

Obituary.

Limerick Priest's Sad End

Only Eighth Months In the Missionary Field]

The life of heroic sacrifice faced by priests of The Society of African Missions is brought vividly to mind again by the death, just reported, of Rev Father Patrick Joseph Clancy, S.M.A. Born at Cherry Grove, Rathurd, near Limerick, on the 18th December, 1917, he was educated at St Munchin's College, Limerick, and entered the Novitiate of The African Missions at Galway on 5th November, 1938. He was ordained at Newry on 18th December, 1943, and took part in the Annual Departure Ceremony at Blackrock Road, Cork, in October of that year.

Owing to war conditions he did not sail for his mission until February of this year. His death, from the dreaded Blackwater Fever, was reported from Ondo Ilorin Vicariate Northern Nigeria, on Saturday last. Twenty-seven years old—not quite two years ordained, and in the eighth month of his missionary career—he is a great loss to the Church, to his Society, to his sorrowing parents and to Ireland.