

ST KNOCKADERRY NOTES

(From Our Correspondent).

The Mission.

The Mission conducted by the Holy Ghost Fathers, the Rev. Dr. Harnett, C.S.Sp., and Rev. Father O'Connor, C.S.Sp., closed at Knockaderry Church on Sunday evening. Notwithstanding the fact that the Mission opened at Clouncagh church simultaneously with the closing at Knockaderry side of the parish, there was a large congregation present at Knockaderry.

Large Congregations.

The large congregations at the morning Masses and Instructions and also at the evening devotions during the week were very edifying demonstrations of the religious zeal of the people of the parish and those on the outskirts who belong to the parishes of Castlemahon and Rathkeale.

A Fine Response.

The people wholeheartedly responded to the appeal of the Holy Fathers at the commencement of the Mission to make the little sacrifices of an earlier rising in the morning and the hustle of the day's work so as to be in time for the morning and evening devotions during the week. Each morning of the week large numbers approached the altar rails and a great number was present at the General Communion on Sunday morning.

Closing Sermon.

The Rev. Dr. Harnett closed the Mission with a very touching and eloquent sermon, after which followed the renewal of the Baptismal Vows, the Papal Blessing and the blessing of the Rev. Missioner himself.

The Late Dr. Ambrose.

The news of the death in London of Dr. Robert Ambrose had an interest for people in Knockaderry. Dr. Ambrose, who had an extensive medical practice in London, represented West Mayo for a period in the British House of Commons. He was a first cousin of the late Rev. Father Ambrose, P.P., Glenroe, who was a curate here forty years ago, and was also a first cousin of Mr. Robert Quaid and Miss Quaid and of Mrs. McKessy, Knockaderry.

The Shield Comes Home.

The Knockaderry Gaelic League

HOSPITAL ECHOES

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Late Mr. P. Fitzgerald.

The death took place recently at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Ryan, Old Pallas, of Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Main Street, and brother of Mr. R. J. Fitzgerald. Deceased was in the prime of his manhood. Educated at the local De La Salle Brothers' school, he was a brilliant student, and his inclinations turning towards a seafaring life, he secured a post as writer in the British Navy. Henceforth he saw his native town only when his short annual leave came round. Tall, handsome, distinguished-looking, his trim figure displayed to advantage his neat naval uniform.

Love for the Homeland.

His occupation took him to many distant places, and he saw strange peoples, quaint old cities, beheld foreign customs and manners, but through all the vicissitudes of his wandering life on the ocean's wave, he never lost his love for the homeland and looked forward to a life of peace and serenity in his native district, when his years of service should be over. He was not destined, however, to enjoy his well-earned rest for long. Shortly after his retirement on pension from the service, he fell into ill-health, and going to live with his sister, who in her early days had entered the nursing profession, he was thus enabled to receive the care and ministrations which he needed. In spite of every care, however, his condition gradually became worse, but he bore his sufferings and faced the end with the strength and fortitude which his life on the sea had engendered in him. Reserved in manner to casual acquaintances, yet to his former school companions he preserved the close intimacy and warm friendship which betokened and ardent and loving nature. His early death after such a long and painful illness was a source of much grief to the friends here who knew and admired his manly character.

The Interment.

The funeral took place from Nicker Church to Arthanassey cemetery, Elton, for interment. The attendance at the graveside was large and representative and reflected the popularity of deceased