

The Motherland

Latest Mail from ENGLAND IRELAND and SCOTLAND

A Parable in the Land.

Describing the extent of the failures of the crops, which has already threatened Ireland with famine.

For our last week or so our correspondents—North, South, East and West—have been supplying us with a most dismal account of the position and prospects of the harvest.

There is hope or comfort for the Irish farmers nowhere. For them the boom in wheat brings no hope or comfort, for comparatively little wheat is now grown in Ireland.

At the Kilrush Weekly Petty Sessions Mr. A. M. Harper, R. M., in the chair, the adjourned cases at the suit of Captain Hector S. Vandeur, D. L., to obtain eviction orders from the magistrates against a large number of his tenants, situate at Monmore, Ballinacorney, and Carnacall, came on for hearing.

Coroner Cullinan, solicitor, Ennis, held an inquest at Mountcullen on the body of Mary McMahon, aged seven years, daughter of a respectable farmer.

In the "Celebrities at Home" in the world the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland is described. The writer informs us that Sir Peter O'Brien, every morning before starting from Castle-town for the Four Courts, visits his stables, going the rounds again in the evening, for his horses are to him personal friends, and he chooses all his own and his daughter's mounts.

Commenting on Mr. Dillon's speech at the National Federation meeting on Wednesday, the speaker says: "Mr. Dillon spoke very hopefully of the prospect of union among the Irish parties, which he declared had not been better since 1801, and expressed his conviction that a united Irish

duced in Ireland. The recent exposition of textile work in the Royal University Buildings was, without doubt, one well calculated to raise to a very high pitch the hopes and the aspirations of all who profess to believe in a future of great prosperity for Irish industries, and all that is needed is to awaken in the mind of the vast bulk of the Irish people a spirit of enthusiasm in this direction in order that the important end be achieved in the very near future.

The dead body of a boy named John Teahan, aged seven years, was found in a field near Tralee, about two hundred yards from his mother's house.

Though there has been a "Lord Kenmare" in Killarney ever since 1180 the host of the Duke and Duchess of York at Killarney House, is only the fourth peer. The fact is that Sir Valentine Browne was made Viscount Kenmare and Baron Castleross by James II. in 1689, immediately after his abdication, but the title had no value under the new Government, and although all the neighbors called the successive baronets "Lord Kenmare," it was not till 1798 that the head of the house became de facto a peer by receiving a earldom.

When the train drew up at Valencia there was a considerable crowd of people at the station, and there was some cheering when the Duke and Duchess alighted from the carriage. They were received by Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, Knight of Kerry, and Lady Fitzgerald, and a bunch of white flowers was presented to the Duchess by a small child, the daughter of Mr. McDonald, a local District Inspector.

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Mr. William Hunt, of Limerick, is agent to General Dickson, who owns an extensive property at Ounohard, near Glin. With one or two exceptions all paid a year's rent, and were allowed an abatement of 25 per cent, or 7s in the pound. The few who were unable to pay were given time.

lingar, and Enniskillen to Newtown-stewart, near which is the seat of the Duke of Abercorn, where they will be entertained for the next three days. The Royal party stayed overnight at Adaro Manor, the seat of the Earl of Dunraven. At Limerick the train drew up at the cheek platform, outside the station. Lord and Lady Limerick were amongst those on the platform, and their little daughter presented a bouquet of flowers to the Duchess.

Owing to a heavy rain and storm for the past month, the potato crop in about half the parish of Achill, county Mayo, is ruined. The blight in many townlands has completely destroyed the stalks. The potatoes the poor people have are small, and bad for food.

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Mrs. Griggs, the wife of Dr. Wm. Griggs, of Limerick, is shortly to be conveyed into the Catholic Church. Mrs. Griggs is the niece of one of the Cowley Fathers.

The Rev. Father Baudry, O. M. I., Prefect-Apostolic of Bantoulon, sailed for Natal from London on the 21st August, with a party of priests and nuns for the South African missions. He has lately been visiting the houses of the Oblate Fathers in Ireland.

The annual re-union of the League of the Cross was held at the Crystal Palace, and in every way it must be regarded as a thorough success. The attendance was much larger than it has been in recent years, and the Council are congratulating themselves that their organization bids fair to attain to the same strength that it possessed in the days when the late Cardinal Manning was its guiding spirit.

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deceased had been in indifferent health, and some weeks ago went to Paris to recruit. The change did not make any improvement, however, and he returned to die. His brother, who is a magistrate of the Borough of Rutherglen, occupies a high position as a Catholic lawyer, with one of the largest practices of the kind in Glasgow.

As was but to be expected, this year, being the Silver Jubilee of the apparitions of Our Blessed Lady at Lourdes, has witnessed a remarkable outburst of devotion and gratitude to the Benefactress to whom mankind is so deeply indebted, not only in a spiritual but even in a temporal sense.

Inmaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Lourdes, behold us at thy feet to give thanks to thy Son Jesus and to thee, O Divine Mother!

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DEATH OF BISHOP LEMMONS.

From Yellow Fever Stricken on a Missionary Tour to South America.

The dreaded yellow fever was the cause of the death of Bishop Lemmons, Victoria, B.C. Bishop Lemmons' predecessor, Archbishop Beghena, was killed in the frozen wilds of Alaska. He had been informed that there were several tribes of Indians beyond the mountains which skirt the coast, and with a small company he set forth to find them. One morning his own body servant, standing over him with a loaded rifle. The fatal shot was fired and Alaska was baptized in her Bishop's blood.

Bishop Lemmons had reached Coban, Guatemala, on a missionary tour of South America. This was his second visit to that part of the American continent. His first visit, which was made several years ago, was very successful, notwithstanding that it was accompanied by hard and trying labor. Reports received some six weeks ago were to the effect that His Lordship's second missionary tour was successful. He had made up his mind to return, when he was asked to give confirmation in a very wild and mountainous district in the Eastern country. There his health gave out and he was returning to Coban, which is about sixty miles north of the city of Guatemala. Coban is a village some ten miles east of Coban, and on the road between the two places the Bishop breathed his last, on August 10th at 6 a.m.

Bishop Lemmons was one of the ripest scholars hailing from the American College at Louvain, Belgium, an institution which has a world-wide reputation for sending out bright scholars. He was an eminent philosopher. As a theologian he had few equals. He was justly noted for his rare attainments in Church music. All who met him admired his high-minded character of humility and devotion, his condescending gentleness and his unfeigned hospitality. His great learning, his true piety and his zealous devotion to the service of God eminently qualified him for the dignity of the episcopacy and endeared him to his priests and people.

He was born on the 3rd of June, 1850, at Solihull, in the province of Lancashire, England, of true Christian parents, and, as in all Catholic countries, was regenerated in the holy waters of Baptism on the following day. After passing through his elementary education in his own native village, he began his classical studies in the College of Herve, Belgium, and finished them at the seminary of Rolduc, Holland, carrying off every where the first honors. Feeling himself called to a missionary life, he entered the American college of Louvain, Belgium, in October, 1873, where he completed his theological studies with brilliant success, attending at the same time the course of lectures at the celebrated university in that city. He was ordained a priest on the 20th of March, 1876, at Brussels, by the Papal Nuncio, Mgr. Casari, who was afterward raised to the high dignity of cardinal. Before he completed his theological studies, Mgr. Lemmons had selected for his portion the arduous mission of the Diocese of Vancouver Island, and shortly after his ordination was preparing to start out for his future field of labor, but was stricken down with hemorrhage of the lungs and compelled to postpone his departure until the following year, when, in company with the Rev. Father Nicolay, now also a devoted missionary among the Indians of the west coast at Vancouver Island, he landed at Victoria on the 21st of August.

Mgr. Lemmons' experience as a missionary gave him an opportunity to become acquainted with the various portions of the diocese. He was first appointed to Nanaimo, visiting at the same time various Indian tribes up to the north of the island. In 1882 he was appointed rector of the Cathedral in Victoria, and in 1888 was sent with Father Nicolay to the north of the west coast of Vancouver Island to engage in missionary work among the Indians. In 1891, the See of Vancouver Island being vacant by the removal of Bishop Prondel to the new Diocese of Helena, Montana, Very Rev. Father Jonckau, administrator, being prevented by illness from personally attending, chose Rev. Father Lemmons to represent him at the third Plenary Council held at Baltimore. Upon the completion of the council Father Lemmons paid a short visit to his aged parents in Europe, and returning in the spring of 1895 he went to his cherished missionary labors among the Indians.

When the painful necessity arose for choosing a successor to the lamented Archbishop Beghena, the clergy of the diocese were unanimous in their option for Father Lemmons, and all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance agreed that no one was better qualified than he to fill the vacancy. Bishop Lemmons was consecrated at Victoria by Archbishop Gross on August 5, 1898.

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