

APPARITIONS AT KNOCK

In our last issue of "The Voice" we gave a brief account of the wonderful apparitions at Knock, but besides the three, there mentioned, others have been witnessed, greater investigations have been made, stronger evidence has been given; Knock has become more celebrated by thousands and thousands of Pilgrims, and more miraculous cures have been obtained.

The three principal apparitions were those given in our last, viz: that of

August 21st 1879,
January 2nd 1880,
January 5th 1880.

The Venerable Parish Priest Archdeacon Cavanagh did not witness the first. His house-keeper, Miss Mary McLaughlin, who was present at the first manifestation the 21st Aug. said she was so much taken up with the sight that she did not even think of Father Cavanagh. When she came home she told him and he seemed to make nothing of it, but afterwards declared that this has ever been to him a cause of the deepest mortification. "But I console myself," he says, "with the reflection that it was the will of God. It was the will of God that the vision should be shown to the people not to the priest."

But Father Cavanagh saw the second on the 2nd of January, of which he speaks thus:

"On the 2nd of January, about 11 or 12 o'clock in the day, as I was going up, towards the church, I saw lights upon the gable, and on the outer side of it a pillar, pedestal, column, cap and all parts, perfect. The pillar supported a figure. What the figure represented I was not able to distinguish. Other pillars decreasing in size, stood along towards the centre of the gable. The smallest was next the centre of the gable. On the inner side of the gable wall I saw exquisite luminous scrolls. Several others saw it."

Other appearances seen by the parish priest. He said: "Last night [Feb 12, 1880] about 9.30 P.M. I and several others saw a most brilliant star outside the gable. It lit up the whole place. It came and struck against the spot where the apparition of the Blessed Virgin was seen and flashed with the quickness of lightning. I have frequently, of late, about 8 or 9 at night, seen a golden light flashing about the gable, with stars and brilliant lights flashing through it, but I never saw