The Seed of Life.

A SONNET FOR ASH-WEDNESDAY.

down, O flesh of mine! for dust thou art, And into dust must soon return again: Then, till these blessed Forty Davs depart, Stretched, victim-like, beneath the soul's disdain, Right cheerfully thy pecylsh whims restrain,

dure the fast, the penitential smart.
omrade frail! I bid thee not complain,
t keep a hidden gladness in thy heart.
d why? Because this heart, at Paschal-

tide,
Shall be of Life Itself the living nest;—
Within this breast, by penance purified,
The Pledge of Immortality will rest.
A fleeting doom those ashes typified—
"Who eats, shall live;" so runs the Promise
blest. ETHEL TANE.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

CORK.

The leaders of the late bread demonstrations were recently summoned before the

magistrates.
The Bishop of Ross has received £350 (in two sums of £150 and £200 each) from the Archbishop of Dublin, and £50 from

the Archbishop of Dublin, and £50 from the Bishop of Liverpool for the distressed poor of his Diocese.

At a meeting of the members of the Committee of the Blarney Dispensary, held Jan. 12, the relieving officer reported that great distress prevails in the district. That numbers of the small farmers were entirely destitute, and were eating the seed potatoes, which would leave them without means to sow the next crop. Mr. Corcoran said he knew a property near Blarney where the landlord never set his foot, and the agent came twice a year only—to collect the rents. Before the meeting broke up several laborers presented them broke up several laborers presented them-selves, asking relief—they said they were

serves, asking rener—they said they were starving—having neither food nor fuel.

On Jan. 12 upwards of eighty laboring men, having all the appearance of want, paraded the town, calling on some of the prominent members of the Relief Coal Fund Committee. Subsequently hearing his Lordship Dr. Fitzgerald was at the Cathedrel, they proceeded there and told him their extreme distrsss, saying they would be all right if they got any sort of work. Over one hundred men were employed at stone breaking, but the funds to have the work to provide the could not be responsible for peace and order in the town if some effort were more made within the next week to provide employment. The Chairman stated that the Board had applied for a loan of £1,000

CLARE.

Forty tenants on the Conyngham estate in Clare, have applied to the Land Court for permission to purchase their holdings, under the Bright clauses. The total of the purchase money will be thirty thousand pounds.

A meeting was held recently in the parish of Clare-Galway, Rev. Martin Cum-mins, P. P., in the chair. Father Cumthat parish—over 150 families were entirely destitute, while the children in the

At the Dispensary Committee meeting held in Newmarket-on-Fergus, recently, over one hundred laborers collected outside the dispensary. They begged to have some works opened; that they and their familes were starving; unless they got employment they should have to go into the workhouse. It was very trying to the workhouse. It was very trying to the gentleman inside (who were discussing the hear the wail of the hungry crowd, and as hear the wail of the hungry crowd, and as the evening advanced women with their the Ballina Relief Committee have is-

Twenty-nine men were committed for trial at Ballinasloe, Jan. 10, for resisting a bailiff in the service of ejectments.

From letters received from Kincarn, County Galway, dated January 12th, we learn that some of the people are actually starving, and aid is earnestly solicited for them by Rev. John Maloney, P. P.

KERRY.

It is stated that the eldest son of The O'Donognue will contest Tralee at the coming election, and that The O'Donoghue will offer himself for the country.

Much distress prevails in Castleisland, Co. Kerry. The Nuns of the Presentation Convent have been giving two meals a day to about 140 children attending their schools. their schools.

The master of the Killarney Workhouse informed the guardians, Jan. 14, that a woman had walked from Cahirciveen the previous day to the workhouse with three hilds and the workhouse with three will be the workhouse with the workhouse will be the workhouse with three will be the workhouse with the workhouse will be the workhouse with the workhouse will be the workhouse wi children, and on her arrival, one of them was dead in her arms. Sixty-four laborers and their families were placed on the relieving officers's list on Wednesday with a view to their immediate entrance into the workhonse, Extreme distress prevails in the several districts of the

KILKENNY.

At a meeting of the Kilkenny Board of Guardians, held Jan. 15th, the chairman said the distress in the city of Kilkenny had increased so rapidly that prompt steps were necessary to starve off a famine. The distress was represented as terrible in some parts of the county.

LIMERICK.

A deputation from the town of Rath-A deputation from the town of Rath-keale attended before the Board of Guardians on Wednesday, Jan. 14, and urged upon them the absolute necessity of devising means to relieve the great dison hand to pay them were not expected to hold out more than one weak.

with which to give immediate employment. A deputation of laborers who subsequently waited upon the Board were informed to the same effect by the Chairman, who stated that if they could not wait until the work would be ready they would be admitted to the workhouse. A small subscription was raised for the relief in the room, upon receiving which they left.

A meeting of the inhabitants of New-port, Mayo, was held Jan. 13th, Bev. Richard Pendergast acting as chairman. It mins, P. P., in the chair. Father Cummins stated that since the great famine of 246-47 such destitution had not existed in that parish—over 150 families were entirely destitute, while the children in the schools were suffering for food.

At the Dispensary Committee meeting At the Dispensary Committee meeting and famine. lence and famine

A meeting of the Marlborough Commit-tee was held at Ballina, Jan. 16, to distribute £50. It was found that by a red-tape rule of the Central Committee no loyment they should have to go into the corkhouse. It was very trying to the entleman inside (who were discussing the est way to get assistance for them) to leave the way log the hyperry coval and a starting collaboration.

An appeal for aid from Donegal has been received. It states that the condition of the people is most distressing. It is signed by Bishop Logue, and many other prominent men.

The Rev. Father Kelly, P. P. of Glen columbkille, in a letter to the Derry Journal Jan 16, describes the distress in a large district of Donegal as being terrible, while the Christian patience of the poor people under their present misery and want is heroic. He says:—We do not ask the broad of idleness if work be given to save the people. There are seven lean months before them. Seed time must precede the harvest, and all or nearly all the four hundred families I speak of m Glencolumbkille have already eaten the last measure of their potatoes. The prospect that this opens out is frightful to think on. He of the prospect district in the people was a proposed a relief committee, and having during the last two months repeated to the relief of the poor, now appeal to the charitable and humane all over the United Kingdon to come to their assistance. The appeal thus concludes:—"Remembering the harrowing scenes of starvation witnessed in this town in '46 and '47, when 2,000 people were on the verge of starvation, we urge the townspeople to starvation, we urge the townspeople to starvation, we urge the townspeople to obtain the proposed died in the town from the effects of starvation, we urge the townspeople to starvation in Dungarvan. The following letter of the proposed that the poor, now appeal to the charitable and humane all over the United Kingdon to out.

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The citizens of Dangarvan the language of starvation in Dungarvan. The following resolution was adopted:—"That the landlords who hold estates in th

opens out is frightful to think on. He says the destitution in Kilcar and Kellybegs is equally great.

A correspondent writing from County Donegal says:—A terrible crisis of distress is imminent in Gweedore, County Donegal. The house of the parish priest is daily invested by lundreds of half-starty, and there severe, and if daily invested by lundreds of half-starty, and there severe, and if journal to this fetter? In 1831 I was ofgal. The house of the parish priest is
daily invested by hundreds of half-starving peasants begging for relief and there is
none to be obtained. On Wednesday, Jan.
7th, not less than 700 people presented
themselves there to proclaim their wants
and ask for aid. An investigation of the
circumstances of some families lead to appalling revelations. All the people seem
alarmed, and feel as if a terrible calamity
was approaching. By the energy of some
resident gentlemen a local relief committee
will act in co-operation with the North
Donegal Central Relief Committee.

DUBLIN.

une of starvation in this parish. To prevent, to some extent, the recurrence of that dismal time, I make this appeal from this remote, retired district. Bartholomew Costello, P. P. and V.G. of Crossmolina.

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GALWAY.

Twenty-nine men were committed for

SLIGO.

The following sad picture of famine in Sligo is given by Rev. Roderick A. Gearty, C. C., of Grange, County Sligo, in a letter to the Dublin Freeman's Journal, Jan. 14.

"There are at this moment sixty or seventy families in appalling distress; in the short space of a few weeks two hundred more will be added to the catalogue. The potatoes—even the small ones, which were usually kept for seed—are now almost eaten. The poor people have no cattle, no money, no credit, and no food. What then remains? Famine! Yes, it is felt even now. The conscientions doctor of the Cliffony district told me a few days ago that he was after attending

few days ago that he was after attending the father of a large family, and that the man was dying of hunger. And but a few hours since I met with another highly respectable man from the same part of the parish, and he assumed me that a very decent woman, and the mother of a large family, came to him in the morning, and on her knees besought him to give her the on her knees besought him to give her the price of a quarter stone of meal. She was suffering the pangs of hunger. Even in this part of the parish, where the people are comparatively comfortable, there are at this moment some without a morsel to eat. I met, for instance, this very evening the mother of a family, who told me, and I believe her, that 'she had not eater anything for 24 hours'. There not eaten anything for 24 hours.' There could be no doubt of it; hunger had traced its sad liness upon her face. What, think you, would be the feelings of my Lord Beacons-field if he were obliged to dine on a head of cabbage, minus potatoes, minus everything else—and this has been the Christmas dinner of some here. Yet the people are able and willing to labor, but there is no work for them. The landlords, we are told, are unable to give employment—the Govern-ment unwilling. It may be that some-thing will yet be done to save the people, but if what must be done be not quickly done it will be too late. Death will have reaped his harvest, and famine unnerved the arms of those now crying for bread and work; but for the present we must be content to call to the charitable for assistance. For this end a meeting was neld here recently, and presided over by Ormsby Jones, Esq., J.P., at which resolutions were passed establishing a relief committee, calling upon the landlords to give remunerative employment. Subscriptions will be most thankfully received and duly acknowledged by the Treasurer, Rev. Malachi Brennan, P. P., Palmerston Globe, Cliffony.

TIPPERARY.

The Nenagh Board of Guardians have applie to the Local Government Board for a loan, to give employment to those suffering from the prevailing distress.

WATERFORD.

A dreadful accident occurred at Kilmacthomas. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 14th, a man named Whelan got on the railway after dark, and having walked as far as the Viaduct, got an the parapet, and fell over a height of 90 feet. The body was found next morning in a bruised and

was found next morning in a bruised and mangled state.

A soup kitchen was opened in King st., Waterford, Jan. 16, by the citizens. The soup is to be given gratis, with a penny bun, to the poor on presentation of a ticket supplied in half-crown and five shilling books to the charitable, who, instead of giving woney to the poor cap. starving condition.

The allina Relief Committee have is sued an appeal which it is intended to circulate all over the United Kingdom. According to this document two thousand persons, and it is feared that double that number will have to be assisted for the next four months.

DONEGAL

An appeal for aid from Donegal has been received. It states that the conditional conditions are all over the United Kingdom. According to this document two thousand in Ballina, are at present in absolute destitution; to rescue this crowd from imminonther translation, the clergy, merchants and other persons formed a relief committee, and having during the last two months remainded to the relief of the source of the condition.

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WICKLOW.

At a recent meeting of the Rathdrum Board of Guardians, Mr. Levingston, a relieving officer, reported to the Board that "the greater part of the population that "the greater part of the population were in extreme poverty, and Mr. Cowley said he had received a letter from Arklow saying that three-fourths of the people there were in a state of starvation. Prithere were in a state of starvation. Private charity, however liberal, cannot last long, and to properly meet the emergency some public fund should be provide d."

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At the meeting of the Irish National Land League, held in Dublin, Jan. 13, Mr. Davitt read a report of his recent visit to Connemara, which recited the opinion of the elergy and others with whom he had conversed on the distress. He says:—Both priests and people expressed the belief that private charity would be insufficient to cope with the distress between March and June, and that Government aid would alone prevent starvation. The people along the sea coast from Spidal to Clifden are, Mr. Davitt says, eating the potatoes that should be kept for seed, Repotatoes that should be kept for seed, Reformittees, he suggested, should not overlook the necessity of providing seed for Gommittees, he suggested, should not overlook the necessity of providing seed for for from the collection of the learned of the sum of £500 was acknowly and the sum of £500 was acknowly dose cures common sore throat. One bot-tle has cured bronchitis. Fifty cent

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