

of him, and I know him so well, I should never dream of doing anything but looking up to him as some superior being. He is so dignified, I can never get over my awe of him. 'Ah, you are not his child, Mildred,' exclaimed Clara; 'you never can love him as I do: and then to see the gradual silent change in his opinions, and to know and feel that your influence over him is so great. O Mildred, am I not happy in such a father?' 'Indeed, indeed, you are, Clara,' said Mildred, 'and it is no small joy to think that I may soon too have a right to call him father.'

'Very true, my child; if you use them in that way, it is all right, and I am quite satisfied; but all I fear is that you will rest in all these little outward things, and forget in them the one absorbing thought to a Christian—the love of God Himself.' Mr. Leslie was right so far. Clara as yet had but the shell of all the Catholic teaching; but it was daily deepening. God's work was proceeding; and these outward things were the means whereby the love of God was to be enkindled in her soul. Mr. Leslie, himself accustomed to commune in spirit with his Maker, felt the lack in Clara's mind, but did not see that her poetic inquiries were leading her, step by step, in God's own way, to that full knowledge of Himself which He was eventually to bestow.

sooner will the entire funds raised through such means be devoted to what should be their legitimate purpose—the relief of the suffering poor daily visited by the Sisters. Without further enlarging on the merits of the object of Sunday's appeal, we would ask those of our readers who can, to join in a really useful work, and to assist the people of Passage to clear off a pressing liability, and place the Sisters of Mercy in a position of independence of all pecuniary responsibility.—Cork Examiner.

increased cost of expenditure amounting to £4,084, was due partly to the increase of out-door relief, and partly to the increased cost of maintenance per head in the workhouses. The total cost of relief under the Poor Law and Medical Charity Acts amounts to £717,588, showing an increase of £6,218 over the preceding year. This is, however, more than counterbalanced by a decrease of £8 646 under the head of registration expenses. The total expenditure under all branches show a decrease of £2,367. The deaths by small pox in the six months ending March 31, 1866, show a decrease of 52 to 4 over a like period ending March 31, 1865.

A WOMAN IN A BOG FOUR DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS.—One day last week, as a ploughman, in the employment of Mr. William Sutton, of Ballinacree, of the Sugar Loaf Mountain, was crossing a part of his master's farm, he found a woman in a most exhausted state, sunk up to her waist in what is known as a shanking bog. With the assistance of a couple of other men he got her taken out and removed to a neighbouring cabin. The case was reported to the Enniskerry constabulary, who at once brought a doctor to her assistance, under whose care she has been sufficiently recovered for removal in a covered car to the Loughlinstown Hospital. It appears she is the wife of a journeyman painter resident in Dublin, and that as she was occasionally somewhat idiotic, he placed her under the care of a family named Cassidy residing near where she was found, but he removed her to his own home about twelve months ago. On the Friday previous to her being found she left her home to see the Cassidy's, and not knowing the locality she left the main road to take a short route across Mr. Sutton's farm to Cassidy's residence, and in crossing the bog got swamped, and the more she tried to extricate herself the further she sank, and had to remain in that state for four days and four nights. As may be supposed, she was when found in a most frightful and painful state. Her head, arms and part of her body remaining above the bog, were frightfully burned and blistered with the sun. Her legs, hands, and part of her body sunk in the bog, were also fearfully scorched. From her sufferings for want of rest and nourishment it was quite insensible when found.

Clara stopped. 'And perhaps what, my dear Clara?' said Mildred. 'Perhaps—perhaps God is giving me all in this world, and I could almost pray for sorrow; and when there comes over me such a dreadful feeling—Suppose God was to hear my prayer, and sweep away all my happiness at one blow; for there is one blow that would sweep it all away, Mildred.'

keeping time to the measure, as she looked back for a moment at her father and Mildred. They were looking after her, for she had thrown up her arms to imitate the graceful action of the castanet; and she certainly did look very bewitching. (To be continued.)

On Tuesday, the 31 inst., the Most Rev. Dr. Power, Lord Bishop of Killaloe, administered the sacrament of confirmation to 700 persons in the Catholic church of Killrush. A Convent of Mercy has been established in Passage. The Sisters perform for its inhabitants the same noble and holy work which the Sisters in Cork, or any other locality, are in the daily habit of performing.

DEATH OF A PROTESTANT BISHOP.—Dr. Singer, Protestant Bishop of Meath, died yesterday, in his 80th year. PAUPERISM IN IRELAND.—The annual report of the Irish Poor-Law Commissioners shows that pauperism, which for some years past has been decreasing, continues to diminish. Last year the decrease was considerable, the daily average number of workhouse inmates having undergone a decrease of 3,687, or 6 1/2 per cent., in comparison with the previous year.

The report from all parts concerning the crops received this week are to the same gratifying purport as those which we published in our last, and also with respect to the condition of farm stock. Wheat, oats, and barley are making rapid progress towards maturity, and the potato crop is a splendid one throughout the county Kilkenny. The late rains have changed the whole aspect of the country, which presents the appearance of a well-cared garden. There have been no symptoms of the rinderpest, nor do the farmers give themselves the trouble of talking about it.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DRATH OF THE REV. P. GALLAGHER, P.P., GLENTIES.—Killybegs, July 9.—The intelligence of the death of the Rev. Patrick Gallagher, who had been for so many years the much respected parish priest of Glenties, will be heard with regret by the clergy of Raphoe, and by the inhabitants of the several parishes in the diocese, where he had discharged at times so untiringly the sacred duties of his ministry. This sad, but for some time past not unexpected event, took place at his residence near Glenties on Friday morning last at which period he had reached his 60th year. The Rev. Mr. Gallagher was a native of the parish of Glenties, near Stranorlar, where, before entering the College of Maynooth, he made his preparatory studies. In 1825 he was sent to Maynooth by the late Most Rev. Dr. McGottigan, where after passing through the usual programme of the college course, he was ordained a priest in 1831 by Archbishop Murray.

St. Mary's New Church Grand, lately built on the moat of Grand, is rapidly approaching completion, thanks to the untiring zeal and energy of the worthy pastor, the Very Rev. E. McGarvey, and the almost unexampled generosity of the parishioners and other contributors to the building. It is expected that among the first functions discharged by his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Dublin will be that of the dedication of this church.—Longford paper.

The many clerical and lay friends of Rev. Connor McGara, C.C., will bear with sorrow his early death, and will not fail to recommend his soul to God. Though scarcely a year a priest, he had secured to himself the esteem and reverence of all who knew him, for he had manifested in the service of God all that amiable simplicity and untiring zeal which had so often edified his college friends. He died of fever at Tullamore, on Saturday, the 7th ult. May God have mercy on his soul.

The emigration from Queenstown this week, says the Examiner of the 13th ult., is about the same as last—about 800 souls.

REMOVAL OF ORANGE FLAGS FROM THE TOWER OF CAVAN CHURCH.—Cavan, July 9.—It is now several years since the church of Cavan has been decorated by the erection of Orange flags or other obnoxious emblems on it on this or any other anniversary; therefore the respectable portion of the inhabitants of the town, of all creeds, were much surprised by observing as they proceeded to their respective places of worship on Sunday two Orange flags erected on the western pinnacles of the tower of the church, opposite the residence of Dr. Conarty, the Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese. After the termination of divine service, Capt. Andrew Garden, J.P., of Drumkeen, near Cavan, with the concurrence of the Rev. Hugh Murray, the rector of the parish, ordered the constabulary to remove them.

'O Clara,' said Mildred, earnestly, 'you must not give way to these kind of dreams. If God is going to try you in this way, surely He will give you the strength you need to bear it; but you have no reason to fear it at present.—Your dear father may live many, many years longer, and God grant it may be so for all our sakes.'

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS IN IRELAND.—The fifth report of the Inspectors of Reformatory Schools in Ireland has just been presented to Parliament. The number of young offenders in these schools on the 31st of December last was 628. The numbers in the preceding years were as follows:—1859, 140; 1860, 384; 1861, 539; 1862, 591; 1863, 606; 1864, 938. It will thus be seen that last year was the first during which the number was decreased. The total number received into these institutions during the year 1865 was 127—94 boys and 33 girls. Of these, 106 were Catholics and 21 Protestants. Of the entire number 63 were committed by the Dublin divisional magistrates, the remaining 64 having been committed by justices at petty sessions throughout the country. The offences in 58 cases were those of larceny, or petty theft. Fifteen of those committed were under 11, 26 between 11 and 12, 26 between 12 and 13, 24 between 13 and 14, 33 between 14 and 15, and 16 were above 15 and under 16 years of age.—Freeman.

On Friday, 20th inst., 20 sheep, belonging to Mr. John Rowell, of Breckley Farm, near Blagden, were destroyed by lightning.

DEATH OF THOMAS SHELDON, Esq., T. C. OF DROGHEDA.—With feeling of profound regret, I have to announce the demise of an estimable fellow townsman, Thomas Sheridan, Esq., Merchant, of Bolton St. Drogheda, a councillor for our corporation. This sad and melancholy event occurred at his residence, Bolton street, at eleven o'clock, on last Tuesday night, after a short illness. Through life, he was highly and most deservedly respected and esteemed by all classes of the community, on account of his sterling worth, his industry, integrity, and honour. He was an affectionate husband, a good father, a sincere friend, and a charitable man; and his demise is, accordingly, universally regretted by all ranks and classes of Society. His remains were interred in the family burial ground, Termonfeekin church yard, on Thursday, accompanied by the largest funeral cortege witnessed here, for many years, there being over 280 vehicles of every description, crowded with sorrowing friends from Louth, Meath, and Drogheda.—E.L.P.

REMARKABLE WELL.—The Limerick Southern Chronicle says:—Delightful weather has now set in. The late rains have materially assisted the turnip crop, the sowing of which may fairly be said to be finished. The potato crop looks charming, and the same may be said to all cereal crops. The hay harvest has set in, and the scythe is to be seen all through the country at full work.

Clara did not answer; she lifted up her eyes to the bright sky above her, and walked on.—Mildred looked at her sweet face, and saw the moistened eyes and pensive features gradually gathering, as it were, a glow from the eager gaze she bent into the clear expanse above her. In a few moments scarcely a shade of sorrow remained; all was as bright as usual, as with one of those smiles full of radiant beauty, with which she exercised almost a magic influence over those she loved, she turned and said, in her soft sweet tones, 'Mildred, do you think we can imagine what heaven must be?'

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'Light!' she repeated, 'yes, light! but the chief element there is love. I should have said it was all love. O Mildred, how can any one doubt that the blessed retain their identity, and will know each other when they meet in those regions? Oh, what will it be to see St. John, and St. Peter, and St. Paul, and the Magdalene, and those whose names we have read of, and dreamed over, and loved, though we know them not? What would Heaven be without this?'

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'What would heaven be without this, Clara?' said he, as she threw her arms round his neck with a fond good morning. 'My dearest child, beware lest, in all this poetic dwelling upon unseen things, you forget Him without whom heaven were but a wild,' as your favorite poet says, 'I admire your system in a great measure; there is much in it which in my young days was neglected; but it seems as if you were placing saints and angels, and poetic imaginations, before the one reality which is to meet the soul on the verge of eternity—the sight of God—the sight of Him who lived and died and suffered for our sins. This seems never to come into your thoughts my child.'

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Clara lifted up her head, almost bewildered. 'But, papa, our Blessed Saviour seems to come in as a matter of course. One scarcely dare speak of Him; and all these emblems, and what you call poetic imaginings, surely they are only means whereby our thoughts are led up to God—from Nature up to Nature's God!'

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