

overpaid." Russell was a constant and popular guest at Tone's house in Ringsend during all the year 1790, and it was at this time the seeds of revolution were sown in both men's minds, shortly to bloom with such luxuriant growth.

### RESENTED THE ORANGE PRINCIPLE.

Russell was called up by the Army towards the end of 1790 and sent to Belfast. Here, the following year, he backed a bill for a scoundrel named Digges, and had to sell his commission to pay it. Then some friends secured his appointment as a magistrate in Tyrone. This position he quickly resigned rather than accede to the Orange principle "of inquiring what a man's religion was before inquiring into his crime." Finally he secured the important and more congenial position of Librarian of Belfast.

It was here Tone sought him out, when he went North, to secure the support of the men of Ulster for his revolutionary projects. Russell's friendship made this an easy matter, because Russell had what amounted to a positive genius for winning the support and confidence of all kinds and classes of men. The dour Northerners could not resist his charm, and in their inimitable fashion had nick-named him "The Man From God Knows Where."

How did Russell appear to his contemporaries? Outwardly he was tall, handsome and well proportioned, with an erect military bearing. He was a serious, reflective man, but he had a smile as sweet and disarming as a child, and the most charming manner, which gained rather than lost by a certain shyness and reserve. He had a deep compassion for the underdog and was constantly proposing reforms for the betterment of the poor and oppressed. He was entirely free from malice of any kind, and had one of those catholic minds that acknowledged all mankind as his brothers, so that one left his company as a thirsty man leaves a fountain, refreshed and refurbished. But there was nothing of the bore or prude about him and he had a wide taste for the good things of life, including strong liquors. Some of his tours with Tone were merry and reckless, yet in the tabernacle of his

voice may now be considered as a voice crying from the grave, what I now say may have some weight. I see around me many who during the last years of my life have disseminated principles for which I am now to die. Those gentlemen, who have all the wealth and power of the country in their hands, I strongly advise and earnestly exhort to pay attention to the poor; by the poor I mean the labouring class of the community, their tenantry and dependents. It may be they will not hold their power long, but at all events to attend to the wants and distresses of the poor in their truest interest. If they hold their power they will thus have friends around them, if they lose it their fall will be gentle."

He ended in characteristic fashion by appealing to the Attorney-General to let his own death be a sufficient atonement for the Rising, and to allow the humbler members of his forces to go free.

It would have helped him, in his last hours, to have known that his request was, in a measure, granted, and the Government, their appetite sated by Russell's sacrifice, allowed the humbler members go free.

## THE LATE MR. THOMAS KISSANE

The death of Mr. Thomas Kissane, Assistant-Director, National Library, Dublin, and brother of Very Rev. E. Kissane, President, Maynooth College, was learned of with much regret in West Limerick, where he was Commandant in the Black and Tan time (writes a correspondent). He was a medical student when he joined the Volunteers and was a Captain of the National Army later.

Mr. Kissane married first Miss Cecily Barry, who became the mother of his eldest child, Miss Maureen Kissane. Miss Barry was daughter of the late Mr. John Barry, N.T., of Creeves, Shanagolden, and sister of Very Rev. K. Barry, P.P., Kansas; Mr. T. Barry, Nantenan; Mrs. D. Danaher, Newcastle West; Mrs. D. M. O'Leary, Glin; Mr. J. Barry, York; Mr. P. Barry, P.C., and Mrs. K. Normile, both of Dublin, and the late Mrs. J. Dore, Deela, Rathkeale.

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