

The indisposition of Aglais became a real illness. The medical man consulted, acknowledged his inability to cure her...

She lay there upon a mattress which was spread out almost on the edge of the carrotfield, her head shaded by the great traditional red umbrella of the family...

When her mother, becoming anxious from her long silence, returned to her some hours after, and lifted the handkerchief, the young lady was cold, and her eyes were closed never to open again.

The old woman sobbed in finishing this history. She raised her arms toward the wall as if to cry out, but the sound died upon her hollow lips.

Shortly after, the octogenarian arose; and, having dried her tears with an old checked cotton handkerchief, the confidant of her sorrows—a sponge made sacred by the bitter waters which grief had caused to flow...

"Is that all you have done?" "The truth is, I had not yet taken a single tint from my palette."

I had let simplicity and sorrow paint for me a more pleasing and more touching picture.

The day was declining, and I proceeded to depart. I inscribed a date on the very middle of my canvas, and it is before it that I now transcribe this souvenir of an artist's journey...

A FINE OLD IRISH GENTLEMAN.

The Earldom of Llandaff, now an extinct Irish peerage, was held by the Irish family of Mathew. The late Father Theobald Mathew, known in both hemispheres as the Apostle of Temperance, was a cadet of this house.

When Dean Swift resided in Ireland, about a century and a half since, the head of the family, then a simple country gentleman, was Thomas Mathew, of Thomastown, in the county of Tipperary.

Tom Mathew's demesne, or pleasure grounds, consisted of 1,500 acres of the finest land in his country, with every variety of wood and water.

On returning to Ireland, Mr. Mathew resided in Dublin for a time, and his genial nature and large wealth speedily collected around him a great many eligible acquaintances.

Through each trade of the lyre, and was Master of all, was very singular, and worthy of being made known to these latter days.

His house, we are told by Sheridan, had been chiefly contrived to answer the noble purpose of that constant hospitality which he intended to maintain there.

In order to put an end to all ceremony at meal time, he took his place at random at the table; and thus, all ideas of precedence being laid aside, the guests seated themselves promiscuously, without any regard to rank or quality.

Here such as chose it breakfasted at their own hour. It was furnished with chess-boards, backgammon tables, dominoes, pamphlets, etc.

Still further to make his guests completely at home, and enable each to realize the idea conveyed in Shonstone's quatrain, "Who'er has travelled life's dull round, Whatever his various tour he found, May sigh to think how oft he found His warmest welcome at an inn."

Mathews had actually annexed to one wing of his house a room which he called a tavern. Temperate himself, as many of his guests were, little wine was much in fashion in those days, in order to gratify such of his guests as had indulged themselves in drink in the common room.

But, as drinking was that custom, he had recourse to the above mentioned contrivance; and it was the custom of all who loved a cheerful glass, to adjourn to the tavern after dinner, and leave the more sober folks to themselves.

In order that his guests should not consider him other than one of themselves, he ruled that nobody should treat him as the host.

At Thomastown was first introduced the plan of having a variety of cells, each marked with a number, and communicating with a particular apartment, marked with a similar number.

It was the custom in those days, when Queen Anne reigned, to give small wages to the servants, the guests bestowing money upon them, on leaving, which gratuities were called *zails*.

Such is an accurate description of the manner in which the ancestor of the noble house of Llandaff exercised Irish hospitality in the early part of the last century.

(From the London Tablet.)

The Debate on the 17th May, in the House of Commons on the "Subscription Fund in aid of the Sicilians," which we briefly noticed in our last, will appear of more importance the more it is considered.

This great question, of which, thanks to Mr. Hennessy, the discussion has at last commenced, is one which will have to be discussed again and yet again; and on its decision depends the future history, not of England only, but of Europe.

The building of the new Catholic church of Killinagh, near Ross, is being fast proceeded with. The plan of this sacred edifice is very neat.

comfort in denying its existence, and accounting for every proof of its destroying power by some slight and ordinary cause. The white coats of the Austrians were a grievance in Lombardy.

The Grand Duke of Tuscany broke the promises he made after 1848. The Neapolitan police are harsh and cruel. The Emperor of Austria withholds the Constitution; and the Pope refuses to secularise the administration of his States.

We believe it to be impossible that this state of things should last. The Emperor of the French has an interest in revolutionising Europe for his own aggrandisement and safety, that he may employ his army, and distract the minds of his subjects from those reflections which if dwelt on would make them hurl him from his seat.

It is impossible that this should last. The Whigs are everywhere aiding and abetting the Revolution, and the Revolution is the source and the means of the French Emperor's power.

There are now 389 inmates in Tipperary workhouse, being an increase of 29 in excess of the return for this time twelvemonths.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. McEVY, P.P., KILLS.—This pious priest, warm-hearted patriot, and Christian gentleman, resigned his pure spirit into the hands of his Maker, May 18th, at half-past 6 o'clock.

DEATH OF THE REV. H. FITZSIMONS, P.P.—Died on the 7th inst., at his residence, Drimelia, in the 87th year of his age, the Rev. Hugh Fitzsimons, the late venerable and worthy pastor of Anagh West, in the diocese of Kilmore.

DEATH OF THE REV. FRANCIS GERMAINE, C.C., KINGSTOWN.—It is our painful duty to announce the death of the above estimable priest, after an illness of less than four days.

The Cathedral Church of Ennisicorthy, county Wexford, was solemnly dedicated to the service of God on Sunday, 6th ult. The Most Rev. Dr. Furlong officiated. High Mass was celebrated, at which the Lord Bishop of Bombay officiated as prelate celebrant.

The building of the new Catholic church of Killinagh, near Ross, is being fast proceeded with. The plan of this sacred edifice is very neat.

OPENSING OF THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AT NEW-TOWNROBINHAM, COUNTY-DUBLIN.—Sunday last was indeed a great day for the inhabitants of New-Townrobinham, who were much gratified at the opening of their new church.

DIocese of FENNS.—The following removals have been made by his lordship, the Bishop, within the last few days: The Rev. Michael Cosgrava, from Killybeg, to Newbawn; the Rev. Andrew O'Farrell, from Newbawn to Oulart; and the Rev. Edward Kavanagh, from Oulart to Killybeg.

DIocese of CLOON.—The Right Rev. Dr. McNally, Bishop of Clonfert, has received from Cardinal Alexander Barnabo, Prefect of the Propaganda, a most kind letter, in which he speaks of the Clonfert diocesan address to the Holy Father, and of the communication which accompanied it in the most laudatory and complimentary terms.

The Rev. William Shanahan arrived in Clonmel on Wednesday evening, for the first time since his return from Australia, where his mission to collect funds for roofing the Catholic church of Clonmel was prosecuted with such zeal and crowned with such success.

THE MISSION IN SLIGO.—Some idea may be formed of the labors of the good fathers, and of the clergy of the town and of the diocese who were aiding and assisting, when we state that there were three lectures or sermons daily, that the confessionals, of which there are upwards of twenty, are constantly crowded, and that the average attendance in the church, including those present at the evening sermons and devotions, is not less than five thousand.

An admirable address from the parishioners of Killalee has been presented to the Rev. Andrew Connelan, on his appointment by the Lord Bishop of that diocese, to the parish of Peake.

The late Miss Ellen Hayes has left £200 for the completion of the Franciscan Church, Wexford.

CONVERSION.—On May the 6th, Pat Sayers, a Protestant, 82 years old, was received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Edward Waldron—the efficient and zealous parish priest of the Neale.

OTHER CONVERSIONS.—On Thursday, the 17th ult., the Rev. Eugene Coyne, C.A., Tusam, received into the Catholic Church, Hanna McKeon and her husband, both Protestants.

THE BAZAAR IN CLONMEL on Thursday, in aid of the Sisters of Charity, has realized nearly £300.

THE PAPAL TRIBUTE.—The collection for the Pope in the diocese of Killalee is fixed for Sunday, the 24th of June next.

We understand that Mr. John Ross has been declared the successful contractor for the New Catholic Church, Belfast, for the sum of £10,182.

There are now 389 inmates in Tipperary workhouse, being an increase of 29 in excess of the return for this time twelvemonths.

Mr. Richard Devereux has given £270 to build a female school in George's street, Wexford. The school is an additional one to those already built there by Mr. Devereux, and all of which are placed under the care of the Sisters of Mercy.

HONORABLE.—The mining operations in this village have latterly got such an impetus, that additional hands have been added to the works, and the company are improving the appearance of the village.

DIED.—On the 22d ult., at Drogheda, Mr. Sullivan head master of the Christian Brothers' Schools: May he rest in peace.

BURIAL OF SIR FRANCIS LEOPOLD McCLINTOCK.—We are glad to learn that the members of the Royal Dublin Society having subscribed among themselves a sum sufficient to procure a bust for the Arctic voyager, to be placed in the New Museum, have given the commission to execute it to a local sculptor of high reputation.

INSURANCE.—The Derry Journal states that the Hon. Mr. Smith, Mr. Allen and Mr. Macarty, and the other gentlemen who took an official part in the arrangements for making Lough Foyle a port of call, have been successful in their efforts to complete the negotiations with the British Postal authorities.

The Waterford Citizen says:—We have seen Mr. Smyth's letter to the O'Donoghue, and have just a few words to say about it. We would in all friendship for parties concerned advise him not to interfere in this question.

The Irish property of the late William Ormsby Gore, Esq., of Rathfriland, Tipperary, devolves on the second son of the late Lord Ormsby Gore, M.P., Lord Ormsby, who is the daughter of Admiral Sir George Seymour.

A YOUNG TIPPERARY MAN.—Captain H. E. Quin, 1st Battalion, H. M. 20th Regiment, has been appointed by the Governor-General of India, Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department, and posted to the Punjab. Captain Quin is a son of O'Neill Quin, Esq., M.D., Nenagh.

TIMELY GRANTS.—As it always affords us pleasure to give credit for work well done, we most heartily rejoice at being enabled to announce, to the honour of Lord John Brown, M.P., that government have allocated, of the Irish Reproductive Loan Grant, the sum of £3,550 to be spent in this county, as follows:—For Ballina Harbour, £800; for Westport harbour £800; for Killala harbour, £400; for Newport harbour, £400; for Belmullet harbour, £1,150.—Mayo Telegraph.

We learn, says the Clonmel Chronicle, that Mr. Vincent Scully, M.P., has settled with most of his tenants in the vicinity of Tipperary, on whom he had, for the purpose of "squaring their farms," served notice to quit.

SHEEP TAKEN IN DONEGAL.—The investigation recently held at Churchehill, into the reported destruction of a number of sheep alleged to have been maliciously killed on Gortan mountain will be fresh in the recollection of our readers.

The extra police force is about to be removed from Gweedore, Donegal, the alleged agrarian outrages having, it appears, no foundation, and the inspector stating that no fewer than 120 of the sheep for which compensation had been claimed as having been wilfully destroyed, had been found by the police dead on the mountains, without any marks of injury.

CASTLEBRAY UNION.—We are glad to observe that Mr. James Devlin, Castlebray, has been elected guardian of the Camdy division of this union.

ANGLING ON THE SHANNON.—The salmon and trout fishing at Killaloe, long celebrated as the most abundant in Ireland, especially for trout fishing, but which, for some weeks previous to the recent rains, has been rather under the average of the last season or two, not, it is believed, for lack of abundance of fish in the river and the lake (Lough Derg), but owing to the unprecedentedly severe weather which has prevailed during the Spring, is at length beginning to recompense the Anglers' patience; and now that we have reached the middle of this present genial month (May), and being favoured with delightful rains, we may naturally anticipate even still more increased sport for the lovers of the "gentle craft."

John Kennedy was fined £5 and costs or six months' imprisonment, at the Templemore petty sessions, for killing a hare without having a game certificate.

PARTY CONFLICT IN LURGAN.—Lurgan was the scene of great excitement on the 17th inst. That being the market day, several bodies of Orangemen, with drums and fifes, crowded into town, and paraded through the streets playing party tunes, and yelling and cheering, evidently for the purpose of insulting the Catholics, numbers of whom were then assembled on their ordinary business.

There is at present a mule in seemingly good health and strength drawing milk daily to the Ballingreen Workhouse, from Joseph Nolan's, Esq., of Corrigen, which was employed during the insurrection of 1798 carrying military stores to the army while at Vinegar Hill.

The Tralee Chronicle says:—A tradesman, accompanied by his wife and eight children, all cleanly clad, applied for and obtained admission to the workhouse at the last meeting of guardians. He stated he had hitherto maintained his family by his industry, and was still able and willing to do so if he could procure shelter, but that he had been just turned out of the streets by the owner of the house in which his and two other families had occupied a wretched small apartment for some time past, where he had worked at his trade of a shoemaker, and in which the three families also slept and took their meals over since the levelling of the houses heretofore inhabited by the working classes had been progressing.

Nothing but personal knowledge would induce any one to credit the truly piteous condition of these creatures since this system has been so extensively carried out. The number of half-starved and half-naked families that are huddled together in one small house, and in numerous instances in one small apartment, is sufficient to create a pestilence. Surely Lord Landsdowne is not acquainted with this state of things.