

Kilkenny Prisoners

SIX RELEASED

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Six of the Kilkenny prisoners interned in Wakefield were released during the week and have arrived in Kilkenny. Their names are:- Messrs. Higgins, Smith, Ryan, Furlong, Mullally and Dwyer (S.) Other releases are expected, but it is stated that Alderman Nowlan, Messrs. P. de Loughry, T. Stallard and T. Treacy are to be courtmartialled, though the statement is not yet authenticated.

Mr. M. Kealy arrived home on Thursday.

INTERVIEW WITH A2 36.

Our representative interviewed A2 36 as to his prison experiences. He summed them up in one word—" Shocking!" He was lodged in Kilkenny Gaol about one o'clock on Friday, May 5. He was not permitted to leave his cell, till 11 o'clock on Monday morning. The cell he described as verminous. In Wakefield he was nearly twelve days practically in solitary confinement—a half-hour's exercise morning and evening, during which he was not allowed to speak, being the only break in the dreadful monotony! They were given no books to read. Shortly before his release the conditions were somewhat better and the food "was fair". But is he downhearted? His answer is in the negative.

Letter from Vice-Chairman of County Council.

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To the Editor "Kilkenny People."

Dear! Sir—I was delighted to see in the last issue of the "Kilkenny People" that, thank God, there are some patriotic, people who are not afraid (although we are still under martial law) to voice the sentiments of the majority of the Irish people,- although it may be against their present interests to show that they are in sympathy with those Irishmen who loved their country and were willing to risk their lives. What has England, ever given us through love. As you have said, but for the Fenian movement, the Church Disestablishment Act would not have been passed. But for the No Rent Manifesto, where would be our Land Acts? No wonder you head Mr. Keating's letter to Mr. Lynch " An Interesting Letter," as it is written to whitewash Mr. Redmond and his followers : —" It seems to me that every man of Common sense in Ireland who is in sympathy with national, ideals and aspirations should rally to the standard of the constitutional movement. As you know, I urged my views very strongly with all my friends at Inistioge and the Rower to discourage mere criticism and fault-finding with the Irish Party. It is an easy matter to criticise, but the consequences are dreadful." Is not the lack of criticism still more dreadful? If the country instead of passing votes of confidence, had to insist that the Home Rule Bill would be put in force, there would have been no trouble. Mr Redmond kept parading the country, declaring that he held the Government in the palm of his hand, when he should have put out of office a Government which allowed Carson to arm the North to overawe the South. Mr. Keating, again, states: —

“One of the most destructive forces is the spirit of nagging and fault-finding, because it divides the Irish people.” What is the real cause of the division of the Irish people into Irish Volunteers and National Volunteers—this latter a small minority? What is the real cause but the seeking of promotions under the present administration? What have they done for Ireland? On the other hand, the Irish Volunteers have proved to the world in the recent rebellion that they deserve Home Rule. Their enemies admit their bravery, courage and manliness. Again, what is the result of the rising? Dublin Castle government is dead, and Home Rule is being immediately looked into—I hope with the best results. Who are we to thank? Mr. Redmond and his Volunteers, or the Sinn Feiners - and our kith and kin in America? Enclosed is cheque for £1, and 10s from Mr. James Farrell, Ballyfoile.

Yours etc.

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Excursion to Dublin.—Under the auspices of the Graiguenamanagh Division A.O.H., an excursion to Dublin will take place on Sunday, June 11th. The excursion, which will leave Borris at 10 o’clock a.m., will stop at Goresbridge and Bagenalstown, and as the return fare is only 3s. a large crowd should avail of this unique opportunity of viewing the ruins of Dublin consequent on the recent disturbances. The return journey will be made from Kingsbridge at 8 o’clock. Tickets can be obtained at the Commercial, Abbey and Anchor Hotels, Graigue, or at the different Railway stations, on Sunday morning.