

THE ALLEGED VISIONS AT KNOCKMORE CHAPEL.

BALLINA (Ireland).—Hour after hour the crowds of people at this place are increasing, and a thorough belief in the reality of the apparitions is fast gaining ground. Nightly numbers of persons present protest that they see the strangest things, and will when questioned give a most minute description of the figures. The first person who said he had seen the visions was a tailor named Brown, a native of Cork, on Sunday week when he alleged he saw the Blessed Virgin come out in flowing robes upon the altar during the daytime, which circumstance he reported to the priest. Every night since manifestations have been attested to, witnessed by hundreds at the same time. A girl named Mary Jordan declared to me most solemnly that she saw the Blessed Virgin and Child come out so plainly upon the steps of the altar that she could place her hands upon them only she was afraid to do so, and that she afterwards saw several saints and angels pass by in like form. Another woman cried out that the sight was beautiful, and could not be restrained from going inside the altar rails to embrace the forms she saw. Several persons saw three of the candles upon the altar put out at the same time by the Virgin, who was walking between them. One woman assured me that in the middle of the night after the chapel had been closed for some hours the place was lit up most brilliantly, and that she reported the matter to her husband and others, who also testified to the facts, but on their approaching the chapel, believing there was a marriage going on, the lights all disappeared. It has also been alleged that strange lights appeared in the sky over the chapel, and that strange lights and stars are seen nightly on the walls and windows,—

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