

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 Irish National Foresters, when returning from the annual excursion to Warrenpoint on Sunday, were assailed by Orangemen. Stones were thrown.

The directors of the Belfast and County Down railway have very generously donated £200 to the building fund of the new Mater Infirmorum hospital, Belfast. Some of the old-time prejudice is dying out, they say. The same people devoted £100 to the new Victoria hospital, Belfast.

On Sunday the ceremony of annual recurrence in Anny took place in the Catholic church, when the renewal of pledges by members of the temperance association took place. The church was crowded with worshippers from all parts of the parish.

ARMAGH.

On August 6 the remains of Mr. John Larkin, Lurgan, whose unexpected death occurred at Monaghan Wednesday, were conveyed for interment in the Dougher cemetery, Lurgan. Deceased came of one of the oldest Catholic families around Lurgan, and was highly respected.

On August 8, at North street, Crossmaglen, Anne McArdle, widow of the late Philip McArdle, Crossmaglen.

CAVAN.

Mr. James Clancy, Ballyconnell, was married lately to Miss Shanley, Strokestown, County Roscommon. When the newly wedded reached Ballyconnell they were a most enthusiastic reception.

DERRY.

The monthly meeting of the Magherafelt branch of the Irish National Federation, was held in Castle Dawson on Sunday, Mr. Felix Ferran, president, in the chair.

DONEGAL.

Mary Meenan, daughter of Bartholomew Meenan, Durham, Enniskillen, arrived in Bundoran last week soon after her arrival she was found dead in the water near Bogoy. She was aged 24 years.

James Campbell, sealer, Letterkenney, died suddenly August 7, while returning from the Isles, where he had been working at hay.

DOWN.

Right Rev. Dr. McGovern, bishop of Down, on August 7 visited Banbridge, and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a great number of children who were excellently prepared to receive it. The bishop was the guest of Very Rev. John O'Brien, P. P.

FERMANAGH.

The death of Mrs. Catherine Maguire, Bunlogher, Rosslea, mother of the highly esteemed parish priest of Tybolland, the Rev. Edward Maguire, which occurred lately, caused deep and universal regret. If evidence were wanting of the popularity of Mrs. Maguire, and of the respect entertained for her family, it was afforded by the numbers who attended the funeral.

MONAGHAN.

Friday, August 6, three special excursion trains left Monaghan, conveying sixteen hundred members of the local branch of St. Patrick's Temperance League of the Cross to Warrenpoint. The day was a most enjoyable one, and the excursionists returned to their homes highly satisfied.

On August 9 the condition of Rev. Edward McGuire, P. P., Tybolland, who lay at the parochial house prostrated by a severe attack of pneumonia, had not improved. The patient is being carefully nursed, and all that science can do is being done by Dr. Henry.

TYRONE.

A monument has been erected in St. Malachy's church, Ballymacilly, to the memory of late Rev. B. Daly, pastor of Ballygawley.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Rev. John McMahon, P. P., Silvermines, has been appointed to the parochial charge of Clare Castle. He is a native of Milltown Malbay. Father McMahon was ten years curate of Quin.

The people of the districts around Killyshanny continue to hold in abhorrence the grabbers of the farm once owned by the family of Nealon, and from which they were evicted in 1894.

CORK.

On August 4 took place the interment of the remains of late Mr. Daniel McCarthy, Madore. One of the largest funerals seen for years attended the widespread esteem in which the members of the family are held.

Rev. Joseph Barry, son of Mr. Richard Barry, Queenstown, died recently in Australia, aged 32 years. He was parish priest in Sydney.

The death of Mr. William Young, North street, Skibbereen, took place on Saturday. At 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning the remains were removed to the Pro-Cathedral. Mass for the repose of the soul was offered up by Most Rev. Dr. Kelly.

The interment of Mr. Daniel Murphy, Kinsale, took place July 30 in Ringrone burial ground.

The funeral of Thomas R. Nybane, Shanonnalee, Clonakilly, took place on Monday in Kilmagrogan. Deceased was the son of Mr. D. Nybane, Lonsdale, Scotland.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.
O'Sullivan—August 3, at the incurable hospital, Wellington road, Timothy O'Sullivan, of 4 O'Connell place.
Harty—August 4, 1897, at Bandon road, Mrs. Harty, of Bandon road.
August 5, at 108 Schaeffer street, William A. Cronin.

second eldest son of the late John Cronin, Corn Market street, Lane—At Little Island, on August 5, Edmund Lane, Hennessy—On August 6, at Knocklishen, Ballinora, Jeremiah Hennessy, native of Ballinacross.

KERRY.

The solemn ceremonies of procession and reception took place at the Mercy convent, Ballyhugh, last week. Two ladies professed, Miss McSweeney, daughter of Mr. E. McSweeney, ex clerk of the Killarney Union, in religion Sister Alphonsus, and Miss O'Kane, in religion Sister Patrick, daughter of the late Dr. O'Kane, Annesdale. The young lady received is Miss Collins, of Askeaton, County Limerick. Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, lord bishop of Kerry, officiated.

James Lynn, in the drapery establishment of Maurice McCarthy, was drowned while bathing in the river at a place called "The Rocks."

The death of Mr. James G. O'Donoghue, Henn street, Killarney, occurred lately. He was highly esteemed.

LIMERICK.

Funeral of Mr. J. Sheehy, Kildimo, was carried out on Wednesday last in the family burial ground at Nauteen.

While excavating the site at a laborer's cottage at Gurranekeagh, two miles from Kilmallock, a skeleton remains were found about two feet under the surface. The skull was well preserved, and contained a fine set of teeth, twenty in all. The remains were brought to the police station, and the coroner, Dr. P. J. Clery, was of the opinion that the remains were those of a strong young man, and must have been under ground for a long period.

TIPPERARY.

Michael O'Connor, Newport, died recently, aged 35 years, deeply regretted.

Mr. J. O'Donnell, National school teacher, died at his home, Lady's Hill street, Cashel, lately to the inexpressible sorrow of his young wife and family and a wide circle of friends.

WATERFORD.

The Carnival of Venice, bazaar and variety entertainment in aid of the Catholic cathedral in Waterford, opened in the court house grounds, and presented a picturesque appearance.

Miss McCurran, Clashmore, was lately received into the Presentation Order of Nuns in the convent Waterford; religious title Sister M. Philomena. Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Ferns, officiated.

We regret to record the death of Mother M. Aloysius J. Dalton, Julianian, which occurred on the morning of August 3, at the Nazareth Presentation convent, Maynooth, County Kildare. The deceased, who was in the 52d year of her religious profession, was daughter to the late Patrick Dalton, Chandler, etc., who carried on business in the house at present occupied by Mr. John Wyley, Michael street. Many of deceased's relatives devoted their lives to religious professions, one of her brothers being a Jesuit Father.

On Sunday a grand musical and dramatic entertainment was given in aid of the new church at Pittown.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

On the list of matriculation passed at the recent Royal University examinations is the name of Miss Maria Belton, Tullow street, Carlow, being educated in the Ursuline convent Waterford. Miss Belton's achievement is highly creditable.

Miss Maria McDonald, Carlow, Graigue, died recently in the Rotunda hospital, Dublin, deeply and widely regretted.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, recently visited Leightonbridge and Paulstown, and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a great number of children.

DUBLIN.

Mrs. Anne McCabe, 23 Stonyhithe, Dublin, died August 11, deeply regretted. Interment was in Glasnevin.

In Dominican convent, Wicklow, August 6, a reception and three professions took place. The ceremonies were performed by Right Rev. Mr. Walsh, Kingstown, assisted by the Rev. B. F. Conroy, Wicklow. The young lady received is Miss Rooney, Garristown, who took the name of Sister Mary Magdalene. The three young ladies professed are Miss McDonnell, daughter of Mr. John McDonnell, Leeson street, Belfast; Miss O'Gorman, Scariff, County Clare, and Miss B. Phelan, Galway, County Kilkenny, who took in religion the names, respectively, of Ignatius Joseph, Albertus Joseph, and Benedictus Joseph.

A meeting of the Council of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language was lately held at No. 6 Moleworth street, Rev. S. McTernan in the chair.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

Kelly—August 6, in hospital, Catherine Kelly, late of 32 Marlborough street.

Alexander—August 10, at 70 Irishtown road, Mr. John Alexander, aged 58 years.

Byrne—August 10, Palmerston House, Broadstone, Patrick Byrne, aged 64 years, late Inspector Midland Great Western railway, and for 30 years in the service of the company.

Byrne—August 9, at the City of Dublin hospital, Edward Byrne, aged 21 years.

Carroll—August 10, at 37 Philadelphia road, Thomas Carroll, late of Broadstone works, aged 30 years.

Connor—August 9, at the Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross, Mr. Bernard Connor, aged 54 years, for 34 years member of the House Painters' society, 27 Aungler street.

Lyons—August 7, at 6 Charleville avenue, North Strand road, Eva Kathleen, aged 21 years, youngest daughter of the late Francis Lyons.

Magrane—August 8, at Our Lady's Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross, Catherine Magrane, North King street.

Sheridan—August 9, at 23 Pontney street, Mr. Patrick Sheridan, aged 47 years.

KILDARE.

William Keyes, aged 36, a farmer, was found dead on the roadside, two miles from Ballyroan, at Clontuoc. His neck was broken. It is supposed the fatal injury was caused by his being thrown from his cart.

The church and the country suffered a great loss by the death of Father Dempsey, Ballinakil, Queens county, on Friday, July 30. He died at Bryn, Queen's county. He was a native of Johnston.

On Friday distribution of prizes to the children took place at the Convent of Mercy, Athy. There was a concert, pianoforte performances and recitations.

KILKENNY.

Mr. Michael Birch, father of Rev. John Birch, Ballyhale, died August 6 at Keatingstown, deeply regretted. Office and high mass in St. Canice's on Tuesday were numerously attended.

Mr. Benjamin Hannah, Barracore, Goresbridge, died lately. In 1798 his ancestor commanded the insurgents from Newry bridge and was at their head at the battle of Kilkullen, where a serious check was given to the English forces. Mr. Hannah was a sincere and practical Catholic. One of his daughters is a member of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy, Clara, King's county.

KING'S.

The population of the various towns in the county are: Tullamore, 4,522; Birr, 4,313; Edenderry, 1,577; Crinkill, 1,263; Banagher, 1,164; Clara, 1,092; Philipstown, 836; Portlanning, part, 749; Frankfort, 652; and Shilroon, 423. The census was taken in 1881.

The postoffice in Birr was almost destroyed by fire on August 12. It originated in the rear of the building. Mr. Duggan and Mr. Dagg, manager of the Edenderry workhouse, have not been requested to resign, because the condition and care of a patient were neglected through their personal quarrels.

LONGFORD.

The solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Father Duffy, who lamentably met his death from a bicycle accident some weeks ago, was held in St. Mel's cathedral, Longford, on August 3. Most Rev. Dr. Lough, bishop of Ardagh, presiding.

LOUTH.

On the 5th died at Mayne, Cloney, Mrs. Mary Tracey, wife of the late Mr. Timothy Tracey Prospect street, Gloucester, United States of America, sister of David Farrell, Cookstown, Kells, County Meath. The interment was in Corktown cemetery.

Died August 5, at 71 Prussia street, Dublin, Katherine Shanley, of Droichead, County Louth, aged 50 years. Interment in Darver cemetery, on Sunday.

MEATH.

We regret to chronicle the death of the age of 21, of Sister M. Teresa Sheridan, at her mother's residence, Rathone, Enfield. Deceased was received into religion at Mount Suckville, and thence proceeded to France. Her health having failed, it was thought her native air would restore her, but God ordained it otherwise, and she had the happiness of being professed by special permission before her death.

QUEEN'S.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, recently visited Maryborough and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a great number of children.

Rev. Andrew Dempsey, P. P., Ballinakil, died in Birr on July 30. The remains were resting on the altar in the church at Ballinakil from Saturday till Monday, and the church was crowded day and night by his parishioners.

WESTMEATH.

The Meath Chronicle says that Rt. Rev. Dr. Nulty, bishop of Meath, is in feeble health. He will shortly leave Mullingar for Vichy, a continental health resort.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Richard Dowling, N. F., which took place at Monliffe. Deceased was well known in Mullingar and its vicinity, and the tidings of his demise was deeply regretted.

WEXFORD.

Jeremiah Sinnott, son of a man employed by Mr. Jeffares, Timmermy, was drowned in the River Barrow near New Ross, while bathing.

The tenants on the Grogan estate, near Ballywilliam, have purchased their holdings on the basis of 18 years of present rent. They will not have to pay rent since September, 1896, according to the land act passed that year.

In the chapel of the Presentation convent, Wexford, lately, Miss M. Curran, in religion, Sister M. Philomena, eldest daughter of the late Charles Curran, of Clashmore, County Waterford, had the happiness of receiving the holy habit of the order at the hands of Most Rev. Dr. Browne, lord bishop of Ferns, assisted by Rev. M. Hayden.

WICKLOW.

Arklow new parochial house was opened August 11, when Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, visited Father James Dunphy, as also did Rev. William Dunphy, Naui; Rev. Michael O'Hea, and Rev. Thomas Dolan.

The new bridge in Arklow was finished August 11, Mr. Richard Keenan inserting the last rivet. As usual, a foreign company constructed it.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Peter Maher, the famous pugilist, and his wife, were recently in Tuam, his natal place. During his stay he made Guy's hotel his headquarters.

Dr. C. E. Foley is a candidate for the position of medical officer of Ardara district.

LEITRIM.

John Fanning, son of Mr. Owen Fanning, Corrabarrash, died at his home at Limerick Junction, County Tipperary, suddenly on August 6. He was ex-sergeant of the Irish Police Force, and aged forty-nine years.

The café car is taking the place of the din-car on a number of Western railroads. This is as it should be. When a traveler wants only a sandwich and a glass of milk, it is a little hard to make him pay a dollar for them.

THE REAL THING.

Such Education as Fostered by Holy Church.

THE GRAND INSTITUTIONS

Directed by the Jesuits at the Nation's Capital.

THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

Archbishop Keane's Visit to This Country is Simply to Enjoy His Vacation at His Old Home and Among His Old Associates He Loves Best.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 1.—But little more than a century ago, the ground on which the Capital of this great nation now stands was a morass, some surrounding hills and a few cultivated fields. It was selected as the seat of government and the future city was surveyed and laid out on a scale commensurate with the expected future of the country. How well the work was done has been proven by the lapse of a hundred years.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

When Washington was laid out, Backcreek was its western boundary and across that stream was the flourishing little city of Georgetown, now incorporated with the Capital. On one of the beautiful hills of this city, overlooking a long stretch of the Potomac, was erected largely through the munificence of the historic Carrolls of Maryland, a school building to be managed and controlled by the Jesuit Fathers, the greatest educators of the world.

The growth from that small beginning has been constant. For many years after Washington was founded and the government offices removed to the city, that was the only place where even a secondary education could be obtained for boys and this fact caused the government officials, senators and representatives in congress who brought their families to Washington to send their children to Georgetown. This created the necessity for the enlargement not only of the buildings but of the courses and the Georgetown College was the result.

Of course there was a prejudice among Protestants about sending their sons to be educated by the hated Jesuits. But it was soon found out by the people that the boys who did go were educated and that their religious principles were not interfered with and the college grew a natural growth in the University whose curriculum is as comprehensive as that of any university in the land and from the tower of whose magnificent buildings crowning the Georgetown Heights you can look beyond classic Alexandria and see the dim outline of the home of the Father of the Country.

Almost coincident with the founding of this seat of education for boys, was the beginning of the Convent of the Visitation for girls, which, as is said of the University, was the only place at or near the Capital where the girls of the Capital could receive a finished education.

The result is that on the rosters of these two institutions can be found the names of the descendants of almost every man who was high in political life in the earlier days of the Republic, and to-day these two institutions are giving each year to the world, and they come from all parts of the world and some from abroad, large classes of young men and women thoroughly equipped for the battles of life as scholars and still more thoroughly equipped because their moral as well as their mental and physical natures have been trained as a part of their education, for this is one thing the Jesuit instructors always look after. There are very few agnostic graduates at Georgetown University, because there are no agnostic instructors which can hardly be said of any of the universities not under Catholic control.

THE CHURCH OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The establishment of this University was made the occasion for the bigots to attack the church, declaring that the Pope was endeavoring to obtain mastery of the country through its schools. The last authoritative expression on this subject was the letter of Monsignor Saffold, then the Papal Delegate, read before the council of Archbishops in New York in November, 1892. In that letter while deploring the want of Christian or even moral training in the public schools it was said: "We strictly forbid any one, whether bishop or priest and this is the express prohibition of the sovereign Pontiff through the Sacred Congregation either by act or by threat to exclude from the sacraments as unworthy, parents who choose to send their children to the public schools. As regards the children themselves this enactment applies with still greater force."

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made by the provincial, and every three years changes are made. Often when exceptional ability has been shown in a special work a second assignment is made so that the work is continued, but very rarely indeed is another term given. The Rev. J. Havens Richards of Georgetown University and the Rev. Cornelius Gillispie of Gonzaga college have each just been assigned for the third term as directors of these institutions. This is a rare but well deserved compliment to two of the best educators of the country.

Besides the one already mentioned there are six other high class academies in various parts of the city where girls and young ladies can receive a first class education.

THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

But the crowning glory of the educational institutions established by the Church in Washington is the great Catholic University. Always endeavoring from its foundation to spread education. The leaders of the Church saw the necessity of a great institution for higher education. It was true that Georgetown University, Notre Dame and a score of other church colleges gave to the young men of this country educational facilities of a very high class, but there was no institution for those who having "drank deep of at the pre-vious spring" of the college and university yet sought to dive farther and deeper into the fields of knowledge.

The place where this could be done was wanted and the Church supplied it when the Catholic University was founded.

A vast amount of money for a site, buildings and endowments was needed and once more the munificence of a descendant of the Carroll family was displayed. Mrs. Caldwell, a descendant of that family, gave \$800,000 and the first hall of the University was erected in 1887 on the well chosen grounds northeast of the city. This was followed by others, and soon after the greatest educational institution in America was opened for students, with a full corps of the most learned professors and ripest scholars the world could furnish. Other buildings followed the first in rapid succession, one McMahon hall, being planned and the whole expense of erection paid for by Monsignor McMahon.

That the University is not intended for babies and sucklings I quote the requirements for admission to the law classes.

For admission to the courses leading to the Baccalaureate degree in civil law or social science the applicant must be a college graduate, or have received an education equivalent to that implied by a collegiate degree, and must be able to read ordinary latin without difficulty and to make profitable use of French and German authorities on legal and social subjects. For the courses leading to any of the doctor's degrees a reading knowledge of French or German or both will be necessary, facilities for acquiring which will be found at the University. For admission to any of the higher degree courses, or to advanced standing in any of the courses, the applicant must show by diploma, that he has received all necessary prior degrees, and by diploma, certificate or examination that he has completed the work which has been required by the University of those who have there attained the standing to which he aspires.

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Church in its beneficence is engaged in the great work of providing a higher education.

AN EDUCATIONAL MORASS.

But to return to Washington. A stranger set down in the city with his family would naturally ask "where can I educate my sons and daughters?" He would find in answer that the national morass had been filled up, the hills crowned with handsome residences and other buildings, the fields transformed into streets and blocks of houses, that so far as a higher education is concerned, outside of the institutions controlled by the church, there are still bear hills, deep morasses and uncultivated fields, in other words Washington has no places where the higher education can be obtained except in the church institutions.

There are some called colleges and universities, one devoted to the colored race offers some advantages to that people, but the others mere shadows, names without substance.

The public schools of Washington offer primary and secondary education, the only trouble being that the system is top heavy, not enough room or care for the primary as thousands of the younger classes get only half a day, because there is not room for all.

ARCHBISHOP KEANE.

The return of Archbishop Keane, an American gentleman, living abroad in an honorable station and discharging his duties as a Christian to spend his vacation in his own country and among his old friends and associates, has set the anti-Catholics agog, and they are reviving old stale often denied stories of a great factional fight between the dignitaries of the church. There has not and will not be any factional fights amongst or between the members of the church. There have been differences of opinion not as to matters of faith or practice, but in administration questions, and there probably will be again. But they will all be settled as was the school question by the authority of the Church and that is a quality. The Catholic Hierarchy are not a set of wrangling dissenters as the press tries to make them out but the officers of the church who obey the behests of the church. A dozen conjectures and a score or more of lies as to what the distinguished and well beloved prelate, Archbishop Keane, had come to this country for, and what he has done since he came have all been set at rest by him, with the simple statement, that he was here to enjoy his vacation at his old home among his old associates in this land he loves best.

A NOTED CONVERT.

Edmund Turquet was a Franciscan Tertiary Laborer for Christ's Poor.

Edmund Turquet, formerly a member of the Chamber of Deputies, Paris, and Under Secretary of State, has not only been converted, but has become a Franciscan Tertiary. Once he supported irreligious measures in the Chamber, now he preaches and distributes alms to the poor, and has an extreme devotion to St. Anthony of Padua. While speaking of his community house he said:

"There, one is well off. There I find true Socialism, after having sought it in vain in the world by belonging to Socialistic committees. There with a cell to sleep in, a corner in a chapel to pray in, and fifteen hundred poor to look after, I am happy."

The Tertiary Brothers of Paris are organizing a crusade to win over to religion, by charity alone, the poor and suffering, or, as he puts it: "Our aim is to defeat the present Godless system of education which I, at one time, in concert with Jules Ferry, did my best to bring about."

We may add that these Franciscan Crusaders have a glorious field before them; for besides the 1,500 poor who assemble at the Franciscan Convent, 2,500 others have their regular meeting place in the crypt of the Montmartre basilica, 500 at the old church of St. Julian and about the same number at the Church of St. Augustin. All these need food both for body and soul.

Converted at the Eleventh Hour.

The spectacle of an Anglican clergyman being buried with Catholic rites was seen at Kinn, near Clevedon, Somerset, when the body of Rev. R. Trevor, Still, for 21 years vicar of the parish, was interred. Deceased recently resigned his living owing to ill health, and just before his death embraced the faith. A requiem mass was sung at the Catholic church, Clevedon. The interment took place in the parish churchyard, and the ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Father Theodore.

The college conducted by the Christian Brothers at Honolulu has as many pupils in attendance as all the public schools combined.