

Robert Burns.

BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Touched by his hand, the way-side weed
Becomes a flower; the lowliest reed
Beside the stream
Is clothed with beauty; gorse and grass,
And heather, where his footsteps pass,
The brighter seem.

But still the burden of his song
Is love of right, of discord, wrong;
His master chords
Are Manhood, Freedom, Brotherhood;
His discords but an interlude
Between the words.

And then to die so young, and leave
Unfinished what he might achieve;
Yet better sure
Is this than wandering up and down,
An old man, in a country town,
Infirm and poor.

For now he haunts his native land
As an immortal youth; his hand
Guides every plough;
He sits beside each ingle-nook;
His voice is in each rustling brook,
Each rustling bough.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN.

On June 25th, in the Land Court, for the second time, Judge Flanagan called attention to the "perfect farce of putting up property for sale now." Twelve years' purchase was offered for an estate, and there was no competition. The judge refused the offer, and suggested that if the intended buyer offered a substantial sum "he might think of it."

Next to a sufficiency of wholesome food, nothing is more necessary to the health and well-being of the poor in Ireland than a good supply of fuel. Thanks to the beautiful weather of the past few weeks, the coming winter will be very unlike the past in the matter of fuel, for the turf crop is now almost dry and beyond all danger. Dreading a repetition of the hardships endured last year, people engaged in turf manufacture betook themselves to the bogs in the first week of May, and so assiduous were they in tending the crop that in many districts it is fit for carting home. This industry gives employment to large numbers of poor people, who, living near the bogs, enter into contracts with farmers at a distance to cut and dry their turf. In the operations of drying the women are as useful and earn as high wages as the men. In several parts of the country dry turf can be had for less than half the price of twelve months ago—a sure test of an abundant supply.

MEATH.

A good deal of distress is at present existing amongst the agricultural laborers residing in the district of Duleek, county Meath. Work is very scarce, and it is next to impossible for them to obtain the means of support. Scarlatina, measles, and fever, the usual attendants in such cases, are making inroads upon them. From the neighboring district of Julinstown an entire family, numbering seven persons, have been removed to the Drogheda Workhouse Hospital suffering from fever. The landlords of the district are, with two or three exceptions, absentees, and take no interest in the people.

An eviction, accompanied with all due process of law, is about to take place near Drogheda. The family to be evicted is one of the oldest and most respectable in the county Meath. Their ancestors have lived on the farm for generations past, and have built substantial houses and offices, and made reclamations and vast improvements. The family is that of James R. Drew, Esq., of Proudfootstown Mills, the name of whose family has ever been a synonym for kindness, hospitality, and every one of those attributes which makes the Irish name endeared to all. The present landlord is a Mr. Cox, of Dublin, a young man lately succeeding his father, and who wanted to impose an increased rent beyond what the tenant says he could pay, or the place afford. The necessary legal formalities have been already entered upon to evict Mr. Drew and his family from the place where generations of his people lived, toiled, and improved at the expense of their sweat, time, and money. Such is English law.

CORK.

On June 27, at Ballycatten, near Timoleague, some men were drinking in a public-house, and after leaving, on their way home, a quarrel arose, during which stones, and, it is alleged, a knife were used. One of the men named Patrick Sullivan, was found next morning lying on the road stabbed in several places, and almost dead from exposure and loss of blood. The police arrested three men, named John Cullinane, Patrick Desmond, and Patrick Deasy. They were remanded, and lodged in Clonakilty Gaol. One of the men charged has a severe cut on his head from the blow of a stone. Sullivan died soon after he was found.

KERRY.

Mr. Hartnett, Sub-sheriff for Kerry, accompanied by the local police, recently proceeded to evict a farmer named Murphy, residing at Tuogh, situated in the direction of the McGillycuddy's Reeks. The eviction was at the instance of T. B. Talbot, who, some two years ago got promise of the farm on condition of a fine. At the termination of the lease the eviction was restored to. On proceeding to the scene the parties were met with closed doors. Entrance was effected with force on the part of the police. On entering the premises the younger Murphy, who was on a loft armed, made an attempt to shoot at Talbot. The Sub-sheriff fortunately espied the effort, and his influence with Murphy checked the carrying out of the design. Talbot then demanded possession from the sheriff, and the sheriff having promised to negotiate with the landlord, Mr. Chute, of Tralee, Murphy surrendered possession. He and his family, comprising eleven persons, are now living in a hut on the roadside adjacent to the scene of the disturbance. Some three months since Talbot had Murphy and his son arrested for threatening to shoot him, and when brought up before the magistrates at Petty Sessions, Mr. Bodkin, R. M., let the prisoners out on their own recognizances.

LIMERICK.

On June 27th a number of people attacked the county courthouse, Limerick, and destroyed the windows of the office of the Clerk of the Peace with stones.

On June 29, at the Barnakelly drainage works, Patrick's Well, three men named Martin Barrett, John Griffin, and Patrick O'Connell, were engaged in a quarrel.

rock to blast it, and as the charge did not take effect the men attempted to extract it, Barrett holding the jumper while the other two men struck it. The result was that a spark set fire to the fuse, when the whole charge blew up into Barrett's face and hands, disfiguring him so much that it is feared he will lose the use of his sight. The other two men escaped unhurt.

John Carroll, blacksmith and publican, residing at Creora, who purchased the farm called Ballyvelish, from which John Tallant was evicted twelve months ago, dropped dead as he was going from one room to another, in his own house, on June 28th.

WATERFORD.

The crops on the Bessborough estate, at Piltown are looking extremely well, except oats, the straw of which is short. The potato crop never seemed so promising, which is attributed in a great measure to the new seed.

ARMAGH.

On June 26th, a serious party disturbance took place in the Tunnel, Portadown. About 9 o'clock an Orange drumming party passed through towards the town. It was alleged the party were only bringing the drums into town from the house of a man who was mending them. At all events, the Orange party and the residents came into a collision. Stones were freely thrown by both parties. Several windows were broken, and at least four persons were badly wounded—namely, Mrs. Redmond and her daughter Elizabeth; a young girl named O'Brien, and a man named Walsh. The melee, while it lasted, was of a very serious character.

DOWN.

Disturbances took place on June 29th, at Rathfriland, county Down, arising out of the celebrations to commemorate the result of the election petition. The police were powerless, and a large number of windows were broken.

The Protestant party of Newry celebrated the 1st of July, by lighting bonfires and burning the effigy of Lundy. The rival party, however, interfered, and stones were thrown. Some magistrates, accompanied by a large body of police, were promptly on the spot, and succeeded in averting serious disturbances.

TYRONE.

On June 26th Liberal and Conservative mobs paraded the streets of Dungannon, throwing stones and smashing windows. The police charged the Liberal mobs, which speedily dispersed, but the Conservatives held the market square until after midnight. Two constables were injured by the stones.

GALWAY.

A monster meeting was held on June 29th at Ballinacorney, a village on the coast, adjacent to Kinvara. The meeting was convened for the purpose of forming a branch of the Land League, and was in every respect a great success. A deputation from the Athenry branch, with the temperance band, attended. The little village was handsomely decorated with green bunting. The proceedings commenced late in the day, owing to the heavy rain prevailing. A Government note-taker occupied a prominent place on the platform. The Rev. Mr. Foide, P.P., occupied the Chair, and addressed the meeting at length, counselling them to be prudent in all their actions and advising all to join in the movement.

MAYO.

A land bailiff named James Murray was fired at on June 28th at Ballinacorney, near Westport. The shot was fired into the bailiff's house, and pierced the chair upon which he was sitting. Two evictions occurred upon the property which is owned by Mr. Stephen Gibbons, J. P., for non-payment of rent, and Murray represented his employer at the eviction. While the people were being turned out some disturbance occurred, the sheriff being assaulted. At the late Westport sessions Mr. Gibbons obtained several ejection decrees, and more evictions were expected. Since the former evictions he has reinstated the people in their houses as caretakers, and has given them six months' time to pay up the rent.

On June 25th a relief works laborer, named James Ruddy, aged 17 years, at the Rosskey Sandpits, Mayo, was quarrying sand and stones under a high wing of the pit, when the bank fell in upon him. He was immediately dug out by the other workmen, but he only lived a few minutes.

On July 1st a girl named Sheridan, fourteen years of age, was sitting on the side of the Ballinrobe road when a runaway horse yoked to a cart dashed against her. Her dress caught in the wheel and she was crushed to death.

ROSCOMMON.

On June 29th, a great public demonstration took place at Athleague on the subject of the land question, and to protest against recent evictions. From an early hour crowds flocked in from the neighboring parishes. Large contingents arrived after Mass from Roscommon, Kiltewan, Ballymurry, Knockany, Ferty, Newbridge, &c. An immense number of mounted men formed one of the most striking features in the gathering, and several banners were borne. The Ballyhaunis band attended. There was also a large contingent of the R. I. C., but their services were not required, as the meeting was most orderly, and the vast crowd dispersed quietly. There was also a Government reporter and two of the R. I. C., taking notes; the former was allowed to stand in a corner of the platform, but the latter were refused admittance, and had, therefore, to take their place among the audience. The chair was taken, on the motion of Mr. Tiernan, by Mr. Michael Kelly, P. L. G. Several addresses were made and the usual resolutions adopted.

SLIGO.

On June 29th a very imposing demonstration took place at Geevagh, for the purpose of urging a speedy reform of the land laws. When all were assembled there were about 8,000 persons present—comprising contingents from Geevagh and neighborhood, Heapstown, Ballyfarnon, Sooley, Drunkanran, Ballymote Carrick, &c.

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