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DEATH OF MISS L. HALPIN

The obsequies of the late Miss Lily Halpin took place on the 11th inst. from St. Michael's Church, where a Solemn Requiem Mass had been celebrated that morning, to the family burial ground at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. As already stated in our columns, death came to the deceased lady at a few hours' notice while she was on a visit to the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Sean O'Curran, the well-known Irish author, at Cappoquin. Miss Halpin had been an invalid since childhood, and consequently had not the opportunity of meeting people socially as a person in health would have, yet it is no exaggeration to state that she was beloved by everyone who came into touch with her and these could be numbered by hundreds. In fact such was her disposition and charm that to know her was to love her. She was remarkably well read, and a most entertaining conversationalist, and though having very decided convictions on most matters, broadminded and tolerant.

Miss Halpin was the eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Halpin, and therefore a member of a family that has been prominently identified with national, Irish-Ireland and cultural life in Limerick for many years. An older generation will recall that Mr. Halpin was one of the three leaders of the then totally unorganised railway workers, when on the amalgamation of the Limerick and Waterford Railway with the Great Southern and Western Railway, the directors of the latter sought to completely close down the locomotive workshops and transfer the workers to Inchicore. This agitation was successful to the point that the Great Southern directors were compelled to keep the shops in operation for a specified number of years, but led to the victimisation of Mr. Halpin and the other two leaders.

The immense and representative cortege that accompanied the remains to Mount St. Lawrence bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased lady and her family are held.

The chief mourners were:—Mr. Joseph Halpin (father), Jack (brother), Mrs. Sean Curran, Mrs. J. Slattery, Mrs. C. Quane, Mrs. M. O'Grady (sisters); Seosamh and Sean Slattery (nephews); Niona, Deirdre, Emer and Treasa, Flinta Quane (nieces and nephews); Sean Curran, John Slattery, C. Quane and M. O'Grady (brothers-in-law).

The officiating clergy were:—Rev. Dr. Cowper, Adm.; Rev. Father White, C.C.; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.C.; Rev. Father Lyons, C.C.; Rev. Father Minihan, C.C.; Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.C.; Rev. Father Mangin, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Ephriam, O.F.M. (Guardian); Rev. Father Roche, S.J. (Rector); Rev. Father Hurley, S.J.

Letters of sympathy were received from Father Grey, S.C.; Bro. Felix, O.F.M.; Bro. Joseph, O.F.M.; Bro. Leo, O.F.M.; Jim Quane, Paddy Barry, Rev. Mother and Community, Cappoquin; Senator Sugrua (An Seabhac), Eiblis Ni Murchuidha.

Telegrams were received from the following:—Halpin family, Clonmel; Scully family, Glencar; Marghread Claidillon, Dublin; Paddy and Ciss

seeds. Sow them singly in small pots, or many seeds in a bigger pot and germinate them on a hot-bed. Failing a hot-bed, either purchase the plants at the end of May, or sow two seeds in early May in each mound under glass jam jars or the like, and thin out seedlings to one per mound when they come up. The mounds for trailing marrows should be 6 ft. apart each way, and those for bush marrows 4 ft. There is no necessity to make very big mounds. Take out a couple of shovelfuls of soil, put in half a barrow of manure and put back the soil taken out. This will make a slight mound sufficiently high to keep the crown of the plant from being waterlogged.

J. J. O'CARROLL, R.Sc.O.

THE LAST PERFORMANCE.
 I last heard the song at about 10 o'clock to-night. I had just put a few sods of turf on the fire, and had commenced to read. The house was very still, except when from time to time a cricket chirped in the hearth. The fire began to crackle merrily, and I read on in peace and comfort. Then at about 10 p.m. or 10.5 to be correct, I heard the song. Faint at first, it increased in power and tempo, full of fiery emotion and burning passion. It came from the direction of my outstretched toes, from where the kettle was singing on the hob.

BEANNACHTAI O SHASANA.

I have received a letter from an exile in Devon, sunny Devon, land of orchards and cider. He sends greetings to all readers of this column.

Curran, Dublin; May and Rita O'Grady, Dublin; Brigid and Seamus O'Donnadha, Dublin; Major Tom Halpin and Lena, Cork; Sister Joseph, Cork; McCarthys, Athea; Madge, Carrie and Agnes O'Daly, Dublin; Chris Scully, Glenbeigh; M. Jenkinson, Dublin; Pat and Meta O'Donnell, Curragh Camp; Rev. Fr. McCarthy, Adm., Bere Island; Art McGann, Dublin; Joe, Limerick; E. Denn, Fermoy; Mrs. J. Carroll, Clonmel; Mary Halpin and family, Clonmel; John and Nellie Scanlan, Villerstown; Sean Nolan, Nenagh. Telegrams—Alf. and Kit, Limerick; Fear Mor, Ring College; Miceal O'Domhnaill, Ring College; Siobhan Ni Mhacair, Ring College; Kitty Scanlan, Ring College; mother and Alice Curran, Ring; M. Bolger, Kilkenny; Micheal O'Curran and Bhean, Ring.

The following sent Mass cards—Her loving father; Peg and Christy; Una and Mick; Triasa and Sean; Fanny and John; Jack; her loving nieces and nephews; Long family; the Carey family; Mr. and Mrs. O'Moore and family, New York; Cooney family; O'Connors, O'Connell Avenue; McMahon (Lynch) and family; Chris and Madge; Rita and Henry O'Neill; Mairead and Prolinias A Gadhra; Benson family; Fred O'Flynn; A. S. O h-Allmhurain; Luke and Lil Larkin; Mr. and Mrs. Slattery and family; Maurice and Jimmie Kelly; Margaret Cross and family; Kitty Corbett and family; P. Hannon and family; the McCarthy family, Cappoquin; the Bell family, Cappoquin; Helena Curran and family, Cappoquin; O'Dwyer family, Cappoquin; Mrs. Mansfield, Cappoquin; Bridget Cunningham and family, Cappoquin; Jack and Joy Crowe, Cappoquin; Miss Kerfoot, Cappoquin; K. Sargent and family, Cappoquin; McNamara family; Frank, Maura, Carl and Dermot, Cappoquin; N. Spillane, Cappoquin; Mick and Bridie Teeling, Cappoquin; Michael and Mrs. O'Connor, Cappoquin; Tabhras, Cappoquin; A. and M. Fraher, Cappoquin; the Dunne family, Cappoquin; David Nolan and family; C. Thompson and family; Joe, Annie and Bill; Ned and Annie O'Connell; Mary Anne Cassidy, Dublin; Kelly family; B. and N. Kirby; Josephine Roche-Kelly; Bob, Rita and children; Paddy and Bertha Meskell; Martin and Bernard; Dick and Angela Meskell; Sergeant and Mrs. O'Mahony; Eiblis Ni Mhurchadha; Mrs. McNamara and family; Mrs. P. O'Farrell and family; Dalac O Ciardha; Suin; Maire Bn Ni Mordha and T. Ni Driscoll; Henry and Mary Styles; Jim Donovan; Maire Ni Neactain; William Myers and family; Eamonn agus Nora De h-Oir; Dan and Minnie Bourke; C. and M. Ryan; Mrs. McGann and Gertie; Violet, Ita and Mrs. Danagher; Hanna Mathews; the McGulres, Annacrusha; the McGrath family; Nonie Lenihan; Portley; Rev. Father Grey, S.C.; Rev. Father McCarthy, Adm., Bere Island; Lillie Coogan; J. and M. Leahy; An T-Ath Tomas O Muir-tille, C.I.; the O'Dogherty family; Bhera Punch; Joe and B. Dalton; Frank and Cella Cooney; Mr. and Mrs. Loughran and family; Rita and Kitty Walsh; Caitlin Ni Scannlain; John and Nellie Glynn and family; Nan Griffin and family; Maura McGowan; Una and Mrs. Mulqueen; Alf and Kit McGann; Susan Shanahan; Mrs. Wickham and family; Butler and Mulqueen family; Sara Conway.

CUCUMBERS, MELONS AND MARROWS.
 These three members of the one family require quite different cultural treatments. Cucumbers and melons require much heat for their early life, and the artificial protection of glass throughout their life, but once marrows are up and liability of frost is gone they can be grown quite easily out of doors. The ridge type of cucumbers can also be grown out of doors, and I would advise any one without glass to try them, as they can be grown as easily as marrows, and if well grown are as tasty as any indoor-grown cucumber.
 Up to the time of flowering cucumbers and melons require plenty of heat and moisture in the soil and surrounding atmosphere. Then the melons must be kept in a drier atmosphere until the blossoms are "set" and the fruit is swelling. After this, they and the cucumbers are treated the same again with syringing of the foliage twice a day to keep the house or frame saturated with a hot, moist atmosphere. The treatment again changes for the melons when they begin to "net" and ripen. Their surroundings are then kept dry and the ventilators kept open night and day to help to ripen the fruits.
 There are two other differences between the cultures of the melons and cucumbers; (1) The flowers of the melons have to be artificially pollinated, the cucumbers must not and (2) The soil for the cucumbers is made up of half stable manure and half of it loam and it must be left loose, whereas the soil for melons is pure loam and it must be packed tightly.
 Cucumbers and melons require bottom heat to start them, and this can be provided in a frame or glasshouse by hot water pipes or by making up a hotbed under the soil with stable manure, and by the way, when growing ridge cucumbers it would be desirable but not essential to provide a little heat under the heaps for planting out of doors by putting a barrowful of fresh stable manure underneath each heap or mound. When the hotbed is made in the house or frame for melons and cucumbers, the soil is prepared and placed in heaps say about a four gallon bucketful to each, on the hotbed, and when the soil heats up in a few days the plants are planted one to each heap or mound. These mounds may be placed as close as 18 in. apart, and they are topdressed with more soil when the plants are beginning to fruit, and the roots are appearing through the surface.
 Where one is only going to grow two or three plants it would be best to purchase them, and it is time now to be getting them planted, but one could try raising them by sowing two seeds on each mound and thinning them to one if both come up. The only snag in this method is that they will be a late crop now, and take up too much valuable space in a house while the seedlings are growing. If one has a hot-bed under a frame which is being utilised for raising other crops, the cucumbers could be included by sowing one seed in each three inch pot or by sowing five or six in a 5 in. pot, and dividing them up afterwards.
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