

# A Distinguished Priest

## Passing of Very Rev J. A. Hennessy, O.S.A.

With deep feelings of regret the news of the death of the Very Rev Joseph A Hennessy, Prior of St. Augustine's, Limerick, has been received in Limerick, the Very Rev gentleman passing away at the County Infirmary, Limerick, on Monday evening. Father Hennessy, who was in his 70th year, did not enjoy the best of health for some time past. He was a native of Pallagreen and spent 35 years of his Sacred Ministry in Limerick.

Born in 1862 at Pallagreen, Father Hennessy entered the Augustinian Order, on October 14th, 1888, being professed on the 10th November, 1889, and ordained priest in June, 1890. He returned to Limerick in 1906, and from 1927 to 1936 was Provincial of the Irish Province of the Order.

A great priest and a great Irishman, Fr. Hennessy enjoyed the widest measure of popularity in his native county, having many friends in every walk of life. Not the least of his very many accomplishments was the commencement of the new Church of the Augustinians in O'Connell street, a beautiful edifice of which the first half was opened a short while ago, which is being built on the site of the old church, with a big extension on new ground.

Father Hennessy was a deep lover of his native land, and was associated with the Irish Volunteers from their inception practically to the signing of the Treaty in 1921, and during the Anglo Irish war, his life was so much in danger from British Crown forces that for a period it was not considered safe for him to sleep in the Priory

His death is a loss of splendid presence. Father Hennessy was an eloquent and impressive preacher and his death will be a big loss to the Augustinian Community in the Irish Province.

The remains will be removed from the Infirmary this (Tuesday) evening at 7 p.m. Office and Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m., and the funeral will take place immediately after to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.