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SOME ACCOUNT OF THE PARISH OF MULLINGAR: HODIE MULLINGAR.

CHAPTER VIII.

Sir Henry Piers, 1st Baronet of Tristernagh, gives the following Notice of Mullingar, in his "Chorographical Description of the County of Westmeath," written in the year 1682. [Vallancey's "Collectanea de Rebus Hibernicis," Dublin, 1770, page 77].

"The ancient buildings here were old-fashioned Castles—some of which remain yet, and some are demolished, and better, or at least more commodious houses, are built in their room. Here are held continually all assizes and sessions, four fairs yearly, and all public meetings of the county. It is also a great thoroughfare or road from Dublin to Connaught; all houses here are ale-houses, yet some of the richer sort drive at other trades also: they sell all sorts of commodities to the gentry abroad in the country, and some besides have large farms abroad. Here is a new goal built on the county's cost, for the old one was very weak: the old Session house also, being very narrow and inconvenient in all respects, a new one is a framing, very large and spacious according to the modes of modern architecture: the Church also of this town is handsomely rebuilt." I have inserted this statement in this place on account of this last sentence—

"The church also of this town is handsomely rebuilt." On May 16, 1679, John Forbes was presented by the Crown to the Vicarage of Mullingar, as Dr. Jerome's successor. The Triennial Visitation Book of that year thus notices the Parish—"Mullingarre Vicaria, valet 40li per annum. Ecclesia ruinosa—Johannes Forbese Vicarius item, comparuit et exhibuit Prefatus Moorehead Clericus parochialis Nulli. Gaudium." The Parish Church "was thus handsomely rebuilt during Mr. Forbes' incumbency: at some time between 1679 and 1682, as noticed in this last-mentioned year, by Sir Henry Piers. John Forbes was, at the same date [May 16, 1679], presented to the contiguous Vicarage of Rathconnell. On March 2, 1680, Disart, Rathconnell,

and Lynne parishes were united to the Vicarage of Mullingar. Bishop Antony Dopping makes the following remarks as to this proceeding, "Disart, Rathconnell, and Lynne, united to Mullingar, 12 May, 1680, but the union is void for want of my Lord Drogheda's consent as Patron of Rathconnell, on which Jo: Forbess was presented 'de novo,' per Hen: Com: Drogheda—18 July, 1688, and instituted 10 December, '88, per Anth: Midens: the Turns of presentation not settled in the Union and the Union therefore void." Mr John Forbes was very probably a relative to Sir Arthur Forbes, Baron of Clonlough and Viscount of Granard—so created 23 September, 1675—the then proprietor of Mullingar, whose lands in the town and neighbourhood had (on March 9, 1674) been constituted a manor, with sundry privileges.

As may be noticed in the List of Bishops of Meath, appended to chapter vii. of this "account" Bishop Henry Jones died on Jan. 5, 1681, and was buried in St. Andrew's Church, Dublin. He was succeeded as Bishop of Meath by Bishop Antony Dopping, who had been consecrated Bishop of Kildare on February 2, 1678-9, and who presided over the See until his death on April 25, 1697, in Dublin, where he also was buried in a vault beneath St. Andrew's Church.

Bishop Antony Dopping proved a most active Prelate—zealous for Ecclesiastical rights, and fearless in the performance of duty. He compiled an enlarged account of the State and Revenues of the "Bishoprick of Meath and Clonmacnoise." This has never been printed—copies in manuscript—(one in the Bishop's autograph)—remains in the Public Library, Annagh; another, copied from the first by Bishop John Stearn, of Clogher, is in the Library of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The former mentioned of these bears the following fitting and quaint preface—"This booke was collected out of severall MS. records, printed books, &c., will bee of great use to the Bishops of Meath, but let them purchase it from my Executors." In the year 1699, by their letters signed by Mr Secretary Aldworth,

dated September 15 and 30th, Henry Lord Capell, of Tewksbury, Sir Cyril Wreke, Kut. and William Dunscombe, the Lords Justices of Ireland desired from Bishop Antony Dopping a report as to the state of his Diocese. The Bishop's reply to these letters is contained in the two MSS just referred to, and gives the following most interesting statistics:—

Parish Churches, 197; Chappells of Ease, 106; Number of clergy, 55; Resident clergy, 40; Curates to non-resident, 15; residents and improprators, 15; inappropriate Churches and Chappells in the hands of lay persons, 144; Churches in repair, 48. There were five more Churches in repair ano. 1688, but ruined since by the late troubles. All the rest of the Churches and Chappells have bin out of repair since the year 1641, but the walls of them are still standing. Of these, in the rural Deanery of "Mullingar," there were twenty-four Churches and twelve Chappells, fifteen of these consisted of impropriators, viz:—

NAME.	IMPROPRIATOR.
1. Molingar,	Hospit., Dublin.
2. Rathconnell,	Earl of Drogheda.
3. Kilwellah,	Idem.
4. Kilbride-Vestra	Gifford.
5. Inskary,	Jo. Crow.
6. Ballynola,	Edm. Cartan.
7. Portloman,	Incumb.
8. Portnashangan,	Incumb.
9. Leary,	Sir H. Parice.
10. Lackry,	Idem.
11. Staffarman,	Idem.
12. Stonehall,	Thomas Taylor.
13. Delvin,	Earl of Drogheda.
14. Drumree,	Incumb.
15. Castleost,	Edm. Cartan.

In the first of these Documents, "Bishop Dopping's enlarged account of the State and Revenues of the Diocese of Meath," (page 75 in MS.) there is the following notice of Molingar. I have translated this into English, the original being in Latin:—

"Rectory and Vicarage of Molingar. Church of All Saints. Hospital of the City of Dublin, Rector. The King Patron of the Vicarage."

"It is plain according to the Inquisition taken 17 Henry VIII [1525], that Symon Peit of Trishtown, was seized in his Lordship, as in fee, of the advowson of this

Church. The Rectory was appropriated to the Priory of St. Kenans, Dunleek. (See Inquisitions of the Priory of Llanthony, 32 Henry VIII, [1540].) All Tithes of corn and hay belonging to the Rector (except those of the town of Muelchel Quiolan, little Quiolan, and Brocan, which belong to the Vicar, with all alterages and with all ordinary burdens. As concerning extraordinary burdens, the Rector pays his proportion. The Rector possesses here one street of glebe land, which is called Church-street, with diverse rights and other liberties, and also holds on the south side, together with the land [appertaining to] the Parish Church, one large plot, in which, in ancient times, the Rector used to dwell; and he also held at the Chappell of Kenigh, a plot for a haggard [to store up] the tenths of hay there. See No. 58, extracted from "The Black Book" of the Priory of Llanthony, in the custody of Draycot of Monanown. The Procurations amount to 02s. 13 04d; the Synodals to xiii. payable by the Vicar. There belong to this Church the Chappells of St. Keiran of Kinneh and S— of Hopestown, in which last, it is alleged, that seven Bishops have been buried. The walls of the Chappells remain to the present time."

The return made to the Lords Justices thus notices Molingar:—"Molingar is a Vicaridge formerly worth £25, now not much more than 7s, King, Patron, Joshua Warren, Vicar, resides at Galtrim in ye County of Meath, 20 miles from it, goes there and preaches once a fortnight. Church and Chancel repaired. The Rectory impropriate to the Hospital of Dublin. First fruits of the Vicaridge 5s 15 00d, a waste hours, and garden."

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(To be continued.)

Hymns for the Month.

Aug.	Morning.	Evening.
1st,	4, 294, 314,	319, 354, 23-
8th,	249, 421, 376,	436, 60, 24-
15th,	109, 333, 226,	267, 378, 26-
22nd,	277, 205, 270,	338, 407, 28-
29th,	233, 138, 362,	98, 165, 35-

WESTMEATH PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The 46th annual meeting of the Westmeath Protestant Orphan Society was held in the Court-house, Mullingar, on Tuesday, 27th July.

The chair was taken at 12 o'clock by the Most Rev. The Lord Bishop of Meath. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Dean of Clonmacnois. The 46th hymn was then sung. The chairman gave a short introductory address, in which he eloquently expressed the great pleasure it gave him to preside at a meeting of the Protestant Orphan Society in the parish where he lived for so many years. He said "I regret to find that the finances of this Society are not in as flourishing a condition as they ought to be. I think probably this may be attributed to the peculiarity of the circumstances of the past few years, viz:—That Ireland has been going through an extraordinary trial the like of which it has not gone through since 1869. A trial has been put upon us in which we have not been assisted by the sympathy—the intelligent sympathy at least—of our English and Scotch brethren. The greatest ignorance prevails in these places with regard to Ireland. One reason of that is, these people get their information from Irish newspapers, where they get entirely opposite views. More contradiction and more unsupported views are found in Irish papers than in those of any other country. It is therefore impossible for those across the channel to know the true state of affairs in Ireland. We must therefore bear with due patience with this ignorance, and all the results which are the natural consequences of such ignorance. We may be thankful to Almighty God, and we should express in deed our thankfulness for the great deliverance so far experienced—I say advisedly so far—because the struggle is not yet over. There is always a danger still lurking, and we cannot tell in what form it may come forth. If we feel really thankful we ought to make use of the resource we now have, to express our thankfulness by performing more active deeds in the cause of Protestant benevolence. I therefore confidently appeal to you on behalf of this society, which is a society so good, so acknowledgedly good, that absolutely nothing could be said in favour of it by me that every one of you do not know by heart. I trust you will not allow it to go down for want of a ruffle from each one of you. If you do, the sad consequences will be incalculable.

The hon. sec, the Rev. Richard Dowse, then read the report, which showed a balance of £45 13s 10d. against the society."

The Ven. the Archdeacon of Meath, in proposing the second resolution, urged in a forcible and eloquent manner the necessity of supporting the Protestant Orphan Society, and the "duty of self-denial. He said that it was his own custom to lay aside each year a portion of his income for charitable purposes. He considered that the duty of denying themselves to help others and to further God's glory was one not sufficiently practised amongst Protestants.

Mr. R. Eynell, Rev. George Kirpatrick, Rev. P. Mooney, Rev. Richard Dowse, and the Rev. H. Vere White addressed the meeting.

On the motion of the Dean of Clonmacnois, the chair was vacated by the Bishop, and Mr R. Reynell was invited to the second chair. The Dean then proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, which was heartily accorded. After a few words of thanks from the Bishop a collection was made, and the meeting ended with prayer.

The following donations have been sent in since the meeting:—

Anonymous	£10 0 0
Hon., Mrs Smyth (Gaybrook)	5 0 0
J. Watson Murray, Esq.	5 0 0
H. R. Reibel, Esq.	5 0 0
A Friend per Dean of Clonmacnois	10 0 0

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS FOR AUG.

ACTS OF APOSTLES.

- 1.—Christian, three times in Acts?
- 2.—Marginal reading of "exceeding fair?"
- 3.—Thanks and praise before the wished-for event had taken place?
- 4.—Was the giving of the offering into the common fund optional?
- 5.—What was the argument of St. Paul's speech at Athens?
- 6.—What aspect of the Christian religion did St. Paul preach at Thessalonica?
- 7.—Where did Luke join St. Paul?
- 8.—St. Paul's third journey?
- 9.—Give St. Paul's voyage to Rome? Name the places remarkable for particular events.
- 10.—Who first preached the Gospel at Antioch?
- 11.—Why was Barnabus sent to preach the Gospel at Antioch?
- 12.—Who probably baptised Cornelius?
- 13.—Account for St. Peter's journey to Joppa?
- 14.—The part of scripture the Eth. Eunuch was reading?
- 15.—Give short account of miracle performed at Lydda?
- 16.—St. Paul's speech at Antioch recalls Peter's with reference to a certain subject?

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CHAPTER XI.

Mr John Forbes held the Vicarage of All Saints, Mullingar for about thirteen years. I have been unable to discover any particulars as to his place of Education or Ordination, or whether he vacated by promotion or death. He was succeeded by Mr Joshua Warren, who was presented by the Crown, according to The Liber Munerum Hibernie, on November 18th, 1692-3. Joshua Warren, according to the Matriculation Book of Trinity College, Dublin, was son of Edward Warren, and was born in Ireland in 1656. He was fourteen years of age when he entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a Pensioner, on July 13, 1670, and had been educated by Mr George Walker. Mr Warren obtained scholarship in 1673, and graduated B.A. Vernis, 1675, and proceeded M.A. Esquivis, 1678. He was probably a native of the County Donegal. I find that the Rev. Wm. Warren was instituted to the Rectory of Donaghmore, in that County and Diocese of Derry on April 23, 1626. He may probably have been the grandfather of Mr Joshua Warren, for I learn from Mr Darcy that there is still a tradition at Galtrim, Co. Meath, where we know that the Vicar of Mullingar resided, and which estate he was himself seized of; that the Warren family came from Donegal. A large tombstone at the east end of Galtrim Church, bears the name of Joshua Warren, Esq., of Galtrim, who died Nov. 17, 1773, in the 43rd year of his age, while the Chalice of that Church was "The gift of Mrs Warren, senior to the Church of Galtrim, 1765." These two persons thus locally commemorated were very probably the grandson and daughter-in-law of our Vicar. I do not know where Mr Warren was ordained. We find him in 1685, Prebendary of Killanully, Rector of Knockavilly, and Vicar of Brinney, Diocese of Cork. On Nov. 18, 1692-3, he succeeded Mr John Forbes, at Mullingar, and on May 12, 1693, had a faculty to hold Knockavilly with Mullingar. On Septem-

ber 27, 1697 he became by exchange with Mr Richard Goodman, Prebendary of Rath, in the Cathedral Church of St. Flannan's, Killaloe, and died, aged 44, before the month of November, 1700, on the eleventh day of which month Thomas Dobson was presented to Mullingar as Mr Warren's successor [Lib. Mun. : Heb.]. Dr. Mazier Brady in his learned work on the Dioceses of Cork, Gloyne, and Ross, gives many other particulars as to Mr Warren's family and descendants, but they do not throw any further light upon the history of his Incumbency at Mullingar. He married Ellenor daughter of Stafford Lightburn, Esq., of Adamstown, Co. Meath.

One of his sons, the Rev. Stafford Warren, was admitted Vicar of Donaghmore, Diocese of Clogher, in 1715, and probably held that parish until 1751, in which year John Brown succeeded him. His other sons were named Thomas and Lightburn; and he had also five daughters. Mr Warren's grandson Joshua, already mentioned, married on November 19, 1754, Frances, daughter and coheiress of Dixie Coddington, Esq., and had issue six daughters, who all married. The representation of the Warren family in the male line would seem to be extinct.

Thomas Dobson, aged 18, son of John Dobson, born at Weeton in Lancashire, educated by Mr William Whitehead, at Kirkham School, Co. Lancaster, his college tutor being Mr John Christian; entered Trinity College, Dublin as a sizar, on July 7th, 1667. Five years later, namely, in 1672, Mr Dobson obtained a Scholarship, and graduated B.A. Vernis, 1673, and M.A. Esquivis, 1676. Weeton, his birthplace, is a township in the parish of Kirkham, which contains the market town of the same name, and lies 9 miles W.N.W. from Preston. Where or by whom Mr Dobson was ordained I find not. On February 21st, 1681-2, he was collated to the Prebend of Inver (to which was attached the parish of St. Eunan, Diocese of Raphoe, and County of Donegal, Dr. William Smyth, ancestor of the Smyth family of Gaybrook, being at that time

Bishop of Raphoe. Mr Dobson in 1688 became a Minor Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. In 1693, Bishop Anthony Dopping's Report, referred to in chapter viii. of this "Account", returns him as Rector of Portshangan, Portloman, and Mullfernán, and Curate of Leamy, Lackney, and Staffarnam, Diocese of Meath. The aggregate value of these united Parishes had been £57 per annum; but in 1693, "it was not so much." The Churches and Chanocels of these parishes had been in ruin since the Rebellion of 1641, with the exception of Leamy. The Chanocel of that church is stated to be "in repair, but thatched". The Curate resides at Portshangan, within two miles [of it], and preaches here constantly." On November 22, 1699, Thomas Dobson, of Portshangan, Co. of Westmeath, Clerk, had licence from the Court of Prerogative, Dublin, for marriage with Elizabeth Dingley, of Donore, widow. Mr Dobson was presented to the Vicarage of All Saints', Mullingar, as successor to Mr Joshua Warren, whose fellow-student he had been in Dublin University on November the 11th, 1700. On March 9th, 1709, he was granted a faculty from the Court of Prerogative, to hold the Vicarages of Mullingar and Rathconnell, with the parishes of Portshangan and Mullfernán. He is described as Chaplain to Laurence [Hyde] Earl of Rochester, who was second son of Sir Edward Hyde, Lord Chancellor of England, and Earl of Clarendon, and brother to Henry, 2nd Earl of Clarendon, and to Anne Duchess of York, the first wife of James II. King of England. Laurence, Earl of Rochester, in the year 1700, became Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Mr Dobson held his benefices until 1717, and very probably died in that year, aged 68. Another Thomas Dobson also entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a sizar, on Nov. 12, 1673. He was son of George Dobson, of Dublin, and was born in 1660. He graduated B.A. in 1683, but I consider that the former Thomas was the Vicar of Mullingar. I have not found any record of Mr Dobson's death or of his place of burial.

On March 13th, 1717, Lewis West succeeded as Vicar of Mullingar on Mr Dobson's decease, by Presentation of the Crown. He held the Benefice until 1724, when he became Prebendary of Inver, Diocese of Raphoe. According to Archdeacon Cotton, who styles him M.A., Mr Lewis held Inver until 1746; but I have entirely failed in obtaining any further particulars about him. At this time there would seem to have been no Vicarage or clergyman's residence at Mullingar; Mr West may, therefore, have been non-resident. I do not find that he held, by faculty, any other parish with Mullingar. On May 7th, 1724, again by Royal Presentation, Edward Thompson succeeded Mr West in this preferment.

We must now notice the Bishops who occupied the See of Meath until this last-mentioned date.

Dr Richard Tennison was Bishop Anthony Dopping's successor. He was born at Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained a Scholarship, and was afterwards Vice-Chancellor. He was at one time Diocesan Schoolmaster of Meath, and resided at Trim. Bishop Tennison was consecrated Bishop of Killala, 25th Feb., 1681-2, and was translated to Clogher (where he had been Dean), in 1690. It should also be stated that he had been Rector of Lannoor and of Agher, and Vicar of Donaghmore, in the Diocese of Meath. The Bishop died in Dublin, on July 29, 1705, and was buried in the vault of the old Chapel of Trinity College.

In 1705, Dr. William Moreton, Bishop of Kildare, and Dean of Christ's Church Cathedral, Dublin, was translated to Meath. He was an Englishman. The Bishop died in Dublin, on Nov. 24th, 1715, and was buried in Christ Church Cathedral.

In 1715, Dr. John Evans, Bishop of Bangor, in Wales, was translated to Meath. He proved a very munificent Prelate, and founded the residences and endowments which form the Clergy Widows' Charity in this Diocese. Bishop Evans died suddenly in Dublin, on March 2nd, 1723-4. He was buried in the churchyard of St. George's Chapel, Dublin, beneath a very handsome tomb, which has now become much dilapidated.

Dr. Henry Downes, Bishop of Elphin from 1720, formerly Bishop of Killala from 1716-7, and who, in 1726, was again translated to Derry, became, in 1724, Bishop of Meath. He was an Englishman, and the author of sundry sermons "preacht on various Public Anniversaries."

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(To be continued.)

ANSWERS TO SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS IN JUNE AND AUGUST NOS.

JUNE.

1. Acts, vii, 38.
2. An answer to the accusation of blasphemy.
3. Acts, ix, 31.
4. See Acts, xx, 4.
5. Acts, ii, 22; iii, 6; iv, 10; vi, 14; xvii, 8; xxvi, 9.
6. Gamaliel, Acts, v, 34.
7. Azotus is the same city.
8. Healed a cripple—Acts, xiv, 8.
9. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul", &c., said by the Holy Ghost.
10. Philippi.

AUGUST.

1. 1st, at Antioch, 2nd, Peter, "if any man suffer," &c.; 3rd, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
2. Fair to God.
3. Acts, xxvii, 35; Luke, xxiv, 45,
4. Yes; "after it was sold was it not thine own," &c.
5. To convince them of the "folly of idolatry."
6. A suffering Messiah.
7. At Troas.
8. Galatia, Phrygia, Ephesus, Macedonia, Corinth, back to Philippi, Troas, Assos, Mitylene, Troglodim, Miletus, Patara, Tyre, Ptolemais, Caesarea, Jerusalem.
9. Sidon, Myra, Cnidus, Fair Havens, Melita, Syracuse, Rhegium, Pentoli, Apit Forum.
10. Disciples of Cyprus, and Cyrene, after the death of Stephen.
11. Because he was a man of Cyprus.
12. The brethren who came with Peter.
13. St. Peter went to see the saints at Lydda which was near to Joppa, and whom the friends of Dorcas sent for to comfort them in their trouble.
14. Isaiah, liii, 7, 8.
16. The Resurrection of Christ.

Epigrams for the Month.

Sept.	Morning.	Evening.
5th.	127, 164, 299.	38, 290, 58
12th.	335, 130, 302.	181, 209, 59
19th.	2, 138, 284	171, 439, 62
26th.	40, 92, 363,	210, 48, 63

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS FOR SEPT

ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL.

- 1.—What is known of the writer of this Gospel?
- 2.—Luke is mentioned three times in the Epistles?
- 3.—How do Matthew and Luke differ in their genealogies. Account for this?
- 4.—What internal evidence have we that Luke wrote for the gentiles?
- 5.—Luke was not a disciple, from what source then did he derive information for his Gospel history?
- 6.—What is the meaning of the expression "of the course of Abia"?
- 7.—On what occasions is the Angel Gabriel mentioned by name?
- 8.—What evidence is there from the Epistles that Luke was a Gentle?
- 9.—Marginal readings for "Tender mercy" and "Day spring"?

OCTOBER.

AY, welcome to thee, heaven's delicious breath,
When woods begin to wear the crimson leaf,
And suns grow meek, and the meek suns grow brief.

And the year smiles as it draws near its death.
Wind of the sunny son! Oh still delay
In the gay woods and in the golden air;
Like to a good old ace, released from care,
Journeying in long serenity away.
In such a bright, late gulf, would that I
Might wear out life like thee, 'mid bowers and
brooks;

And darter yet, the sunshine of kind looks,
And music of kind voices ever nigh;
And when my last sand twinkled in the glass,
Pass silently from men, as thou dost pass.

ANONYMOUS.

BAPTISMS.

August 11th, Emma Lois, the daughter of William James and Emma Jane Trydell.

August 18th, Margaret Eliza, the daughter of William and Rachel Long.

August 25th, Helen Mary Margaret, the daughter of James and Jessie Ferguson.

Sept. 1st, Ethel, the daughter of Charles and Mary Anne Dillon.

DEATH.

August 27th, Mary Anderson, aged 85 years.