

THE CLARE OUTRAGE.

Ministerial Investigation.

Courthouse Ennis yesterday, Pat Rogers, in connection with the attempted murder of J. Hegarty, at Ballinruan Church, on July 2, brought up on remand before Mr P. S. M. Inspector Townsend, Ennis, prosecuted. J. Hunt, solr, was for the defence.

John Scanlan, Tulla, deposed, that on July 2, he was sent for to come to Ballinruan. Patrick J. Hegarty. He got there at 10 o'clock, and he found Mr Hegarty in bed in his own house, with his clothes on. He examined him and found he had three wounds, the chin nearly two inches long, one on the right side about three inches long, and on the right side of the jaw extending to 3 1/2 inches long. They were all incised. He stitched and dressed the wounds, and took him to the County Infirmary. When he next he was well. He put fifteen stitches in the wounds. The wounds were caused by a sharp instrument.

Patrick J. Hegarty deposed that he lived at Ballinruan, and was employed by the Clare Council. He remembered Sunday, July 2, when he attended Divine Service at Ballinruan. He knelt at the back of the last seat before the altar, and about seven o'clock he turned down the aisle and about seven o'clock he went in the main door. During the service a hand came over his left shoulder from behind, and struck him on the neck. He received a second wound on the neck from the top of the collar. He left the church, and was followed out by a man to the door, who inflicted a third wound on his chin. His clothes were covered with blood, and immediately he got home he called on Dr Scanlan, who dressed his wounds and took him to the County Infirmary.

Vinifred Doffy deposed that her husband, J. Duff, was a blacksmith, and she locked the Ballinruan Church and cleaned it. On the day before the occurrence she cleaned the church between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning. She saw any knife knocking about?—No, for she was out under the pews, and it could not be known to me. I moved all the seats and examined under them, I then looked up the door, and he gave the keys to Mr William Clane, the schoolmaster.

John Irwin, Caher Hat, stated that on Sunday he was at Mass with Sergeant Oates in the second top pew, at the right hand side. The other Constables were in another pew—Conroy, Carney and Kelly. About the middle of the service he heard a wild scream in the direction of the altar, and he stood up, and looked back. A large congregation stood up too, and were looking in the direction of the shouting. He then saw a man rush to the door, and he heard two more men in quick succession, one about at the altar and the other further out. He then saw where he was, and went in the main door of the door. Sergeant Oates arrested him. He saw people kneeling near the altar, and amongst them was the accused. At the conclusion of the service, witness searched the church, and found the knife (produced), which was his, and in his opinion had been recently used.

Townsend asked for a further remand for the purpose of producing material evidence against

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EVANS—August 3rd, at 11 Glentworth-street, Limerick, wife of Captain J. S. Pearson Evans, of a son.

JEFFARES—July 14, 1916, at Victoria, British Columbia, the wife of A. M. Jeffares, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CLARKE and MCKINLEY—August 8, 1916, at Kilglass Parish Church, Co. Sligo, by Rev. J. W. Morrow, Rector, assisted by Rev. Dean Allen, William, eldest son of late Thomas Clarke, Carrowmacarrack, Coolaney, to Isobel, youngest daughter of late Wm. McKinley, Kilglass, Co. Sligo.

DOWNNEY and TYNAN—August 7, 1916, at Rathmines Catholic Church, by Rev. P. J. McDonnell, C.C., T. J. Downey, M.A., N.U.I., 16 St. Columba's-road, Drumcondra, to Eileen Marie, youngest daughter of Felix and Mary Tynan, 3 Park View Avenue, Harold's Cross, Dublin.

DEATHS.

DONNELLY—August 16, 1916, at her residence, Nenagh, Mary Anne, wife of James Donnelly, second daughter of the late Alexander Clarke, of Ballinaclough, Nenagh, and grand-daughter of the late George Clarke, Leganne, Killaloe, aged 83. Funeral on Friday for Ballinaclough, at 2 p.m.

O'SHAUGHNESSY—Michael, second son of Patrick O'Shaughnessy, 1 Lower Henry-street, Limerick. Funeral arrangements later. R.I.P.

POLLEXFEN—August 15, 1916, at Bray, Alfred E. Pollexfen, youngest son of the late Wm. Pollexfen, Merville, Sligo.

TALBOT—August 15, 1916, at Weston House, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, the residence of her father, Emily Mary, the beloved daughter of Thomas and Agnes M. Talbot.

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