

THE PRIESTS OF KERRY TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

(SPECIAL TO THE "KERRY SENTINEL.")

There is at present preserved in the British Museum a curious old volume, soiled, torn, and timeworn, which contains the names of the Parish Priests of Ireland in 1704. It is the official register published by the Queen's printer, of the Catholic clergy who were bound by the Penal Statute passed a year or two before to register themselves at Quarter Sessions and give sureties for their good behaviour on pain—first of imprisonment, and secondly of transportation beyond the seas. It contains the names of Parish Priests only, for no "curates, coadjutors, or assistants" were then allowed to officiate, and it gives particulars of their places of residence, age, date of ordination, the country in which ordained, and the names of the Bishops who conferred Holy Orders. The register so far as it refers to the county of Kerry is entitled:—

"A list of the names of the Popish Parish Priests as they were registered at a General Sessions of the Peace held for the said county at—, the 11th day of July, 1704, and were since returned up to the Council Office in Dublin, pursuant to a clause in the late Act of Parliament intitled An Act for Registering the Popish Clergy."

I have spelled all the proper names—English, Irish, and French—as I found them in the register. Notwithstanding misprints and careless spelling by the Privy Council officials, most of them will, however, be easily recognized. It will be observed that out of the thirty-six priests registered in Kerry, no fewer than twenty-seven received Holy Orders abroad—in France, Germany, Spain, Flanders and Belgium. What a pathetic reflection this suggests? "Education was banned at home, and these poor clerical students, most of them probably speaking but Irish, had to find their way across the seas in those remote times, when the only means of conveyance out of Ireland were the rude hookers of the fishermen, or the small and not more comfortable sailing boats which carried on a more or less clandestine traffic with the Irish ports.

There are nine columns on each page of this Register. The first is for the number, the second is headed, "Popish Priests' Names;" the third is headed "Plan of Abode;" the fourth "Age;" the fifth "Parishes of which they Pretend to be Popish Priests;" the sixth "Time of their receiving Popish Orders;" the seventh "Places where they received Orders;" the eighth "From whom they received them," and the ninth "Sureties' Names that entered into Recognizances for such Priests, according to said Act." The last column is blank, in the case of Kerry, but all the others are minutely filled up. Thirty-six priests' names are returned for the county. Number 1 is Owen Carthy, residing at "Fohomore," aged 35 years, having as his parish "Tuosista." He received Holy Orders in 1689 from "Monsieur de Bovo, Bishop of Nants, in France." No. 2 is James Cahane; place of residence Finuge; aged 40 years, having as his parishes "Killfinane, Finuge, and Disart;" received Holy Orders in 1689 "from the Bishop of Burdoux in France." No. 3 is Morris Cahane, of Killcarriggbegg, aged 60 years, having as his parishes "Duagh and Broshmagh;" received Holy Orders in 1668 from the Bishop of Meath. No. 4 is Robert Fitzmorris, of "Ballydonaghue," aged 53 years, having as his parishes "Lishelton, Galy, Killeheny, and Kilconly;" received Holy Orders in 1680 from the Bishop of Boyce. No. 5 is Patrick Kenelly, of Clountubrid, aged 42 years, having as his parishes "Lishtoill, and Disart;" received Holy Orders in 1685

from the Bishop of "Clonfert." No. 6 is Martin Costello, of "Ballyricbane," aged 47 years, having as his parishes "Kiltomey, Killfoghney, part of Abbeydorney, Killfiner, and part of Disart;" received Holy Orders in 1679 "from the Bishop of Bazex." No. 7 is Denis Kennelly, of Farranac, aged 52 years, having as his parishes "Killbaghlin and Aghavalin;" received Holy Orders in 1679 "in Zantougue" from the Bishop of "Xantus." No. 8 is Hugh Swiney, of Ardferit, aged 40 years, having as his parishes "Ardfert Killmoily, Ballymaglishy, and part of Abbeydorney;" received Holy Orders in 1681 in France from the Bishop of Angers. No. 9 is Teige Sullivan, of Letrugh, aged 40 years, having as his parishes "Killgobbin, Killence, Stradbally, Ballyduff, and Cloghan;" received Holy Orders in 1688 in Flanders from the Bishop of Cambrai. No. 10 is Owen Ferris of Ballydely, aged 40 years, having as his parishes "Drishane, &c.;" received Holy Orders in 1687 in Brabant from the Bishop of Antwerp. No. 11 is Edmund Hogan, of Magh, aged 36 years, having as his parishes "BallynucElligott, Nohavall, O'Brianin, and Ballysheeda;" received Holy Orders in 1690 in France "from the Bishop of Bourdeaux." No. 12 is Charles Deorane, of "Ballyplimoth," aged 37 years, having as his parishes "Ballincushlane and Castleisland;" received Holy Orders in 1691 from the Bishop of Cassel. No. 13 is Eneas Line, of Lyvane, aged 52 years, having as his parishes Kilcoleman and Kilbonane;" received Holy Orders in 1678 in France "from Josephus de Carbone, Archbishop of Thoulon." No. 14 is Dermot Cronohane, of Knockaderry, aged 61 years, having as his parishes "Molabiffe and Killaneure;" received Holy Orders in the year 1667, from the Bishop of Ardagh. No. 15 is Owen Deenlea, of Scantor, aged 63 years, having as his parish Kilcommen, received Holy Orders in the year 1668, in France, from the Bishop of Tollosa (Toulouse). No. 16 is Elexius Leary, of "Killarney," having Killarney as his parish, received Holy Orders in the year 1674, in France, from the Bishop of Lumbess. No. 17 is Teige Croneen, aged 43 years, having as his parishes "Cullen and Noagvall," received Holy Orders in the year 1685, in France, from the Bishop of Montabane. No. 18 is Bryan Connor, of Leitrim, aged 53 years, having as his parishes "Murhurr and Knockanure;" received Holy Orders in 1674, in France, from the Bassasine. No. 19 is Macragh Shea, of Killurlin, aged 60 years, having as his parishes "Killimare and Kahir," received Holy Orders in the year 1669, from the Bishop of Dublin. No. 20 is John Fitzmorris, of Tralee, aged 40 years, having as his parishes, "Tralee, Raghtass, Anagh, Cloherbrine," received Holy Orders in 1680, in France from the Bishop of "Burdoux." No. 21 is Anthony Stack, of Glanbegh, aged 36 years, having Glanbegh as his parish, received Holy Orders in the year 1693 in Germany, from the Bishop of Prague. No. 22 is Teige Daily of Reghnelogh, aged 52 years, having as his parishes "Currans, Killenterna, and Disart," received Holy Orders in 1680, from the Bishop of Ossory. No. 23 is Dermot Sullivan, of Grenanane, aged 52 years having as his parishes "Templence and Killmore," received Holy Orders in 1679 from the Bishop of Rhodes. No. 24 is Rickard Connell, of Meanus, aged 58, having as his parishes "Knockane, and Killorglin," received Holy Orders in the year 1675 in France from the Bishop of Vassus. No. 25 is John Connor, of —, aged 60 years, having as his parishes "Killcomin and Killahy," received Holy Orders in the year 1674, in France, from the Bishop of Condom. No. 26 is Denis Monarty (probably Moriarty) of Dingle, aged 52 years, having as his parishes "Dingle and the district thereof," received Holy Orders in 1677, in France, from the Archbishop of

Rheims. No. 27 is Teige Daily of Ferrassa, aged 42 years, having as his parishes "Killgerrynlander, Killbawn, and part of Ballinvogher," received Holy Orders in 1684, in France, from the Archbishop of "Toulousa." No. 28 is John Dilane, Aghnagap, aged 53 years, having as his parishes "Ballynacourty and Mineard," received Holy Orders in the year 1675, in Ireland, from the Bishop of Cashel. No. 29 is Edmond Lynchy, Ballynana, aged 56 years, having as his parishes "Ventry and Killquane," received Holy Orders in 1669, in France, from "the Bishop of Bassas." No. 30 is Thomas Dooling, residing at Ballyno, aged 54 years, having as his parishes "Ballyheigue, Killury, Rattoo," received Holy Orders in 1669, in France, from the "Bishop of Bassas." No. 31 is Charles Daily of Droumoltane, aged 53 years, having as his parishes "Castleisland and Ballynacashland," received Holy Orders in 1675, in France, from the Bishop of Finlon. No. 32 is Godfrey Daily of Gortromaganny aged 57 years, having as his parishes "Murhur and Knockanure," (this must be a mistake, these parishes have been mentioned already), received Holy Orders in 1678, in France, from the Bishop of Xouzus. No. 33 is Morrourgh Connell of Iveragh, aged 59 years, having as his parishes Priors and Valentia, received Holy Orders in the year 1670, in Ireland, from the Bishop of Cashel. No. 34 is Owen Carthy of Salla big, aged 55 years, having as his parishes "Dround, Ahadoe, and Aglish," received Holy Orders in 1671, "in Catalonia in Spain," from the Bishop of Elna. No. 35 is Daniel Faloy of Darrinane, aged 53 years, having as his parishes "Killcroghane and Templence," received Holy Orders in 1680 in France, from the Archbishop of Alb. No. 36 and last is Mortagh Sullivan of Killgarvane, aged 70 years, having as his parishes Killgarvan and Kenmare, received Holy Orders in the year 1665, from the Bishop of Dublin. The register is signed "by order of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant and Council H. Paltenev, Dep. Cler. Gen. Priv.," and, as already stated, it is printed by the Queen's Printer, Andrew Crool "on the Blind Key, 1705."