

Ballinrobe

Another interesting story about the generosity of the Sisters happened in 1854. That was their response to an appeal from the War Office to nurse the wounded in the Crimean Hospitals. The Archbishop was in Rome and could not be contacted for his approval. The Dean and Fr. McEvelly thought it was a good idea to respond to the call. Three Sisters left for Baggot Street to join the volunteer group assembled there. Due to an unexpected delay in arrangements, the Sisters were still in Baggot Street when the Archbishop returned. He disapproved of the Sisters leaving Ireland and the disappointed trio returned to Westport. In November of that year all the Professed Sisters were kept very busy as an outbreak of cholera devastated the town.