

God's wiser ways demands our faith, were it only for our own sake. If all were revealed, all would be common-places. It is better to believe and hope than to see.
Father Sheehan.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

The young recruit goes forth to fields of battle.
He knows not, heeds not, what may be before him.
Untied from apron-strings of her that bore him,
He plods at school-desk, or he tendeth cattle.

But low pursueth his spirit, may be spurning;
He longs to enter on a higher mission,
Where life doth open nobler competition
In trade, profession, or in sphere of learning.

But everywhere are enemies or rivals—
Inordinate wrong cravings, that importune,
Impolicy, ill-health, ill-gains, ill-fortune,
Bring conflicts fierce that end in bare survivals.

One said of old that "man is born to trouble"—
So best it is, since hardest toil procureth
The sweetest rest, that fresh'n'gly endureth,
Makes conscience clear, and earneth guerdon double.

Then, soldier, forward go, like stripling David,
To face all foes, though each be fearsome giant;
Seek courage from on high 'gainst ill-defiant,
And thou shalt keep thy life through Him who gave it.

MERLIN.

OPEN THE DOOR.

Open the door, let in the air;
The winds are sweet, and the flowers are fair,
Joy is abroad in the world to-day;
If our door is wide it may come this way.
Open the door!

Open the door, let in the sun;
He hath a smile for every one;
He hath made of the raindrops gold and gems
He may change our tears to diadems.
Open the door!

Open the door of the soul, let in
Strong, pure thoughts which shall banish sin.
They will grow and bloom with a grace divine,
And their fruit shall be sweeter than that of the vine.
Open the door!

Open the door of the heart; let in
Sympathy sweet for stranger and kin,
It will make the halls of the heart so fair,
That angels may enter unaware.
Open the door!
—"Chambers' Journal."

DEATH OF MRS. DOYLE.

We announce with very sincere regret the death of Mrs. Doyle, widow of the late Daniel Doyle, solicitor, which took place rather unexpectedly at her residence George street this morning after a couple of weeks illness. The deceased lady was ever foremost in the cause of charity and was beloved by a wide circle of friends for her amiable and unassuming manner. We tender to her respected family our sympathy in their great sorrow. Mrs. Doyle was mother of Mr. James Doyle, solicitor, Mr. C. F. Doyle, B.L., and Mr. D. S. Doyle, solicitor, while her daughters have always identified themselves with any charitable or philanthropic movement in the city.

INCIDENT AT THE QUAYS.

Some commotion was caused in the vicinity of Sarsfield-street this morning by the report that a man had been thrown into the river at the Wellesley Bridge, but the occurrence turned out less serious than was at first described. William Casey, dock labourer, fell into the water between the quay wall and a vessel which was being discharged of a cargo of herrings. His wife was present at the time and it is alleged that they quarrelled. Casey, who was under the influence of drink, was rescued without much difficulty, and was subsequently brought to William-street barrack, where he was detained.

At the Police Court this morning before Mr. Hickson, R.M., a man named Patrick Morgan a blacksmith was charged with drunkenness. His wife complained to the police that he had turned herself and three or four children out on the streets on the occasion. On the application of Sergeant Lloyd the accused was discharged to be summoned.

Literary Class will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, when there will be a debate—"That the Introduction of the Electric System into Limerick will be successful in every way." The subject being local and one which is exciting considerable interest just now, a lively and interesting debate may be anticipated.

Sir Thomas Cleave, J.P., was among those present at the Lord Lieutenant's first Levée on Tuesday night, and Captain Frank Cleave was presented. At the Drawing-room last night Mrs. Harry Crowe was presented by Lady Inchiquin, Lady Nutting was presented by Lady Dease, Miss Spillane was presented by Mrs. Hetreed. Lady Cleave and Miss Cleave were also present. The function was a brilliant one, and the attendance was larger than had been seen for several years.

ENNIS COTTAGE SCHEME.

STRONG MEASURES.

At the meeting of the Ennis District Council yesterday, strong complaints were made of the intolerable delay in erecting the labourers' cottages, in consequence of the Engineer not doing his duty (as stated by Mr. John Frost, Mr. Harding, and other members). It was resolved:—"Unless Mr. O'Connor, our Engineer, satisfies us at our next meeting that he has complied with the Order of the 21st January, re the Labourers' Scheme, and handed to the Clerk the amended maps, to be forwarded to the Local Government Board, he be called on to send in his resignation."

LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday, 3rd instant, Ven. Archdeacon of Limerick, Chairman.

A memorial on behalf of three children was read for first time.

Reports from three parishes relative to school attendance of children were received and explanations found satisfactory.

A special Report from Council of Female Orphans' Training School was considered and a resolution passed with a view to strengthening the Funds of the Institution so as to maintain it in its present state of efficiency.

CHESS IN LIMERICK.

The Limerick Protestant Young Men's Chess Club challenged the Limerick Chess Club to a match of eight a side, each playing two games. The contest came off last night in the George Hotel, and an appreciable interest was taken in the match by many lovers of the ancient game in the city. Below we give the result. Limerick Chess Club won by eight games.

The following was the score:—

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Mr Mitchell	00	v. Mr Brophy	11
Mr D. Browne	11	v. Mr Delaney	00
Mr A. Cross	01	v. Mr G. H. Sullivan	10
Mr Hunter	00	v. Mr G. Bolshaw	11
Mr Neazor	00	v. Mr Barrington	11
Mr Ashe	10	v. Mr Hindle	01
Mr Jenkins	00	v. Mr E. G. Fitt	11
Mr J. F. Bennis	00	v. Mr R. J. Levery	11
Total,	4	Total,	12

CELERY.

This is good this year, the wet season having suited it. The crop for late spring supply ought soon to be earthed up now, as much frost plays havoc with it, especially after a wet, mild autumn. A fine, dry day must be chosen; in fact, several days will be necessary on heavy soil ere such work can be undertaken, and it will be prudent to scatter a little lime between the plants, as slugs are abundant. Let this be the final moulding, as the plants make very little more growth from this date, smoothing the soil with the back of the spade so that rain will quickly run off.

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ties throughout the Limerick District for the destruction of salmon during the close season is considered by this Board to be one of the most serious steps that can be taken towards helping to encourage a practice which has done more mischief to the salmon industry than any other practice known, and if continued, is sure to destroy the efficiency of the men employed by this Board for protection purposes, and owing to the cost involved will render prosecutions for breaches of the fishery laws impossible, and we ask the serious attention of the Department to this matter."

WEIR FISHING.

The police at Kildysart reported that Mr. McAuliffe's weirs at that place had been put into fishing order since the 17th January.

The Secretary said that the Board had given permission for this, as it was necessary that the weirs should be put into working order during spring tide, previous to the opening of the season.

Mr. Vansittart pointed out that the season did not open until the 12th February, and there was a spring tide a few days previously.

Mr. McAuliffe said the heads were not put on the rivers until the season opened, and consequently the fish could not be captured. He did not see why any distinction should be made, or why his weirs should be singled out from others.

The Secretary—This arises from a report by the police.

Mr. M'Inerney said that all the weirs in the western waters should be visited by their inspector, because he was aware that they may be managed in such a way that the fish would be caught.

The Board ordered that weirs should only be allowed to be equipped at the tide previous to the opening of the season, which would be about the 8th February.

The remaining business was routine.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOHN CULLEN.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Cullen, of Newport Co. Tipperary, whose early demise, at the age of 42 years, is deeply deplored, took place yesterday, the remains being interred in the family burial place at Newport churchyard. The funeral was of immense proportions, the whole country side for miles around being represented. The coffin was borne the entire distance from his late residence to the graveyard by many friends as well as several of his employees. The chief mourners were—Mr. George Cullen (father), Mr. Wm. Cullen (brother), the sons of the deceased, and Messrs Waters and Ceburn relatives. Amongst those present from Limerick were the Rev. H. H. Semple, M.A.; Mr. Johnstone, V.S.; Mr. T. Ewart, Captain Kimmitt, Mr. M. O'Toole, Mr. T. H. M'Kern, Dr. Laird, Mr. P. O'Connor (Cannon & Co), Mr. Crawford (do), Mr. Frank Vaneesbeck, Mr. George Owens, Mr. C. Cross, Mr. A. Rowand, Mr. A. P. Lynch, Mr. M'Arthur, Mr. A. J. Barnett, Mr. B. Smyth, Mr. F. Herriott, Mr. B. Cleland, Mr. E. Baker, etc. Those present from the surrounding districts, or who sent carriages, included—Mr. Gabbett, Mr. Twiss, Mr. Ryan, J.P.; Mr. Going, Mr. J. B. Barrington, J.P., etc. The Rev. Maurice Day, Rector of Newport, and the Rev. Mr. Studert were the officiating clergymen.

FURTHERING FISHERY INDUSTRIES.

A private and consultive meeting was held yesterday in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, to consider the advisability of taking steps to arrange for the holding of an Industrial Conference in Dublin. Resolutions in furtherance of the object of the meeting were adopted.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.

A young farmer named Patrick Ryan, of Knockaculla, after being at the Miltown fair on Saturday, was found unconscious in a field near his house on the Sunday morning. He died 12 hours later, and at the inquest held on the body the jury found that death resulted from failure of the heart's action.

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