THE LIMERICK REPORTER AND TIPPERARY VINDICATOR TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 26 1866.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

"STATIONS OF THE CROSS" FOR THE CHURCH OF SAINT ALPHONSUS.

Fourteen truly elaborate and beautiful masterpieces of art in the shape of oil paintings illustrative of the Passion of our Lord, and designated "Stations of the Cross," have arrived at the Convent of Mount Saint Alphonsus, and are destined for the Church of Saint Alphonsus, where they are to be solemnly inaugurated and blessed and fixed in their proper positions on Sunday next, the 1st of July, the festival of the Precious Blood. These paintings are from the studios of Mons. Alem, of Paris, and represent the Stations of the Saviour's sufferings, death and entombment; and when we add that even as works of art alone, irrespectively of their great devotional character, they deserve a visit, we convey no notion of the effect which they are calculated to produce, in lieu of the impressionnaire which each picture is remarkable, and of the distinctive features which the almost life size and perfectly life-like figures which chart in artistic relief from the canvas, impress the beholder—the principal figure of the picture being "the Man of Sorrows who suffered the torment of the Cross for the sins of the world." We will not attempt just now to give a description of these grand art triumphs; but we would say that the picture of the Crucifixion is exceedingly well executed, and is calculated to inspire devotional impressions; and we feel that we can conscientiously telling, that it merits the highest commendation as a work of art; the figures are painted with extreme correctness, and the achievement altogether is well worthy of the accomplished French school. The canvas, *without frames*, measures 6 feet in breadth, and 7 feet 3 inches in height. The frames are the most elaborate of Medieval patterns, and the material is stained, coloured, and gilt wood, portions of which are fluted and twisted; and when in their proper position, will add additional strong attraction to the church, the noble altar of which has already won universal admiration. The frames have been made according to the designs of George Goldie, Esq., the eminent Architect of London, who has been in Limerick for some days, by Mr Hayball of Sheffield. The same carver made the new Thrones for the Bishop and the stalls in the Good Shepherd Convent Chapel. The pictures, &c, are the gift of persons who do not wish their names to be known, and who cannot be guessed.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

The Right Rev. Dr. Butler celebrated Grand Pontifical High Mass here at the Cathedral on Sunday—the Festival of St. John the Baptist—Very Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, V.G., assisted as Assistant Priest at the Throne—Rev. A. O'Shoely, Deacon—Rev. H. Flattery, Sub-Deacon—Rev. J. Gonder and Rev. J. Conway, Assistant Deacons—Rev. J. M'Coy, Master of Ceremonies.

PROFESSION OF TWO NUNS IN THE CONVENT OF MERCY, KINSALE.

The beautiful convent chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Kinsale, was the scene, on Tuesday last, of a sweet and impressive ceremony, the consecration to God in religion of two chosen souls. At nine o'clock a very large number of invited guests assembled including all the clergy and respectable laity of the neighbourhood. On the altar we observed—Celebrant, Very Rev. Canon Kelleher, P.P., who officiated, and the Rev. Mr. Scannell, C.C., who assisted, the Very Rev. J. Dundon, O.S.F., Limerick, the Rev. T. Head, C.C., the Rev. F. Rouxeter, O.S.F., V.G. The two young ladies whom our Lord accepted on the day in question were, Cecilia, daughter of our respected fellow-citizen, Martin Carroll, Esq., and Miss Bailey, of Galway. The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly, S.J., preached after the Gospel an eloquent and touching discourse, After the ceremony had ended, dinner had, very seasonably, been hospitably and elegantly by the good Sisters. They then proceeded to show the convent and grounds. The house, which was built by the Sisters themselves, is charmingly situated in the highest part of the surrounding Kinsale, and is, by reason of its elevation, a very fine sea, and of all the surrounding rich country. The convent itself, with its several developed, lofty spacious corridors, its lofty and well-ventilated halls and rooms, is, perhaps, one of the very finest in Ireland. In the schools, which are conducted on the best principle, about 700 children receive a solid, and we need just add a thoroughly Christian education. There is, besides, an industrial school, giving employment to about 300 girls. The work which it sends out for sale is remarkable for the taste and accuracy with which it is finished. Having spent the whole forenoon in an interesting inspection of this very rising and beautiful institution, the guests departed, deeply edified with the religious exercises they had witnessed, with the lovely professed sisters a long and happy career in the holy retreat they have chosen, and praying that God may shower his choicest blessings upon them and all the holy sisterhood in Kinsale.

CONFIRMATION.

The Right Rev. Dr. Power will hold a confirmation in Nenagh Church on to-morrow (Wednesday), the 27th instant.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Rev. P. Tormey gratefully acknowledges the receipt (per bank order) of £5 from Charles Barry, Esq., M.P., towards the marble altar to be erected in Ballingarry and Donaghmore in Dungarvan, and now being built by that skilful and long-experienced Irish artist, Kirwan, of Bolton-street, Dublin.

PIRACY.

In the Rolls Court, London, recently, injunctions have been obtained against parties for pirating books, photographs, &c. Mr. Masterman strongly enforced the parties against whom the injunctions were obtained, and gave costs with a forbidure of the pirracies in all instances.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

We are sure that we need not remind our readers of the Horticultural Show which is to take place on Thursday next, the 28th instant, in the New Market of Limerick. We have every reason to believe that the Show will prove to be a splendid success. Owing to the energetic steps taken by the indefatigable Mayor, Alderman Tate, the arrangements are well nigh complete; and from the sympathy and assistance which have been received from the nobility and gentry of the district, we entertain great confidence that the show will result in a splendid success, and that we shall have to congratulate our City Fathers on a result which cannot fail to afford the highest possible amount of gratification. We congratulate Alderman Tate on the energy and ability he has manifested in taking the initiative in this important and patriotic undertaking. Further, we congratulate which has had some of the noblest intellects in the world to master, and when, in addition, the noble and the abounding wealth of the nobility of the hot house and the garden, we are sure we need not add that the treat which the show will provide promises to be unprecedented in its attractions.

LIMERICK RACES.

These races are fixed for Tuesday and Wednesday the 18th and 19th of September.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT NENAGH.

On Friday evening, a serious mishap occurred at the Railway Station, Nenagh, owing to the fact that the points were not properly placed when the train for the Dublin at 5 o'clock was coming into the station. Timmons, the guard, Mr. James Purcell, travellers for Messrs. P. and R. Hanna, Printing Distillers, Dublin; Mr John Shuley, commercial traveller; and John Keough, cattle dealer, of Silvestreet, have been all very much injured, some dangerously.

The action for an alleged libel brought by the Rev. Mr. O'Neill, P.P. of Rostrevor, against the proprietor of the *Newry Telegraph* was determined yesterday in a verdict of one farthing damages.

There were great rejoicings and festivity at Ash Hill Towers Castle, on Saturday evening in consequence of Mr. Evans having attained his majority. The castle was decorated in the most elegant manner and bonfires blazed on the surrounding hills in honour of Mr. Evans, who is a great favourite with all.

At the Nenagh Town Commissioners Court yesterday, there was no case of importance.

The 17th Royal Irish Fusiliers arrived at Gibraltar on the 18th inst., from Portsmouth, in the screw ship Dromedary.

DRIVE OF A HORSE FROM LOUGHAN.—On Wednesday a valuable horse, the property of Mr. J. P. Rooney, near Roscrea, was seized with lockjaw, tetanus, it is supposed, by an unskilful veterinary operation three weeks previously; and on Thursday the symptoms was so decided that the animal had to be destroyed. The colt which was only half brother to the winner of the Norwood stakes of 100 guineas at the last races was said to be worth one hundred guineas.

The examination of Captain Ingram was resumed yesterday at the inquest. He was severely cross-examined by the jury as to his antecedents, details connected with the mutiny on board the frigate, and his personal conduct at the fire at Westmoreland-street, and on other occasions. He had no reason to regret, however, the unanimous testimony which was given in him, for his answers, as far as they referred to his own conduct, were satisfactory. Some other witnesses having been examined, the inquiry was adjourned until this day.

The question as to the likelihood of a dissolution of Parliament was generally discussed in the City on Thursday, and never perhaps from the leading merchants of all shades of opinion a unanimous expression of feeling that such a measure would be a most wanton and unjustifiable addition to the troubles of the time.—*Times' City Article.*

FENIANS IN ABERDEEN.—The *Melbourne Argus* states that there are Fenian meetings and drillings at Ballarat, Australia.

The debt of New York city is now 50,000,000 dollars.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE REPORTER AND VINDICATOR.

Ballinderry House, June 22, 1866.

DEAR SIR—So many years has been said about Fenceapes, it is my opinion that any person having a house 3 or 4 stories high, ought to be able to make a fine fire in his chimney, of single brick, would only take 500 bricks from top to bottom—cost 5s. and should the enemy come to Ballinderry house, would be the safest way to escape. Please try opinion on it.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM EGAN.

THE NEW ORGAN IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CAHIR, CO. TIPPERARY.

We feel much pleasure in giving insertion to the following communication. We congratulate the Reverend Pastor on his successful intercourse with the Dublin Organ Builders friends as Mr. Fyre of Paris, and Mr. J. B. Kennedy, of Dublin.

Cahir, June 25th, 1866.

DEAR REVEREND SIR,—I have great pleasure in handing you the enclosed cheque for £5, the subscription of Mr. William Francis Pyre, of Paris, to the New Organ and Choir of your Chapel. Accompanied, as I am, to the beautiful Cathedral of Limerick, and the Convent Music of our Dublin Churches, I was astonished and delighted at the manner in which Mr. Pyre's Organ has turned out here. It is amazing how, in so short a time, so great a change has been wrought, and how much it adds as I hear the effect of hearing, has been so well arranged.

I have the honor to be,
Dear Reverend Sir,
Yours very truly,
J. B. KENNEDY.

Rev. Maurice Mooney, P. P., Cahir.

Cahir, June 26th, 1866.

DEAR MR. KENNEDY—Accept my sincere thanks for your very great kindness, and present my most grateful acknowledgements to Mr. Fyre for his munificent donation of £5, towards our Organ and choir in our Parish Church. Be assured that I feel not only thankful, but elevated, and encouraged at the skill, thoughtfulness and of Mr. Fyre's true and unostentatious generosity towards the House of God.

I am bound also in every justice to say that the erection of an organ and the expense of a *Roman Catholic minister* writing the space of a few months in the Roman Catholic parish of Cahir, was to me not only an amusement or labour of love, but an easy work, owing to the kind, and, I may add, generous and most generous co-operation of the Roman Catholic people of Cahir.

I did not let one being for a contribution towards organ or choir. I only announced that I would be glad to receive any encouragement to my parish, the real and cordial assistance of the poor, rushing with their mites, and the wealthy, generously contributed the rich mite in all those movements, facilitated the change you so kindly refer to. With a people of this kind all that is required is, to do, to do it for you know *how*, and how to go about it.

Your very faithful and obedient servant,

I intend one evening service or vespers of last evening, I am deeply and sincerely sensitive of. It will be a great source of encouragement to my parishioners, and to hear the opinion in their favour, as "a musician," of a gentleman of the accomplishments of Dublin Choir, I can speak for yourself, and when you come amongst us again, to witness, I hope, our still progressing movement, as well as to edify my congregation by your own unpretending piety and thoroughly Christian humility, I hope will be able to say "we are advancing still," and he's one no.

Dear Mr. Kennedy, to be,
most gratefully and respectfully yours,
M. MOONEY, P.P.

J. B. Kennedy, Esq,
Solicitor.

THE LATE CONVERSION IN KILRUSH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE REPORTER AND VINDICATOR.

Kilrush, June 20th, 1866.

SIR,—Having, a short time since, observed in your valuable paper, a letter from Mr. Molesworth, in allusion to the conversion of the late Mrs. McMahon, I feel it my duty to state, for the information of your readers, the facts of which have been grossly misrepresented by some members of the profession which did no credit to them, and, long and painful experience into the merits of the different creeds. May I communicate the leading facts of this case, particulars of which have proved, and as they have been verified by letter, and by oath, by four or five different persons? I should not, in ordinary cases, be inclined to intrude to meddle at all in family matters, but as this is a thing which the public ought to be properly informed, I take the liberty of sending you the actual facts.

The respected deceased, who was a lady of strong and unyielding mind, had been a Protestant for the greater part of her life, her husband, greatly to his credit, had been a Catholic. He, the deceased, never, either directly or indirectly, with her religious opinions or practice during the twenty-five years they were married; while she on the contrary, urged him to act up to the principles of his religion. She read, with powerful effect, the Bible, which, observed the fasts and abstinence inculcated by the Catholic and, indeed, I may add, the English Church; and occasionally went to Mass, using the Catholic prayer-book. At a subsequent period she became acquainted with a Catholic clergyman of extensive learning and great amiability, the late Rev. Mr. Barry, P.P., of Kilrush, from whose conversation she derived instructions which led to her conversion; and six years ago, when afflicted with disease, she was repeatedly visited by the Rev. Mr. Meade, the popular and respected curate in Kilmurry. Behaviour has been reported, for a change of air to the residence of her step-mother in Kilrush, she became worse, and requested her father's family to send for a Catholic Clergyman, but instead of this they sent for Dr. Wolsely, the Protestant Rector, who, when asked, was not required to Dr. O'Donell, the medical attendant, and also called for a Catholic prayer-book. Dr. Wolsely, the Rev. Mr. Molesworth, was then sent for, and I have himself to tell the rest, as he has done in a letter lately addressed to the Editor of the *Advertiser*:—

"During life I felt nothing tender to secure peace of mind for my dear wife. I felt I was in duty bound to ascertain from her my late husband's wishes now. She told me she would not die in peace if I did not send for her the administrations of a Catholic Clergyman. I immediately sent a messenger to the residence of the respectable Dublin, and on his return Mr. Pyne, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Browne arrived. Nothing could exceed the consolation we derived at the administration of the Holy Faith. A scene, however, occurred, which in a Christian country was utterly disgraceful—as a Bible and Rite was about being administered the Protestant Clergyman rushed into the room, and, in the most violent manner, and requested her father's family to send for a Catholic Clergyman, but instead of this they sent for Dr. Wolsely, the Protestant Rector, who