

The funeral service takes place at Cahernary Church at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, and the remains will arrive at St. Mary's Cathedral about 12.30 for interment there.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.

Opening Meet.

Favourable weather was associated with the opening meet of the County Hunt yesterday. It was an ideal day for a run with this famous pack, but unfortunately matters had to be discontinued.

INTERESTING PI

At the Limerick Quarter before his Honor Count Smith.

Daniel Noonan sued Joseph Coffey to recover a sum of £20 value "Ecce Homo" which the defendant had sold as alleged, giving plaintiff therefor.

Mr. Coffey, solicitor, appeared for the defendant, and Mr. Dodds, solicitor, for the plaintiff. The plaintiff said he had past 16 years in his parent's house, and the picture from the house the defendant had taken in negotiations between plaintiff and defendant respecting a sale of the furniture. Plaintiff went to Mr. Lynch removed any of the furniture not, but that he had removed it to Dublin to have sent it on a second occasion Mr. Lynch in charge of ten shillings for the picture (produced). The plaintiff got, an expert told, the paint on it not being dry, defendant again, and Mr. Lynch told him he would have no more to do with the picture, and shoved plaintiff out of the shop with his foot and was crippled for some time.

His Honor—Very well. In answer to Mr. Dodds, Plaintiff said when he did not see other pictures about, "give me my picture?" plaintiff said there was ten shillings Plaintiff said he would not part with it for a farthing." Plaintiff was not sold the picture.

Mr. Dodds—Would you back the original picture? Plaintiff said he would be picture, and that he had the on it.

Patrick O'Connor, framer of the picture (produced) saw it, and it did not be stretched it was in.

Daniel Hourigan, painter, picture for Mr. Lynch about The picture (produced) was It might be less than five picture (produced) was the o

His Honor—I hope he paid The witness—He paid me

His Honor—Is that all? Mr. Coffey, solicitor, said him the picture (produced) was got from Noonan, and he asked ment to get the original.

Hourigan yesterday he admitted and offered to give back the picture. The defendant was examined plaintiff's sister two shillings He had the original and the plaintiff he would give him ten for it. Defendant folded up