

SAINTS OF THE MONTH.

From the Catholic School and Home Magazine

St. LAWRENCE, M., August 10, 258.—The holy deacon was chief among the seven who had charge of the poor of Christ, according to the discipline of the early Church. The greed of the prefect of the city for the gifts which the Christians gave the Church, caused him to demand the Church treasures from Lawrence, who was their guardian. The Saint promised at the end of three days to show him riches exceeding all the wealth of the empire, and when he had gathered the poor, who lived by the alms of the faithful, he bade the prefect "see the treasures of the Church." Baffled in his designs, the prefect had him condemned to death, and the method decreed was that of roasting over a slow fire. Placed on a gridiron he made sport of his pains, until he finally gave up his life. His life teaches us love for the poor.

St. CLARE, VIRGIN AND ABBESS, August 12, 1253.—St. Clare was born at Assisium in Italy in 1193, and in her youth was attracted to St. Francis, who received her as a religious and had her establish a community for women, to be known afterwards as the Poor Clares. She and her community practised severe austerities, observing a perpetual abstinence, and never speaking but when obliged to do so by necessity or charity. She loved holy poverty, and when a large fortune came to her by the death of her father, she gave the whole of it to the poor. She had great devotion to the Passion of our Lord. She died August 12, 1253. The life of this tender virgin who renounced all the pleasures of life and embraced a life of penance and severity is a reproach to our sensuality.

St. HELEN, EMPRESS, August 18, 328.—English historians claim that St. Helen was born in Britain and was a British princess. She was married to Constantine, who as Caesar had charge of Gaul and Britain. Their son, Constantine the Great became a christian and the christian church became the church of the Empire. St. Helen became so thorough a christian after her conversion that her life was heroic in the practices of perfection. Constantine ordered that a church be built on Mount Calvary, and the Empress, though eighty years of age, aided in executing the work. It was then that she determined on seeking for the true Cross, which she succeeded in finding. Her love for the poor was manifested in her great charities to all classes of affliction. She died in Rome in 328, St. Helen found more glory in the Cross of Christ than in the empire over which she ruled.

St. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, WIDOW AND ABBESS, August 21, 1572-1641. This foundress of the Order of Visitation Nuns was born at Dijon, in France, in 1572. Her family was one of the most noble of Burgundy. In 1592 she married the Baron de Chantal and had four children. Her husband died in 1601 and then she gave way still more faithfully to the practices of religion which had characterized her married life. Meeting with St. Francis she disclosed to him her desire to enter religion and devote herself to God, and he proposed to her the establishment of the Visitation Order. After providing for her children, she laid the foundation of the new institute at Annecy, in France, Trinity Sunday, 1610. After meeting with great trials and afflictions, which she bore with meekness and submission, she founded many houses of her Order. She died in Paris, December 13, 1641. Clement XIX. fixed her feast on the twenty-first of August. Her life gives us an example of a valiant woman who was willing to make any sacrifice in order to serve God and follow her vocation.

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IRISH NEWS.

Mr. James Burke, Clerk of the Union, of Claremorris, is dead.

The Rev. Francis Kilgallon, a member of an old Sligo family, and son of the late Mr. Charles Kilgallon, builder, has been ordained priest.

The Very Rev. Jerome Fahey, V. G., of Gort, has published, through M. H. Gill & Son, of Dublin, "The History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Kilmacduagh."

His friends in America and Australia will be pained to learn of the death, on the 15th ult., at Bettystown, Drogheda, of Thomas McCann. He was ninety-two years old.

James Meagher, a retired captain of the Second Border Regiment, who had lately returned from India, was found drowned in the Royal Canal, Summerhill. He was a native of Tipperary.

Mr. B. W. Bates, officer of Marines, and Mr. Day, navigator's writer, both of the United States battleship Chicago, placed a beautiful floral wreath in the shape of a harp on Mr. Parnell's grave, on July 18, on behalf of themselves and comrades.

Patrick Curran, a mason, was making some repairs on the roof of the house and shop of Sarah Boyle, Letterkenny, on the 17th ult., when he fell to the ground, a distance of some thirty feet. The unfortunate man died a few minutes afterwards.

A man named Samuel Kelly was returning home from Derry on the night of July 19, after disposing of some hay in the market, and had reached Goshaden, a few miles from the city, on the road to Claudy, when he fell from his cart, sustaining such injuries that he died shortly afterwards.

The death occurred recently at the residence of her nephew, Mr. T. M. Healy, B. L. M. P., of Dublin, of one who belonged to the best type of Christian womanhood, and whose memory will be long preserved by many sorrowing friends—Mrs. Mary Steele, widow of the late Mr. Richard Steele, of Cork. Widely known, and respected wherever known, her zeal and devotion in the interests of religion were proverbial. An active worker in the cause of temperance, and constantly engaged in aiding the helpless, the infirm, the suffering, or the penitent, Mrs. Steele on many occasions rendered apostolic service of no ordinary kind.

An address and testimonial have been presented by his parishioners to the Very Rev. Dr. Gaffney, pastor of Clara, on his elevation to the position of Vicar-General of the Diocese of Meath. The address notes the great and ceaseless labors of a worthy pastor for his people's welfare and their appreciation thereof. It shows also that the bond of union between priests and people still remains unbroken and strong as it was in the darkest days of Ireland's persecution. It is a proof, too, that notwithstanding the efforts nowadays of a few misguided individuals, the "Soggarth Aroon" still holds a cherished place in the hearts of Irish Catholics. The testimonial took the form of a beautiful carriage. It cost 110 guineas.

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CORROBORATION.—Inquiring friend: This paper says some of the greatest achievements in the photographic art have been made by amateurs. Is that so? Amateur: Of course. If you don't believe it, ask any—Friend: Photographer? Amateur: Any amateur.

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D. MARSOLAIS, M. D. Lavaltrie, December 26th, 1885.

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