

THE GREEN ISLE

News of The Past Week to Interest Our Readers.

EVERY PROVINCE WELL COVERED.

EVENTS HAPPENING FURNISHED IN THE BRIEFEST MANNER.

LEINSTER.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

DUBLIN.

In the history of British maladministration in Ireland there is nothing more callous or cold-blooded than the answer delivered by the English Tory Chief Secretary to the question asked him concerning the wide spread destitution and imminent famine at Belmullet, County Mayo. "I have before me," he said, "official reports made from sources other than the Local Government Board, which confirm the reports of that board. From these reports it appears that there is no reason to anticipate general distress of a nature requiring the exceptional expenditure of relief works; and it is expected that any case of distress which may arise can be dealt with by the existing local authorities." And this in face of the universal testimony (including the constabulary) of people on the spot, that throughout a large section of Mayo—one of the most extensive counties in Ireland—the crops of all kinds are practical failures—the food of the people has failed, the land has refused it, and they have no money to get it elsewhere. Many of them are living on Indian meal procured on credit, and of this the supply is short. Beyond doubt or question, famine threatens in Belmullet; and when the people are actually starving, the Tory Chief Secretary speaks flippantly of "any case of distress that may arise!" This is the policy of the English government pursued previous to the great famine of 1846 and '47, the horrors of which the Tory ministers of to-day would probably have no objection to see renewed. That is the only interpretation to be put on Mr. Balfour's infamous declaration.

An interesting event took place at the meeting of the Royal Irish Academy, one week ago Monday, when a portrait of Dr. J. K. Ingram, who occupied the presidential chair from 1891 to 1896, was presented by Sir John Banks to the Academy, on behalf of a number of friends and admirers of the late president. The portrait is by a well-known Irish artist, Miss Forster. Dr. Ingram has done very valuable work for the Academy, and this graceful compliment is appropriate and well deserved. He has left to his successor in the chair of the Academy a record of learned and fruitful labors; and he has procured still more enduring fame from his authorship of a ballad which is first among Irish National poems. "Who can speak of '96?" Mr. John Dillon was also to put two important questions to the Chief Secretary. One is to state the number of Irish tenants who have been turned into caretakers, by the operation of the seventh section of the Land Law Act, 1887, and whether an estimate can be given of the number of such tenants who are thus outside all benefit from the Land Law acts. The other question is as to the number of applications made to the Land Commission, by evicted tenants, and whether the government intend to take any further steps to carry out the policy of that section.

Last Monday in Dublin, an old woman named Elizabeth Walters was found dead in her bed in the house of her son-in-law, Michael Byrne, 10 North Anne street. One of her daughters had been married on the previous day, to a soldier, and the old woman attended the festivities, which took place in Byrne's room. Early next morning she lay down on a bed in the house, without divesting herself of her clothes, and when her son-in-law went into the room he found her dead. She had been complaining of pains in her side for the previous fortnight.

Mr. Balfour evidently intends to keep back the discussion of the Irish financial grievances as long as possible. It has been postponed until after the committee on the Education Bill, although an early day was promised for the discussion. The government, however, will not be allowed to shove the matter by an expedient of this kind. It is necessary, the Irish members will take special measures to force the burning issue upon the renewed attention of the House.

Mr. Davitt has given notice that he will ask the Home Secretary whether he has received a petition signed by 3,000 citizens of Johannesburg, asking for the release of the remaining Irish political prisoners; and if, in obedience to the appeal made by so large a number of people in that city, he can find any way to recommend the liberation of these men during this Jubilee year. In the Dublin Echo's columns last week, David McDonald, described as a bricklayer, aged 37, of 28 Charlotte street, was sent to jail for a month, on a charge of having broken the glass in the window of Mr. Peter Delany's licensed house 11 Cuffe street. He was further sent to jail for a fortnight for assault on the constable who took him into custody.

Messrs. McKewen, ship owners, Liverpool, managers of the new steam packet service to the life of Man, to commence at Man, have purchased the steamer "St. John" from the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company. The arrangements are well advanced, and the vessel will be ready to start on the 1st of August.

One day recently, in Dublin, a man named Edward O'Connor fell off the steamship Cumbrria, and was in danger of drowning, but for Jeremiah Hannon, a member of the Fire Brigade who was on duty at the fire escape at Cardiff lane, and put off in a boat and rescued O'Connor in an exhausted condition.

Owing to a dispute as to trade regulations, Mr. Monks, T. C., baker, King street, Dublin, locked out his men last week, but by the intervention of arbitrators the difficulty was settled, and the men resumed work, as the result of overtures from Mr. Monks, who re-employed his staff on the old terms.

Dr. Nansen, the great Arctic explorer, is announced to lecture in Dublin early next month, under the auspices of the Royal Dublin Society.

WICKLOW.

The directors of the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company had an unpleasant meeting to give to their shareholders at their last general meeting. No dividends were payable except to the Cumulative Preference shareholders, and Mr. Pim had to announce that Electric Tramway competition had brought about a substantial decrease in revenue. An abnormal increase in expenditure, which, for the half year, amounted to £16,000, had also to be explained as being necessary for the protection of their line from the encroachment of the sea. The meeting adjourned without acting on the report.

In Avoca, a few days ago, an inquest was held by Coroner Jones, touching the death of an old man named Richard Proctor whose lifeless body had been found lying in a stream close to the village. Portion of the clothing was torn and the pockets had been turned inside out. A search made in the vicinity resulted in the finding of a purse containing four coppers. There was no mark of violence whatever on the body. The deceased had not been altogether right in his head since the death of his wife, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of found drowned.

KILDARE.

Mr. Patrick Sheridan, builder and contractor of Bir and Dublin, has been selected by the War Office authorities to carry out the plans for providing considerable additional accommodation for troops at the Curragh. Mr. Sheridan has been constantly engaged for some years in works of this kind for the government. The amount of the new contract is stated to be £25,000.

WEXFORD.

On a Tuesday night of a recent date intelligence reached Goryy of a frightful murder having been committed at Killeavin, near Coolgreany. The murdered man was a farmer in affluent circumstances, named John Kelly, whose body was found lying on the floor of his dwelling house, shot through the head. Everything in connection with the affair pointed to a carefully planned and cold-blooded murder. What adds an element of sensational interest to the deed is the fact that Kelly's life had not been taken until he had been married next day. The crime has created a great sensation in the district, as Kelly was a man of good standing and respectability, and was on good terms with his neighbors generally. No arrests have been made up to latest advices.

One night in the latter part of February, on the arrival of a late train from Wexford at Ennisceorthy, a shocking accident occurred by which an assistant guard on the train was out to protect Murray the gun, who was in the act of uncoupling wagons while the train was in motion, when his foot was caught by one of the wheels. He was jerked under the wagon, and the right leg was severed from the body and the left nearly so. He was conveyed to the Union hospital, where both legs were amputated. He died the same evening.

Captain Hamilton, the agent on the Coolbreany estate, has recently had an interview with some of the tenantry of the property, who threw up their holdings in pursuance of the plan of campaign. The result has been that several of them have been reinstated. The terms upon which the tenants were reinstated are stated to be on the old rent, with a half year's rent paid down, and leases to be signed for a period of thirty-one years.

KILKENNY.

Mr. Henry P. Lalor (Lalor & Co., Commercial Buildings, Dublin), has been offered, and has accepted, the general agency of Messrs. E. Smithwick & Sons, Kilkenny. By happy coincidence the firm and its new representative belong to two of the oldest houses in the Irish brewing trade. The offices which are being prepared in the Commercial Buildings, the most central position in Dublin, to join those of the Irish Licensed Trade. The stores are in the North Lotts, and were formerly occupied by Messrs. E. J. Burke, foreign agents for Guinness & Co. Messrs. Smithwick have an extensive foreign connection.

KING'S COUNTY.

The Rathfriland Distillery has been purchased for the City of Dublin Whiskey Distillers Company, for a sum of £100,000. This figure is exactly half what the buildings originally cost to erect and equip with everything of a modern type. Its enormous size and drastically construction possibly proved a drawback to its success, as the interest on capital expenditure ate far into the profits. The new company is not so encumbered. The company has already bought over 6,000 barrels of barley at a fair average price; and it may be mentioned that but for the opening thus afforded for the marketing of the barley on hands so long, a number of farmers in the district would have been ruined. The present producing capacity of the distillery is half a million gallons of whiskey per annum, with bondage accommodation for five times that quantity.

WESTMEATH.

Thomas McCormack, employed at a yard-keeper at Mullingar, made three attempts to commit suicide last Thursday. First he tried strangulation by means of a belt, and twice hanging from a hook. His last attempt was frustrated by the arrival of a constable, who was finally placed under arrest.

The angling during the last week in February at the Salmon Leap Weir, Athlone, was most disappointing, and the draftmen fishermen met with the same ill-luck. The net and creel line fishing on Lough Ree was very good, however.

LOUTH.

Dr. Parke, coroner, held an inquest on the remains of Edwin Fitzsimons, at Ballydargan, one day last week. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased's body was found burned to a cinder, the head, legs and arms being severed from the body. Deceased must have had his clothes and boots on, as portions of them were still on the remains. He was subject to fits, and it is believed that he took one of those fits, and in falling may have upset or let a candle fall. The jury found that the deceased was accidentally burned to death.

The remains of the Massareene estate have joined the evicted tenants' movement, and it seems likely that an organization for their relief may be formed, embracing the whole country. The tenants have suffered from the existing dissenation, and are entitled to the support of all Nationalists of whatever section.

MUNSTER.

CORK.

In Cork on a recent date, the bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, was made the recipient of an address and presentation from the Christian Brothers Community and their pupils. In token of the joy felt by them, in common with the clergy and people of his diocese, at his restoration to health. The presentation was made by Rev. Brother Burke, in behalf of the Community. The bishop, in his reply, said he was himself greatly indebted to the brothers from his early days—the times of the great old men of the community who had passed away, and who had watched over him with the solicitude of parents in every reason, who were proud of the brothers of the present day, for their schools were among the first and were pervaded by the true spirit of religion.

With deep regret we have to announce the death of Rev. John Murphy, P. J., Drimoleague. Father Murphy was a native of Ballinacraig and was for a considerable time chaplain at Bulke Island. Many will remember the excitement that prevailed some years ago, when a rumor prevailed in West Cork, that Father Murphy was to be arrested in connection with the land agitation. The report proved unfounded, but the whole country side was almost in a state of insurrection for several days. When Canon Murray, P. P. Douglas, left Drimoleague to go to the parish he now occupies, Father Murphy succeeded him.

KERRY.

At the last meeting of the Royal Humane Society, a handsome testimonial was awarded to Mrs. Catherine Moylan, 33 years of age, a farmer's wife of Rillebane Camy, County Kerry, for an act of gallantry, on the 20th of December last, whereby she was the means of saving three girls, Margaret and May Moore, aged 9 and 7 years, a farmer's daughter, and Hanoria Kennedy, a shepherd's daughter, who, while returning from school at Ketterham, on crossing the River Tralee, were blown by a heavy gale into the water. Mrs. Moylan fortunately witnessed the occurrence, and rushing to the spot, at once plunged in and caught the children, whom she supported until further help came, and they were brought safely to the bank.

A young laborer named Michael O'Leary, was arrested in Tralee, one day last week charged with having embezzled a sum of £2 from a farmer named Denis Nolan, of Arrahane, in whose employ the prisoner had been and by whom he was sent to a neighbor for £2, which was due to Nolan. The boy returned and stated that he did not get the money. Next morning he disappeared and word was sent to Tralee, where the police arrested Foley. He wore a new suit of clothes, which he said he had got for 11s. He denied having more than a shilling in his pocket, but on being searched the sum of £1 9s was found. He was remanded to the Abbeydorney Petty Sessions.

Mr. Timothy Cavanagh and his brother-in-law, Mr. G. Nagle, have purchased the well known drapery establishment, "The Arcade," The Mall, Tralee, in which an extensive business has been transacted by Messrs. Stack & Gibson until their dissolution of partnership some time ago. The stock belonging to the late owners was purchased by Messrs. Revington & Sons, and as soon as it is cleared out the house will be opened for the newcomers.

At the last Smeem Petty Sessions, a man named P. Sullivan, aged about 60 years, was committed to the Lunatic Asylum for attempting to commit suicide. It appears that Sullivan, who resided at a place called Moneybush, was found in a stable with a deep gash in his throat, and near him was an old bread knife, with which he had attempted to commit the horrible act. Dr. William O'Donnell sewed up the wound which was not serious.

Mr. James Hoffman, late manager of the Munster Cash Company, has purchased the premises No. 34 Castle street, Tralee, lately in the occupation of Mr. Daniel McKenna. The house is large and extensive and is being fitted up in first class style in all departments connected with the drapery business, and will be opened in a short time.

A gratifying improvement in the salmon fishing in Killarney Lakes has recently taken place, which it is expected will be the forerunner of the remainder of the season turning out satisfactorily.

LIMERICK.

A Limerick correspondent writing under date of February 26, says: "A fresh dispute has arisen in the Irish bacon trade, the pig-buyers expressing themselves as not satisfied with the recent agreement entered into with the draftmen, and demanding a further modification of the terms. The draftmen and Limerick buyers held a meeting here to-day. The greater

number of the Limerick buyers have signed the manifesto. A minority have refused to do so, and they had an interview with the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer on the subject to-night. The Limerick merchants give the buyers a shilling per cwt. more than they pay the farmers, but this is not considered satisfactory.

Horse racing in Limerick shows a decided decline in public favor. If the figures submitted at a recent meeting of the Limerick Race Company mean anything, the chairman informed the shareholders that whereas some years ago, one of their fixtures would attract twenty thousand people, now less than half that number followed the sport. The falling off in the population supplies a partial explanation of the figures, but the decrease in receipts from 1892 to the present year, when a deficiency has to be announced, could hardly be justified on that ground alone.

CLARE.

A melancholy case of drowning, involving the loss of three lives occurred on Saturday night of a recent date, in Kilrush Harbor, close to Scatterly Island. A pilot belonging to Scatterly, named Michael Melican, aged about 50 years, who was accompanied by his wife and eldest son, aged about 17, were in Kilrush during the day on market business, and proceeded homewards from Merchant's Quay, in their canoe, which was heavily laden with commodities bought in town, in addition to her living freight. As there was a bad sea running at the time, several seamen endeavored to dissuade Melican from crossing that night, but he would not believe that the boat was overfreighted for the trip. Melican and his son took to the oars but put in at Cappa Pier, near Harris, Melican's usual home, who lives at Cappa, and her husband, also entreated Melican to stay for the night, but the unfortunate man would not listen to anyone, nor would he permit his wife to remain ashore at his sisters. Nothing further was heard of the party until next morning, when some Scatterly people reported that the Melicans had not arrived, but that screams were heard late in the night, off the west side of the island, as from drowning persons. Melican's upturned canoe was found floating near Hog Island. A young healthy family of eight children, the eldest a boy of about 12 years and the youngest a girl of about 3 months, have thus been deprived of father and mother. The disaster has caused the greatest consternation in Scatterly Island, where Melican was respected for his honesty and industry.

Major F. G. Cullinan, Sub-Sheriff of Clare, accompanied by County Inspector Scott and Head Constable Cronin, Ennis, and a large force of police, drove to Cather last Tuesday to execute warrants issued against James Curry, Martin Nugent and Thomas Horan for neglect to pay instalments of decrees obtained against them by the landlord, Mr. Dwyer. At Glandaree near Tulka, the party was met by another force of police under District Inspector Mahony, Tulka, and the entire body, numbering about seventy, proceeded to the houses of the tenants. The three defendants were found at home, and were at once taken into custody by the sheriff, and transferred to Limerick jail. There was no crowd or excitement of any kind since the purchase of the O'Hara estate by Mr. Dwyer a few years ago at a time when the tenants were about buying their holdings themselves, the relations between landlord and tenant have been strained, and the Plan of Campaign has been in operation for some time.

County Inspector J. M. G. Foley who has been in charge of the County Meath establishment for some time past, has been appointed to the command of the County Clare force, vice County Inspector W. H. Scott, transferred to the County Antrim.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Condon, M. P., has given notice that he will ask the Chief Secretary whether the attention of the Irish government has been called to the excitement in the County of Tipperary caused by an attempt of Lord Lismore to enclose Cullenagh Mountain, and forcibly interfere with the rights of the mountain exercised from time immemorial by the tenants on the Lismore estate, and whether, having regard to the danger thus threatened to the public peace, the government will take steps to prevent this interference with old established rights of the tenants.

Last Monday the funeral of Mr. P. O'Connor, of Annegrove House, Roscrea, took place from St. Audeon's church, High street, Dublin. Despite the early hour (8:30 a. m.) at which the funeral cortege left the church, a large and sympathetic gathering of friends of the late gentleman followed in carriages he remains to Kingsbridge, en route to Roscrea (the family burying ground being at Dunkerrin, Kink's County).

The case of the two young men from Clogheen, named Flynn and Barrett, who were arrested for inflicting a fatal injury on Patrick Doody, after leaving a wedding party in that neighborhood, has undergone a magisterial investigation, and Flynn has been committed for trial at the Assizes, Barrett being discharged.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Dr. W. K. Heffernan, of Killenault, to the Commission of the Peace of the County Tipperary.

WATERFORD.

In Waterford, on Sunday, March 7, a young man named Walter Walsh, a tailor by trade, son of a respectable citizen, attempted suicide outside the Dominican church. He seized a knife and made several gashes at his throat, but the knife was blunt and the incisions did not penetrate very deep, though they bled profusely. Before he had time to accomplish his apparent object he was seized, and next day he was committed to the lunatic asylum. The Waterford and Limerick Railway Company held its half-yearly meeting in Waterford, and in common with most of the other railway companies, for the past half-year, a decrease in traffic receipts had to be announced. The weather of course was responsible for a substantial falling off in the number of passengers carried, and this decrease was reflected in the

to £1,434 over the line owned by the company. In store cattle and pigs there was a serious decrease, the latter being principally and almost entirely due to the existing distaste in the bacon trade.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

In Belfast last week, an informal meeting of gentlemen representing the several shades of political thought was held in Rosemary Street hall, for the purpose of considering the report of the Financial Relations Commission, and of discussing the advisability of holding a public meeting in connection with the subject. After an interchange of views between those present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the gentlemen present form themselves into a committee, with power to add to their numbers, to co-operate when desirable with the All Ireland Committee on the question of the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland, and to take such action as may be deemed necessary."

The remains of the late Mr. Hugh A. Horsey, who for a number of years had been connected with the firm of Messrs. Peter Keegan & Co., as their English representative, were removed from Donagall, Quay, Belfast, for interment in the family burying ground, Lisburn, Kircubbin, one week ago Thursday. Mr. Torney for a considerable time past had been under treatment for an affection of the heart. A short time ago he proceeded to Edinburgh to consult a specialist, who at once advised complete rest for a time. But the relief came too late, and while on his return journey Mr. Torney died at the Grand Hotel, Manchester. The body was conveyed by rail and steamer to Belfast.

The Belfast City Coroner, Mr. E. S. Finnigan, held an inquest in the Recorder's Court a week ago, touching the death of a laborer aged 16 years, residing at No. 43 Cuba street, who had died in the Royal Hospital, as the result of injuries received by falling from a swing boat in North street. Dr. Boggs deposed that the deceased died from compression of the brain, following fracture of the skull and extravasation of blood on the surface of the brain. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and stated that there was no blame to be attached to the owner of the swing-boat.

ARMAGH.

There was great excitement in Armagh when the particulars of the decision of the Local Government Board fixing the boundaries of the three wards into which the town is to be divided, under the Towns Improvement Act, became known. The number of commissioners which will compose the new board, the election of which will take place shortly, has been fixed at eighteen, i. e. six for each ward in determining the boundaries the Local Government Board have practically adopted the scheme of the Catholics, and have also adopted the idea of fixing the boundaries from the centres of the streets. The greatest enthusiasm is felt in Catholic circles owing to the satisfactory result of the inquiry.

Last Wednesday Mr. William H. Atkinson, Coroner for North Armagh, held an inquest for Owen street, Armagh, on the body of an old man named Bartholomew Priddy, who had dropped dead on the previous night, when on his way home to Derrykelly. Dr. Stewart, J. P., said he believed the death was due to failure of the heart's action, caused by excitement in running. Verdict accordingly.

TYRONE.

One day in the latter part of February a police till hunting expedition was carried out by the Tyrone Mounted between Broughderg and Draperstown. The Broughderg and Draperstown police joined forces under the superintendence of Sergt. Stokes, Draperstown, and Acting Sergt. Regan, Broughderg. Early in the morning the townland of Carrowoughderg was reached, where an exhaustive search was instituted. A commodious and thoroughly-equipped still house was discovered in a deep ravine encircled by mountains. The still house was evidently only recently vacated, a warm embers of the still fire were smouldering on the hearth. Close by was found a huge vat filled with wash made from malt. A number of barrels also containing wash were found, together with a number of stoves, hoops, jars, etc. The party then searched the house of a man named John McCulla, and in one of the outhouses found a vat capable of containing 300 gallons, in which was a quantity of wash similar to that previously seized. A house occupied by a woman named Mary Conway was then searched, the result being that a bottle of "potteen" was found and promptly seized.

In consequence of information received at Fintona police barracks, Sergeant Deane and Constables Lynch and Donoghue proceeded to the townland of Aughshad, some three and a half miles distant, where a man named William Dougherty had attempted to commit suicide that morning by cutting his throat. On entering the house they found the injured man lying about the kitchen, in his night shirt, in a state of frenzy, with a terrible gash in his throat from which the blood flowed profusely. The medical gentleman who attended (Dr. Duncan) found that owing to the nature of the wound, which was of a very extensive character, he could not unite the flesh, and for the present all he could do was to give the man only temporary relief. He was taken to the infirmary.

DOWN.

An inquest was held last week Tuesday by Mr. John F. Small, coroner for South Down, on the body of a child named Peter Gallagher, who resided with his parents in the townland of Droiminte, and who had been killed by the roof of his father's house falling in upon the family, on the previous Tuesday. Patrick Gallagher, father of the deceased, deposed that about midday he was engaged in the fields when one of the children informed him that the roof of the house had fallen in. Witness ran to the place, and got his wife and several of his children, who

ated, but when he found the deceased life was extinct. Dr. Keen deposed that the child died from suffocation. Verdict accordingly.

At the last meeting of the Newry Board of Guardians, a letter was received from the Local Government Board acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of the Guardians of the 13th ult., requesting that no further steps be taken in the proceedings instituted against the Guardians in connection with the expenditure incurred by them in sending certain patients to Mr. McGovern for treatment for hydrophobia. The Local Government Board stated that they did not think it expedient to withdraw the proceedings in the case. The Clerk was directed to summon a special meeting of the Guardians for that day week.

DERRY.

The Somerset estate in Derry County, which comprise 12,000 acres, and extends a distance of eight miles, has been offered to the tenants at twenty years' purchase, with reservation of royalties, minerals and game rights by the owners, Messrs. Todd and Miss Richardson. The tenants on the Killare estate of Dr. A. A. Orr, Dublin, have come to an agreement to buy out at 17 years' purchase, the landlord to bear costs of sale. On many other estates the tenants have settled without going into court.

Lord Huntington is spoken of as likely to be the new master of the East Galway hounds, which Capt. Harrison is giving up.

CONNAUGHT.

SALWAY.

A sad case of suicide occurred on Sunday, March 7, at Patrick Lynch, of Clonsilla, son of a most respectable farmer in that locality, had been noted to be a little strange in his manner. After dinner on the above day he was missed, and about 4:30 o'clock, when a farm hand proceeded to the barn, to get some fodder for the cattle, the unfortunate young man was discovered suspended from one of the cross-beams of the barn, and quite dead.

Last week Wednesday a large and representative meeting was held in Droghdaire, with a view of establishing a creamery in or near the village. Rev. Canon McSherry, P. P. Droghdaire, presided, and resolutions were adopted providing that a provisional committee be selected, of the farmers of the district, to determine and elicit the support requisite for the establishment of a co-operative dairy in or near Droghdaire.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Ann Linnery, of Shrif, Droghdaire, who passed away in the latter part of February, at the residence of her son, at the ripe old age of 84.

ROSCOMMON.

A police sergeant named Archibald Hamilton, who up to recently was stationed in Droghdaire, was on duty at Roscommon, when he was injured while arresting a man, for which he was about applying for compensation from the county. He made a determined attempt at suicide in his boarding house, by cutting his throat, last Monday. Fortunately the attempt was unsuccessful, and he was immediately discovered, and was removed to the County Infirmary, where at last accounts he was progressing favorably.

On Sunday, March 7, Rev. W. Walker, of Foyers, Roscommon, and Rev. Mr. Smeaton, of Bignam, were invited to the priesthood. Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, performed the ceremony after 5 o'clock mass in the Cathedral. Both reverend gentlemen are intended for the mission in their native diocese, Elphin. Each passed through distinguished scholastic and ecclesiastical courses in Sligo and Mayo North Colleges.

SILIGO.

One day recently as Mr. G. I. Davys, son of Mr. C. Davys, Clerk of the Crown, of Peace, Sligo, was riding home on a bicycle, to his lodgings near Trinity College, when he was struck by a medical clerk who was attached to the North Circuit, driven by a bill which was being driven towards the park. The infuriated animal fortunately attacked the bicycle, and the rider, but Mr. Davys was thrown off with such force as to require its removal, in a state of unconsciousness, to the Mater Misericordiae hospital, where, at last accounts he was progressing favorably.

With much regret we have to chronicle the death, from acute bronchitis, of Miss Elizabeth McManus, of Collinmore, and niece of the late Rev. Father O'Meara, P. P., of Atkynnes. The sad event occurred at the residence of her cousin, Mrs. John Scanlan, post mistress, Funninadden, where she deceased had been on a visit for the benefit of her health.

At the recent examination in Trinity College, Dublin, for honours in Natural Science, Mr. John H. Laird, son of Dr. Laird, Sligo, obtained first place in the honor list, scoring no less than 80 per cent.

The marriage is announced in Sligo by Rev. Martin Shannon, Adm., of William Omsby Hunt, merchant, of Sara Ann, second daughter of the late Mr. John Reid, Sligo.

MAYO.

Rev. Patrick Lyons, P. P., has given the contract for the new church for Castlebar to Mr. John B. Healy, son well known contractor and builder of Tralee, who has executed with much satisfaction the work on several costly new churches in various parts of Ireland. The new church will be completed within the space of eighteen months.

One day in the latter part of February a great sensation was occasioned in the neighborhood of Foxford, by the news that Mr. S. O'Grady McDermott of Clongee, had been found dead about thirty yards from his own residence having apparently been killed by the discharge, accidental or otherwise, of a fowling piece he was carrying, an over the muzzle of which he must have been leaning, as the greater part of his head had been shot away. An open verdict was returned by the coroner's jury. Deceased was an ex-officio Guardian of the Swinford Union and brother of Dr. Leonard McDermott of Foxford. He was widely known and highly respected in the district, where he lived.