

THE MOTHER LAND

Latest Mails from England Ireland and Scotland

Limerick Market Trustees to a General Meeting...

Mr. A. Wilson, M.P., of the Liverpool Courier, made an offer at the Institute of Journalists at Belfast...

The Belfast Street Tramways Company are introducing a new style of tramcar...

The eighth annual meeting of the Catholic Ladies' Charity Association was held at Belfast on Sept. 3 in St. Mary's Hall...

Raynolds, the champion cyclist, received a great welcome in Dublin on Sept. 4, on arriving home from Copenhagen...

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In 1811, however, a proclamation from Dublin Castle required every sheriff and Magistrate throughout Ireland in pursuance of the Convention Act to arrest all persons concerned either actively or passively in the late elections for members or delegates to the General Committee of the Catholic Church of Ireland...

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His Eminence Cardinal Logue solemnly dedicated the Church of St. Treas, Newbridge, on Sunday, Sept. 6. The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, preached on the occasion.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Silver Jubilee of the Very Rev. Dr. M. J. Murphy, P.P., V.G., Kildare, was celebrated with every manifestation of popular rejoicing.

P. Hartley P.P., the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, who is accompanied by the Very Rev. Canon Kuller, P.S., Youlgall, and the Rev. James Pike, and the Most Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, Bishop of Ross who is accompanied by the Rev. Fathers O'Hary and Cunningham. The Very Rev. Father Heikick, O.P. Provincial of the Dominican Order in Ireland, and the Very Rev. Father O'Callaghan, C.M. are also present.

The Most Rev. Dr. Henry Bishop of Down and Connor, preached on Sunday, Sept. 6, in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Drumcondra, in aid of the fund which is being raised by Father Moalister, the respected pastor, for carrying out improvements...

During the month of August the number of Irish emigrants was 7,797, as against 5,226 during August, 1895. The total number of emigrants for the eight months ended August 31st was 31,718, as against 10,976 for the corresponding period of last year.

The Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria has completed her tour of Ireland, which she greatly enjoyed, and gone to Scotland.

The Limerick Market Trustees have summoned a special meeting to consider their financial position, a crisis of not altogether unexpected nature having occurred. The mortgagees, and the London Economic Assurance Society, consented to a reduction of their rate of interest from 6 to 4 per cent., and the trustees not having paid the half year's interest, got judgment marked for the amount and placed the writ in the hands of the city sheriff, who, with his bailiffs, has seized the markets, and keeps possession.

Mr. Aubrey de Vere, the Catholic poet, has written an interesting article giving recollections of Cardinal Newman, and relates how the "Dream of Gerontius" owes its preservation to an accident. The Cardinal had written it on a sudden impulse, put it aside, and forgotten it. The editor of a magazine wrote to him asking for a contribution. He looked into all his "pigeon holes" and found nothing suitable, but in answering his correspondent he added that he had come upon some verses which, if as editor he cared to have, were at his command. The wise editor did care, and they were published at once.

Replying to an address from the Monaghan Town Commissioners, his Eminence Cardinal Logue said he did not believe that people could ever be forced into a union, but he did hope that by a little take and give, a little forbearance, and a little sacrifice, perhaps, of people's private opinions, that a great deal might be done for the welfare of the country to improve her prospects. He trusted that before long amongst those who were interested in the welfare of the movement, and who were anxious for her political and religious freedom, there would be union like to that which existed among the early Christians when they were all of one mind. They trusted to human means too much, and he thought they ought to pray for the change. He believed much more might be done for the country by prayer than they very often remembered. They should keep in the forefront the principle of charity; it was a virtue not only for private individuals, but for public men, and if newspapers exercised a little more of that virtue they would have a little less trouble in the country, and the spirit of faction would not withstand the spirit of charity. They would have peace among the people and leaders of the people. They would be united for the great object they all desired so much—the welfare of the country.

On Sunday, Sept. 6, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, dedicated the new Church of the Sacred Heart, Stradbally. The Most Rev. Dr. Lynch presided at the ceremonies.

The Pope has made the admittance of Catholic undergraduates to Oxford and Cambridge dependent on the residence of an experienced chaplain, whose duty will be to advise and look after the Catholics in the university. The Fathers of the Drompton Oratory have, we understand, been asked to nominate one of their number for the post.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Nugent, who completed his sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Sunday, Aug. 31, on that day sang High Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, Liverpool, in presence of a very large congregation, including several leading citizens and representatives of the various organizations he founded or was associated with. The Pope sent his Apostolic Benediction to the jubilarian, who was also the recipient of congratulatory telegrams from Archbishop Ireland, Archbishop Riordan, Archbishop Corrigan, the Mother Superior of the Sisters of Notre Dame, and many others. The Earl of Derby is heading a movement among the citizens of Liverpool for the purpose of presenting the eminent prelate with some substantial mark of their appreciation of his lifelong service in behalf of the poor and suffering in the city. For many years Monsignor Nugent was the late Cardinal Manning's assistant in the temperance crusade. His strong moral force and influence have been felt among all sections of Liverpool people, quite irrespective of religion, and his broad minded philanthropy has entirely broken down any prejudice that might have existed against his co-religionists.

There has been a great deal of talk about the possibility of a National Convention of the Irish people. It is a subject which has been discussed for many years, and it is now being discussed more than ever before. The National Convention would be a body which would represent the Irish people in their own affairs, and it would be a body which would be able to speak with a voice which would be heard by all the people of Ireland. It is a subject which is of great importance to the Irish people, and it is one which should be considered with the greatest care and attention.

Scotland. An interesting relic of a celebrated Scottish saint, St. Fillan, has been presented by Colonel Stewart, of Ardvorlich, to the new parish church of St. Fillan. The relic in question is the old holy water font of the ancient Chapel of Dundurn, or St. Fillan's, said to have been built by the saint himself, which stood to the west of the saint's own hill—Dun Fillan—in a field on the south side of the River Earn, not far from where it issues from the loch of the same name. Of the escape of nothing is now known to exist save the round stone basin which served as a font. On the site of the saint's chapel another was built about three hundred years ago, and for generations this font lay neglected upon the sill of one of the windows. The basin is 18 in. in diameter by 7 in. deep, and is a roughly hewn piece of whin-stone, shaped somewhat like a large curling stone. On the top is a cup, which measures 6 in. in diameter and about 1 in. in depth.

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Washington Irving said he supposed a certain Mill was called "Rattlesnake Hill" because it abounded in rattlesnakes. The "rule of contrivance" governs other names. Some bottles are, supposedly, labeled "Sarsaparilla" because they are full of... well, we don't know what they are full of, but we know it's not sarsaparilla, except, perhaps, enough for a flavor. That's why it's called "Sarsaparilla" because it's supposed to be a tonic. It's not a tonic, but it's a name. It's a name that's been used for a long time, and it's a name that's been used for a long time. It's a name that's been used for a long time, and it's a name that's been used for a long time.

The characters of the Irish leaders—when the Irish National Council of 1848 announced its intention of summoning a Convention to be elected by various local national councils in Ireland, the Convention Act was again called into operation to prevent the proposed representative assembly. The Home Rule Conference of 1873, which laid the foundation of the present Irish National movement, was organized with special care by Mr. Isaac Butt to keep clear of the meshes of the Convention Act. The Duke of Leinster, Lord Charlesmont and Lord Arran placed a solemn protest against it on the roll of the Irish House of Lords. Mr. Grattan opposed it with all his strength, but it was carried, and still remains the law of the land. It has outlived the circumstances which gave it birth and any justification for maintaining it which they may have afforded.

It would, perhaps, be difficult to give a better definition of the status of the forthcoming Convention of the Irish Race than to repeat with regard to it the apprehensions of the present Duke of Devonshire, when, as Chief Secretary for Ireland, he opposed, in 1872, the repeal of the Convention Act. "A National Convention would," he said, "purport to represent the National will and feeling of the Irish people more completely and fully than Parliament itself, and there would be no doubt that such a council would be regarded by large numbers of the people of Ireland as possessing a superior weight to that of the Parliament of England."

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Fitzgibbon," was repealed. It is gratifying to recollect that another Irish Lord Chancellor, the late Lord O'Hagan, the first Catholic who had held the Great Seal since the Revolution, took a leading part in the Bill repealing this measure, which was in his charge in the House of Lords. "Some of the best men of the Irish Legislature," said Lord O'Hagan in the House of Lords in June, 1874, "resisted the passing of the Convention Act. The Duke of Leinster, Lord Charlesmont and Lord Arran placed a solemn protest against it on the roll of the Irish House of Lords. Mr. Grattan opposed it with all his strength, but it was carried, and still remains the law of the land. It has outlived the circumstances which gave it birth and any justification for maintaining it which they may have afforded."

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