

Sad Tragedy

Limerick Nun's Death

A sad tragedy occurred near Belvoir, Sixmilebridge, on Tuesday evening, when Sister Mary Clara O'Donovan, a member of the Mercy Order at Wanstead House, London, was killed when a pony attached to a trap in which she was driving bolted.

Accompanied by her father, Mr John O'Donovan, of Marree, county Limerick, the deceased was visiting her uncle, Mr John Gleeson. When about a hundred yards from the residence the pony suddenly bolted and swerved to the right hand side of the road. The wheel of the car mounted the fence and the trap tumbled over. Both deceased and her father were pitched on to the road and Sister Mary Clara sustained injuries which proved immediately fatal.

A poignant feature of the tragedy was that the deceased nun had only recently returned from England to spend a holiday at home and to be present at the ordination of her brother, Rev Matthew O'Donovan, at Charleville last Sunday week. Immediately following the accident Dr O'Flynn, Killybegs, was called on the scene but life was extinct.

THE INQUEST.

At an inquest held at Sixmilebridge a verdict was returned in accordance with the medical testimony. Evidence was given to show that the deceased died from fracture of the cervical spine.

The coroner, Dr D Scanlan, and Sept Murray, joined in expressing deep sympathy with the relatives.

Sister Mary Clara was a niece of Mr Philip O'Donovan, ex Mayor of Limerick, and of Mr J Gleeson, householder, vintner, O'Connell street, Limerick.