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QUARANT ORE IN HOSPITAL

Inspiring and edifying scenes of devotion (writes our Hospital correspondent) were witnessed at the annual devotion of the Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Hospital. Very Rev. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F., celebrated Solemn Mass on Sunday, the choir rendering the sacred music of the Mass with appropriate devotion and restraint. The various exercises connected with the Adoration were exemplarily attended and the scenes on the closing morning were a fitting climax, when the entire congregation manifested their faith and their love for Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist by approaching the altar rails.

GLIN OLD FAIR

At Glin old fair on Wednesday there was a large supply. Sales were slow, but good prices were paid for good cattle. Numerous buyers attended. Prices were as follows:—In-calf heifers, £25 to £26; 1½-year-old heifers, £15 to £17; yearlings, £6 to £12; springers, £25 to £30; old cows, £8 to £14; bonhams, £4.

SLAUGHTERED FOR SIX COUNTIES.

Seventeen aged horses and two asses bought at Rathkeale fair on Friday of last week for the Six Counties were slaughtered and the carcasses removed in lorries.

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

For allowing noxious weeds to grow on her lands, Margaret Donovan, Ardnamoher, was fined £3 at Kilfinane Court, and for a similar offence Patrick Lynch, Stephentown, was fined £2, Court costs being allowed in both cases.

ABBEYFEALE MARKETS (29th November).

Hundreds of turkeys sold at 2/- and geese at 1/1 per lb.; chickens and hens, 1/3; eggs, 3/- per doz.; butter (farmers), 2/- per lb.; rabbits, 1/11 each; turf, 35/- per ton.

improve in later age, pointed out how easy it would be for Barnard to improve. He said in the same strain, and Barnard's only reply was a very mild verse on Johnson's manners:

Johnson shall teach me how to place
In fairest light each borrowed grave;
From him I'll learn to write.
Copy his clear familiar style,
And by the roughness of his file,
Grow, like himself, polite.

The incident has been immortalised by that incurable old gossip, Horace Walpole, who wrote to his friend, the Countess of Ossory:—"The verses are an answer to a gross brutality of Dr. Johnson, to which a proper answer would have been to fling a glass of wine in his face. I have no patience with an unfortunate monster trusting to his helpless deformity for indemnity for any impertinence that his arrogance suggests, and who thinks that what he has read is an excuse for everything he says."

Barnard was twice married, first to Ann Brown, by whom he had one son, Andrew, who became a Colonial Secretary. At the age of seventy-five he married Jane Ross-Lewin of Fort Fergus, County Clare, aged twenty-two, to the great scandal of his relatives and Limerick society. In utter contempt of public opinion, he wrote to his niece:—"You may tell your sister Sarah in time that if I lose my present wife (as I expect to do) I shall certainly look out for a third, as soon as propriety will admit, and she ought to be apprised of my intentions." Poor Jane was a chronic consumptive and died shortly after—but the Bishop didn't live to fulfil his intention. He died on 7th June, 1806, aged 78.

The letters of Bishop Barnard to his niece, together with other letters of the Barnard family during the year 1778-1824, were first published in 1928.

FATAL FALL

Peter Kennedy (47), Lissane, Clarecastle, while engaged in driving a horse and car, used for delivering milk, fell from the vehicle and sustained a fractured skull. He was admitted to the Clare County Hospital, where he died.

MUNICIPAL DINNERS.

The number of meals served under Limerick Municipal Dinners Scheme during the week ended November 27th was 1,632.

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