

SELECTED POETRY.

THE KILLARNEY HUNT. By ALBERT PERCEVAL GRAVES. The stag is up! and bound and pup...

Who heads the crew? O'Donoghue And Macleod lead 'em O'Connell, Bland, on either hand...

Away to Tork they wind and work Among the bushes and heather...

A fine view spot up here we've got, A fine mixed lot within it...

Yoicks! tally ho! now off they go! See, there the stag is skimming!

Hul-hullahool! they flash in view Along the shining shingle...

Lines suggested by the Vandalism committed in the Killebeggan Island Graveyard.

This sacred isle! this sainted spot! Like Delos swathed in the foam...

No grandeur marks its lowly cells, No portal arch or columned aisle...

Of old remorse and grief find here A balm for troubles that oppress...

Though ages dark have rolled along, And centuries have passed away...

From pinning care and gnawing want, Nought can this prowling vandal see...

That tomb, within whose portals lie A body, once a fount of grace...

That destined place in which one day, Shall rest the spirit's mortal coil...

To this lone isle in days of yore, From worldly cares to seek repose...

For here the priest with gown and stole, From the first dawn of coming day...

Adieu! adieu! sweet holy isle, I part from thee with fond emotion...

ACCIDENT AT THE GAP OF DUNLOE.

TWO LADIES INJURED. A rather serious accident has occurred at the Gap of Dunloe by which two ladies were injured...

DEATH OF THE REV MICHAEL O'CONNOR, RECTOR OF BROSNA AND ABBEYFEALE.

The residents of Brosna and Abbeyfeale were shocked on Thursday morning at the sad and unexpected death of the Rev. Michael O'Connor...

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LISTOWEL RURAL COUNCIL.

THE LABOURERS' ACTS—CHANGES OF SITES.

NEW WATER SUPPLIES. The ordinary meeting of the Listowel Rural Council and Board of Guardians was held on Thursday...

The other members present were—Messrs John Brassil, W. Dalton, J. Walsh, M. Galvin, M. Carmody, E. O'Connor, P. Kelly, W. Collins, M. O'Connell, C.E., W. Fuller, P. Sheehy, T. O'Callaghan, Jas. Hartley, Wm. McCarthy, T. R. Collins, Wm. Fenix, W. O'Sullivan, G. Fitzgerald, P. Trent, W. Fitzmaurice, P. Jones, W. M. Mahon, C.C., M. Hart, D. O'Sullivan, P. Walebe, E. Kennedy, M. O'Connor, W. Dalton, J. Keane.

The Local Government Board wrote sanctioning payment of a guinea to Dr. Pierce, Ballyduff, for attendance at vaccination prosecutions at Causway Petty Sessions.

SANITARY MATTERS. The Local Government Board wrote asking to be informed of the number of sanatoria in the workhouse and the approximate annual cost of the maintenance of each...

MEASURES. An invoice from Dr. Pierce, Ballyduff, for £2 17s 9d for medicines was received.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF. The Clerk stated that for the past twelve months, owing to the enormous mass of correspondence with which they had to deal, the Board practically ceased to exercise any supervision over the out-door relief expenditure.

Mr. W. Collins—And still we head the list as far as Kerry is concerned. Mr. Michael Hartly—Surely we are not paying £3,500 a year now.

Mr. Hartly—In Tralee they are paying mostly a thousand less than us. I thought it was cut down close on £500 here at the last revision.

Mr. O'Connell, C.E.—This would be a good time now to cut down the relief. The Guardians ought to select a special day to revise the lists, and I think it ought to be done here.

Mr. M. Galvin—No one who is fit to work need want employment now. Mr. W. O'Sullivan—Provided he takes it (laughter).

Mr. Hartly—What is the cost of an inmate in the house? The Clerk—From 3s 7d to 3s 10d a week. Mr. E. O'Connor suggested that the lists for the Ballylongford district be revised at Ballylongford.

On a division it was decided to revise the lists in the various districts. Mr. O'Connell, C.E., said that the result of having the lists revised in the dispensary districts would be that the out-door relief would, as heretofore, be increased.

It was then decided to revise the lists as under:—At Ballylongford—On 25th inst. At Ballyhunion—3rd September. At Ballyduff—27th inst.

At Lisvoss—Monday week. At Listowel—5th September. At Tarbert—Tuesday next. At Glin—Tuesday next.

SALT BUTTER COMMITTEE. An acknowledgment was received from the Chief Secretary of a resolution passed by the Board in reference to the appointment of experienced persons on the Salt Butter Committee.

The Chairman said that he understood Mr. Hickey, Limerick, had been appointed on the committee.

TARBERT WATERWORKS. In reply to the Board, The Clerk—The Works stated that the amended cost of the Tarbert waterworks would be about £100 in excess of the original estimate, which amounted to £675.

CONVEYANCE OF MEDICAL OFFICERS' BOOKS. The Clerk stated that the Board would have to appoint that day, as decided at a previous meeting, tenants of labourers cottages, at a remuneration of £1 14s each a year to convey the medical officers' books to the workhouse once a month.

Mr. Dalton held that Mr. Collins's motion cancelled the appointment of the relieving officer; therefore he contended that the Board was entitled to make appointments themselves.

The Clerk said that the Guardians should apply their own common sense as to the effect of Mr. Collins's motion on the relieving officers' appointment.

Mr. Dalton then moved that the Board proceed with the appointment of labourers that day, and this was agreed to.

The following nominations were made:—Ballyhunion—Thomas Houlihan, Pallas; Timothy Kirby, Mounksland; and Michael Carroll, Cloghers. Houlihan was appointed.

Ballyduff—Denis Dennehy, John Kerins and James Rourke, were nominated. Kerins was appointed.

Ballylongford—Stephen Sweeney, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Michael Deonihan, were proposed. Mr. Fitzgerald was elected.

Ballylongford—Patrick Flavin and Patrick Jordan were nominated. Flavin was elected.

Mr. Collins moved as an amendment that the Clerk of Works report on the matter, and be requested to take a sample of the present supply.

Mr. Fenix said it was not the quality but the quantity of the water of which Mr. Sheehy complained.

On a division, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 5, and the Clerk of Works was instructed to select a site and prepare a specification.

Mr. W. O'Sullivan asked why steps had not been taken to carry into effect the resolution of the Board authorising the Clerk of Works to have the main pipe in Ballyhunion extended to the Convent Schools.

The Clerk said that the matter was delayed by Mr. James Hartly, who, however, now produced a document which would expedite matters.

Mr. O'Sullivan said that he hoped there would be no other hitch now.

The Clerk said that there would not. Mr. O'Sullivan said that they had a guarantee equal to the amount of the instalment for the repayment of the expenditure.

It was decided to issue a poster advertisement for a contractor for the extension of the pipe, the Clerk stating that the Board had no objection at present for advertising in the newspapers.

Mr. Walsh moved that a change of site be accepted in regard to a labourer's cottage proposed to be built on Thomas Buckley's farm at Tullamore.

Mr. O'Connell, C.E., said that the land was equally good, and as it appeared the applicant consented to the change, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Fuller moved a similar motion in reference to a cottage to be built on Mr. Maurice O'Halloran's farm.

The Clerk stated that there was an appeal in this case listed for the Privy Council, and it seemed monstrous to incur a couple of hundred pounds in a case like this.

Mr. Sheehy asked if Mrs. Kelly, the applicant, had paid rent in respect of the plot. The Clerk—Yes.

Mr. O'Connell, C.E., stated that he visited the site with the Local Government Inspector about a week ago.

Mr. Fenix asked what was the opinion of the Inspector regarding the site. Mr. O'Connell, C.E., said that he was not in a position to state.

The Clerk stated that the Inspector visited the site for the Privy Council.

Mr. E. O'Connor said that it appeared that where the cottage was marked at present was very inconvenient to Mr. O'Halloran.

Mr. O'Connell, C.E., stated that the Local Government Board would not consent to the site being changed to the new line, as their Inspector had condemned it.

After a lengthened discussion, Mr. O'Halloran agreed to give an alternative site on the western side of the field on which the present plot is marked.

The Clerk stated that they would give notice of the withdrawal of the appeal in this case.

Mr. Brassil (for Mr. P. Dillon) moved for a change of site on the holding of Michael Buckley, Meenanave.

The motion was adopted.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES. Mr. M. Mahon asked the Board to place one of the rooms in the workhouse at the disposal of a lady lecturer who was about to give instruction on butter-making, etc., under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture.

She would require a few gallons of milk for the purpose of demonstrating, and he also asked that the Board provide this, as the expense would be very small.

The applications were granted.

CAUSEWAY WATERWORKS. Mr. Fenix lodged a guarantee of £7 in connection with the Causeway waterworks.

He apologised to any member of the Board to whom he might have made any offensive remark. He expressed his sincere sorrow that he had characterised his (the parish priest's) letter as impertinent.

It was decided to apply for a provisional order to procure the site for the works.

out the proportion required you must add a certain portion for the proximity to the public road and take into account a variety of other circumstances, such as the length of time the loan is being paid, etc. I wrote asking the Land Commission would they accept five per cent, but did not get any reply to that.

So far as the tenant purchasers are concerned the Land Commissioners have brought the matter to a standstill.

The Chairman—Better write to the Chief Secretary asking for an explanation of this circular which no one can understand. This was agreed to. Adjourned.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS. To be submitted to the proprietors at the 115th half-yearly general meeting on Saturday, the 31st August, 1901.

The statement of account for the half-year ended 30th June, 1901, which has been duly audited and verified is herewith submitted for approval.

The revenue account shows the following results:—Receipts from traffic, rents, etc., per account No. 3, £2,437,135 5d; expenditure on working, etc., per account No. 9, £407,637; profit on half year's working, £1,029,498 5d; miscellaneous receipts, per account No. 10, £11,866—£200,966. Less interest and dividends on debenture and on guaranteed stocks, guarantees, etc., for worked lines, and other prior charges, per account No. 10, £24,645—£106,321. Balance from previous half year, £30,916; available for dividend, £1,035,937.

The directors recommend that dividends at the following rates per annum be declared on the undermentioned stocks of the company, the same to be payable, less income tax, on the 2nd of September next, viz.:—Four per cent on the guaranteed preference stock, £1,057,788; one and a half per cent on the guaranteed stock (Waterford and Limerick), in accordance with the terms of the Company's Amalgamation Act, 1900, £4,481,124; four per cent on the preference stock, £9,555,185; one and a half per cent on the Geashill stock, £206,282; three per cent on the ordinary consolidated stock, £79,879,165; leaving a balance to be carried to the current half-year's account of £1,026,158 5d.

It is also recommended that the usual dividends be declared on the undermentioned baronial guaranteed shares, for the year ended 30th April, 1901, and provision for the same has been made in the accounts:—Four per cent £10, baronial guaranteed shares, County Sligo, £1,600; four per cent £10, baronial guaranteed shares, County Mayo, £2,000.

The following are the details of the traffic receipts of your line for the half-year:—Passengers, £217,753 4s 5d; parcels, horses, carriages, etc., £45,894 3s 6d; mails, £29,000 3s 6d; telegrams, £2,249 15s 5d; minerals, £23,267 14s 2d; live stock, £57,794 15s 5d. Total traffic receipts, £591,560 12s 10d.

Under the terms of the Great Southern and Western Railway and Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Act, 1900, the latter company's line became part of your system from 1st January, 1901, as shown on the accompanying map.

While the traffic receipts of the Amalgamated systems have remained much the same in this half-year, the directors regret that the working expenses have considerably exceeded those of the combined lines in the corresponding period of last year. The additional expenditure incurred owing to the high price of coal amounted to nearly £23,000, and further exceptional outlay was incurred in bringing up the acquired lines to the standard of the Great Southern and Western Railway.

The Drunconra Link Line was opened for traffic to North Wall in the month of April. The directors regret that no further progress has been made with the Junction at Amiens-street.

The sea protection works at Youghal have been completed, and have, so far, proved very satisfactory.

The Company's Act of this Session—authorizing the purchase of the undertakings of the Limerick and Kerry Railway Company, and the Rathkeale and Newcastle Railway Company, in accordance with the agreement with these companies scheduled to the Amalgamation Act of 1900, and for the construction of a line from Gould's Cross to Cashel, and for other purposes—has received the Royal assent. At the close of the ordinary business the half-yearly meeting will be made special for the purpose of creating and authorizing the issue of £500,000 four per cent preference stock and £170,000 four per cent debenture stock, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

The following directors retire from office by rotation:—Mr. Joshua J. Pim, Mr. Geo. Jameson, Mr. Eben. Pike, Mr. William P. Geoghegan, and Mr. Percy B. Bernard, and they offer themselves for re-election.

JOSHUA J. PIM, Chairman.

A DANGEROUS SWIM.

An incident of a somewhat exciting nature occurred at the Corporation Baths, Limerick, about half-past seven o'clock on Sunday evening. A man named John Hynes entered the building, and informed the caretaker he wanted a swim.

The latter, seeing the man was under the influence of drink, endeavoured to dissuade him from seeking a dip in the Shannon just then. The visitor, however, was not to be denied, and dodging past the caretaker took a header into the water, clothes and all. Despite his Dutch courage, it is probable that he would have paid with his life for his foolhardiness had not the caretaker, Mr. H. Clancy, succeeded in bringing him to land. Mr. Clancy reported the affair at Marymount police barracks immediately afterwards.

BLACKROCK COLLEGE (C.S. Sp.) DUBLIN.

This year, the list of the old Intermediate system, Blackrock College heads the colleges of Ireland with 16 exhibitions, as it did when the system was first started 22 years ago. In the Senior Grade 3 exhibitions, the greatest number won by any school or college, all to Blackrock, together with first place in French, German and Drawing; second place in Classics, Latin, Italian, and Natural Science; third place in Greek; 7 retained exhibitions and 4 prizes. In the Middle Grade this college secures 2 exhibitions, 2 retained exhibitions, one prize, second place in Euclid, third in Classics and fourth in Greek. The Junior Grade is well to the front with 6 exhibitions, prizes, one commercial prize (£5), first place in German, first (full marks) and third places in Algebra, and second place in Italian. In Preparatory Blackrock students carry off 5 exhibitions, Master P. Kelly getting 4th place in the Grade and second place in Mathematics, first place in Euclid (full marks) together with third in Italian, etc. also won the first prize in the Junior Grade in Preparatory. The superior teaching of Blackrock is well shown by the high places obtained in Senior Grade, the highest obtained in numerous first and second places in languages, Mathematics and Science in all Grades, and its grand total of 125 passes.

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CENTENARY FEAST IN DONGEN (HOLLAND).

(Special to the SENTINEL). In this year of rejoicing, the first of a new century, while a general jubilee is being celebrated all over the Christian world, the year that sees the little Kingdom of Holland reeking over the country of its young Queen, the Catholic Church in that country has been commemorating by a series of *fees* an event which has made an indelible mark in her annals as well as in the hearts and homes of the Dutch people.

A hundred years ago, while the storm of persecution was raging over the Continent, half a dozen Christian heroines might be seen fleeing before the blast, knowing not whither, but led on by the light of Faith, amidst countless perils, till at last, like the Israelites of old, they succeeded in baffling their pursuers and reaching the confines of a less hostile land. Those adventurous exiles were none else than cloistered nuns, expelled and rudely torn from their convent in Souvain, who set out to find some quiet place where to raise a new altar to their Saviour and King.

Disguised as seculars, they pushed on northward, their lives in their hands, and at length, after wearisome wanderings and "hair-breadth escapes," they pitched their tent under the most providential circumstances, too strange to be told, in a lovely sequestered spot, to them the Land of Promise, the land flowing with the milk of grace and the honey of Divine consolations.

This favoured retreat is situated a few miles from Breda, at present the flourishing rural little town of Dongen, and a most fitting sanctuary could not be chosen by the daughters of the Seraphic Saint of Assisi, that lover of Nature whom the falcons of Alverna used to arouse (at his bidding) from this short slumber that he might join his matin hymn with the joyous songs of his favourite larks. On this spot the convent was founded on the memorable 25th of March, the centenary feast of which has been celebrated on some date with great solemnity, preceded by a triduum. Soon after a boarding school for young ladies was opened, as also day schools for those who wish to obtain Government diplomas for the modern languages has been added.

No wonder that most distinguished families of the whole country gave testimony of their joy on the 25th of June, first centenary feast of the boarding school, as it is to this establishment as also to the other boarding schools of which it is has been the germ, that the geny of the country are indebted for the refined and solid training, religious and mental, which characterizes many a noble matron and fair maiden throughout the land. It was indeed a real *zaterdag*, when from far and nigh, there flocked together quite a galaxy of visitors, some far advanced in years, some still in their teens—all in response to a general invitation to former boarders to assist at an entertainment given in honour of the event. But what an agreeable, though perhaps, somewhat painful surprise for the long-absent ones, on beholding (instead of the dear old convent-castle of yore, with its quaint windows, gloomy corridors, its mead and bridge with a store of legends, a noble tower with spacious walk, and a most beautiful and airy dormitories (provided with all appliances of comfort) a pretty little Gothic tower, exquisite oratories, etc. All was changed, all transformed by the magic wand of Time. Nothing of the past was spared but the fine row of ancestral trees, like giant sentinels frowning down on the new structure—silent witnesses of the dark deeds, said to be perpetrated in the old castle previous to the advent of the nuns.

However, notwithstanding those striking changes round about, one feels that the simple and loving spirit of the seraphic Saint Francis still hovers round the place, while there exist evident proofs that the same pious zeal, the same forgetfulness of self which characterized the noble little band of fugitives of long ago, live on in their successors, whose efforts contribute to the glory of God in the cause of rich and poor, by forming accomplished, useful and exemplary members of society, have up the present, been crowned with success.

In the evening the festive gathering broke up, a *cortege* was formed in the courtyard, and while winding its way through the shrubbery, along charming walks, the history of the convent with the most interesting incidents since its founding, was artistically illustrated—since that distant day when a few nuns in disguise (represented by an equal number of boarders in simple garb) opened the scene, until a later period during which the convent is seen gradually detaching itself from the dim background, till at last it appears in full light, standing out in bold relief, the Mother House of several flourishing boarding schools, prominent among them all as an abode of innocence and joy, as a seat of learning and holy science.

The different groups and tableaux were most skillfully arranged, while the reception, music and performance elicited the warmest applause of the fair guests who returned homewards highly gratified, full of sweet memories of the past.

On the 22nd, 23rd and 24th the young lady boarders had a most enjoyable time, the photographer, ventriloquist and professional juggler had their place on the programme, while the brass band displayed its sweetest skill on the occasion.

The young folks are impatiently awaiting an ideal day to close the centenary celebrations by an excursion to some interesting "bosch" or "meer," wood or lake in the vicinity.

Tourists from the British Isles would find it worth the trouble of making a halt in Breda, to come to see this lovely spot, which can be conveniently reached by tram-car, and should there be young ladies among them inclined to embrace the religious life, the writer ventures to say they would receive a hearty welcome, and a *céleste* mile of the convent, and better still the "hundred-fold" in perfect peace and holy poverty; or if there be others who appreciate a continental education, besides the up-to-date accomplishments, they would not fail to acquire the habits of economy, thrift and other household virtues so characteristic of the people of Holland.

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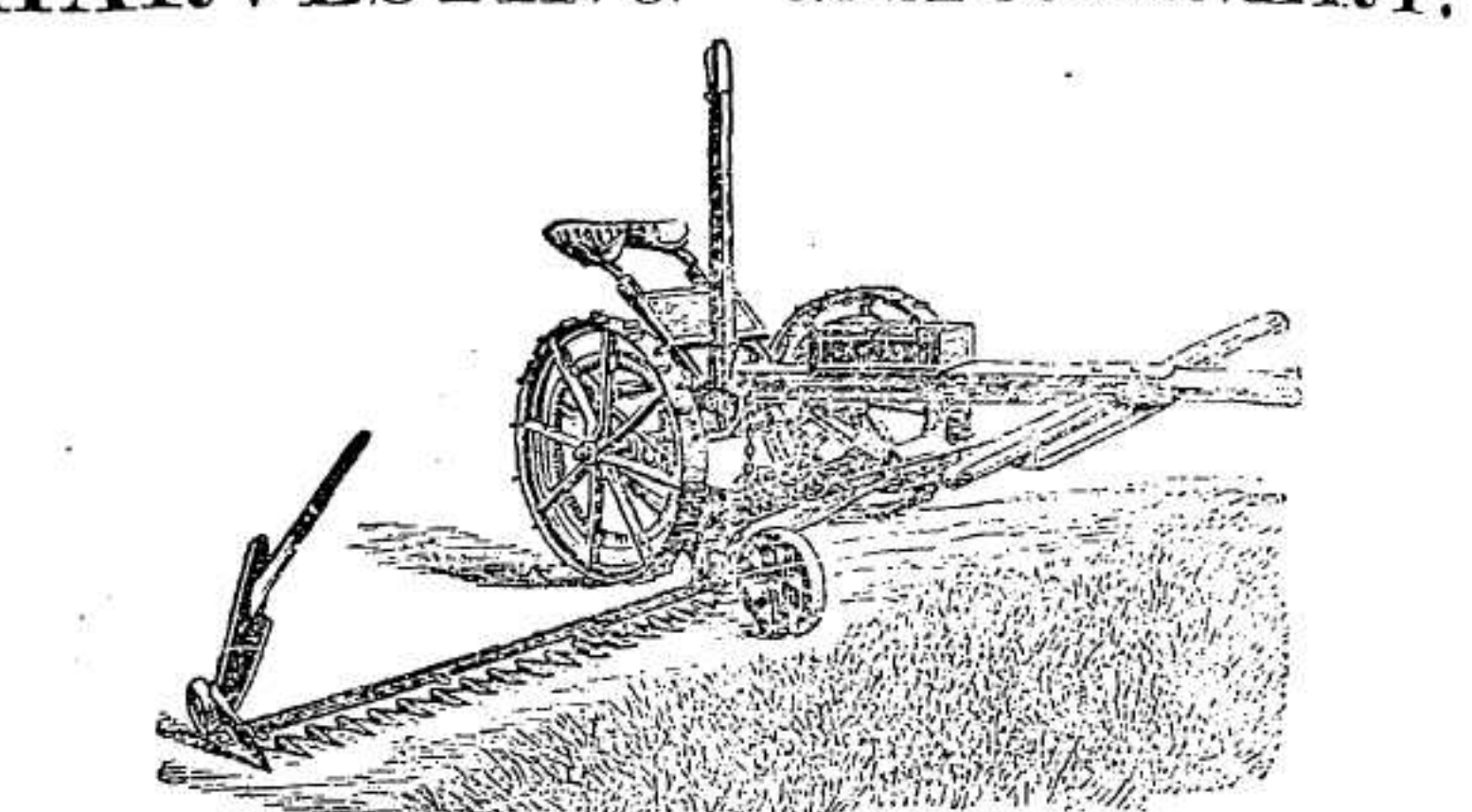
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