

# GARDENING NOTES

## Seasonal Guidance

(By J. J. O'CARROLL, R.Sc.O.)

### WINTER-FLOWERING SHRUBS

There are not a great many trees that flower in winter in this country. The few that are are the following three are winter flowering—jasmine, hazel and the winter-cherry.

The winter-cherry, *Prunus Serrulata*, is really a small tree twice a year, in December in spring. Usually, winter weather spoils the flowers of this year the mild weather allowed it to bloom profusely without blemish, so that the flowers in the garden, as the cherry is called, are carried in masses on the branches look beautiful against the background of the evergreen *Kawsoniana*.

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At this time of year there is always plenty to keep gardeners busy.

The plant house needs an overhauling just now and a beginning is generally made by knocking out all the chrysanthemum pots that have gone out of flowers. The ball of soil is broken away from the roots and every available cutting of the "shy" bearers is taken, even if they are white. They will soon get green after they have been inserted and it is time now that all late flowering chrysanthemum cuttings be inserted. The knocking of them out of the pots will give more room in the house and it may happen that the plants from two houses can be now put into one, leaving one house free for cleaning purposes.

In any case after the chrysanthemum cuttings are all in, geraniums, cinerarias, Arum lilies, primulas, cyclamen, etc., should be gone through and all decaying foliage should be removed and the surface soil stirred with a pointed stick.

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### LIQUID MANURE

The home-made product can be made by half filling a sack with cow manure or cow and sheep manure mixed. Some old soot, say half a bucket full, could with advantage be added to the sack of manure. A big stone is then put in and after the sack is tied it is placed in a barrel of water. After a week the liquid is ready to use, and should be diluted in plain water to make it wine coloured. Never give thick liquid manure to a pot plant, and never give any liquid manure to a very dry plant. Always soak the latter first with plain water and liquid manure can be given an hour or so afterwards.

### HOW TO INSERT CHRYSANTHEMUM CUTTINGS

The chrysanthemum cuttings, which appear above ground during the winter months, are dug up now with a long knife, or a screw-driver would do. The cuttings are made about three inches long by cutting straight across the base just below a joint or node.

These cuttings are inserted either singly in 3" pots or an inch or two apart in boxes filled with sandy soil.

The soil should be made up as follows:—7 parts of loam, 3 parts of turf mould and one part of sand, all put through a half-inch sieve. Old tomato soil, to which some turf mould and sand are added, will do.

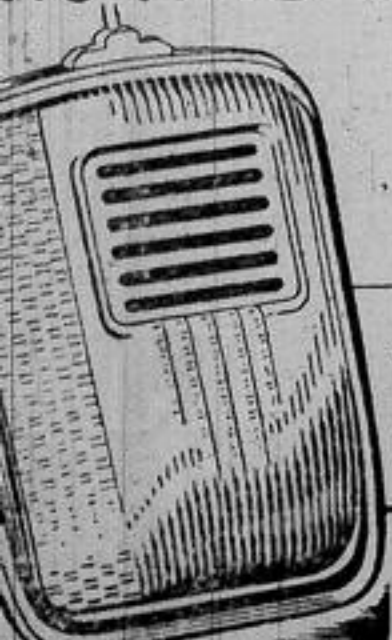
Each variety should be labelled and they should be put to root in a cool glass house where the frost cannot hurt them. Some prefer to root them in a propagating case (a small frame in a glass house) but they will root quite well without the case in about six weeks.

### CARNATIONS

Cuttings or pipings of perpetual flowering carnations should be inserted next month, but any that are available now should be got in at once. I find that they root readily in heat if treated with one of the new root promoting hormones. It is best to put one cutting in each 3" pot so that there will be no disturbance of the root when re-potting.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. MICHAEL TYNAN, SOLR.

The funeral of Mr. Michael Tynan, solicitor, "Derreen," Ennis Road, from St. Munchin's Church on Monday, 20th inst., to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery was representative of all sections of the community. It was a public tribute to a gentleman who, both in his professional and private life, had won the esteem, respect and confidence of the general public. His passing at the comparatively early age of 69 years, was deeply regretted, for the deceased was a man of sterling worth.

The interment took place following the celebration of Requiem High Mass, the celebrant being Rev. H. Tynan, Diocesan Inspector (son of deceased).

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. J. Tynan (widow); Mr. M. C. Tynan, solicitor; Mr. P. Tynan, B.L.; Rev. H. Tynan, Diocesan Inspector; Dr. J. G. Tynan (sons); Miss C. T. Tynan, solicitor; Mrs. J. Kenny (daughters); Mrs. P. Fitzpatrick; Mrs. K. Walsh (sisters); Messrs. M. Tynan, P. Fitzpatrick, T. McNamara, M. Egan, M. Walsh (nephews); Mrs. Lanigan, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. McInerney, Miss M. Fitzpatrick, Miss E. McInerney, solr. (nieces); Mrs. M. C. Tynan, Mrs. G. Tynan (daughters-in-law); Dr. J. Kenny (son-in-law); Mr. J. Colbert, solr.; and Mr. T. A. Colbert, County Registrar, Waterford (brothers-in-law).

The officiating clergy were:—Rev. H. Tynan, celebrant; Rev. P. K. O'Dea, C.C., Kilfinny, deacon; Rev. H. Murphy, D.D., St. Munchin's College, sub-deacon; Rev. P. O'Regan, C.C., St. Patrick's, master of ceremonies. Chanters—Very Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's; Rev. J. Moran, C.C., do.; Very Rev. M. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's, presided.

In the choir were:—Venerable Archdeacon O'Brien, P.P., Patricks-well; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F., Rathkeale; Very Rev. Canon Dunworth, P.P., Adare; Very Rev. Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., do.; Very Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. M. Minihan, C.C., do.; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., do.; Rev. T. J. Lyons, C.C., do.; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C., do.; Rev. E. O'Dea, C.C., do.; Rev. T. J. Connolly, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Fitzsimon, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Hunt, O.P.; Rev. Fr. Collins, O.P.; Very Rev. Fr. Theophilus, O.F.M., Guardian; Rev. Fr. Leo, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. P. Hanna, S.D.B., Coppeswood College; Rev. A. Roche, O.S.A.; Rev. B. O'Flynn, O.S.A.; Rev. J. O'Shea; Rev. M. Frost, London; Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, Diocesan Secretary; Very Rev. J. Brassil, P.P., Donoughmore; Rev. D. Wall, C.C., do.; Rev. C. Mullins, C.C., St. John's; Rev. H. Fee, C.C., do.; Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. J. Godfrey, C.C., do.; Rev. G. M. Griffin, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Casey, C.C., D.D., Adare; Rev. D. Rea, C.C., Askeaton; Very Rev. P. Ruddle, P.P., Ardagh; Very Rev. M. Quinlan, P.P., Cratloe; Very Rev. M. Ryan, P.P., Glin; Rev. J. O'Byrne, C.C., Shanagolden; Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Mungret; Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C., do.; Very Rev. J. Moloney, P.P., Parteen; Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C., do.; Very Rev. C. Moriarty, P.P., Tournafulla; Rev. P. Bluet, C.C., Clarina; Rev. D. G. O'Brien, St. Munchin's College; Rev. M. Breen, do.; Rev. M. Purtil, do.; Very Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., Manister; Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., Croom; Very Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P., Fedamore; Rev. T. O'Donnell, C.C., Kilfinane; Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Pallaskenry; Rev. P. Enright, C.C., Drumcollogher; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West; Rev. G. Enright, C.C., Rathkeale.

Very Rev. Bro. Keegan represented the Superior General of the Christian Brothers.

It would be utterly impossible to give a list of the general public present at the obsequies.

### TRIBUTES IN COURT

At Limerick District Court on Friday, Justice D. F. Gleeson said that since they were last in Court it was a matter of extreme regret that they should have lost through death Mr. M. Tynan, a most respected member of the Solicitors' Bar. Mr. Tynan, he said, was a courteous and capable member of their profession, who went about his business unobtrusively and quietly, as one would expect him to do, but he did not fail to leave his mark in several ways. It must have been gratifying for Mr. Tynan that the fine business he had built up was being left in the capable hands of two other members of the family.

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# ODDS AND ENDS

## Books And Bachelors

By "AN MANGAIRE SUGACH"

How many of you have seen Gearoid Mac Spealain's "Cathair Luimnighe," which has just been published? It is an outstanding work in many ways. It is the first history of Limerick City ever to be written in Irish. That is, surely, the first thing that strikes one on handling this excellent book. It cheers one, for it is proof that the fight for the language has not been in vain.

### IN ATTRACTIVE FORM.

The story of Limerick is presented in a most attractive form. Every page is full of interesting information, most of which was hitherto unknown, except, perhaps, to a few scholars. The inclusion of many contemporary Irish poems, some of them by Limerick poets like Daibhidh O Bruadair, which tell of particular phases in Irish history, was a happy thought. And, as if to show that Limerick still has men capable of turning a Gaelic verse, Mr. Mac Spealain gives his own delightful translation of Thomas Davis's famous poem, "The Geraldines."

### NA GEARALTAIGH.

Na Gearaltaigh! na Gearaltaigh! ba riaghda riama riaghail. Ar achadh reidh Chill Dara 'gus ar Mhuhain na bhfearann min; Is beag ba chas leo sogh no samh is cara dhoibh gan dion, San ruaig gur luath roimh "Chrom Abu!" an namhaid na leomh-fadh gliadh.

### A VERY GOOD BARGAIN.

The book is well illustrated with some very interesting photographs, and with many charming drawings by Sean Mac Spealain. One feels that the writing of this history has been a labour of love to Mr. Mac Spealain. It is a scholarly work, and an immense amount of research must have gone into its preparation; yet, one finds in it a warmth and an understanding of the hopes and aspirations of the people that are like the clasp of a friendly hand. I don't think I am making a sweeping statement when I say that at 3/-, this book is the best bargain that ever appeared on a Limerick book-seller's shelf. So far only Part I, bringing us to the Treaty of Limerick, has been published. We shall look forward eagerly to seeing Part II.

### ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Talking of books reminds me to ask how many of you have joined An Club Leabhar—the Irish Book Club. Shortly before Christmas the Club made its first issue of books: "An Braon Broghach," by Mairtin O Cadhain; and "An Teach nar Togadh," by "Maire." Mairtin O Cadhain is regarded as one of the outstanding Irish writers of to-day; and, of course, "Maire," with his rippling Donegal Irish, needs no introduction to readers of Gaelic. A word to those who have not joined the Club! There can be no book club without members. Are you leaving it to someone else to join? I hope not. Send your subscription of £1 to an Runal, An Club Leabhar, 29 Sr. U. Chonail, Ioch., Bla Cliath, and you will have done a good day's work for a good cause.

### BIG NIGHT IN KILFINANE.

The new inter-Irish class activities in parts of East Limerick are proving an immense success. On December 20th, Kilfinane was the meeting place of friends of the language from Croom, Bruree, Ballyorgan, Ardpatrick and, of course, Kilfinane itself. Something in the neighbourhood of 100 Gaelhigeoiri were present. First there was a community sing-song, which was followed by the ever-popular debate. The motion for the night was "Gur ceart cin do chur ar Bhaisleiri"—"Bachelors should be taxed."

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## EAST CLARE PRIEST

### Important Promotion Abroad

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Prendergill, Archbishop of Perth, Australia, has appointed Very Rev. J. J. Rafferty, son of Mr. Patrick Rafferty, contractor, and of the late Mrs. Rafferty, Kilaloe, Chancellor of the Archdiocese and conferred upon him the title of Dean (writes our Kilaloe correspondent).

Dean Rafferty was born in 1912 in Killaloe. He received his early education at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, and later at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, where he was ordained to the sacred priesthood in April, 1936. Arriving in Perth in July of the same year, he was appointed as curate to the Cathedral parish. In 1939, he was made private secretary to his Grace, a position which he held until his return from a trip home last March, when he was appointed Administrator of the Cathedral parish. He also held the responsible position of Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. The people of Killaloe and his many friends in the counties of Limerick and Tipperary are happy to be able to offer their most respectful congratulations to the new Chancellor—sentiments which will be shared by his many friends throughout the Kilaloe diocese.

### CRUCIFIXES IN OPEN FIELDS

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### FAITH OF THE SLOVAKIAN CATHOLICS

Testifying to the staunch faith of Slovakia's Catholics and their determination openly to demonstrate their loyalty to the Church, crucifixes continue to be erected in factories and fields (says the English Catholic Times).

At the town of Kuklov, Zabori, a special Mass was celebrated in the local church to mark the opening of a new textile factory. Crucifixes were placed in the plant.

Slovak farmers at Kolosh, near the Hungarian border have erected crucifixes in the midst of their fields. An open-air Mass was offered there recently.

Throughout Slovakia, Catholics were outraged by the theft of a precious crown from the statue of Our Lady in a chapel near the famous Marian Shrine of Stare Hory.

The crown was bought two years ago through the contributions of Slovak Catholics, hundreds of thousands of whom make annual pilgrimages to the shrine. The vandals have not yet been found by police.

### MONSTER TURNIP

A turnip grown by Mr. R. Denieffe, Carrickmounre, Thomastown, weighed 21 lb.—a stone and a half.

### ALL ENGLISH-GROWN

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