

## A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

From all parts of Ireland come reports of unusually unseasonable weather during the month of August, of abnormally heavy rainfall, and destructive floods. A Portarlinton correspondent, writing under date August 30, says:—

The country all along the watershed of the Barrow is under water. Miles upon miles of country present nothing but the appearance of a huge inland sea. Enormous damage has been in consequence sustained by the farmers in the locality. The hay crop is in the great majority of cases useless. Most of it has been carried away by the floods. This refers to practically all the river meadows, from Mountmellick to Athy, along the watershed of the Barrow. Heavy corn has begun a second growth owing to its being beaten back again into the ground by the heavy rains. Potatoes are almost a complete failure, and a potato famine is feared. In the case of turbary, over 264 tenants on the Garryhinch estate are cut off from their winter fuel supply, the roads to the bog being impassable and the bog itself unapproachable. Everywhere the most depressing reports are heard. One prominent Queen's County magistrate, a large farmer, interviewed, stated that £10,000 would not cover the loss which is likely to be sustained by the farmers in this district during the present year. He stated that over 2000 acres of crops are already or will be inevitably lost.

## REMARKABLE MEETING OF HIBERNIANS

Hamilton, a prosperous town about ten miles from Glasgow, was the scene on August 31 of a remarkable gathering held under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Upwards of fifty thousand men and women participated in the demonstration, which was admittedly the most enthusiastic and representative seen in Scotland since the great Home Rule meeting addressed by Isaac Butt many years ago. Delegates came from all parts of Scotland, while the North of Ireland was very strongly in evidence, especially from the districts of Belfast, Armagh, and Lurgan. A noticeable feature of the demonstration was the number of lady members of the Order, wearing regalia and taking an active part in the marshalling of the procession. Certainly the turn-out was magnificent, and was a striking testimony to the efficiency of the Order in Scotland and Ireland, and a powerful contradiction of Sir William Parsons' boast at a banquet in Dublin in 1640 'that in twelve months there would not be a single Catholic left in Ireland.'

Two new churches, one at Glen Waverley (Oakleigh parish) and another at Eltham (Heidelberg parish), were opened on Sunday, October 13, by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and Monsignor Phelan, P.A., V.G., respectively.

## A MIDNIGHT 'BARK.'

One night recently, just as the members of a South Island chemist's household had retired, someone—a visitor—was suddenly seized with a violent fit of coughing. It was a dry, 'nagging' cough at first, that tickled the throat and irritated the chest, but it gradually grew worse, and by midnight had developed into a veritable 'bark.' The coughing was incessant, everyone was kept awake, and at length the chemist in dismay went downstairs to his shop and got a bottle of cough cure which he took up to the coughing visitor. The visitor took one dose. The coughing ceased immediately. In the morning the visitor asked the chemist 'What was that remarkable stuff you gave me for my cough last night? It stopped my cough like magic!'

'That was Baxter's Lung Preserver, the best Cough Cure I have in the shop,' replied the chemist. 'It's a sure cure for all throat and lung affections, and is famous because it cures quickly. I always use it myself, and have never known it to fail.'

'1/10 the large-sized bottle at chemists and stores,' smiled the visitor, 'I've read a lot about Baxter's—and now I know.'

## People We Hear About

The Holy Father has conferred the Order of the Holy Sepulchre upon Sir Thomas H. G. Grattan Esmonde, Bart., M.P. for North Wexford. For a number of years Sir Thomas has been one of the Pope's chamberlains.

Dr. John P. Corrigan, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, U.S.A., after thirty years in the practice of medicine, and specially noted for his work on diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, has given up his profession for the purpose, long since formed, of entering the Dominican novitiate at Somerset, Ohio.

His Eminence Cardinal Van Rossum, the Papal Legate to the Eucharistic Congress, is only fifty-eight—comparatively young for a Cardinal—and is a member of the Redemptorist Congregation. For some time he taught at Ruremonde, and later was rector of the Novitiate House at Witten. In 1895 he was transferred to Rome, where he filled the post of a Consultor of the Holy Office, besides being elected Consultor-General of his congregation.

Of the priests selected for the Putumayo mission, two of the Franciscan Fathers—viz., Father Furlong and Father Felix Ryan, are natives of Ireland. Father Furlong, who is a Wexford man, has had considerable experience in mission work in Oriental countries, and is well used and inured to the hardships of forest life in the deadly climate of the Eastern Archipelago, while Father Felix Ryan, who is a Kilkenny man, has also had varied and considerable experience in Eastern climates.

The death of the Hon. Mrs. Scott-Murray, at the age of eighty-seven (says the *Tablet*), carries the mind back to the early days of the Victorian Conversions; for Amelia Charlotte Fraser, eldest daughter of the twelfth Lord Lovat, married, as long ago as 1846, the late Charles Robert Scott-Murray, of Danesfield, who was already a Catholic two years old. Somebody called him 'the umbrella convert,' the name having its origin in the incident that he left his umbrella in a Catholic church abroad, and, going back to reclaim it, went into the sacristy, where he got into talk with a priest, by whom he was finally instructed. He sat in Parliament for Buckinghamshire for some time; and he served as high sheriff of his county in the 'fifties. On that occasion he drove in state to receive the justices, accompanied by his Catholic chaplain, a procedure which was the occasion of a local storm in a tea-pot—the sort of tea-pot which time has finally cracked and placed on a shelf with other curiosities.

The foundations of many of the most colossal fortunes in the United States have been laid by lucky emigrants from Europe. The father of James Gordon Bennett, the Cæsar of newspaper-proprietors, ran away from his Scottish school to seek fortune across the Atlantic, and spent many a foodless day in quest of work before he found a poorly-paid post as proof-reader. The founder of the Astor millions was that John Jacob, butcher's son, who left his fatherland to take a steerage-passage to New York with £5 in his pocket for capital, and to begin his chase of 'rainbow gold' by beating furs at a dollar a day. Mr. Carnegie first set his face towards his many millions when his parents parted with their old home and household goods to pay the family passage to America, and the man who could now write a cheque for ten millions and scarcely miss them still flushes with pride as he recalls the day on which he drew his first weekly wages of 5s as a bobbin-boy in an Allegheny city factory. 'I cannot tell you how proud I was,' he says, 'when I received my first week's earnings, no longer entirely dependent on my parents, but at last admitted to the family partnership.'

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