

OUR IRISH LETTER.

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Francis Montgomery Moore of High street, Belfast, died August 20.

Died.—August 20, in camp at Datta Khel, Tochi Valley, Punjab, from wounds received in action at Malzar, Archibald James Macaulay Higginson, Neutnant First Sikhs, second son of the late Charles Henry Higginson, Springmount, county Antrim, and grandson of the late Sir James Macaulay Higginson.

The commissioners of National Education have notified the Rev. J. McCortan, adm., St. Peter's, manager of the Milford Street Male National school, Belfast, that, on the report of Dr. Moran, head inspector, they awarded a first class Carlisle and Blake premium to Mr. John McManus, principal teacher of the school, for efficiency, moral tone, order, cleanliness, discipline, etc. The Carlisle and Blake premium is the blue ribbon of the National board.

ARMAUGH.

Cardinal Logue, archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, lately made the following appointments: Rev. Bernard Lavery, P. P., Coagh, has been appointed P. P. of Tanderagee, in place of Rev. James Donnelly, lately appointed P. P. of Carrickmore, to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late respected pastor, Very Rev. Bernard Murphy, P. P. V. F. Rev. Denis Brennan, C. C., Termonfeckin, has been appointed P. P., Coagh. Rev. James Duffy, C. C., Middletown, has been appointed C. C., Termonfeckin; Rev. Anthony McDonnell, C. C., Stonebridge, has been appointed C. C., Middletown; Rev. P. McKee, lately ordained, Maynooth college, has been appointed C. C., Stonebridge; Rev. M. O'Brien, lately ordained, Maynooth college, has been appointed C. C., Lisnad.

CAVAN.

Mrs. Richard Dyas of Piercetown, Kells, daughter of the late Richard Mortimer, Cornhill, died August 20, deeply and deservedly regretted.

All over Cavan the greatest alarm is felt owing to the failure and decay of the potato crop. The blight made its appearance some time ago, and the crop, which should still be in full bloom were it not for the ravages of this fell disease, presents a withering aspect. Returns show that the crop will be one fourth what it was last year.

DERRY.

On August 16 Father McWilliams, C. C. Granagh, entertained at dinner in McNicholl's hotel, Maghera, the deputation from the parish of Lower Bective, who came to present him with an address and handsome testimonial. After dinner Mr. Clark in a few words introduced the secretary of the committee, Peter McCullough, who read the address. Mr. Clark, after referring to the pleasure it gave him and his friends to come on such a mission to Maghera, presented the illuminated address and purse of sovereigns to Father McWilliams.

DONEGAL.

Cardinal Logue will preach a charity sermon at St. Agatha's church, Clar, Donegal, on September 19, for the purpose of paying off the debt incurred in structural alterations and repairs and in the building of a new school.

DOWN.

Francis Montgomery Moore of Eden Quay, Dublin, and High street, Belfast, died August 20, at Ashville, Bangor.

FERMANAGH.

The annual excursion in connection with the Clones branch of the St. Patrick's League of the Cross, was held week before last, and Warren Point was the place selected.

Most Rev. Dr. Leonard, Bishop of Capetown, Africa, was the guest of Very Rev. Mgr. Smollen, B. P., of Enniskillen, for several days.

MONAGHAN.

Thomas McCabe of Loughmoylan house, Carrickmacross, was lately appointed to the commission of the peace for Monaghan county.

Most Rev. Dr. Healy, bishop of Clonfert, arrived in Monaghan week before last from Newtownbutler. He was accompanied by Very Rev. Dr. Loane, Maynooth college, and Very Rev. D. Canon O'Connor, Newtown-

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Great apprehensions are entertained throughout West Clare regarding the harvest prospects, owing to the continuous rain during the past few weeks. The crops are in most serious condition, and especially the potato and hay crops.

Catherine Burke, aged 18 years, daughter of a farmer, was drowned August 26, while bathing in the sea at Lahinch.

The death was lately reported of James Culligan, a well known farmer of the Spanehill.

CORK.

Joseph Brennan, engineer on a Cork and Bandon railway company's engine, on August 22 fell from the engine and was killed at Kins Junction. Rev. Father O'Callaghan, of Goleen, on Sunday was the recipient of an address from the parishioners of Carrigoboy and Upper Glumire, where he officiated until his appointment as parish priest of Goleen.

The harvest in Mid-Cork can only be described as exceedingly bad.

A new Young Men's Society hall was opened in Schull by the Rev. John O'Connor, P. P., last week.

In Macroom lately was buried Daniel Murphy, who lived to the extraordinary age of 105 years. The old man was a well-known figure in Macroom, as long as the present eldest inhabitant remembers, and there can be no doubt about his great age. He had his senses up to the last, and was able to move about briskly up to about six months ago. He remembered a great many things of local interest which occurred 100 years ago, and had a hand in building the present castle at Macroom. A short time before his death he was able to locate for Lady Ardilaun a secret passage in the castle. The old man used to smoke and take a little drop during his long life, but he was never seen to be drunk, and indeed led a most exemplary life. He leaves gr. at grand-children.

An accident of a dreadful nature occurred near Macroom. Daniel Casey, Turner's Cross and Daniel Neville, a school teacher and farmer, Toomey, were at the funeral of a child named Kenneally, and left Macroom for home on a side car. A young man taking an evening walk found two men stretched on each side of the road near the new bridge, and on going to examine them was horrified to find them insensible. Rev. Father Moore, C. C., administered the rites of the Church. The driver of the car was struggling with the horse a short distance away, and the sidecar was overturned. It is generally believed that the horse took fright at the train, which passes a tunnel in the neighborhood.

On Tuesday the solemn ceremony of a religious profession took place in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Clonakilty, when Miss Elizabeth Kelleher, daughter of the late Mr. James Kelleher of Muehangias, Macroom, made her solemn vows before Dr. Kelly, bishop of Ross, in which she renounced the world forever and devoted her life to God's service, in the education of youth, comforting, consoling and attendance on the sick and poor. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Stanislaus. The following clergymen were present: Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, Clonakilty; Very Rev. J. Canon Murphy, Macroom; Rev. E. B. O'Connell, C. C., Macroom; Rev. J. Moore, Macroom; Rev. Hugh Kelleher (uncle of professed); Rev. T. Shinkwin, Ballyhea (cousin); Rev. T. O'Hea, Clonakilty; Rev. P. Hennessy, Clonakilty and Rev. M. O'Callaghan, Clonakilty.

KERRY.

A curious discovery was made a few days ago in a house belonging to Patrick P. O'Sullivan, which is being newly constructed in Main street, Cahirova. As Mr. O'Sullivan was clearing the ground principally composed of peaty matter, at the place where his former counter stood, to put some small stones and concrete therein, he found a cannon ball several feet under the surface, which weighed 11½ pounds, and measured 12 inches in circumference. It is inferred that it is one of the cannon balls used by Cromwell in cannonading Ballycarberry castle. It will be remembered that Morgan O'Connell defended Ballycarberry castle against Cromwell's forces, commanded by Ireton, Cromwell's son-in-law, and after long and desperate fighting the castle was taken and it is more than probable that this ball is one of those used by the Cromwellian forces.

LIMERICK.

The dead body of Roger Leahy was found on the Fanstown road near Killfinane, last week. Mr. Leahy was at the fair of Charleville and returned by

Kilmadock, leading a horse. When passing the cross roads at Fanstown he was on the horse, but a short time after found on the road, dead.

The potato crop in this county, it is feared, will be totally destroyed through the very heavy and continuous rains which prevail.

The election of councillor for Irish-town Ward, Limerick, was held during the week and resulted in the election of Mr. William Whelan by 25 votes, against 19 polled for Mr. Thomas Dillon.

Prior to taken up his residence at Roserea, the Very Rev. M. O'Connell, D. D., V. G., took leave of his late parishioners at Killisloe.

TIPPERARY.

Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, was on a visit to Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, County Cork, during past week.

Mrs. Anastasia O'Shea, who was evicted from her holding in Cloanagoose, near Mullinahone, ten years ago has been reinstated.

Local statistics show that more males are born annually than females in Carrick. Yet the attendance of children at school is about three girls to one boy.

An old inhabitant of Tramore, named Mary Kennedy, was buried last week at the age of 99 years.

Mr. Austin A. Farrell has been appointed Consul-General for France at Waterford, a position which his late father held for some twenty years.

At the late University examinations Mr. Michael Dalton, son of Mr. Park Dalton, Ferrybank, Waterford, passed with great distinction. He gained a very large proportion of marks in English, French, German and other languages. He was educated by the Christian Brothers, Mount Zion.

The late Mother Mary Aloysius Dalton, whose death we announced a few weeks ago, had spent fifty-four years in religion, having entered Maynooth Presentation convent in 1843. Two of her sisters were nuns in the same convent, and the remains of all three now lie in the little cemetery of the Community. She leaves two brothers, both priests of the Society of Jesus. The labors of Father Joseph Dalton, S. J., who is still on the Australian mission, are recorded in Cardinal Moran's "History of the Australian Church." Father James Dalton, S. J., is at present in the Dublin house of the order.

LEINSTER.

Carlou, died August 23, at Ballenkillen, Bagnalstown, Lizzle Maher.

Thursday an influential county meeting summoned by Rt. Hon. Henry Bruen, chairman of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Financial Reform association, was held in the Town Hall, Carlou, for the purpose of establishing a committee of the Irish Financial Reform League.

DUBLIN.

An International Pharmaceutical Congress was held in Brussels, August 16. Prof. Tichbourne and Dr. McWalter of Dublin, represented Ireland. The Irish National fund now has passed the five thousand pounds sterling mark.

"Dan" Lowery, the well-known musical-hall proprietor of Dublin, died in England recently.

The Duchess of York on August 19 visited the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin, and also Christ church.

Nine Sisters of the Redemptorist convent at St. Alphonsus' church, Drumcondra, Dublin, lately arrived in Clapham to establish a branch of their order in London.

Mr. John E. Redmond and his colleagues met in Dublin, August 26, to make arrangements for the annual Parnell demonstration. Mr. Redmond said it would be the greatest since the inauguration.

A relic of the period of "transportation" is being exhibited in Dublin just now. It is a convict ship named the Success. She is 107 years built; 1851 to 1867 she was used as a convict prison, and lay in the harbor of Williamstown, Australia.

On August 19, the remains of Rev. Peter Paul Smith, were interred in the cemetery of St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin. Deceased was a native of Dublin, and was ordained in September 1869.

On August 18, Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, visited Lusk and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 90 children.

The authorities of St. Mary's University college have concluded arrangements for the opening of a house of residence in connection with the college, and 48 Upper Mount street, Merrion square, will be the new residence.

Captain Charles Underwood O'Connell, an old American veteran, has

been slaying at the Gresham hotel, O'Connell street, Dublin. Captain O'Connell played a noble part in the stirring times leading up to '67, and, being arrested at Queenstown, was sentenced to ten years penal servitude, and served his "turn" in Chatham and other English prisons. He was amnestied in 1871, along with Mr. John O'Leary, and has since resided in New York. He was in charge of a company during the Confederate war. Captain O'Connell pays a visit to the mother country every year, and it gives great joy to his many friends to see that he is still as strong and sturdy as many twenty years his junior who have not passed through the awful experience of prison life.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Patrick Hannon, aged 8 years, of Muckinagh, was drowned week before last, while fishing in the river Slevin.

There are several ancient tombstones on the Inishkea islands, one bearing a representation of the Crucifixion with a Roman soldier on each side of the cross. On the North Island are the remains of an ancient stone church, of about the fifth century, with only the roof incomplete; and also a shell mound, on which copper pins used to be found till recently and which shows traces of very ancient origin.

The most enthusiastic supporter of the co-operative movement in the west of Ireland is Father Conway, P. P., of Glennamaddy. Father Conway has done much for the congested population of Connemara.

The exhibition of Galway Cottage Industry came off a week ago in Athlery, and was a success. Local industries were well represented, and from the number of exhibits it was not easy to award prizes.

The prospect of an abundant harvest in East Galway, apparent on all sides a fortnight ago, cannot be realized. The hay on the banks of the Shannon, which had not been so heavy a crop for many years, has suffered. Potatoes are irreparably injured, and have risen to double price. The marketable quality is extremely scarce, and it is unlikely that any will be good enough or in sufficiently large quantities to send across channel. All this comes from the heavy and almost incessant rainfalls which have played sad havoc with the barley and oats in process of saving. Many acres of both are laid, the barley suffering most in this respect. Although commenced ten days ago, very few farmers have much of either crop saved, and their losses must be considerable if there is not an immediate change for the better in the weather.

With much regret we chronicle the demise of Mrs. Mary Hosty, which took place at Lavallyroe. The deceased was sister of Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, Dunmore, and mother of Rev. Thomas Hosty, Spiddal. She had attained the fine old age of 85, and during her life had won the esteem of all.

MAYO.

Father Morris, C. O., whose departure from Castlebar has been announced, leaves with the regret of all. The pious and zealous priest soon won the respect of all who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Most Rev. Dr. Conmy lately made the following changes: Rev. James Kelly, C. C., Kilglass, to Skreen; Rev. Father Healy to be C. C., Kilglass; Rev. P. Keaveny, to be C. C., Aughoo, and Rev. Thomas O'Hara to be C. C., Beaks.

Died.—August 19, at Kilmeeena, P. O., Westport, Michael Duffy, aged 75 years; high mass of requiem at the parish church, Kilmeeena. August 11, Ellen Devine, late of Castleroa. On Friday, August 13, Catherine Gaughan, Ballygona, parish of Killian, aged 71 years.

BOSCOMMON.

The population of Ballyfarnon in 1891 was 260.

All education, as all life, should be religious, and all education divorced from religion is an evil, not a good, and is sure in the long run to be ruinous to the secular order; but as a part of religious education, and included in it, secular education has its place, and even its necessity. Man is not all soul nor all body, but the union of soul and body; and therefore his education should include in their union, not separation—for the separation of soul and body is the death of the body—both spiritual education and secular. It is not that we oppose secular education when given in the religious education, and therefore referred to the ultimate end of man, but when it is given alone for its own sake.—Brownson.

THE CATHOLIC PRIEST.

The Catholic priest is not only a dispenser of the mysteries of God, but is a mysterious being himself in the eyes of the world. Like his Divine Master, he is set for the fall and the resurrection of many in Israel and for a sign that shall be contradicted. Various opinions are formed of him, as they were formed of Christ himself. Some say of the priest, as was said of our Lord, he is a good man; others say no; he deceiveth the people. He is honored and loved most by those who know him best, but whether he is honored or hated, the Catholic priest has been too prominent a figure in the history of the world and in the progress of our Christian civilization to be ever ignored.

A complete life of a missionary clergyman can never be written. The minister of God cannot have his Boswell. The biographer must speak of his official acts, may recall the churches he has built, the schools he has founded, the hospitals and the asylums he has established and endowed. He may speak of the sermons he has preached, of the children he has catechized, of the souls he has received in the bosom of the Church. All this is indeed a great deal, but his private life, his relations with the people, those tender, sacred relations, are known to none but God alone.

A Catholic church, however humble it may be, is the dwelling place of God on earth. In the tabernacle is kept the Blessed Sacrament, which contains the real presence of Jesus Christ in His Eucharistic life. It is for this reason that we owe the deepest reverence and respect to the church; and any, even the least levity within its sacred precincts is most deeply to be deplored. Strange as it may seem, even those who are devout and spend much time in the church, owing perhaps to familiarity with the surroundings, are prone to fall into the habit of talking, laughing, or turning hither and thither lightly. Whether in the sanctuary, in the body of the church, or in the choir, we must bear in mind that we are in the presence of the King of Kings; and far from being a source of distraction and disaffection to others, we must by our reverence and devotion lead others to worthily praise and worship God in the church, His house of prayer.

Or the work which the lamented Father Tolton, the negro priest, accomplished in Chicago, a local paper says: "When he passed over to that higher church and greater parish he left the only really cosmopolitan congregation of Chicago. Race, previous condition, color or present environment of the people did not exclude them from his church. Whites sat by blacks and white boys and girls and black ones worshipped and studied together. White and black boys did the altar services at mass and other ceremonies of the church. He advised and confessed whites as he did men and women of his own race. All were admitted on a social equality, which he made genial and acceptable by his own benignity."

It is only a year or so ago that Archbishop Riordan, the zealous prelate of San Francisco, strengthened the ranks of the clerical laborers in his jurisdiction by inviting the Paulist Fathers, whose motherhouse is in New York city, to establish themselves in the episcopal city, and now he is about to place the archdiocesan seminary in charge of the Sulpicians, with Very Rev. Father Vibert, hitherto of the Catholic University, at their head. Monsignor Riordan made a portion of his own ecclesiastical studies under the Sulpicians at Paris, but he began them at the American college in Rome and finished them at Louvain.

Conceit is the mark of a fool. It is the misfortune of conceited men that they often have a following among these misguided souls who, like themselves, rebel against lawful authority, and are only too glad to transfer their allegiance to some wandering star like themselves. God punishes disobedience in this way that he sometimes permits those who are deluded by it to follow a false light until they are shipwrecked. Imagining themselves free they become the slaves of a despot, and end where he ends, in misery.

Rev. A. St. Leger Westall, for several years curate of St. Saviour's, Croydon, England, has resigned that office and was the other day admitted, with his wife and family into the Catholic Church by Rev. Father Bampton, S. J., at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm street, West London. Mr. Westall's conversion has created much sensation in Croydon.

LAY SISTER MAGNAN

Is an Adept in Carpentry, Shoemaking and Other Trades.

The old saying that a woman cannot sew a board or drive a nail may apply to a majority of women, but not to all, at least not to Missoula, for there is one here who is not only a carpenter of no mean ability, but is an artist as well, says the *Montana Missoulian*. That woman is a daughter of a carpenter in Montreal, Canada, and is now a lay Sister of the Sisters of Providence in Missoula. Her name is Sister Magnan, and what she can do with a set of carpenter tools must be seen to be believed. Hearing of her wonderful work, a *Missoulian* reporter called at the academy one afternoon, and, with others, was shown into the chapel on the second floor on the south side of the building. Here a beautiful altar of modern structure, in white and gold colors, can be seen, the handiwork of Sister Magnan, who made every part of it. It stands some ten or twelve feet high and is set off in well proportioned panels, around the tabernacle as well as below the table of the altar. Every piece of wood and moulding in it is mitered as close as though done by a hardwood finisher. To the right of the altar sets a dresser or vestment receptacle, which is also finished in white and gold and is as perfect in construction as though it had come from the shop of a cabinet maker. In front of the altar is a turned railing, which was put together by this remarkable woman.

While the party was inspecting this work of art a woman was noticed by the wall of the chapel painting the wainscoting, so the party was told, and on going nearer it was discovered that she was graining the work in oak color and handling the graining combs and other tools as artistically as an artistic painter. The seats in the chapel have already been grained and have been well done.

Once on the outside it was learned that from childhood Sister Magnan had had a liking for that kind of work, and when a child about her father's carpenter shop was always building houses, etc., for herself and playmates. As she grew older she advanced in knowledge in that direction until to-day she can build anything in the woodworker's line.

Building is her hobby, but she is confined to indoor work and excels at all her undertakings. She has made many pieces of furniture, which now adorn the many buildings of the Sisters in Missoula. Like a man, she is awkward with a needle, but she is an artist still. Her co-Sisters do her sewing meanwhile. She is not idle, for she is the convent baker and can make bread which make the boarders smile out loud. This is not all; she is a shoemaker, too, and is as handy with a last and awl as she is with a saw and hammer. She is unassuming about her work and is said to seldom speak about it to those about her.

Make the Most of Yourself.

It is the duty of every man to make the most of himself. Whatever his capacities may be, he is sure to find some place where he can be useful to himself and to others. But he cannot reach his highest usefulness without good health and he cannot have good health without pure blood. The blood circulates to every organ and tissue and when it is pure, rich and healthy it carries health to the entire system, but if it is impure it scatters disease wherever it flows. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier. It cures salt rheum, scrofula, eczema, dyspepsia and rheumatism because these diseases have their origin in the blood.

It is always a pleasant thing to have been at mass; it sweetens and favors the whole day. It is indeed a wonderful thing, as we walk about, to think that "we have seen the Lord"—seen Him with our eyes, have actually been in His company, have stood within a few feet of Him! What a privilege to enjoy over ordinary men and women whom we pass by in the street! No one, therefore, who can do it, should miss this seeing of Our Lord every day. Continued day after day during life, it forms a strong habit of piety and a sure protection. It brings confidence and protection, and may be a stepping-stone to better things. We think of accidents and sudden death with less apprehension; for we know that we are the humble friends of Almighty God,—we have seen the Lord.

Lay every man be occupied and occupied in the highest employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best.

Leo XII. as usual visited the Pauline Chapel on the 2nd ult. to gain the indulgence of the Portiuncula.