

THE "CATHOLIC" PRIESTHOOD—MORE VICTIMS.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV. MR. QUIN, P.P.—We sincerely regret to be obliged to state, that another of the venerated Priesthood of Ireland has fallen a victim to that most dreadful malady, fever, and yielded up his soul into the hands of His Creator on the morning of Sunday last. The Very Rev. Mr. Quin, P.P. of Ardahan, in this county, and one of the Vicars-General of the united dioceses of Kilmacduagh and Kilkenna, expired at his residence, to the inexpressible regret of his attached and now truly afflicted parishioners. Mr. Quin was an able theologian, a profound scholar, a zealous priest, and a most charitable man. After serving religion in the capacity of curate for many years, he was appointed administrator of the mensal parish at Kinvarra, whence he was collated to Peterswell, and afterwards to Ardahan, where his unceasing piety, and his strict attention to the duties of his ministry, won for him the respect and regard of all who knew him. May he rest in peace.—*Galway Mercury.*

DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN ROCHE, R. C. C.—We have seldom taken up the pen to record the death of a friend with deeper emotions of anguish than now agitate our breast while announcing the decease of the Rev. John Roche. But one short week has passed since our columns contained the obituary of the parish priest—the good, the unsophisticated pastor of Castlegar—and now his co-operator in the ministry has paid the last debt of nature, and become a victim to the plague that spares neither the old or the young—the delicate body, or the robust in constitution. During the four years that Mr. Roche laboured in the vineyard of his Heavenly Master, he devoted himself with singular zeal for the salvation of souls. Many a restless night did he pass since the commencement of the calamity that has come upon the land in endeavouring to pour the balm of religious consolation into the hearts of his afflicted parishioners—many a weary hour by day did he spend in striving, under very disheartening circumstances, to procure a morsel of food for the children of want. Whatever he possessed was freely given to the poor, whose welfare was ever uppermost in his thoughts. He was a model of Christian perfection, zealous in the discharge of his duty, anxious for the glory of his Heavenly Father, and for the good of his fellow men, without distinction of creed.—The Church of Galway has lost in him a most indefatigable clergyman, and society one of its brightest ornaments. A solemn office and High Mass were offered up for the eternal repose of his soul in the parish chapel yesterday (Friday) morning, after which his remains were removed for interment to Bushypark cemetery, where they were consigned to their native earth, amid the regret of every inhabitant of Galway, who deeply sympathise in the affliction that has come upon his respected brother, Very Rev. B. J. Roche, and the other members of his family. As a mark of respect all the shops in the town were closed during the mournful procession.—*Ibid.*

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In another letter I will endeavour to point out in more
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prehension, relief inspectors might very beneficially dis-
charge, and certain snares which it would be desirable for
them to avoid.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS MULOCK.

April 10, 1847.

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DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES MACMANUS, P.P.

We have seldom had to perform a more painful duty than
that which devolves upon us to-day—the recording the
death of the Rev. James MacManus, a friend of many
years standing—a clergyman of unpretending piety, and a
patriot of unswerving purpose. Our lamented friend has
been among the early victims of the dread scourge which
he long since foresaw was about to fall upon this afflicted
land, as the necessary sequel of protracted famine. His
pathetic and powerful appeals on behalf of the suffering
people of his district are familiar to our readers. Alas!
they produced but little effect upon our rulers. His warn-
ings were unheeded—his suggestions forgotten, and his
death now adds a fearful testimony to the truth he so often
uttered, that pestilence was following hard upon the foot-
steps of famine.

We copy the following notice of the sad bereavement
which has befallen the people of Mayo from the *Weekly*
Register :—

“ On the 7th instant, at Castlebar, of malignant fever,
caught in the discharge of his sacred functions, the Rev.
James MacManus, P.P. Our reverend friend, whose
zealous missionary labours had recommended him for pro-
motion to one of the most discriminating of the Irish pre-
lates, had just been promoted from a curacy at Castlebar
to the parish of Turlough, near that town, but, alas! he
never entered upon his new sphere of duties. He was,
while in the prime and vigour of life, removed to a happier
existence, where the just obtain their meet reward.

“ Mild and forbearing by nature, the Reverend James
MacManus was yet characterised by extraordinary firmness
when occasion demanded its exhibition. Learned without
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of his brethren—of remarkable simplicity, yet with pene-
tration as remarkable, he was in all that adorns the priest
and the citizen worthy of respect, veneration, and esteem.
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