OUR IRISH LETTER.

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.

The closing meeting of the session of the Gaelic League was held in 49 Queen street, Belfast, when examinations of classes took place. The senior class competed for a silver medal presented by W. J. Simpson, Corn Market, Belfast, the examination being in writing, on Irish grammar and translation from English to Irish and oral examination on the Govin Lessons. The medal was awarded to Mr. G. W. Killen, Mr. E. C. Milligan being highly commended. While the Cork people are agitating a revival of the Celtic chair in their Queen's College, two students of the sister college, Belfast, took highest places in the Belfast Celtic League senior examination. A further examination was held for this class for two valuable Irish books, presented by a friend of the league; Mr. Killen again obtained first place, Mr. J. McConnell being second, and Mr. Milligan being awarded a special prize for superior answering. The second class were examined on O'Growney's "Simple Lessons in Irish," prizes, three books—First, Miss Lilian Kelly and Mr. J. W. T. Watters, equal; second, Mr. T. E. Mayne; Master James Bradley highly commended.

ARMAGH.

The town rate for Armagh this year was proposed at three shillings and six pence in the pound, but the Commissioners considered it too heavy, and the definite rate was postponed.

CAVAN.

The town of Ballyjamesduff had a population of 632 when the census was taken in 1891. It is forty-four miles from Dublin, and is a postal telegraph and money order office. Money orders are paid out there. Many places like it in Ireland receive money for orders issued, but do not pay out on orders.

DERRY.

Cardinal Logue, during a recent visit to Magherafelt, said that "in the part of Magherafelt there was a secret society, and one of these individuals is in the pay of the Government." The fact was communicated to him that one of these individuals was in the pay of the police. He knew him, and could tell his name. These are the sort of men young people have to reckon with. There are a number of branches in the city of Dublin of these nefarious societies, and in every one of them each branch contains five or six Government spies.

Rev. W. Bradley, who had been in Lavey Parish for eight years, was lately moved to Banagher, King's County.

The tenants on the estate of Mr. James Sinclair in the townlands of Ballynacally, Ballybritain, Ballygawley, Dernagross, Moneycarry and Mullaghnabrone, in the parish of Aghadowey, near Garvagh, have not purchased their holdings. The landlord asked twenty years' purchase.

Sir Thomas Lea, M. P. for South Derry, has been made a peer; therefore he will have to resign his seat in Parliament.

The following clerical changes were made in the Diocese of Derry: Rev. Peter McNamee, C. C., Swateragh, Maghera, promoted to be Administrator, Ballyscullion, Bellaghy; Rev. Bernard McWilliams, C. C., Lower Badoney, County Tyrone, to be C. C., Swateragh, Maghera; Rev. John O'Kane, C. C., from Ballynascreen, Draperstown, to be C. C., Lower Badoney, Gortin; Rev. John Fanning, C. C., from Ballyscullion, Bellaghy, to be C. C., Ballynascreen, Draperstown; Rev. William Bradley, C. C., from Lavey, to be C. C., Banagher, North Derry, Rev. Father McCullough, late of Maynooth, appointed C. C., Lavey; Rev. Patrick O'Doherty, C. C., from Banagher, to be C. C., Ballynascreen, Moneyneeney, and Rev. Francis McGowen, C. C., from Ballynascreen, Moneyneeney, to be C. C., Ballyscullion, Bellaghy.

DONEGAL.

With the approval of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, a collection in aid of the fund for the evicted tenants was made throughout the diocese lately. Donegal made a generous and spirited effort on this occasion, as in the past.

On Friday, June 10, Cardinal Logue blessed and laid the foundation stone of the new National Schools, Loretto Convent, Letterkenny. His Eminence was accompanied by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell and the following clergymen: Right Rev. Mgr. McGlynn, Stranorlar; Right Rev. Mgr. McFadden, Donegal; Right Rev. Mgr. Gallagher, Carrigart; Rev. Dr. Maguire, Gweedore; Rev. P. Kelly, Ardara; Rev. —, Sheridan, Adm., Letterkenny; Rev. J. Stephens, Letterkenny; Rev. Father Fagan, Armagh; Rev. J. Sweeney, Kincasslagh; Rev. T. J. Sweeney, Killybegs; Rev. P. Daly, Ballintra; Rev. B. Kelly, Ballyshannon; Rev. John Doherty, St. Johnston; Rev. Jas. Gallagher, Rathmullen; Rev. P. Logue, Killcar; Rev. James Murray, Glenties; Rev. C. Cunningham, Glencolumbkill; Rev. D. McGettigan, Newtowncunningham; Rev. J. Boyle, Inver; Rev. P. McCafferty, Adm., Inv; Rev. Joseph Sheridan, Falcarragh; Rev. Hugh Gallagher, president St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny.

DOWN.

Terence Murphy, Church street, Newry, was drowned last week while bathing in Brown Bridge.

Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, visited for the first time since his elevation to the episcopate the parish of Ardkeen, and was received by the Rev. L. McKenna. Many children were confirmed. The occasion caused quite a stir in the parish, and the devotion and warmth shown during the visitation proved to the Bishop that though the Catholics in the parish, and especially in the Kircubbin end, are a minority of the community, still in devotion to Holy Church and in desire to procure for their children all the advantages of the holy sacraments they yield to none in the Ards or in the diocese. The clergy of the neighboring parishes assisted during the ceremonies, including Rev. F. McBride, Ballygalget; Rev. D. Maggenis, Portaferry; Rev. J. Hill, and Rev. A. L. Creaven.

FERMANAGH.

The Board of Guardians, Lisnaskea, to prove their devotion to the Queen of England, on Jubilee Day gave the inmates of the Union the usual Christmas dinner and gave those on outdoor relief double allowance of money.

MONAGHAN.

A conference of the clergy of the Deanery of Monaghan was held in St. Macartan's Seminary last week. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of the diocese, presiding. The following clergy attended: Monaghan Rev. P. McDonnell, Adm.; Rev. Patrick Hackett, Rev. James Gallagher. Clontibret—Rev. Engene McMahon, Adm., Rev. Patrick J. Lynch, Rev E. O'Kiernan. Aghaboy—Rev. Joseph Cullinan, Rev. Patrick McConnan. Clogher—Rev. Patrick Boylan, Rev. Joseph Rapmund. Clones—Very Rev. S. J. Canon O'Neill, Rev. P H Maguire, Rev. Patrick McKenna. Curran—Rev. James McElroy, Rev. Patrick McKenna. Donagh Rev Felix McKenna, Rev. Thomas Keenan. Drumsnatt and Kilmore Rev. Thos. Murphy, Rev. Terence Conolly. Errigal Truagh Rev. Patrick Callan, Rev. James McNulty. Eskra—Rev. Hugh McMeel, Adm. Killevan—Rev. Michael Traynor, Rev. Patrick Kelly. Rosslea—Rev. M. McGlone, Rev. Michael O'Doherty. Tullycorbett—Very Rev P. Canon Smyth, Rev. Owen Treanor. Tydavent—Rev. Alex McLearney. Rev. Patrick McNeany, Rev. James Smyth. Tyholland—Rev. Edward Maguire.

TYRONE.

James Devlin, Killygonland, was fatally injured by a runaway horse in the Diamond, Arboe, last week.

Two sets of stained glass windows are being erected in the new Catholic church, Omagh. The first set, placed in Our Lady's Chapel, has been donated by the Broderick family of New York and Brooklyn.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The clergy of the Diocese of Killaloe recently held a conference in Ennis. Right Rev. Dr. Redmond presided. There were present. Rev. P. Barry, Adm.; Rev. M D. Lenihan, Rev C. Stuart, Ennis; Venerable Archdeacon Murphy, Rev. J B. Kennedy, Rev. W. Grace, Quinn; Rev James Daly, Adm.; Rev. M. J. Corcoran, Rev. J. Maher, Newmarket-on-Fergus; Rev. J. Nolan, Clare castle; Rev. M. Gleeson, Rev. W. Foley, Ballynacally, Rev. J. Vaughan, Rev. D. A. Hogan, Kilysart, Rev. J. Harty, Rev. L. O'Brien, Kilmaley; Rev. P. McInerney, Ivagh, Rev. M. Donovan, Rev. J. Maxwell, Rev. J. Carey, Corofin; Rev. W. Burke, Tubber, Rev. D. Flannery, Rev. A. Hogan, Ruan, Rev. M. Carey, Rev. T. Kelly, Doora, Rev. J Howard Rev O'Meara Crusheen, Rev. T. A. Molony Ennis.

CORK.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Cunningham, Cloughgriffin, took place last week. Deceased was the mother of Rev. M. Cunningham, Leap. She reared a large and respectable family, and died at the ripe age of 88. The funeral was representative. The interment took place in Timoleague Abbey. The clergymen present were: Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, Clonakilty; Very Rev. P. Hill, Rosscarbey; Rev. J. Mulcahy, Timoleague; Rev. T. McCarthy, Barryroe; Rev. J. O'Hea, Ardfeld, Rev. J. O'Sullivan, Aughadown; Rev. J. Lyons, Myross; Rev. J. Callanan, Kilmeen; Rev. T. Kearney, Skibbereen, Rev. T. O'Hea, Clonakilty; Rev. P. Hennessy and Rev. M. O'Callaghan, Clonakilty; Rev. J. Burke, Ardfield, Rev. T. O'Brien, Leap; Rev. E. Daly, Union Hall; Rev. J. J. O'Hea, Rosscarbery; Rev. J. Kearney, Courtmacscherry; Rev. P. Hill, Kilmean; Rev. J. Sheehy, Cape Clear; Rev. J. Cotter, Sherkin. The chief mourners were: Rev. M. Cunningham, Leap; Mr. J. Cunningham, Cloughgriffin (sons), P. McCarthy, P. D. Coakley, J. Kingston, Ahafore, and J. Hodnett (sons-in-law).

Citizens of Cork celebrated Victoria's longest reign-business fittingly by hoisting the black flag on the municipal buildings.

The most famous piper in the world—Richard Stephenson—died recently in Rathkeale Hospital, County Limerick. He was to have attended the great musical festival in Dublin lately, but his health broke down. He accompanied Mr. Ludwig in one year's tour of the United States a few years ago, and made hosts of friends. He was a native of Clonakilty. His musical talents were inherited, for his father was a most excellent piper in his day.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, made his biennial visitation of Courceys June 14, accompanied by Rev. R. McCarthy, Cathedral, Cork; Very Rev. Father Cotter, Kinsale; Rev. D. Dunlea, Ballinspittal; Rev. J. O'Leary, Kilbrittain; Rev. T. Harett, Kinsale; Rev. J. Cummins, Kinsale; Rev. Father Laybourne, O. C. C., Kinsale; Rev. Father Duggan, O. C. C., Kinsale; Rev. J. O'Mahony, Bandon; Rev. P. O'Connell, Kilbrittain; Rev. J. McCarthy, Bally martle; Rev. S. Cotter, Ballinspittal, and Rev. Father Howard, O. P., Cork, were in attendance. He administered the sacrament of confirmation to 121 children, who all joined the League of the Cross.

During the week Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, opened the new monastery for the Presentation Brothers at St. Mary's Mount, Kinsale. He was pleased that the Brothers' efforts have been crowned with success, for they, through the kindness of Mr. W. Prendergast, Kinsale, purchased a beautiful plot of ground, overlooking the Bandon River, on which they built their monastery. It is six years since they were introduced into the town, and during that time they had a very unsuitable residence. The Brothers have left nothing undone to make it equal to similar institutions, but, in doing so, have incurred a heavy debt. So they are compelled to appeal to the public for aid. Now, taking into consideration the number of children that attend their schools, the public will quickly relieve them of their heavy burden. All donations will be gratefully asknowledged by the Superior (Brother Justinian O'Sullivan).

Mr. John Redmond, M. P. for Waterford City, launched the new Independent League branch in Cork City June 13. The meeting was held in Corn Market, the Mayor presiding. Present were Alderman Roche, Alderman Crowley, Messrs. J. Barrett, George O'Donnell, M. O'Donnell, John Slattery, M. C. Daly, M. F. Ryan, P. Casey, D. J. Lucy, R. Downing, F. O'Shaughnessy, A. O'Driscoll, J. Lynch, J. Rahilly, R. Cronin, E. Twomey, J. C. Forde, William Murphy, solicitor, Coroner, W. J. Dunlea, LL. D., M. J. Haly, P. D. Buckley, William Murphy, W. H. McMahon, R. S. McNamara, William Sisk, J. Hyland, J. Canty, J. J. O'Connell, Daniel McAuliffe, F. Hyde, J. McAuliffe, solicitor, D. Corcoran, T. Hennessy, T. Collins, R. Walsh, J. Buckley, D. O'Connell, M. P. Fitzpatrick, P. N. Fitzgerald, P. Wall, J. O'Shea, Skibbereen, J. O'Leary, Barney; N. Sisk and others. The following deputation attended from Fermoy. Messrs. Wm. Eager, J. R. O'Sullivan, Thomas O'Mahony, John Moloney, William Troy, Michael McCarthy, J. H. Rice, Wm P. O'Callaghan.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

Morley—June 9, at Albert place, Fermoy, Elizabeth Morley, wife of Thomas Morley, late of Coolakilla, and aunt of Gen P. A. Collins, late Consul, United States of America. Scanlon—At 14 James street, David Scanlon, aged 24. Kirwan—June 11, at Kate Villas, Ballyhooly road, Richard Kirwan, aged 47 years. O'Leary—June 11, at 33 Watercourse road, Catherine O'Leary. McCarthy June 4, at Ogbomosho, Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Dr. Cornelius McCarthy, aged 27 years, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, second son of the late Denis McCarthy, Midleton. Lillis—June 12, at 11 Sunday's Well road, Mrs. Mary Lillis. Lyons—June 12, at Crookstown, Patrick Lyons. Newman June 11, at Garryard, Listowel, Thomas Newman.

KERRY.

Ballybunion is an exquisite bathing resort, and is numerously resorted to in the Summer by tourists from every country. An ancient castle is picturesquely fixed on a rock on the sea shore. When the census was taken in 1891 the regular residents numbered 253.

Judge Shaw during the week took up the hearing of applications to fix fair rents. Second statutory term applications: There were six, but only one—that of Marquis of Lansdowne, landlord; John Mangan, tenant—was decided. The poor law valuation was £25; present rent, £31 10s.; judicial rent fixed at £26 7s. 6d. The ordinary fair rent applications were ruled as follows: Earl of Kenmare, landlord; Patrick Kelliher, tenant, valuation £5 5s, present rent, £8, judicial rent, £6 10s. Charles Drummond, landlord, Bridget Sullivan, tenant, valuation, £10 10s.; present rent, £10 10s., judicial rent, £9. Same landlord, Daniel Sullivan, tenant; valuation, £6; present rent, £6, judicial rent, £5. Same landlord; James John Sullivan, tenant; valuation, £5, present rent, £5 10s; judicial rent £4 10s.

LIMERICK.

Monuments in this city were, on June 22, draped in black and black flags were displayed on the residences of many Nationalists. One black flag was hoisted on a staff on the Rock of Shannon, near the Castle Barracks, but a soldier lowered himself by means of a rope, swam to the rock and removed the flag. The people of the city of the Violated Treaty know how to honor Victoria.

Mr. Patrick Carmody, Rathcannon, died recently after a brief illness, widely and deeply regretted by his family and friends. Office and high mass were celebrated at the Parish Church, Athlacca. Rev. S. Frost, celebrant, Rev W Fitzgerald, deacon; Rev. John Reeves, Bruff, sub-deacon, and Rev. D. O'Driscoll, master of ceremonies. After high mass the funeral proceeded to Dromin. Rev. C. McNamara, Bruff; Rev. J. Reeves, Bruff; Rev. D. O'Driscoll, Bruff, Rev. M. Canty, Dromin; Rev. Father Frost, Dromin; Rev. W. Higgins, Effin; Rev. J. Curtin, Effin; Rev. J O'Donnell, Kilmallock, and Rev. P. Carroll, Cloom, were present at the interment.

TIPPERARY.

Father Matt Ryan, C. C., of Sologhead, is now parish priest of Knockavilla. As a priest there could be no more exemplary minister, and as an Irishman the fame of "General Father Matt" is not confined to Ireland.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Laurence Drohan of Moorstown at the age of 96 years. To the last he maintained all his metal faculties, and had a wonderful memory of the stirring events that occurred during his life. His funeral passed through Clonmel to the family burial place, Rathgormack, and was attended by one of the longest lines of carriages and cars seen for some time. The last absolution and prayers at the graveside were recited by the Rev. Robert Power, Cahir.

WEXFORD.

The bacon merchants of Waterford are determined to annihilate the pig buyer, and wish to locate them in separate and widely apart localities. This course would destroy the numerous pig markets, and weaken the power of the pig buyers. They would be singly at the mercy of the merchants. The merchants offered one shilling a pig over the market price to the buyers, but they refused. Mattersoñ's cellars opened for business during the week, and had the following over the door: "Hogs taken in must be the property of and be delivered by bona fide feeders and farmers only."

"The Mayor of Waterford (Ald. Knox) received a communication informing him that of the 20,000 carcasses of sheep sent from Australia, in commemoration of the Queen's jubilee for distribution among the poor and charities, 100 carcasses were to be given to the city of Waterford. Away with the like!"—Waterford Star of June 19.

On the feast of Corpus Christi the ceremony of ordination took place in the Cathedral. There were six candidates for the priesthood. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan officiated. The following received holy orders: Rev. William Hickey, Diocese of Waterford; Rev. Edward Power, Diocese of Waterford; Rev Thomas Harrington, Diocese of Armidale, Australia; Rev. Michael Callaghan, Diocese of Trinidad; Rev. Thomas Woods, Diocese of Trinidad, and Rev. Wm. Morrissey, Diocese of Salt Lake City. Rev. Wm. Walsh, vice-president of St. John's College; Rev. Denis Whelan, Rev. Bernard Hacket, Rev. Thomas Meckler and Rev. Michael Sheehan, St. John's College; Rev. Wm. O'Donnell, Adm., Cathedral, and Rev James Mockler, De La Salle, assisted the Bishop during the ceremony.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Among those who attended the funeral services and interment of Mr. Martin Kavanagh, Kilcarrig street, Bagnalstown, were Rev. J. Lawler, Bagnalstown, celebrant, Rev. P. Murphy, Bagnalstown, deacon, Rev. J. Mooney, Leighlinbridge, sub-deacon, and Rev. E. Kennedy, Leighlinbridge, master of ceremonies. In the choir: The Very Rev. E. W. Burke, Bagnalstown, presided, assisted by Rev. P. J. Mulhall, Paulstown, Rev. J. Connolly, Leighlinbridge, Rev. R. O'Brien, Myshall, Rev. M. Norris, St. Mullins, Rev. J. Beauchamp, Borris, Rev John Kearney, Rev. Patrick Parker, Rev William Maher, Rev. A. Lynam, Rev P Lacey, Rev. J. Byrne, Rev. F. Fenlon. The chief mourners were Messrs M. J. Kavanagh, son; M. J. Kavanagh, Jordanstown House, Martin Keegan, Craan; John Nolan, Bagnalstown, Andrew Nolan, Carlow, Terence Kelly, Ballyine; James Kelly, Ballyine, James Darey, Rathnageera; Thomas Darcy, Rathnageera; James Darcy, Barragh; Michael Nolan, Ballinrush; James Nolan, Ballinrush. Thomas Murphy, Drumphea; James Murphy, Drumphea; Thomas Murphy, Carlow; Michael Doyle, Carlow, and Patrick Murphy, Ballinagrane, nephews and cousins. Among the general public who attended were: Messrs. Michael Governey, Carlow; William Ward, Samuel Ward, C H Thorp, Dr Stawell, C Duffield, P. Kinsella, William Prandy, William Wynne, T. Dowling Jr Jos O'Neill, Daniel Tierney, Patrick Kearney, Patrick Fenlon, James Aughney, P J. Scully, Sergeant Frizelle, Henry Lee, Edward J. Kelly and others. Numerous wreaths and crosses were sent, among them being From M. J. Kavanagh, Bagnalstown, M. J. Kavanagh, Jordanstown House; Mrs. Kearney, Ballymoon, Miss Keegan, Craan, Mrs. and Miss Kavanagh, Jordanstown, and others.

Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, has arrived from Rome. The people of Carlow have invited him to a banquet.

Most Rev Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, lately conferred orders in the Cathedral. To priesthood Revs Thomas Byrne, Jas. Donoghue, Michael Carton, Patrick Brett, Francis Garvey, Maurice Barry, Patrick Carney, Maurice O'Flaherty, Timothy Sullivan, John Hartnett, John Molloy, James Kearney, Laurence Kehoe, Hugh McGuinness. To deaconship—James O'Reilly (Sr.), John Cantillon, Eugene O'Sullivan, James O'Reilly (Jr.), Thomas Lynch, Thos. Leghorn, Laurence Hayes, Terence McCabe, Patrick Lyons, Andrew Killeen. To subdeaconship Patrick Coffey, Michael Clifford, William Wright, Patrick Flynn, Patrick Ryan, Edward Masterson, Michael Taylor, Wm. Shanahan. To minor orders—John O'Brien, Timothy Cleary, John Byrne, John Hennessy Thomas Sheehy, Michael Memnagh, James Kennedy, Edward Buckley.

DUBLIN.

About the time the jubilee procession started in London June 22 a black flag was hoisted on the flagstaff of the municipal buildings here. It was allowed to float at half-mast for half an hour, then lowered and borne through the streets at the head of a procession, singing "God Save Ireland." The crowd removed and burned all the Union Jacks on their route, and then started in for Trinity College but the police drove them back amid great excitement. At the head of the procession walked six men bearing a coffin, labeled "The British Empire," while the band that followed played "The Dead March."

Mr. P. J. Kirwan, for twenty years manager of the National Bank, College Green, Dublin, died June 14. He was over 70 years of age.

Mr. W. J. Furlong, sporting correspondent of the Irish Daily Independent, died in Stevenes' Hospital lately. While starting a race for horses in Jones' road a few days previous he was injured by a fractious horse.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

Walsh—At 37 Haroldcross, Catherine Walsh, only daughter of the late Hugh Farrell, formerly of 101 Thomas street, granddaughter of the late Richard Boothman of Blessington, County Wicklow. Coghlan—June 10, at 35 Bloomfield avenue, S. C. R., Teresa Coghland, 41 Harcourt street, city, aged 27 years. O'Brien—June 10, at 29 Power's Court, Patrick O'Brien, late member of Amalgamated House Painters' Society. O'Shea—At 7 Mabbot street, and of 78 Talbot street, William O'Shea. Kinsella—At Bonny's lane, Lower Clanbrassil street, Anne Kinsella, aged 33 years. Loughran—June 16, at 65 Drumcondra road, Dublin, Norah Loughran. Lumbley—At Killeck, St. Margaret's County Dublin, Patrick Lumbley. Murphy—June 14, at Cross roads Kilcullen, in her 60th year, Ellen Murphy. Holbrook—June 14, William Holbrook, aged 50 years. Hughes—June 13, at Our Lady's Hospice, Haroldscross, Mrs. Anne Hughes, late of 14 Newmarket, beloved mother of Mrs. Eliza Harte, Warren street, Brooklyn. Rochford—June 12, at Rathbeg, Urlingford, County Kilkenny, Sarah Rochford. Ahern—June 14, at 85 Morehampton road, Donnybrook, William Ahern, aged 48 years. Boyne—June 13, George Boyne of 1 Upper Tyrone street. Kirwin—June 13, at 29 Ailesbury road, Patrick Joseph Kirwin Kiernan—June 15, at Castle street, Kells, James Kiernan. Nulty—June 12, 1897, at West street, Drogheda, Bernard Nulty.

KILDARE.

Robert Bunbury of Derryoughter died June 9, deeply regretted. Interment was in Ballybracken. Funeral cortege long and representative.

Mrs. Murray, wife of Mr. Murray, Supervisor Inland Revenue, Monasterevan, died recently. Interment was in Glasnevin, Dublin.

On June 9 the office and high mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. Tierney, Tankardstown, was held in the Church of the Assumption, Castledermot. The Very Rev. Canon Germanie, Athy, presided. Very. Rev. M. Walsh, Castledermot; Very Rev. T. O'Neill, Baltinglass; Rev. P. Rowan, Athy; Rev. W. Duggan, Athy; Rev. M. Doyle, Athy; Rev. T. Duffy, Athy; Rev. H. F. Talbot, Castledermot; Rev. J. Nolan, Ballitore, were present. Celebrant, Rev H. F. Talbot; deacon, Rev. M. Doyle; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Nolan; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. M. Walsh. The interment took place at Levitstown. The funeral cortege was one of the largest seen in the district for many years.

KILKENNY.

At Kilmoganny lately a tournament, under Gaelic auspices, was held. The first match on the programme was Coolagh and Slate Quarry minors. It was well contested for the first half time. When play was changed—Coolagh against the wind—the match was all one sided. When time was called the score stood: Minors, 1 goal, 12 points; Coolagh, 1 point. Mr. P. Moore acted as referee.

KING'S COUNTY.

Rev. W. Bradley, C. C., has been changed to Banagher Parish, from Larey, County Derry.

LONGFORD.

The recent death of Mrs. W. J. McNamara, Longford, at the early age of 39 years, was deeply and widely regretted. The interment was in Ballymacormack, and the funeral was numerously attended.

The death of Mr. Tom Doyle at the residence of his uncle, Mr. P. Stafford, Merchant, Main street, Longford, caused deep regret. He was only in his 29th year, and had returned from America nine months before, and has since been in failing health. The remains were removed to the Cathedral on Sunday, and the funeral took place from there to Ballymacormack on Monday, and was very largely attended.

LOUTH.

Last week a fire broke out in a row of thatched stables and out-offices in a lane off Trinity street, Drogheda, belonging to Mr Thomas Lyons, baker and spirit merchant. It was impossible to save any of them, and efforts were directed to prevent the spread of the fire to other houses. All the stabling and out-offices, with their contents, were totally consumed.

MEATH.

A young man named McMahon was killed by being thrown from a horse at Coolnahinch, Moynalty, last week. Fracture of the skull.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Mr. Valentine J. Corcoran, Birr, King's County, was elected clerk of the Board of Guardians of Maryborough last week.

The thirteenth centenary of the death of St. Columbkill was celebrated with religious splendor at the beautiful church dedicated to his name at Durrow. The handsome edifice, which belongs to the parish of Tullamore, occupies a commanding eminence near the ruins of the famous monastic establishment founded by the great saint in the middle of the sixth century. Portion of the ancient abbey is in great preservation, and situated in Durrow Court demense, the owner of which, Mr Hector Robert Graham Toler, and his agent, Mr. Toler R. Garvey, have done much to preserve the storied ruins from desecration or injury, and both afford every facility to visitors having a taste for religious or antiquarian research. The abbey founded by St Columba, after experiencing many vicissitudes during Danish and Norman invasions, was plundered, and the monks expelled, in the reign of Henry VIII. It was one of the favorite retreats of the great saint and missionary, as his writings attest, and it was there he compiled the famous Book of Durrow, still preserved, and is recognized as one of the greatest ecclesiastical and historical records of the time. St. Columba founded a great school at Durrow, which, like the contemporaneous establishments at Clonard and Clonmacnoise, continued to send forth light and learning until hordes of foreign invaders drove the pious teachers from their home, and appropriated the property. Close by the ruins of the ancient Abbey is a great Celtic cross, brought by St. Columbkill from Clonmacnoise, still in a fair state of preservation, and continues to excite the wonder of the curious and the piety of the faithful. A short distance away is St. Columba's well, the waters of which are credited with remarkable properties. On a neat slab over the well is the inscription composed by the saint:

"Here angels shall enjoy my sacred cell,
My sloe, my nut, mine apple, and my well,"

with the addition subsequently made—"St. Columbkill used this well when he preached the Gospel, and built an abbey near it, A. D. 555.'"

WESTMEATH.

June 14 took place, in Athlone Workhouse, the death of an able Irish scholar, Francis O'Connor. The deceased, who was 68 years of age, was six years an inmate of the workhouse. He was a man extraordinarily well read, and a professor of Oriental languages. He was most reticent as to his antecedents, but it is believed he was a native of Roscommon. While an inmate of the workhouse he was visited by distinguished persons, who were satisfied of the genuineness of the claims he made. Among them Surgeon-Colonel Charleton, who had lately returned from India, declared him to have a thorough knowledge of several of the native languages. O'Connor took his discharge from the house to attend the recent Irish Feis, where he contributed several Gaelic compositions.

WEXFORD.

Rev. Pierce Power, C. C., Wexford, has been appointed C. C., of Raheen, Adamstown; and Rev. Daniel J. Lyne, recently ordained, C. C. of Wexford.

The Enniscorthy Guardian of recent date said: "Lord Maurice Fitzgerald acted wisely at the meeting of the Wexford Board of Guardians on Saturday, in withdrawing his motion that the inmates be given the Christmas fare on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Anyone who possesses even a schoolboy acquaintance with the history of our country since Victoria ascended the throne, is aware that it has been the most disastrous reign Ireland ever experienced since we were cursed with English rule."

WICKLOW.

James Moore, laborer, Burgage, fell from a stone car, the property of Mr. Wm. Osborne of Ballyknocken, and was so seriously injured by cars passing over his body that he only lived a short time.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

With sincere regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas Fahy, Dublin road, Tuam, June 10, at the early age of 22 years. The deceased served his apprenticeship on the Tuam Herald, and was foreman printer until failing health compelled him to relinquish his duties, to the regret of his employer and fellow workers. Deep sympathy is felt for his mother and relatives in the affliction that has fallen on them. Interment took place in the family burial place at Crevaghbaun on Friday. The funeral procession was large and representative.

LEITRIM.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Drumshambo Branch Irish National Federation committee Sunday, Mr. John Mulvey, V. P., occupied the chair. The following were present. F. Conway, honorary secretary; J. Healy, J. Mulvey, T. O'Brien, J. Campbell, J. Nangle, P. Prior and others. Mr. Mulvey said that he had a few resolutions which he desired to propose, but Mr. Conway suggested they be postponed till the following meeting, and that notice be given members. This was agreed to, and the meeting adjourned.

MAYO.

Lord Ulick Henry Browne, Westport House, and Lord Bingham of Castlebar House, have been appointed deputy lieutenants for County Mayo.

Mr. William O'Brien, at the great demonstration in Ballyhaunis, on Sunday, June 13, said: "Until the archangel's trumpet be heard Irish nationality will be an undying power on earth." Father O'Connor and the father of the Land League, Michael Davitt, were present, and delivered addresses replete with wholesome and genuinely Irish doctrine of the land for the people.

ROSCOMMON.

Mrs. John Dowd of Lakeview, Strokestown, died June 6, deeply regretted. Interment was in Cloonaff Cemetery. Funeral cortege long and representative of all classes and creeds in the locality.

At a meeting of the Strokestown Board of Guardians June 18, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. D Owens, seconded by Mr Thomas Cassidy, and unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That, in consequence of the lamented death of Dr. Valentine Plunkett Dillon, and as a mark of respect to his memory, we desire our clerk to convey to Mrs. Dillon and her family our sincere sympathy in their grave affliction."

Office and high mass were held in Castlerea Church recently for the repose of the soul of the late Miss M. A. O'Connor, Wellsbrook House, aged 68 years. Rev. Father Healy, celebrant; deacon, M Conroy, Ballinagere; subdeacon, Rev. J. Martin, Ballintubber; master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Sharkey, Castlerea. In the choir were: Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly, Very Rev. Cannon Mannion, Rev. Thomas Neary, Ballintubber, and Rev. F. Keane, Castlerea. Immediately afterward the funeral started for the family vault at Ballintubber.

SLIGO.

The tenants in the town of Ballymote, almost all under Sir Henry Gore Booth, and whose leases were life leases, have been requested to pay an increased rent. Rev. Mr. Percival, Templehouse, on whose life their leases depended, died lately. The most brutal part of the business is, that they are asked to pay rent on improvements they made in buildings and on the lands. This is in Victoria's great jubilee year!

Members of Sooey Branch of the Irish National Federation at last meeting passed unanimously the following resolution: "That we, members of the Sooey Branch, Irish National Federation, believe while the present brutal misgovernment of Ireland is persisted in that the plain duty of the Irish people is to take no part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, as we look with contempt at such celebrations of British rule, which has devasted the homes of the Irish people. Irish National representatives in Parliament voice the sentiments of the Irish people by taking no part in such celebrations while Ireland is deprived of her rights, and the Irish political prisoners pining away their lives in living hells, the British dungeons; and further, we regard the coming celebration as the gloating glorification of John Bull over the persecution and financial robbery of Ireland. We urge upon our National M. P's. the great necessity of their united opposition to the present system of Irish misrule, as we place no confidence in the promised reforms of Salisbury, Balfour & Co., all their former promises toward the rights of Ireland having been as treacherously violated as were the treaty rights of Limerick by their predecessors in the olden days." John McLoughlin and Thomas Kelly, honorable secretaries of the association.