

## Kilkenny Martial Law Prisoners.

### FUND FOR WIVES AND FAMILIES.

The following appeal has been issued:—  
 Dear Sir—We venture to make an appeal to you for a subscription in aid of the helpless wives and families of such of the Kilkenny prisoners arrested and detained under martial law, deprived of their breadwinners, have no adequate means of support. Of the men arrested one has already met his death on the public streets of Kilkenny, surrounded by bayonets and rifles, in circumstances which suggest that if Prussian militarism is anything like what we have witnessed here it more than justifies all the execration lavishly visited on it. So far as we know, no charge has been made against these men. They have not menaced the public peace, or held up coastguards like the Ulster Volunteers. They do not enjoy the patronage of Attorney-Generals and ex-Attorney-Generals. Yet we have not heard that the officers quartered at the Curragh mutinied when ordered to move against them. Our appeal is for their helpless wives and families—or rather the wives and families of the weekly wage-earners, who are left absolutely without means of support. Kilkenny, city and county alike, has contributed generously to the distressed people of Belgium, Poland and Serbia. This appeal is for our own people. "Women and children first!"—but Irish women and children first of all. The undersigned have agreed to act as a provisional committee and will receive subscriptions. The need is urgent, and remember that "he gives twice who gives quickly."

(Signed)—Michael O'Neill, Ballyredding, Bennettsbridge (Chairman Thomastown District Council); John P. Fogarty, Castlecomer (Chairman Castlecomer District Council); H. J. Meagher, Co.C., Curragh, Tullaroan; D. O'Connell, High Street; Joseph Purcell, Alderman, High Street; W. Kinchella, John Street; M. Kenna, T.C., do.; James Lennon, President Bakers' Society; Simon Walton, Captain Tullaroan H.C.; J. Lalor, Secretary County Committee G.A.A.; E. T. Keane, Editor "Kilkenny People" (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

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### A Noble Tribute from Canon Murphy.

To the Editor of the "Kilkenny People."

Dear Sir—Should your space be not already overcrowded, I would wish to state that I have had a letter from a niece, a Sister of Mercy in the South Dublin Union Hospital, in which she informs me that the conduct of the Volunteers, whilst engaged in the fight there, was most courteous and respectful; and most edifying when they were seriously wounded or in danger of death. So from every quarter we have the same account; that the poor foolish young fellows made a clean and gallant fight. There were no stags or skulkers amongst them. They stood by each other to the last. Hence a great wave of sympathy has gone out to their memory from every true Irish heart. And we do not relish the denunciatory resolutions published in the "Freeman" every day. We should leave these things to the bitter enemies of Ireland, clerical and lay. The volunteers were no hirelings. They loved their country not at all wisely, but too well. I would then again re-echo the prayer of the good Bishop of Killaloe—May God grant rest, light and peace, to our fallen Volunteers!

CANON MURPHY.  
 Kilmanagh, May 18th, 1916.