

IRISH NEWS.

ANTRIM.

It is very gratifying to Nationalist readers to find, now and again, an honest sympathetic Protestant clergyman coming to the defence and vindication of the much abused and misrepresented people of Ireland. The Rev. T. Clarke affords the latest case in point. He writes in the Liberal 'Home Reader'. He puts the whole blame of the Belfast riots on the so-called 'Loyalists,' and does so as an Ulsterman and a Protestant. The fact that their Catholic fellow-countrymen were going to be put on an equality with themselves, was he says, something too great for Orange flesh to bear. Hence the rioting. The Rev. gentleman adds a bold indictment of Northern bigotry.

CARLOW.

Owing to the showery weather which has prevailed for some weeks past, the grain crops, not alone in the neighborhood of Carlow, but in the whole of the County, are suffering much from "lodging." There are great complaints among the farmers, who say that if the weather does not soon improve, the barley and other crops will be seriously damaged. If the harvest can be saved, it promises to be a pretty bountiful one, and reaping operations have already commenced.

CAVAN.

A short distance outside Belturbet, at the townland of Quivey, a number of men are employed at drainage works; and, on August 14th, James Hamell, of Carrickmacross, and others went to fish. He remarked to two other comrades that if he should fall out of the boat he would call on them for assistance. In about twenty minutes after, the two men heard a cry and proceeded in the direction and found the boat adrift and no trace of its occupant. Search was made and the body was soon recovered and taken to Belturbet.

CLARE.

Mrs. Morgan John O'Connell, of Killadysert, has again caused writs to be served on her tenants for half a year's rent. Her refusal to grant more than 15 per cent reduction will be apt to cause a renewal of the disagreeable scenes that were witnessed in the neighborhood of Killadysert last October.

The death is announced on Aug. 15 at the residence of her son, Mr. Stephen M'Mahon, Francis street Kilrush, at the venerable age of 86 years, of Mrs. M'Mahon relict of the late Mortimer M'Mahon Esq., of Bolusachra, Cranny Bridge, a distant cousin of Marshal M'Mahon, ex-president of France. The deceased was interred in the old graveyard of Rillfidane.

COEK.

On the road between Ballina and Enniscore is the old church and burial-ground of Killanley, which contains the grave of the patriot-priest of '98, Father Cowley, which is in a very damp and even flooded state. At the instance of Mr. Howley, P. L. G., the Dromore West Board of Guardians have decided to drain the graveyard, and thus rescue it from its disgraceful condition.

On August 15th, the right Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald conferred in the Pro-Cathedral Church, Skibbereen, the Holy Order of Priesthood on the Rev. Messrs. Eureka, O'Sullivan and Hennessy. The Rev. Mr. O'Sullivan and the Rev. Mr. Burke are to labor for the present in the Archdiocese of Westminster, and the Rev. Mr. Hennessy goes on the mission to the diocese of Middleboro', England. The latter gentleman and Rev. Mr. Burke made their studies in Maynooth, and the Rev. Mr. O'Sullivan is a student of the Irish College Paris.

DERRY.

The Catholics of Derry acted wisely in avoiding, this year, their usual 15th of August celebration. The result was peace. The same wisdom was not shown in some other North of Ireland towns, as the result was discord, but happily there was not a riot anywhere. Many Derry Protestants have declared themselves against the continuation of the annual Derry celebration. Surely people ought not to keep harping on an event two hundred years old, and provocative now of civil discord.

DOWN.

On August 19th, a child, about three years old, in the townland of Dunloy, some nine miles from Ballymena died from the effects of a bite from a dog, received some time ago.

DUBLIN.

On August 16th, while three men named Edward Kelly, John Hoare and Jeremiah Curran, were engaged in taking down a house in Montgomery street, Dublin, a wall fell, dragging down the gable of the adjoining house and completely burying the workmen. When rescued, Kelly and Hoare were unconscious and dreadfully injured, while Curran had escaped with a few bruises. The two former are in the hospital.

KING'S COUNTY.

George Alexander Moorhead, Esq. M. D., Tullamore, son of the late M. J. Moorhead, Esq., M. D., J. P., has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the King's County.

LEITRIM.

A serious accident occurred near Cloone on August 14th, while three men were engaged in quarrying stones for the Messrs O'Connor, road contractors. The men had the rock punched and the charge deposited. One of them proceeded to apply the light, when the charges instantly exploded. The names of the injured men are Codway, Cunnion and Teague. The injuries sustained by the two latter are said to be trivial when compared with Conway, who had to be carried home on a door. His face has been very much disfigured, a large quantity of the burnt powder and small

stones were embedded in the flesh, giving him a horrible appearance. He also received several severe wounds on the body. Shortly after the accident he was attended by Dr. Dobson, of Mohill, who entertains but slight hope of his recovery. The other two men having had their wounds dressed, were pronounced to be out of danger.

GALWAY.

The secretary of the Tuam Town Commissioners Mr. Patrick Elwood died at his father's residence Mr. John Elwood Ballycushion near Kilmain in the county Mayo on August 15. That he was esteemed by all who knew him socially or heard of his good traits was apparent from the various marks of respect to his memory manifested on the day of the funeral obsequies. The interment took place at Shrule the family burial ground. Mr Elwood was allied (by Marriage) to the family of the celebrated "Poet O' Kelly"—whom Brydon styled "The Homer of the West"—whose writings are still remembered by the sires of the Old Race.

KERY.

Mr. James McEvoy who has been for many years a telegraphist at the Killarney Post-office has been appointed to the more lucrative office as operator at Waterville the terminus of the Mac key Bennett cable.

Local rumor concerning the missing solicitor, Mr. A. M. Besnard, of Killarney and his errand to London—said to be a very romantic one—has it that he has turned up in the "flesh and blood" in America.

KILKENNY.

A monument has been erected over the grave of the late Archdeacon, at Foulstown. The monument spirit in form is of Gothic design and stands on a heavy chamfered base course 10ft 6in in length 6ft in width.

On August 23 a serious row occurred at Ballyogan caused by the resistance of tenants and their friends to officers of the law seeking to enforce convictions. Several bailiffs were severely injured, and a number of policemen badly hurt by stones. The mob made an attempt to wreck the police barracks but were repulsed.

LIMBERICK.

On Aug. 14th Croom Castle was on fire. The castle which was covered with ivy, is connected with Dr. Lyod's residence by some stables, and there is reason to believe that but for the timely arrival of the police the house might have been burned to the ground. By removing the stable walls this was prevented, and after a couple of hours the fire was completely extinguished. The burning was purely accidental.

Mr. Hogan, the author of the beautiful 'Lays and Legends of Thomond,' is about to leave his native city for the great republic of the West. The 'Bard' needs no passport to the hearts of Irishmen—especially Munster men—and we have no doubt that he will receive a "caed mille faithe" from his friends there. Mr. Hogan will be the guest of an Irish-American gentleman in New York for some time previous to settling down in his new sphere. It is hard, indeed; for the 'Bard' to drag himself away from the enchantment of the Shannon's banks, and the crumbled ruins of historic Clare.

MAYO.

Among the successful candidates at the Sessional Examination in Common Law, held on the 29th and 30th June, was Mr. John J. Quinn, whose course has been uniformly brilliant, obtained a first class certificate.

Father Begley, A.M., the revered and respected pastor of Westport, has undertaken a heavy work which is now far advanced to completion—the repairs painting and improvement of the church of Westport. The outlay will be near 1,000 pounds in all.

MEATH.

The 'holy well of the crutches' was solemnly blessed by Dean O'Keefe, on Aug. 10th. Thousands of pilgrims from the surrounding counties have visited the place where the miracle-working waters bubble up. On Lady Day, hundreds of afflicted persons from the most distant came in pilgrimage to make 'Stations,' and to drink its waters.

SLIGO.

On Aug. 15th, about 9 o'clock at night boat, with ten persons, left Rosse's Point for Cooney Island. The night being dark and the wind pretty strong, it was with the greatest pleasure some of the parties could be induced to go. When going round the Point of Oyster Island, the boat was blown upon a rock and instantly turned, and all were thrown out. Fortunately, three men, Brogan, Ward, and Carthy, were going fishing, and hearing their cries, came to assist them, and succeeded in rescuing six of the party. The remaining four were lost. Their names are—Charles Robinson, 18 years; Bedelia, 24 years; Ellen 16 years of age; a brother and sister from George's street, Sligo, and a girl named Bessy Brennan, from Soeoy, county Sligo, who was at sea, living on Cooney Island. There were only two men in the boat, the deceased, Robinson and a man named Bree. Both men were fine swimmers. It is said that Robinson could have made the shore, but was trying to save his sisters and perished in the attempt. For the past nine months young Robinson, who was a quiet, sober young man, and liked by every one, had been absent as a sailor, and only returned home three days before the accident.

WEXFORD.

On Sunday, August 22d a meeting was held at Monamolin to protest against eviction, and against land-grabbing and grass-grabbing. The Very Rev. J. P. Hanrahan, O. S. F. died on June 16th, at the Franciscan Presbytery, Waverley, New South Wales. Father Hanrahan was born at Cullentra, near Wexford, in the year 1821.

FRANCE AND GERMANY—A SINGULAR STORY.

A singular story appears in one of the French military papers, and if the details are correct, it is not surprising that the incidents should have excited something like a sensation at the French War Office. It is stated, that a gentleman at Nevers the other day, shot a pigeon and found its wings stamped with the Imperial arms of Germany, while attached to them was a quill with a cipher despatch. The pigeon and despatch were it is said, sent to the French War Office and inquiries being made appear to confirm the belief that the Germans have established a pigeon station on French territory, and that messages are even now exchanged between these stations and military staff at Berlin. Should these statements prove true, they may well cause both uneasiness and anger in France. It is a very strong step to organize pigeon stations, with a view to invasion, in a country with which peaceful relations prevail. It is certain that this system was previous to the war of 1871, carried on in France by German officers to an extraordinary extent, and that the invading army was far better acquainted with every road and byway and with every particular of the country than were the defenders, but this establishment of pigeon posts in a friendly country for the purpose of giving assistance to an invading army would certainly seem to be an indefensible step, and one which the French have a right to resent.—Evening Standard.

MELANCHOLY.

Never give way to melancholy; resist it steadily, for the habit will encroach. I once gave a lady twenty-two receipts against melancholy, one was a bright fire; another, to remember all the pleasant things said to her; another, to keep a box of plums on the mantelpiece, and a kettle simmering on the hob. I thought this mere trifling at the moment, but have in after life discovered how true it is that these little pleasures often banish melancholy better than higher and more exalted objects, and that no means ought to be thought too trifling which can oppose it either in ourselves or others.

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