

Written for the Record.

A Psalm of Sighs. A rosary of sighs—A psalm of sighs, A head for each trickling tear, A pillow of woe for each weary head, A wreath of bright faith for each blest.

Down the valley of time my soul wings its way, On the pinions of darkly-plumed sorrow, And I sigh and I pray, I pray and I sigh, The sighs that shall meet me to-morrow.

By the couch of dead hopes I kneel and I pray, I kneel and I pray in such sorrow, That the sky of my soul reflects but the sighs, That shall shroud the dead hopes of to-morrow.

A thorn in each crown, a sigh in each smile, Yes, these are the accents of years, And I sigh and I pray, I pray and I sigh, Till my soul is a temple of tears.

Belleville, Ont. T. O'HAGAN.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Louthar has informed Mr. Biggar that the Government are prepared to accept the principle contained in that gentleman's amendment to the Irish Relief Bill, providing that those who receive relief under the Bill shall not be disfranchised thereby, and intend to introduce words into the preamble to that effect.

No trace has been found of the body of the late Mr. Egerton in the ruins of the Dublin Theatre Royal, but one of the workmen found the old bell which hung in the Crow Street Theatre, and which summoned the Parliament under James II. to meet in the Carmelite Abbey, which stood on the site of the Theatre.

A plea of not guilty was entered on February 26th, on behalf of Michael Davitt, Jas. Daly, James Bryce Killen, and Thomas Brennan, against whom indictments have been found for using seditions language at land meetings in the West.

KILDARE.

A shocking accident occurred at the Naas barracks, Feb. 25, resulting in the death of a man named James Lookman. The deceased was a servant in the employment of Captain Rogers of the brigade depot. Whilst engaged in cleaning his master's horse, he touched the animal with the handle of a fork, the prongs of which pointed towards his own body. The horse gave a sudden snort and drove the fork into the deceased's chest, the prongs penetrating the lungs, and death ensued almost immediately.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

On February 23, a land meeting of an indignant character, with reference to an eviction, was held about a mile and a half from Ballybrophy, in the townland of Knockacross. There was a pretty large attendance, including contingents from Roscrea, Borris-in-Osney, Montrath, and Ballyragget. A number of brass bands, supplied the music, and several banners bearing appropriate inscriptions were carried. One of the divines being, Emancipate the white slave by buying up the felonious landlords. The day kept beautifully fine throughout. A large rock situated outside the chapel yard served as the platform, and the people occupied a sort of natural amphitheatre in front. A small body of police under the supervision of Mr. Hamilton, R. M., were drawn up on one side of the crowd, within earshot of the speakers, whose words were noted by government stenographers.

WESTMEATH.

At Ballinacree, near Killeegan, an agrarian dispute lately occurred between parties named Greeman and McDonnell, and in consequence of threats used against a former he has since been guarded by the police. A constabulary hut has also been erected near his residence. Several of the McDonnells are awaiting trial at the assizes for assaulting Greeman so as to endanger his life. Information was laid on Feb. 26th, against Elizabeth Greeman for a retaliatory attack, and she was also committed to the Mullingar Assizes. Altogether there are fifteen cases for hearing in connection with this unfortunate feud.

CORK.

On Feb. 21st, at the South Infirmary, Cork, a man named John Tracy, aged 56 years, while about to undergo an operation for hip dislocation, died, it is alleged from the effects of a dose of chloroform. The patient was a native of Killinane near Mistelstown, and had for some time previous to his admission to the Infirmary been unsuccessfully treated by the doctors in the Mistelstown Workhouse Hospital.

On Feb. 25, a poor man named Denis Colling, aged 70 years, was found dead in a field near his house at Ballinacree, between Clonakilly and Bandon. At the inquest, after hearing the evidence of the several witnesses, and Dr. Starke, the following verdict was returned: "That the deceased died of natural causes—disease of the heart."

At Kinsale Petty Sessions, on Feb. 21st, Mr. W. Raycroft was sent to prison for a fortnight without the option of a fine for leaving in the public street assaulted and abused a sheriff's officer, whom he accused of destroying the country with his decrees."

A dreadful boiler accident occurred at Cork, Feb. 26th, on board a small steamer belonging to the Messrs. Hallinan, as it was about to start from their mills at Glammeir with a cargo of flour for Cork. The steamer, which was called the Black Dwarf, was lying at the quay in front of the Glammeir mills. She was freighted with cargo of 202 sacks of flour, 50 sacks of meal, and six tons of bran and pollard, in charge of Captain Bere and two men named John Noonan and Thos. Cronin, the former being the fireman. The captain was blown to pieces, but the others were uninjured by the explosion.

KERRY.

The Central Relief Committee for Kerry, on February 23d, decided upon distributing sixty-six tons of seed potatoes among the distressed farmers in the county.

LIMERICK.

An occurrence perhaps unique in the relations between landlord and tenant in Ireland is pending at Mountshannon, the property of Lady Louisa Fitzgibbon, near Castlecomel. The estate has got into a state of such a state of an action is about being commenced.

Hearing of this, the tenants, to whom Lady Fitzgibbon has become endeared by many acts of kindness, have announced their intention of not permitting the sale to take place, and a rather curious contretemps is anticipated.

While some men were engaged on the sewerage works on Cornwalls street, Limerick, a number of human bones were turned up, fifteen feet under the top soil. They are supposed to be the remains of people who died during the famous siege of the city.

CLARE.

Two hundred pounds have been subscribed to the testimonial fund in aid of the family of the late Dr. Henry, of Killrush.

There are 2,000 persons in the town and vicinity of Killrush in the very brink of starvation. This statement was publicly reiterated by the Rev. James O'Neill, at a public meeting held in the Market House on February 24th.

The tenants on several properties in East Clare are keeping a firm grip of their holdings, particularly in the parishes of Kinoc and Feakle. A plentiful stock of ejectments are scattered over these districts, and the campaign promises to be an interesting one by-and-by.

TIPPERARY.

On February 21st, whilst a man named Thomas Madden was returning from the market held in Clare, at a sharp turn in the road, near his own house at Ballycarren, the horse taking fright, shied, and upset the cart to the ditch. Madden died in a few moments from his injuries. He leaves a large family to regret his loss.

On February 21st, the three year old son of a small farmer, named Launder, of Ballyvine, near Kilsheelan, was accidentally drowned in a pond convenient to the house.

WATERFORD.

The Duchess of Marlborough's Committee have peremptorily refused to grant any aid to Mullinavat, where very great distress prevails.

A collision occurred in the West of Waterford county recently, between the people of the baronies and constabulary, and took a writ of ejectment to a farm where the rent was in arrears. The officers were pelted with stones and mud. Some persons were arrested, and committed for trial at the assizes.

ANTRIM.

At a land meeting held on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, in the Clarendon district, an appeal was made to the Ulster Orangemen to unite against the despotism of landlordism.

The Belfast Examiner of Feb. 27th, says: "During the last few days the weather has assumed a mildness unusual at this season. Monday appeared like a May day. A correspondent, who was lately through a great part of the county Down, notes that winter-sown wheat has a healthy appearance, and grass lands were never seen more luxuriant at this season."

MONAGHAN.

On February 23rd, an inquest was held on the body of Mrs. Mary Clarke, wife of Dr. Arnold Clarke, of Ballytrath, in the school-house, Glassghong. The deceased lady has been interred since the 12th ult., but owing to some rumors which has been circulating in the neighborhood relative to the cause of her death, it was ordered by the Jury, composed of the Rev. Canon of the district, assisted by Mr. Swanzy, Castleblayney, was in attendance. Several professional gentlemen appeared on behalf of the parties concerned. The case altogether seems a very intricate one. Grave doubts are entertained as to the final issue. The inquest has been adjourned to have a post mortem examination made and orders have been given to have the viscera extracted and sent to the proper authorities for inspection.

GALWAY.

Mr. George Morris was recently nominally appointed to a post worth £1,200 a year, but the Government were frightened into delaying the actual nomination for fear of being brought to task for handing over such a lucrative position to a person pledged to Home Rule. They have got rid of the difficulty in a manner which is truly characteristic of the finess of the Premier. It is now that the Mr. W. P. O'Brien, at one time an inspector under the Local Government Board, and who has since been appointed to the Prison Board, will get the office. Mr. Morris, however, will not be left in the lurch, and in the proposed scheme for the reconstruction of the Board of Works the hon. member for Galway will be made chairman of the new Board, with a salary of £2,000 a year.

A remarkable report on the distress in certain districts of Connaught has been forwarded to the Liverpool Relief Committee by two of their delegates, Father Nugent and Mr. Smyth. They state they found the condition of the people and the supply of fuel better than they were led to suppose by previous reports. They attribute the misery of the people to the excessive population which has to be supported upon wretched holdings of from three to five acres. In many of the poor districts a man, when asked how much land he holds, says 22 1/2 or 23 1/2 acres. They say that the foundation of any improvement in the condition of such a population lies in emigration, which, they assert, would benefit those who left the country and those who remained.

An eviction took place on February 23d, on the estate of Mr. Vasey Stoney, in the Tuam district. A large force of constabulary were in attendance, and a crowd assembled, but there was no disturbance. Threats of vengeance on the landlord were, however, indulged in.

MAYO.

On February 22d a large meeting of tenant farmers was held at Cross, a short distance from Westport, for the purpose of protesting against the eviction of a number of tenants who have been served with ejectments for non-payment of rent. It appears that some time ago the landlord evicted the tenantry a reduction of

25 per cent., but they were unable to avail themselves of the offer, and were in consequence served with ejectments. Contingents arrived from Westport, Newport and the neighboring districts, amounting in all to about two thousand people. The banner bore inscriptions such as "Stick to your homestead," "No profane evictions," &c. Green snakes were worn as badges. A party of armed police attended, but the proceedings throughout were most orderly.

On Feb. 25, the southern portion of Clarendon was packed with tenant farmers, in a state of the greatest excitement. Being court day there were fewer than thirty cases at the suit of the Queen on the books.

SLIGO.

At Morrowstown, Droine West, on Feb. 16th, Mrs. Sarah Morrow, alias Armstrong, widow of the late Thomas Morrow, died at the patriarchal age of 102 years. She was always a woman of excellent health and regular habits, and up to a short time before her death was in the enjoyment of all her faculties. Indeed on the morning of the very day she died she was moving about and fed a few fowl. She died rather unexpectedly. In her early years she was in good circumstances, but of late was poor.

A DRUNKARD'S WIFE.

We can hardly imagine woman placed in a more trying or humiliating condition than a wife of an habitual drunkard. See her as she weeps in solitude over the crime which she vowed at the altar to be true to, to cherish and protect her, and to whom she, in innocent faith, looks upon as being all that is noble, generous and good. Little did she think, perhaps, as she sat at the side of her lover in the bright days of love that fell from his lips, that in the future that she would be a drunkard's wife. Little did she dream, when she looked forward that lay before her, as with light heart she heard the voice of her dear old pastor pronounce the marriage benediction which made her the happy bride of the man she loved, or that the bonds of Hymen were to be her albatross. None but those who have experienced it can have adequate conception of the misery, wretchedness and woe of the drunkard's wife. Her life, robbed by the demon of strong drink of all that is calculated to render it sweet and pleasant, which has she to look forward to but an untimely death, and a name that will be a reproach to her, and to her children, and to her mother, whose husbands love and care for with loving tenderness and shield from the adverse storms of life, nor permit them to blow roughly upon you, lest like delicate flowers you drop and die, imagine, if you can, how you would feel were your husband a drunkard. You shudder at the thought, and well you may; but let us cause you to endeavor to do something to render the life of one more endurable and pleasant whose misfortune it is to be a drunkard's wife.

A MOTHER'S DEVOTION.

Bishop Fraser, of Manchester, England in a recent speech, testified manfully, as no another good man has done, to the self-sacrifice and devotion of his mother. His father, a man of some fortune, lost everything in iron mining and died broken hearted, leaving a family of seven, the Bishop being at that time fourteen years old. His mother was a woman of sound sense and great usefulness. She said: "I cannot give these kids of mine a large fortune, but by denying myself a bit and living quietly, I can give them a good education. She did so and he did not understand how she managed it. By God's blessing he had that mother still spared to him. She was paralyzed, speechless, and helpless, but every day she would go to her bed, and looking on her sweet face he thought gratefully of all he owed to her, of what he had been enabled to do."

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