

... Irish people? The tone of the... could almost suggest that he... tations under lock and key... at Kitchener's command... the front! His actual pro... be briefly summarised:— was waging a just war. (2) interests were involved. (3) could take her share in the... t her soldiers should fight... strength, but together, in an... these views outrage common... treason to Ireland? Further... a scrap of evidence that he... est pressure to bear, directly... an individual to enlist? The... Volunteers under his presi... objects of the movement as... Ireland, the advancement and... Irish rights, and the main... self-government." This being... "Fight for France" sarcasm... ss, but a misrepresentation... game. I cannot claim first... of the Volunteer movement... untry, but know a good deal... in, and speaking also from... stance with many Volun... supporters of Professor... ay with full confidence... use of the present difficulty... om any speech of Mr. Red... after had never referred to... ruiting, the split would not... but only postponed. As far... rmed, the line of division in... owing for some exceptions)... e who, on the basis of Home... of peace with England, and... There is every reason to... same may be said of the... of Mr. MacNeill's supporters... mitted are avowedly "com... ce" men in their political... of them has ever been a sup... Rule movement. As regards... generally—if, as we are told... y a mere section of Mr... ng, it is obvious that there... holesale secessions from the... Party's supporters. The... ons arise—where are they... Nobody denies the exist... eents here and there, but... itative mea throughout the... liated connection with Mr... on the war? How many... at is the approximate num... League branches that have... According to the *Inde...* s of Sunday week's... acNeill claimed that the... or the same National cause... ought and died for, and not... gled brand of Nationality... of rhetoric, this pronounc... nable, but as a contribution... on a definite issue, it is of... character which represents... political thinking, or an... e the issue. Mr. Redmond... rule and its implied treaty of... nd. What does Mr. Mac... That is a fair question. If... l a better programme than... not define it in plain terms... try choose? The most... the controversy is the... Parnell's political philosophy... that of his successor. Many... t might be quibed on this... t will suffice. In July, 1889... urgh, on the Irish attitude... ain, Parnell said: "Those... ned and talked revolution... now willing to live with you... citizens in a great country... man raises his hand to stop... odwill, he should be put... unionist and an enemy... Perhaps I may be al... a comment on the present... *True Voice*, a Catholic... (Naha, Nebraska), edited by... on. As regards the war... entral, and hopes Irishmen... Even so, he has no sym... ck on the Nationalist leader... October, he writes:—"Our... Redmond knows very well... He is a statesman who has... the long fight he has waged... " Finally, one may quote... oe, to whom a cunningly... mplying political sever... mond, was attributed. "A... beginning to end" is Dr... at, and he goes on to say—

debts were governed by the Moratorium; that it at least governed all contract debts, and it said all contract debts without any exception over £5.

Mr. Meredith said he would establish that this money was Crown money by Act of Parliament, and the law was clear that the Crown was not bound by any of the Moratoriums, by the Suspension of Payment Act, or by the Emergency Powers Act. When he had that established, it therefore made no earthly difference whether the monies, which were Crown monies, were in respect of contracts or not.

His Honor—As at present advised I am inclined to hold these are Crown debts.

Mr. Meredith said he would establish further that the Moratorium Act was in respect of monies payable in pursuance of contract. He would demonstrate to his honor by the Section of the Act of Parliament that those annuities were monies payable under Act of Parliament, and were exactly in the same position as the payment of the income tax, for the payment of which the Act of Parliament imposed an obligation, and there was no contract for that between whoever had to pay the income tax and the Government. He pointed out that there was likewise no contract between the purchasing tenant and the Government to pay those annuities which were paid under an obligation imposed by Act of Parliament. It was a charge on the land, and as the sole and only way by which the Irish Land Commissioners could come before his Honor for a decree for the amount on the civil bill, there was a special section of the Act of Parliament enabling the Commissioners to recover those annuities as if they were a contract. As to the Moratorium, it did not apply to Crown money, save Crown money in pursuance of contract.

His Honor—If you can prove that this is not money payable under contract I don't see how the Moratorium or the Emergency Act can apply to it.

Mr. Meredith quoted from other Acts of Parliament, and declared that the King was not bound by any Act of Parliament. He quoted the decision of the Chief Baron that those monies were Crown monies voted by Parliament. He mentioned that the British Treasury were very much perturbed with regard to those proceedings for the recovery of those annuities.

His Honor—Apart from the amount of money involved it would dislocate the accounts of the Department.

Mr. Meredith—It would throw the whole land purchase business into absolute confusion, and if we are wrong in the law there will certainly have to be an Act of Parliament settling matters. Continuing, Mr. Meredith, at considerable length, quoted numerous sections of various Acts of Parliament establishing that when those annuities were recovered they were paid to the treasury—that the annuities were in the nature of Crown debts, that the Commissioners of Public Works were mere Ministerial agents or servants of the Crown. Continuing he read the decision of the Court of Appeal reversing the decision of the Master of the Rolls in an action in which the statute of limitation was the defence, but the plaintiffs held it was a Crown debt, concerning which he quoted the decision of the Chief Baron, who said that without specific legislation they could not change the nature of Crown money, that it was a Crown debt and that the statute of limitation would not bind the Crown, consequently, that the money could be recovered notwithstanding that the statute said it should not be recovered, because the Crown was not mentioned in the statute or bound by necessary implication. The payment of rates and taxes were not affected by the Moratorium. Those were amongst the exceptions, and the Crown was not mentioned from beginning to end in the Act of Parliament which, therefore, could not govern Crown debts, which included those annuities they were now proceeding to recover from those defaulting tenants.

After further considerable arguments in which further Acts of Parliament were cited, his Honor eventually decided to give a decree in all cases when formal evidence of proof was given by Mr. O'Halloran.

National Volunteers

Oola and Cullen Corps.

Fifty members of the above body fired three rounds each on Sunday last, 18th inst., at the new rifle range. Taken all round the practice was fairly good. Practice in aiming and in firing at short range will be continued on Tues-

colt, Tinkling Sound, Victoria May filly, The O'Neill, Philo, Glendalough, Sea Flower. Betting—5 to 2 Patrick, 11 to 4 Tinkling Sound, 100 to 30 Cromdale, 100 to 8 Queen's Bay, 100 to 6 each Glatz and Rama colt, 20 to 1 others.

The Coombe Autumn Plate—Magyar, 1; Blackaton, 2; Canidius, 3. Betting—13 to 8 on Magyar, 5 to 2 Blackaton, 6 to 1 Canidius.

Handball in Limerick

Contests on Sunday Next

On Sunday last, at the Patrick-street Ball Court a very interesting match was played between J J Bowles (Champion of Ireland) and Gus Cole v J J Airey and M Heffernan. The rubber was the best three of five games, and throughout it was very well contested. It was the fastest and most scientific game of handball that has been played in Limerick or any other Court in Ireland for a number of years. There were 114 aces scored in the match. Bowles and Cole scored 63, Airey and Heffernan 51, leaving the winners with only 12 aces to their credit. Old followers of the game who witnessed the match on Sunday said that they never saw handball like it. These four players are playing again next Sunday, because the Handball Committee were approached by some of the spectators last Sunday and asked to have it on if possible again for Sunday next and the players consented; and now that the four players are in good form a great game may be looked forward to next Sunday. It may be mentioned Mr. Heffernan's hands were not in condition for playing handball last Sunday although he played a grand game. Mr. William Ryan will act again as scorer and referee. Match to commence at 1 o'clock sharp.

DEATH OF MRS. O'REGAN, BALLINGARRY

Our Ballingarry correspondent writes:— Profound and genuine sympathy, mingled with feelings of the keenest regret, have been occasioned throughout the extensive parishes of Ballingarry and Granagh and surrounding districts by the lamented death of Mrs. Deborah O'Regan, who on Friday night last calmly resigned to the will of Divine Providence, in the presence of her devoted and loving family circle. The deceased, who passed away in her 88th year, led a most exemplary life, and was of a most kindly and amiable nature. The sympathy of the people in general is extended to the bereaved children, who are held in the highest esteem. The deceased lady was relict of the late Mr. Timothy O'Regan, The Square, who will always be lovingly remembered for his straightforward, honest principles, and his pure love of Faith and Fatherland. On Sunday evening the remains of the late Mrs. O'Regan were enclosed in a massive oaken coffin and conveyed by numerous sympathisers to the R. C. Church and were placed in a catafalque, where they remained overnight, and were removed in the morning for interment in the New Cemetery close by in the presence of as large a multitude of sympathisers, seen in the sacred enclosure for many years. Among a number of beautiful floral tributes in loving memory affectionately laid on the grave was one each from the bereaved children, and one from Master Eddie Hartnett, Maynooth College, etc. It would be impossible to give anything like a full list of the large cortege that attended the funeral. The clergy who officiated at the graveside were—Rev John Ryan, P P; Rev M. M'Coy, C C; Rev P J Casey, C C; Rev M. T. Meagher, C S Sp. The chief mourners were—Miss Margaret O'Regan (daughter), Mr Michael O'Regan (son), and many near relatives. Mr J Dunne carried out the funeral arrangements most satisfactorily.

LIMERICK VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

FORMATION OF A NATIONAL VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

At a meeting of the Vigilance Committee held during the week, the proposed rules for a National Vigilance Association of Ireland, as drafted by the Dublin Vigilance Committee, were under discussion. As it was considered that the rules as presented were rather inadequate and not entirely satisfactory for the government of the proposed Association, it was decided to hold a further special meeting next Tuesday evening to further consider the