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 first annual meeting of the members of the Central Catholic Club was held in the club premises, Royal avenue, Belfast, a few days ago.

The Redemptorist Fathers in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer gave a dinner to the choir on Sunday. In the absence of Very Rev. Father Griffiths, the Rev. Father Burke presided, having as his principal supports Mr. Kerrigan, organist, and Signor Mora, conductor. The choir is composed of men and boys, and there were about fifty, including the acolytes.

ARMAGH.

A large meeting was held in Armagh, under the auspices of the Lord Edward Ninety-eight Centenary Club to promote the celebration of the centenary of '98. Mr. W. J. McKernan presided, and Mr. James McLaughlin delivered a stirring address.

CAVAN.

This county since May 1, 1851 to December 31, 1893, lost 103,963 persons through emigration.

At a recent meeting of the Bawnboy Board of Guardians the clerk reported having reduced the estimates for poor rates by two pence in the pound. Those who attended were: James McGovern, chairman; P. Maguire, J. P. Bernard Kine, Pat Mulvey, J. Philips and T. Reynolds.

A meeting of the Magherafelt branch I. N. F., was held on Sunday. Mr Felix Ferran, president of the branch and delegate for the county, occupied the chair.

DONEGAL.

Cardinal Logue recently visited the convent and factory under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, Donegal, and was much pleased. He was presented with an address. Among those present were the Very Rev. Dr. Maguire the Very Rev. Canon McCartan, Father O'Neill, Warrenpoint; Rev. William Sheridan, Adm., Letterkenny, Very Rev. Bernard Kelly, Ballyshannon; Rev. John Gavigan and Rev. John Dorrian, C. C., Ballyshannon.

A deputation from the Belfast Gaelic League visited the Finn Valley last week; and made Miss Moy's comfortable hostelry at Ballinamore their headquarters. At the station, which is on the Glenties Light Railway, they met with another party of Gaelic Leaguers returning from Narin, about eighteen miles further west, where they had been spending a fortnight on a similar mission. They visited Mr. Anthony MacDevitt, Largnalarkin, who received them most cordially, and discussed with them the present state of the Irish language in Donegal. He said that up to three or four years ago the younger people considered the language a thing to be ashamed of, but that now, owing to the work of the Gaelic League, they were beginning to realize that their native tongue was a possession to be proud of.

DOWN.

A conference of the clergy of the diocese of Down was held in Denvir's Hotel, Downpatrick, last week. Most Rev. Dr. Henry, D. D., presided.

A representative and influential meeting was held at No. 1 Basin Walk, Newry, for establishing a branch of the Gaelic League. The chair was occupied by Rev. H. O'Reilly, president St. Colman's College. Mr. Foley explained the objects of the league, after which Mr. J. F. Small, in a lucid speech, impressed upon his hearers the many claims the Irish language has upon the Irish people.

FERMANAGH.

The county has lost by emigration from May 1, 1851, to December 31, 1893, 51,090 persons.

MONAGHAN.

The *Irish Catholic* of October 2 had the following:"The building of the new Catholic church and parochial house in Monaghan is being carried on under the most promising and auspicious circumstances. The church will be a beautiful edifice, and will throw into shade many of the churches in more pretentious towns. The architecture is Gothic, and the church and tower will present on the west aspect a frontage of 94 feet. The west gable will rise to the apex of the cross to a height of 60 feet, and will be flanked by minarets to a height of 53 feet. The interior of the church will be 120 feet long and 35 feet wide, and will be capable of accommodating a congregation of 900. There will be two passages down the centre of the floor, with three rows of seats, and the sanctuary will measure 35 by 20 feet. There will be a high altar and two side altars, beautifully finished in the richest materials. The edifice will be built of stone from the Glennon quarries, the property of Mr. John Delaney, and will be faced with Dungannon sandstone. The presbytery will be built of the same materials and will present a frontage of 42 feet, the entire building thus presenting a frontage of something over 90 feet.

Died.—September 1, at Church Hill Clones, John Brogan.

Two years ago Bridget Treanor widow, who held a farm in Erriga Truagh, was evicted. Her neighbors procured for her a Land League hut and from this she was turned out on Friday last. Subsequently a special and largely attended meeting of the local branch of the Irish National Federation was held, and resolutions were agreed to, denouncing the eviction from the hut, and calling on all the Nationalists of Carrickroe district to assemble and rebuild the hut on new ground; also, denouncing the practice of grass grabbing and land gabbing.

The month's mind of the Rev. John McKenna, late parish priest of the parish of Clogher, was observed in the chapel attached to St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan, last week. The ceremonies consisted of solemn high mass and office for the dead. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, bishop of Clogher presided; the Rev. P. Callan, Erriga Truagh, being celebrant.

TYRONE.

The revision of Parliamentary voters lists for the Stewartstown district was opened in the courthouse last week.

On Thursday an Orange meeting was held in Ballygawley. The centenary of the Black Institution was being celebrated in real "12th of July style. The usual speeches of a loyal and inflammatory nature were delivered by enthusiastic divines. One gentleman went the length of recommending the brethren to carry a "revolver, a good rifle and plenty of ammunition." A contingent from Fintona returned home in the evening. On the homeward journey two policemen, who accompanied the loyalists were attacked by the Fintona "lambs." Had some countrymen who were working in a field close by not went to the assistance of the police the result would have been serious. The policemen assaulted on the occasion have taken the names of their assailants.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

On Saturday, John Moore, caretaker of two evicted farms, one on the French estate and the other on the Moran property, which adjoin at Clonmore, Quin, four miles from Ennis was brought up at the Constabulary Barracks, on a charge of having fired at a farmer named Henry Walker. The accused had been arrested by Sergt. John Cole, Clare Castle, on a statement by Walker, that while he was engaged with his son building a rick of hay a shot was fired, and a bullet passed between them. On looking around he saw Moore walking away. When the latter was arrested he had a five-chambered revolver in his possession with five empty cartridges in it. He denied having seen Walker at all, and subsequently said he had been firing some shots to frighten some goats off the lands. The prisoner was remanded.

Very Rev. E. Power, P. P. and V. G. of Kilfenora, and pastor of the famous health resort, celebrated his golden jubilee last week. In Lisdoonvarna he commenced his sacred ministry in 1847, when the terrible visitations of famine and fever were killing off the people in thousands. A large number of priests, many of whom traveled from remote districts, assembled for the occasion. The Most Rev Dr. McCormack, bishop of the diocese, was present.

CORK.

The election of four commissioners for Baltimore on the Baltimore and Skibbereen Harbor Board, took place at Skibbereen during the week, and the four outgoing commissioners—Rev. M. J. Sheehy, P. P.; Thomas Bushe, P. Sheehy and Thomas Salter—were re-elected.

James Watson & Co., stained glass artists, have just finished a most beautiful window for Lismore church. The subject is the Holy Family.

On Friday a farmer, Daniel Creedon, residing at Kilbarry, was returning on horseback from the funeral of a man named McCarthy, who was interred at Ballyvourney, when he fell from the horse and received such injuries that he died in an hour's time.

A very large meeting was held in the Town Hall, on Monday night, to make arrangements to celebrate the '98 centenary. Mr. Gilhooly, M. P. was moved to the chair.

Recent deaths in Cork.—McCabe—September 19, at 4 St. Patrick's Hill Michael Christopher McCabe. Murphy—September 18, at Gilcaugh House Mr. Murphy. O'Neill—At 86 Roman street, Margaret O'Neill. Morrissey—At the Square, Passage West, Dennis Francis Morrissey, aged 27 years. Crean—On September 22, at 1 St James' place, Ballyhooly road, Eugene Crean late of Clyde, Mallow. Leonard—At Ballyhane, Milford, Charleville on September 22, Daniel Leonard aged 68 years. O'Sullivan—On September 21, at Lisduff Whitechurch Julia O'Sullivan O'Brien. At New street, Macroom, Maria O'Brien of 70 Old George street, Cork. O'Connell—At 14 Barrack street, Daniel O'Connell. McCarthy On September 22 at 1 Myrtle Hill Terrace, Henry McCarthy, formerly of the "Oriental," Lower Glanmire road. Johnson On Friday, September 17, at 130 High street, Poplar, London, Samuel Albert Johnson, aged 55 years, formerly of Cork. Keane On September 24, at Miltown Castle, Charleville, Patrick Kane of Killarney. Sedgwick On September 23, at St. Patrick's Hospital Wellington road, Thomas Sedgwick, second son of the late Thomas Sedgwick of Darlington, England. Browne—On September 18 James Browne of Ballykeating, Glanworth. Tobin—On Tuesday, September 21, at Mill road, Kilfinane, Michael Tobin. Madden—On September 23, after a long and painful illness, Mary Madden, mother-in-law of James Lee Sunday's Well avenue. Cussen At 6 Garfield terrace, Wellington road on September 24, James Cussen, late telegraph department.

KERRY

The following clerical changes were lately made in the Kerry diocese Rev Father Barton, C. C., Firies, has been appointed to the pastoral charge of The Mines, vice Rev J Beasley, who goes to Tuosist. Rev Father Horgan C. C., Castleisland, has been transferred to Firies Rev Father O'Connor C. C., Duagh, has been transferred to Miltown, vice Rev Father Nolan, who goes to Duagh. Rev T J Kirby, C C., Tralee, has been transferred to Dingle.

The body of the late Richard Dowling, who was drowned while bathing at Ballybunnion on September 16, has been been recovered.

Mr. Jeremiah Doyle, Henn street Killarney, died recently After requiem services in the Cathedral, the interment was in Churchtown, a long cortege accompanying the friends and relatives on the mournful journey.

LIMERICK.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Mother M. Berchmans O'Meara of the Presentation Convent Hospital, Limerick. Mother Berchmans was a native of the city of Limerick. Eleven years ago she consecrated her heart to God in the presentation Convent, Thurles. Five years later she went with three other nuns of the Mother House to found the Convent in Hospital.

At a meeting of the Rathkeale branch of the National Federation Mr. Patrick Barrett, president, presiding, a resolution was adopted thanking Mr. Thomas Southwell, Wedona, Ill., for sending a subscription to Mr. Timothy Cusack, treasurer of the '98 Centenary Committee, and calling upon their Rathkeale friends to send in subscriptions for the erection of a monument at the "Croppy Hole" Bridge, Rathkeale. A list of subscriptions from the United States will shortly be published.

TIPPERARY.

An American Christy minstrel troupe lately in Clonmel attempted to hold a "sacred concert" on Sunday evening, but Father McDonald denounced the innovation from the altar, and it proved a "frost."

At Rossbug, in the famous Glen of Atherlaw, on September 20, died John Cormack, aged 105 years, possessed of all his faculties until death came.

At the early age of 22 years died lately Mr. Patrick Joseph Breen, son of Mr. Denis Breen, Main street, Tipperary. Interment was in Toem. Great numbers attended.

Mr. Thomas Fanning, Cathedral street, Thurles, died on September 13. He was aged 44 years. The funeral cortege to Loughmore was long and representative of all classes and creeds.

WATERFORD.

John Maher, farmer, of Moonvoy, near Tramore, had an arm wrenched off by a threshing machine a few days since.

Father P. F. Flynn, Ballybricken and Butterstown, Waterford, writing on the state of crops in the district, says: Potatoes—Quality fairly good. Farmers who had early potatoes made well by them, as they dug them out and sold them when the blight appeared. Hay—An excellent crop, and, for the most part, well saved. Oats—On the whole a very good crop, and saved in this locality pretty well, except in a few rare cases. Green Crops—Good on the whole, some early failures, but either similar or different crops sowed a second time, and doing fairly.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The death of Rev. James Byrne of Bagenalstown, happened on September 27, and caused widespread sorrow in the entire county.

Died.—August 23 at Ballenkillen, Bagenalstown, Lizzie Maher September 17, at 16 Tullow street, Carlow. James Saunders, Corderry Louth, and Carlow.

The interment of the late Mr. James Saunders, Carlow, was in The Graves. The funeral was numerously attended. For many years deceased conducted a leather business in Tullow street, and was much esteemed

On Sunday the people of Hacketstown parish had the happiness to assist at high mass and solemn procession of the blessed sacrament in connection with the forty hours' adoration for the first time. The high mass was sung by Father Byrne, Rathvilly, assisted by Father Campion, deacon Father Murray, sub deacon and Rev P Monahan, master of ceremonies. Father O'Neill, Baltinglass, preached a most impressive sermon, suitable to the occasion.

DUBLIN

The Most Rev Andrew Fruhwirth, Master General of the Order of Preachers, addressed the meeting of the Professional and Commercial Association of the Rosary on Monday evening last in St Saviour's, Dominick street, Dublin. In the course of his remarks he expressed the great consolation he felt at seeing so many of the Catholic gentlemen of Dublin banded under the standard of the Holy Rosary, which is the great devotion of the Church I will have a great many pleasant things to tell the Pope when I return to Rome, but I doubt if any communication of mine will give him greater happiness than when I convey to him the genuine manner in which his own enthusiasm for the Rosary has been taken up by the professional and commercial men of Dublin.

The death of the Very Rev. Father Hall, ex-provincial of the Carmelite order, which took place September 28, at the convent, Whitefriar street, Dublin, was widely and sincerely regretted.

Rev. Fathers Nicol, Brady, O'Reilly, O'Brien and Stanley, oblates of Mary Immaculate, of the Inchicore community, sailed by the City of Rome from Derry for New York lately to give missions in the United States.

The following is a list of the names of the members of the Dublin committee of the Irish pilgrimage to Rome: Ladies' committee—Lady Nixon, Merrion square; Mme. MacDermot, Fitzwilliam place; Mrs. Leonard Morrogh, Fitzwilliam place; Mrs. William Murphy, Dartry; Mrs. Blake, Temple Hill, Blackrock; Mrs. More Madden, Merrion square; Miss V. Leonard Morrogh, Fitzwilliam place; the Misses Hely, Palmerstown road; Mrs. Clarke, Frankfort avenue, Blackrock; Miss Lyndon, Kingstown; Mrs. Egan, Moate; Mrs. Brett, Glenageary, and Miss Masterson, Corrig avenue, Kingstown. Gentlemen's committee—Sir Christopher Nixon, Thomas F. Moloney, Stephen's Green; Dr. McWeeny, Stephen's Green; M. Med. Bodkin, Gt. Denmark street; W. H. Brayden, Leeson Park; Joseph Boyd, M. D., Kingstown; W. F. Denehy, Leeson Park; E. H. Ennis; Dr. Flynn, Kingstown; Patrick Lyndon, Kingstown; Henry Thynne, Donnybrook; Michael MacInerney, Mountjoy square; and Dr. Jerome O'Donovan, Kingstown

A reliquary altar of superb material and telegan design is in course of erection in the Chapel of St. Ignatius, attached to the handsome church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin. The altar is for the reception of many relics of the different saints now in possession of the Jesuit Fathers, and which it is proposed to place within this newly erected shrine for veneration by the faithful. The ceremonies in connection with the enshrinement cannot be carried out for some time, as the permission of the Roman authorities must be obtained before relics can be exposed for public veneration Steps are being taken to obtain the necessary permission from Rome to celebrate the veneration of the relics at St. Francis Xavier's. The reliquary is Romanesque in design, and consists of an altar table, without antependium constructed as a recess to receive a figure of St. Clementia, modeled in wax, and will contain the relics referred to. The altar is flanked by two towers, made into three compartments each for the reception of relics, the whole being sealed with plate glass. Two arched recesses, also for the reception of relics, have been cut in the reredos.

KILDARE.

The entire produce of the farm of Mrs Coady, Rosbran, was destroyed by fire lately. The crop was a splendid one, and the entire loss, not covered by insurance, is set down as $4,000 Mrs. Coady is of opinion that the burning was malicious.

KILKENNEY.

There are on view in Tobin's furniture establishment, the Quay, Waterford city, three very exquisite altar requisites for the chapel of the Sacred Heart convent at Ferrybank, supplied to special order of the ladies of that community. They comprise a monstrance, pyx, cross and altar lamp.

Potatoes on the ground of the Kilkenny Union are good. The blight so far has not visited the district.

Died September 27, at 49 Leeson Park, at an advanced age, Anne, widow of the late John Callanan of Kilkenny.

KINGS.

On July 10 the ceremony of reception took place in the beautiful chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Broken Hill, Australia. The young lady who assumed the habit of religion was Miss Lenahan, daughter of Mr J Lenahan, Phillipstown, Ireland In religion Sister Mary Patrick Dr Dunne, bishop of Wilcannia, performed the ceremony, assisted by Very Rev Father Vincent Dragan, Rev. Father Oswald Donnelly and the local priests—Rev Fathers Connolly, Zundolovich and Keegan The Very Rev. Father Vincent preached an appropriate sermon. The novice, Sister Mary Patrick, is one of the many who made their preliminary preparation for the religious state in the training school attached to the Convent of Mercy, Callan, county Kilkenny, which has been a fruitful missionary school, and has given many zealous Sisters, not only to convents in Ireland, but to those of every country where the scattered children of St. Patrick are.

Mother Vincent Murphy of the Convent of Mercy, Clara, died lately at the age of 79 years. During many years she had been Reverend Mother of the institution. Her death is widely and deeply regretted.

LONGFORD.

Between May 1, 1851, and December 31, 1893, the county lost, through emigration, 58,018 persons.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Longford has become a member of the county branch of the Irish Financial Reform League.

On September 19, the death was announced of Philip Manning, Glen, at the age of 16 years.

LOUTH.

A large meeting of the parishioners of the united parishes of Dunleer, Dronin and Phillipstown was held on Sunday in the schoolroom, Dunleer, to take steps to erect a memorial over the remains of the deceased canon, their deeply lamented pastor.

MEATH.

James Curran, Roundstown, Navan, died September 28, deeply regretted. Interment was in Kilbarry. Funeral cortege most respectable.

At Walterstown, Dunboyne, September 29, died Mrs. Eliza Doyle.

Died.—September 25, at Rossnaree Mills, Slane, John P. Johnston, agep 75 years. September 22, at Trimgate street, Navan, Josephine G. (Joe) Brennan. September 28, at Proudstown, Navan, James Curran.

QUEENS.

Mrs. Scully, wife of Mr. James Scully, Glossna, died very suddenly.

Died.—September 29, at Tullamore, Patrick Griffith, provision merchant, Mountmellick, aged 25 years, brother of Richard Griffith, town clerk, Mountmellick.

WESTMEATH.

On Tuesday, September 21, the solemn ceremony of profession took place in the new Convent of Mercy, Kilbeggan. The novice who received the black veil was Miss M. Kelly, in religion Sister M. Stanislaus, eldest daughter of John Kelly, Ternacrieve, Kilbeggan. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Mgr. Gaffney, Clara, assisted by the Rev. W. Bracken, Tullamore.

The son of James King of Kilbride, Mullingar, died lately at the early age of 9 years.

WEXFORD.

At the recent county championship football contests held in St. John's, Enniscorthy, the Mulgammon team beat Ballaghkeene, and St. Patrick's beat Marshalstown. The games were spiritedly contested, and great numbers witnessed them.

Right Rev. Mgr. Kelly, rector of the Irish college at Rome, is staying in New Ross, his native town, on a short visit.

WICKLOW.

The Rev. Mr. Hallowes, rector of Arklow, with four satellites, commenced a mission in Carlow last week. The visit was timed for the fair day, as was the case recently at Enniscorthy, but the attraction was not sufficient to collect the anticipated hostile crowd. After less than an hour's experience of Carlow the evangelists withdrew from the scene of their undignified labors.

At a public meeting held in the old parochial house, Arklow, last week, the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of '98, Mr. E. C. Walshe presiding, on the motion of Mr. Thomas J. Troy, a representative committee was formed in connection with the '98 centenary movement, with Mr. G. Moore as secretary.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Reports of recent deaths in the city of the Tribes contain the following Mr Jones, Abbeygate street, Laurence Clare, Foster street; William Conroy and Mrs Bridget Lally.

Miss Delia Lynch, daughter of Mr Andrew F. Lynch, Dominic street Galway city, died lately. High mass and office were held in the Cathedral The remains were interred in Forthill cemetery, funeral cortege large.

Mr. William O'Malley, M. P., who is traveling through Connemara to see the condition of the crops in his constituency, reached Roundstone Sept 6. He was met by a large concourse and a meeting was held, at which Father Gleeson, P. P., presided. In introducing Mr O'Malley, he in feeling terms referred to the impending distress. He pointed out that the potato crop throughout the parish was a complete failure, and that to illustrate the old saying, "Misfortunes never come singly," the people along the seaboard were unable to dispose of their kelp.

LEITRIM.

Twenty-eight notices of eviction from the Kiltyclogher portion of Tottenham estate have been served on the clerk and relieving officer of the Manorhamilton Union.

Mr. Michael Devaney and Mr Thomas Devaney, Derrybrisk, are prominent members of the Sooey branch of the Irish National League. At a recent meeting of the branch they forwarded their annual subscriptions. County Leitrim has not two more consistent Nationalists within its limits.

MAYO.

The fever epidemic which was in Hollymount district for some weeks is now reported subsiding. The police barracks, where they say the outbreak was most severe, has been closed.

A man named Moraghan has been reinstated in his holding on the estate of Mr. J. H. Peyton, at Mount Daisy, near Claremorres, from which he was evicted for non-payment of inet fifteen years ago. The reinstatement came as an agreeable surprise reon the people. The hostile relapnus between the evicted tenant and he landlord were well known. The landlord had no other alternative if he wanted to save the holding from ruin, nobody being venturesome onough to "grab" it.

Died—September 24, Terence Rogers of Elphin, aged 84 years.

SLIGO.

Mr. Rogers Davey of the Sligo Board of Guardians, has given notice that he will introduce at the next meeting the subject of the impending distress. Mr. Davey has practical experience of the wants and desires of the farmers.

Died—At the Mall, Sligo, Patrick Rooney, Cooper, aged 50. At the Convent of Mercy, Sligo, September 14, Bridget (in religion Sister Mary St. Michael), third daughter of John Kelly, Ballinameen, County Roscommon, in the twenty-third year of her age, and sixth of her religious life.