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THINGS NOT IN THE PAPERS

Last week a column appeared in the "Evening News" that gave a few interesting facts local and general not usually found in the news columns of our papers. The interest with which we read these pars has tempted us to send a few items to the Editor for publication.

NOTABLE CONVERT HAS WATERFORD ASSOCIATIONS.

Few of those in Waterford and adjoining districts who may have read last week of the conversion to the Catholic Church of Mr. Walton Newbold knew that about a dozen years ago Mr. Newbold was a member of the teaching staff of the Friends School at Newtown, Waterford, and that last summer he spent about two months in South Tipperary and Co. Waterford and stayed for ten days at Mount Melleray.

Mr. Newbold has a distinguished career at Manchester University. He is among the most able and versatile journalists in England and was M.P. for Motherwell during the brief time of the Labour Government in office ten years ago.

In the British House of Commons and in the Press, Mr. Newbold championed the cause of Irish Independence. During a visit to Rome a few years ago he had a number of interviews with Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State (now His Holiness Pope Plus XII).

FATHER AILBE LUDDY OF MOUNT MELLERAY.

The name of Father Ailbe Luddy of the Cistercian Order, Mount Melleray, appeared in the papers during the Oliver Plunkett celebrations in the middle of July. Father Luddy wrote for the celebrations an oratorio and cantata which he did not hear when it was broadcast from Cork as Cistercian monks would not listen to the Radio. How many Co. Waterford people know that Father Ailbe Luddy is author of the following works—"The Thundering Abbot (De Rance Bremond)"; "Life of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and an edition of St. Bernard's Sermons"; "History of Mount Melleray Abbey"; "The Cistercian Nuns"; "The Order of Citeaux"; "Life of St. Malachy"; "The Real De Rance (Reformer of the Cistercians).

All these works were written at Mount Melleray while Father Ailbe was in very poor health.

NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND IRISH SCHOLAR.

Tomas Bairead, a reporter on the Irish "Irish Independent," has made a reputation as a writer of Irish through his volumes of short stories which have had a large sale. He is a native Irish speaker from Connacht. Every line of his Irish writing contains evidence of the extent to which he is steeped in the native Irish of Connacht. He has evolved a new and attractive genre and very

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tractive short short. This week he has given us through The Talbot Press, Dublin, "Cruithneacht agus Ceannabhain"—fourteen short stories (4/6; 202 pages).

The first story in the collection, "Boladh an Anbhrutha" ("The Smelling activities of the "Soupers" in Connacht in the Famine days and the sacrifice made a poor woman who resisted all the threats and coaxing of the soupers and her prolytising landlord to drink their soup in exchange for her faith. She closed her door, took with only her old beads she had had since her child had died on the roadside of cold and hunger on her way to the Workhouse. Here is an English translation of the last paragraph in the story: No prayer is said beside her grave; and there is neither stone nor cross over it. No one now living knows where she and her old beads are buried, nor shall anyone know until the Last Trumpet is sounded on Judgment Day

Everyone who can read Irish should spare 4/6 for "Cruithneacht agus Ceannabhain."

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