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It may be mentioned that when the Quilty fishermen were about to risk their lives in rescue work, Rev. E. Scanlan (R.I.P.), then curate in the parish, gave his blessing to them, encouraging them to undertake the heroic work of life-saving.

The Quilty rescues created a sensation in Ireland at the time; they were celebrated in prose and verse, and eventually led to the erection of a memorial church within a couple of hundred yards of the spot at which the French sailors were safely landed.

The following stanzas—the first and the last—are taken from a verified account of the episode, written by a Clareman residing in Limerick, and published in the Dublin "Evening Telegraph" on October 12th, 1907:—

THE MEN OF QUILTY.

They tell of the deeds of daring done in the battle's onset fierce,

When each man strives with steel or lead his brother's breast to pierce;

But here I sing of the fishermen on the rock-bound Coast of Clare,

Who laughed at death as they sprang to save the Frenchmen shipwrecked there.

Then here's to the men of Quilty,

Of cowardice ne'er guilty,

They left their wives,

And they risked their lives,

Those fearless men of Quilty.

Good luck to the brave, unselfish men that toil on the coast of Clare,

Tho' the world may mock at their poverty, there's the breed of heroes there;

And many a time in the after years, when the tempest howls in the bay,

Will be told the tale of the brave deeds done on that bleak October day.

Then here's to the men of Quilty—

From Derry to Clonakilty.

All Ireland's proud

And chants aloud

The praise of the men of Quilty.

"STAR OF THE SEA."

A movement was set on foot by Willie Redmond, then M.P. for Clare, to raise funds "to reimburse

citizens would like to know what steps, if any, are being taken to deal with a problem of growing importance.

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HOUSE OF TRAGEDY.

Caherguillamore House—a house of tragedy—was mentioned at the meeting of the Limerick County Council on Saturday arising out of a recommendation from the Land Commission to have a road constructed through the Baring estate. One night, during the Black and Tan war, a dance was held in the mansion under the auspices of the Volunteers. In the "wee hours" the building was surrounded by the minions of John Bull, who, firing promiscuously, killed three young men and wounded others. Several of those present were made prisoners, to be tried later by court-martial and sentenced to terms of penal servitude in English convict prisons.

the brave fishermen of Quilty, who acted with so much gallantry in rescuing the crew of the ill-fated ship Leon XIII," and later on, money came in so plentifully that it was decided, after distributing part of the proceeds among the rescuers, to erect a memorial church at Quilty.

This project was carried out, and the result was that a handsome church was built close to the shore at the end of the hamlet. It was well named Star of the Sea, and has served a useful purpose by enabling people living along the coast to hear Mass without walking two miles to Mullagh parish church, as had previously been necessary.

Such is the story of the famous doings of the men of Quilty in October, 1907.

DEATH.

Barry—On the 25th November, at the City Home and Hospital, Mrs. Margaret Barry (nee McGrath), Thomondgate. Remains were removed on last evening to St. Munchin's Church. Funeral at 3 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.