

Vespers at the Mountain Church.

Behold the deepening crimson light
Above the altar, gleaming bright
On painting and on holy sculptured face,
It is the sunbeams parting glow,
Or radiance from that Heart below,
Whence beauty and refinement none can trace?

Now clear, full voices softly rise,
And floating upward meet the skies;
While fragrant clouds of incense drift away,
And notes of organ deep and grand
Speak to the soul of that blest land
Where hearts may rest, and bloom and breathe
no decay.

Eye's shadows o'er the old church fall;
The flush has faded from the wall,
But breath of dying flowers and incense
Fills still the air through the dusky aisle,
Telling of glory that erewhile
Filled with its presence all the hallowed
air.

So grant, O Lord, when life's bright day
Grows dim, and shadows cloud the way,
That thoughts of Thee may cling around
my heart
Like scent of flowers: a memory sweet
Of bygone hours, when at Thy feet
My soul entranced in heavenly joys took
part.
June, 1879. A. M.

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

DUBLIN.

A man named John Ryan fell dead while talking to a lady on July 29th, at Montpelier Hill, Dublin. The deceased was the person who received the sentence of nine months' imprisonment for the manslaughter of his wife in Camden street, some time since, but was released from prison in June last on the ground of ill health.

The Home Rule Council met on July 29th, in Dublin, and unanimously adopted resolutions to the following effect:—"That this Council recognizing in the result of the Ennis election a valuable gain to the Irish national cause, hereby tender their hearty thanks to the people of Ennis, who secured the return of Mr. Lysaght Finigan, giving to the service of Ireland in the British House of Commons a representative who may confidently be relied on to advance the cause of Home Rule. That a public meeting of the League be held in Dublin, on August 15th, and that a committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements."

CARLOW.

The Irish Times, of July 31st, says of the crops in Carlow:—"So far as we have gone as yet there is nothing lost, but the farmer has to keep large forces ready to make hay at every available moment. This is not so serious a loss to him, however. This being an unusual season for weeds, all hands are busy, now at hay, then at turnips and mangolds, getting rid of the pest. The corn is now in full ear, and looks beautiful, being at least a foot higher than other seasons. The sunshine is promising early, and the chance of getting a late start in the market is not to be despised. Large fields of hay in cocks, green crops in general suffered slightly, as the tops are greatly ahead of the bulbs. Farming produce is very low in price, butter and wool selling as low as 6d. and 7d. per lb. Being a law-abiding and peace-loving people, we are holding no rent reduction meetings, as we believe the landlords will lower the rents themselves. The only serious loss to farmers—if such be reckoned a part of his capital—is that of bees. The greater portion of them died from want, there being no honey season; and, except in the neighborhood of large hedges, the chance of getting honey is over at the 1st of August of each year. New potatoes are fairly large, but soft. If we can secure a dry fortnight, the hay-crop will be safe. Everything is fully one month behind."

KILKENNY.

It is stated that potato disease has made its appearance in the southern portions of the county Kilkenny.

KING'S COUNTY.

The Irish Times, of July 29th, says:—"The fine weather which prevailed during the greater portion of last week has been of great benefit to the cereal and green crops, and has also enabled a large quantity of hay to be cut and saved. There is still, however, a considerable quantity of hay uncut, and, as it rained on Sunday and yesterday, the outlook is not at all cheering. The barley and oat crops still look well, but a continuance of the rain will materially injure them. The potato crop is sound, but they have suffered from want of heat, and have a soapy taste. New potatoes are selling in Tuam and Roscommon markets at 10d. per stone. Old potatoes, which could be got for 5d. per stone last year, are now selling better than the new ones. Hay is likely to be dear, as all the last year's crop was eaten during the severe winter."

An inquest was held near Moate, on July 29th, on the body of a farmer named Edward Egan, who was found dead in the river on the previous evening. The evidence at the inquest showed that death resulted from deceased having fallen off a stick when attempting to cross the Donore River. In his pocket was found a pint bottle, which contained three glasses of whiskey. A sad inference was drawn from this circumstance, and a verdict of "Found drowned" returned by the jury.

A special meeting of the magistrates of the Clara district was held on July 30th, for the purpose of taking into consideration outrages recently committed near that town. It appeared that some weeks ago shots were fired into a room in which Thomas Daly, a herd in the employment of Jonathan Goodbody, Esq., was sleeping. Subsequently, as a workman named Chilly was on the land, two men with blackened faces, and armed with guns and pistols, seized and threatened him with death if he did not immediately leave Daly's service. Chilly declined to go, and it was to afford him protection that the meeting was called. The magistrates decided on recommending that extra police should be sent down, and that a constant guard should be kept over both Chilly and Daly. The Government have intimated their intention of sending an iron hut, and this compliance, with five policemen, is expected to be a fixture on Daly's land. The magistrates were not averse from recommending the Government not to make the tax a special one on the locality, provided no fresh outrages occur.

CORK.

Information is given of the next to kin to Robert and Dora Wiseman, children of Robert and Dora Wiseman, of Bandon,

in the county of Cork, Ireland, deceased, who emigrated to America many years since, and who are supposed to be dead. Application to be made to Thomas K. Sullivan, solicitor, Bandon, Ireland.

Sergeant Wardrop, some time stationed at the Buttevant Military Barracks, committed suicide on August 1st by shooting himself. The unfortunate man went into one of the rooms of the barracks, where he shut himself up and committed the dreadful deed. The deceased held the rank of Barrack Sergeant.

The report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the working of the Penal Servitude Acts has been issued. The Commissioners strongly urge that some means should be found to separate convicts suffering from their first offence from old and habitual criminals. Modifications of the ticket-of-leave system are also suggested, and among many others important recommendations are the following:—That the prison at Spike Island should be discontinued; that the dietaries in use in Scotch and Irish convict prisons be revised; that two members of the Irish Prisons Board should take an active part in the management of Irish convict prisons. The Commissioners report that treason-felony prisoners shall be kept separate from ordinary convicts.

LIMERICK.

Patrick Downes, a farmer, was shot while in bed at Feolara, county Limerick, on July 28th.

The Very Rev. Canon Wm. Wall, P.P., V.G., having been transferred by His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel from Clonoulty, where he had been parish priest for many years, esteemed, respected, and venerated by his flock, to the parish of Marree and Boher, in Enly, entered on his parochial duties on Sunday morning, July 27th.

Great interest is excited all over the district of Killaloe and O'Brien's Bridge in a search which is now being instituted there for the heirs of one Stevenson, who died some time ago in India, leaving a sum of £14,000 to be divided between the next of kin. It appears that Stevenson was a soldier in the East India Company's service, and married one of two only daughters of a man named Walsh, who lived very many years ago at O'Brien's Bridge. Stevenson's wife died also in India, and now the solicitor in whose hands the matter is has come to Ireland to discover, if he can, the heirs to the fortune of which Stevenson died possessed. It is said that numerous claimants have put in appearance, with what result remains to be seen.

CLARE.

A reward of £100 has been offered for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who, on the night of the 20th of June, strangled in his bed an old man named Thomas Davonport, who resided at Ballaghane, Killaloe.

Lord Francis Conyngham is seriously ill, and it is not unlikely that he will, at the next election, retire from Parliamentary life.

TIPPERARY.

Some time ago a Miss Hickey, daughter of a farmer residing at Ardman, married a man named Cleary, and was to get £150 as a marriage portion. Hickey paid £125 of the portion, and alleged he had been deceived by the Clearys as to the quantity of stock on the lands, and declined to give the balance of the portion, £25. Cleary (senr.) brought an ejection on the title against the son at the Assizes sessions, but it was dismissed, as the valuation exceeded the jurisdiction of the court judge. Old Cleary sought to pay himself the £25 due under the marriage settlement by kind, and took two bullocks off his son's land. Michael Cleary was charged at petty sessions with the larceny of the bullocks, and the bench marked "no rule."

WATERFORD.

Relative to the practicability of an early vacancy in the representation of Waterford, at the meeting of the county of Waterford Farmers' Club, on July 31st, it was decided that in the event of an early vacancy in the representation of the county, a tenant farmers' candidate should be put forward.

Patrick Hearn, an old, experienced sheriff's officer, well known in Waterford, and much respected, has been removed to the Lunatic Asylum, having utterly lost his reason, from some unexplained cause.

ANTRIM.

On August 1st, the remains of Miss Anne Maria Collins, aged 25, of Zion terrace, Rathmines, Dublin, who died in the Meath Hospital, in that city, on July 30th, from lymphatic fever, reached Belfast by the Great Northern Railway. The young lady who met her death in such a sad manner was daughter of the late Dr. Robert Collins, M.D., of Belfast, and the family are well known, and highly esteemed. She was bitten by a pet dog six weeks previously.

DOWN.

Mr. Adam Smith, mill manager in the large timber establishment of Redmond & Co., Merchants' quay, Newry, committed suicide on July 29th. Mr. Smith was at business as usual, and at nine o'clock he went to his residence for breakfast. On returning he seemed despondent, but proceeded with his duties as usual. About halfpast eleven his body was found hanging from a beam in one of the timber sheds. It was at once cut down, and Drs. Booth and Savage were sent for, but medical aid was useless. Deceased was a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his untimely end.

A gentleman named Whalley, who was staying at Warrenpoint, was drowned on July 28th, whilst bathing. Deceased, who was respectfully connected, was married, and aged about 32 years. His lamentable death has cast a gloom over Warrenpoint. Deceased belonged to Warrington.

On July 17th, as a man named Kelly was going in the direction of Lord Annesley's farmyard, he discovered a man lying dead on the side of a field adjoining the county road, in the townland of Clarkhill, about a mile from Castletellan. It turned out that the deceased was a small farmer on the Annesley estate, named John O'Hara, from the townland of Backaderry. Blood was found and his back was slightly discolored. In all probability deceased met his death by falling over the fence which was unprotected,

In the townland of Seafin, about three miles from Newry, there was a small farm a widow named Callaghan and her three sons. One of the sons, named Michael, aged 54 years, had been unsettled in mind for close on twenty years. His state became worse on reading that Mr. Adam Smith, of Newry, had hanged himself. On July 31st he went into the byre, and shortly afterwards his lifeless body was found suspended from a beam. An inquest on the body was held, and a verdict in accordance with the facts returned.

The magisterial investigation as to the riots in Newry, on the night of the 12th and 13th July, has terminated. The following is the result:—Twenty-six of the rioters have been sent for trial to the assizes; Patrick Trainer was fined £1 and costs for throwing stones at the police; Thomas Wright was sent to jail for one month, without the option of a fine for assaulting the support of the rioters; and the defendants were bound over to keep the peace.

TYRONE.

A new line of railway was opened on July 28th from Dargan to Cookstown. It will connect the two great railway services in Ulster—the Great Northern Railway at Dargan and the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway at Cookstown.

DONEGAL.

Application was made by the Solicitor-General, in the Probate Divisional Court, Dublin, July 28th, for a grant to Colonel Clements of administration of the will of the late Earl of Leitrim. The personal property alone had been sworn under £200,000, but the Solicitor-General stated that Colonel Clements, through unable to give security for that amount, was prepared to give security to the £100,000. The recent private Act of Parliament, which settled the litigation as to the will, provided for the appointment of Colonel Clements, or some other person, to be named by the Lord Chancellor as administrator. Judge Warren made an order for grant of administration to Colonel Clements. The Solicitor-General mentioned that the will would give rise to legal questions at a future time, as to the ultimate devolution of the property.

On July 31st, a bailiff named Mailey, of Conroy, was shot in the back and ribs, while executing a civil bill decree, by James Turner, of Pluck, near Letterkenney. Turner has not been arrested. Mailey is in a very dangerous state.

GALWAY.

The Irish Times, of July 27th, says of the crops in Galway:—"The farmers at length were blessed with a few days of summer weather at the close of the past week. Their hopes, from being downcast, desponding and gloomy, were raised again, and they are now jubilantly expectant that the crops will rapidly improve. The present delightful weather dispels all fears of the much-dreaded potato rot. Hay is being now cut extensively. Corn and cereals are improving fast. The prospect of the remainder of the season is bright, and the weatherwise give it as their opinion that the next few months will be very fine."

At the Galway county assizes, on July 28th, Justice Deasy commenced the hearing of the case in which Martin McHugh was indicted for having, on Christmas Eve last, murdered Michael Breheny, at Newton Bradage, in the county Galway. The case had been tried at the last spring assizes, when the jury were discharged, being unable to agree to a verdict. A widespread and intense public interest was manifested in the trial. The strange date of the occurrence and the fearful violence that had been used, have given the case a sort of horrible fascination in the neighborhood. The prisoner is a man of about forty years of age, and of splendid physique. He preserved a calm demeanor throughout, and, save for a slight occasional twitching of the lips, exhibited no sign of emotion or even of interest in the proceedings. The court was densely crowded, some ladies occupying seats in the gallery fronting the jury box. The jury were again unable to agree to a verdict, and were discharged.

SLIGO.

A man named John Mitchell was fired at and seriously wounded, at a place called Clon Upper, a mountainous district near Sligo, on July 28th. It appears that the wounded man, with five others, went on the mountain to take off some cattle, which they alleged belonged to an old woman, a relative of theirs, and the present occupant of the farm, Pat Martin, with his wife, resisted. The Mitchells tried to shoot the cattle, but it appears that they did not hesitate, it is said, to use brute force to keep Martin and his wife from interfering. Martin first threatened to shoot them if they persisted, and when they did persist and used personal violence he fired, and John Mitchell was wounded. The police were immediately sent for, and Head-Constable Rogers proceeded to the scene and arrested Martin. The wounded man was removed to the county infirmary, and was promptly attended to by Dr. Macdonnell. Martin married the widow of one of the Mitchells, and cleared off all the incumbrances on his farm. However, it was found that the widow of the old proprietor was legally entitled to the possession of the farm, and an endless variety of law suits followed. At the last assizes the Martins was ejected, but at the quarter sessions the County Court judge dismissed a civil bill brought by the Mitchells against the Martins in regard to certain cattle, and it is supposed they took the law now into their own hands.

Rev. John O'Neil, the revered and beloved curate of Ballymacare, died on July 31st. He was but a few days ill, and a fatal termination was not anticipated. The police are investigating a White-bait offence which was committed recently at a place called Clonoulty. It appears that there entered the village, at midnight, six men, armed, and having all their faces blackened. They attacked the house of a man named Guinness, and forced him out of bed, firing several shots through the windows of the house. They took away with them a chest of tea from the house, and a year-old heifer from the "byre," and cautioned him against making any outcry about it. Next morning Guinness informed the police, and gave such a description of one of the attacking party as to lead to the arrest of a

young man named Reynolds. It appears that the father of this young man, now deceased, was lately in business in Tobercurry, where he failed. He owed Guinness money, and gave him a heifer and a chest of tea to cover the debt. These articles have been recovered in the manner above described. Mr. Ross, County Inspector, has been at the scene of the occurrence, and the police have been making the most diligent search to recover the stolen property.

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