

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.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The weekly meeting of the Galway League was held on Sunday at St. Joseph's Seminary, Nun's Island, Galway city. There was a large attendance of members, Mr. Deely, who was moved to the chair, addressed the meeting.

Latest reports from Ireland say that an outbreak of fever had occurred in Headford.

With sorrow we announce the death of Mrs. Kate Moran of Mountbellaw, which took place at Mountbellaw, September 25.

The inhabitants of Glennamaddy and his wide circle of friends, have availed themselves of the recovery of Mr. William Keogh from his recent severe illness to make him the recipient of a testimonial. On Sunday a deputa-tion representing the people of Glennamaddy waited on Mr. Keogh. They were introduced in a few appropriate words by the Rev. Walter Conway.

A meeting of the people of Carna and surrounding districts was held last week. Mr. O'Malley, the member for Connemara, was present. Rev. M. McHugh presided and referred in eulogistic terms to the loyalty of their members in supporting Mr. Dillon.

LEITRIM.

On Tuesday Mr. M. F. Gallagher, inventor of the well-known churning machine, which has gained such commendation from farmers and dairymen, left Carrick-on-Shannon with the churn and machine for a practical test at the farm of Mrs. Doyle of Corlara. A quantity of cream was put into the churn, and the test was made in the presence of Mrs. Doyle, Mr. J. J. Doyle, Mr. M. Doyle, Mr. J. Hoger, Toolascan; Mr. P. Kelly, Dromod, Strokesown; Mr. Michael McLoughlin and several others. The trial showed the machine to be far ahead of anything of the kind invented before, and to have many advantages not even claimed or dreamed of before by any person.

The death of Mr. John McDermott, merchant, Drumana, was sincerely and widely regretted. He was always in the foremost ranks of those taking part in Ireland's struggle, and was a steadfast friend and supporter of the struggling tenant farmer. He took an active part in the Land League branch of the parish, and when it was not fashionable to be patriotic he took an active part in supporting the federation branch. The funeral which took place on Thursday at Annaduff (Aghamore), was largely attended by people from the counties of Leitrim and Roscommon, and showed how popular the deceased was in this district.

Mr. Charles Devine died at his residence, Kilmadroe, Carrick-on-Shannon, on September 16. Mr. Devine was always a staunch Nationalist, and in the days of the Land League he took a leading part in the land agitation. He held a farm in Aughrim on the Ireland property, and he was one of three tenants in that townland who, although possessed of a large share of the world's goods, allowed himself to be evicted, along with his poorer neighbors, and had his house leveled by the emergency men of the day, as a warning to other tenants. He held out for eight years, until the other tenant was also restored, their other companion having died in the interval. The cortege which followed his remains to their last resting place in Kilmadroe, Jamestown, bore eloquent testimony to the respect in which the deceased patriot was held in his native county.

MAYO.

The Ballyhaunis bazaar and fancy fair was a most successful success. Mrs. Lavan, the Misses Henry, Mrs. Farragher, Miss Delany, the Misses Waldron, Mrs. Flynn and Miss Coyne have materially aided in bringing off the bazaar successfully.

Miss Katie Snee, Ballyhaunis, school teacher, passed a most successful examination at recent trials in Ballinrobe.

J. H. Peyton reinstated a tenant named Moraghan in a holding at Mount Daisy, from which he was evicted over fifteen years ago. Since the eviction the land has been practically derelict. The grabber occasionally viewed the farm with longing eyes, but did not think it prudent to cross the boundary.

A solemn high mass for the soul of the deceased

priests of Westport Deanery was celebrated at the Parish church, Westport.

The Connaught Telegraph says: With the exception of the historical towns of Wexford and Castlebar there is no other town in Ireland which should try to celebrate in a practical manner the centenary of '98, than this ancient town of Killala. Needless to say that it was at Kiloummmin, four miles from the town that Gen. Humbert and his brave soldiers first set foot on Irish soil, fully resolved in assisting the Irish to purge their unfortunate country of her foreign and cruel invaders. There are some anecdotes related here of the rebellion. A man named Juyot—nicknamed Bobby Moe—rushed into his mother's house in Church street, exclaiming that he was 'just after shooting eleven Papists,' and on his mother remarking that he should have made the dozen he went out, and being unable to find a twelfth he satisfied himself by shooting a pig. There is a small island in the Palmerstown river, convenient to Cortoon, which contains the remains of fifty-three patriots. On the day the English troops arrived, while marching through Church street, a gentleman named Kirkwood was standing at his hall door. He stepped forward and gave them a hearty welcome. Immediately one of the soldiers raised his gun and shot Kirkwood dead. His officer asked him why he had done so. The soldier replied that he "took him to be a scoundrel of a priest." Another gentleman the name of Kirkwood, father of the late Miss Jane Kirkwood (of the Hollow, now known as the Close), presently occupied by Archbishop Jackson, fed and protected a considerable number of patriots, as did also a Mr. Wallace, living in that part of the town known as The Acres (grandfather to the present Robert Wallace), both Protestants. Taking these matters into consideration, Killala should not be backward in preparing to receive our exiled brethren in the '98 centenary, and in commemorating our martyred dead heroes, who died fighting before an overwhelming majority.

ROSCOMMON.

Michael Dolan, a newsboy, of Boyle Railway station, found £75 on the platform last week. He handed it to the police. The owner turned out to be a pig buyer named O'Neill, from Belfast, who was in town on business.

SLIGO.

Mr. Robert Hunter, aged 81 years, died September 28, at his home in Wine street, Sligo, sincerely regretted.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Rev. J. Byrne, C. C., Bagninestown, who died September 28, had spent nineteen years of his life in Carlow, where he was a curate in the cathedral. He was a native of Balinglass, County of Wicklow. His demise was sincerely regretted.

DUBLIN.

The secretary of Artisans' Dwellings Company, Dublin, was lately served with an important memorial on behalf of the tenants of the Coombe Area Buildings. In consequence of much needed sanitary improvements, the directors have increased the rent from 7s. to 7s. 6d. per week. The allegation of the tenants is that up to the present they have paid the full letting value of the dwellings, and that they should not be subjected to an increased rental for new sanitary accommodation which should be in existence from the first. There are two hundred and eleven tenants concerned and these include Gray street, Gray square, Reginald street, Reginald square, Brabazon square and Pimlico.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Byrne—September 29, at 10 Brennan parade, Bray, George Byrne. Feely—September 30, at 8 Gardiner's row, Booters town, John Patrick Joseph Feely. Sweeney—October 1, Mrs. Bridget Sweeney, 60 A Patrick street, Nicholas Sweeney, 2 Winetavern street, Meade.—October 1, 8 St. James terrace, Inchicore, Maria Meade, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Philip Daws, Inchicore, and sister of the late Mr. James Daws, Kingstown. Smyth—September 30, at 70 Eccles street, Constance (Connie), aged 11 years, youngest beloved child of the late Francis Smyth, 75 Grafton street, and Mary Monica Smyth, and grandchild of James J. Carroll, Esq., Tudor House, Dalkey. Kinsella—September 28, at the Hospice for the Dying Haroldscross, Michael Kinsella, Crotty—At Jervis street Hospital, from the result of an accident, Alfred Crotty, Forrester—At 6 Geraldine street, Dublin, Caroline, the beloved wife of James Forrester, late of 47 Lower Dorset street, aged 68 years. Gill—September 28, at Fairview, Clontarf, Mrs. Mary

J. Gill, widow of the late Robert Gill, E. Esq., of Nenagh, aged 61 years.

KILDARE.

On Saturday the imposing ceremony of the solemn consecration of the beautiful altar of St. Clonleith's Parish church was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, assisted by the Right Rev. Mgr. Tynan and Father Murray chaplain to the bishop. Although the ceremonies commenced at 7 a. m. there was a very large congregation from every part of the extensive parish. The massive altar, so elegant and chaste, is one of the few marble altars in Ireland which can compare in point of design, architecture and finish with the cathedrals of Milan or Bologna.

KINGS.

Jacob Hennessy, living at Bellair, near Ballycumber, a farmer, was conveyed to Tullamore county infirmary, suffering from severe injuries received while working at a steam threshing machine. He was feeding a steam threshing machine with corn when he placed his right leg in the drum of the machine, with the fearful result that his entire foot and part of his leg were completely shattered and torn from his body.

LIMERICK.

Many readers will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Patrick Farrell, Glen, Ards, which took place on the 30th of September, at the early age of 84 years. Mr. Farrell was an ardent Nationalist, and took a prominent part in Irish politics, and was at one time secretary of the National League, and subsequently of the Federation. The funeral took place on the 12th of September, when the remains were interred in Edgeworthstown cemetery.

LOUTH.

At Castleblinham Petty Sessions Thomas Wall, secretary of the Castleblinham Brewery and Agricultural Laborer's society, was prosecuted for embezzling £60. It appeared that the accused was secretary for four years, from the date of its establishment, and, contrary to the rules, it was the practice to hand over to him every week the sums collected by members of the committee. A shopkeeper was nominally treasurer, but not being himself a member of the society, he did not actively interest himself in its working beyond receiving such sums as the secretary handed him and paying such accounts as the secretary told him to pay. In all the secretary received £178 6s. 8d. in members' subscriptions, which he duly acknowledged in his books. He paid £82 on account of the society, and £85 was duly lodged in bank. The balance, £59 8s. 7d., he did not account for. He was also charged with appropriating to his own use the proceeds of a football match and some subscriptions given toward building a society hall by Sir Henry Bellingham and others. After a lengthy hearing the bench sentenced the accused to six months' imprisonment.

Died—October 5, 1897, at Market street, Tandragee, Bernard Byrne, aged 59 years. Interment in the family burying ground, Banbridge was numerously attended.

MEATH.

The revision session for jurors' and Parliamentary voters' lists for South Meath concluded at Trim Wednesday. Among those present were: L. M. Sheridan and George Lacey, the clerks of Trim and Navan Unions; Brogan, Martin, Tufts and Kelly; rate collectors, and George Knight, clerk of the Crown and Peace. The voters' lists were revised, there being no party objections. At the jurors' lists were revised Mr. J. B. Irwin, bank manager, Trim, claimed exemption on the grounds that he was not qualified, not being manager of the bank. After a lengthened discussion, the revising barrister said he would allow Mr. Irwin's name to stand on the list, and he would most probably give a decision when holding the session at Navan.

QUEEN'S.

Queen's county will not be behind in co-operating with the other counties of Ireland in the celebration of the '98 centenary. Nationalists of every shade of political opinion, alive to the importance of the event, are making preparations to commemorate the deeds of the men who a century ago shed their blood in defense of their native land. At a meeting of the Executive committee in Dublin on Sunday last a letter was read from Mr. Mark J. Walsh, Maraborough, stating that all patriots in the town would co-operate in giving a county conference and bringing Queen's county into line.

WESTMEATH.

The death took place of Mr. William

Wrymes, at his mother's residence, Mount street, Mullingar, lately. He had been in failing health for some time. He was well known and highly respected by the general public in and around Mullingar, and by them his death is greatly deplored. The funeral took place at the family burying ground at Corlestown, and was very largely attended. High mass was celebrated for his spiritual repose.

WEXFORD.

A conference of the clergy of the deanery of Ennisceorty was held at the parochial house during the week. The bishop presided. Present: Rev. Deau Busher, Newtonbarry; Father Somers, Newtownbarry; Father Kenny, Kilmayshel; Father Murphy, Marshalls-town; Very Rev. Canon Parker, Ferns; Father Jones, Ferns; Father Cloney, Ferns; Rev. T. Meehan, Ballindaggin; Father Murphy, Kiltaly; Father Corish, Courtaquoddy; Father Cleary, Cloughbawn; Rev. P. Shell, Bree; Rev. P. O'Leary, Galbally; Rev. M. Keating, Skibrien; Rev. James Ryan, Monagreen; Rev. P. Kenny, Oulart; Father Druban; the Ballagh; Rev. P. O'Connor, Adm., Ennisceorty; Rev. P. Dunne, Ennisceorty; Rev. J. O'Connor, Ennisceorty; Rev. Father Lennon, M. S. S.; Rev. Father Quigley, M. S. S.; Father Busher, M. S. S. Father Rositter, M. S. S.

A preliminary meeting in connection with the '78 centenary celebration was held in Boolavogue on Sunday. The attendance was large and representative. Mr. Timothy Kinsella having been unanimously voted to the chair, opened the proceedings. Having explained the object of the meeting he said the only business was the forming of a committee to meet regularly, and with full powers to carry out the wishes of the people of Boolavogue in reference to all local matters connected with the coming celebration.

WICKLOW.

An interesting ceremony was witnessed in the chapel of St. Mary's convent, Arklow, when Miss Mary Agnes Cummins (in religion Sister Mary Teresa), third daughter of Mr. James Cummins, Coolmain, Oylegate, and niece of the lamented Very Rev. Joseph Canon Murphy, Tinter, and Miss Mary Josephine Dowley, Waterford, (in religion Sister Mary Antonio), received the habit and white veil of the order of Lady of Mercy. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Canon Dunphy, Arklow, and the following priests were present: Very Rev. Canon O'Donnell, Bardarrig; Very Rev. Canon Parker, Ferns; Rev. J. Staples, Rathdrum; Rev. L. J. Farrelly, Aughrim; Rev. J. Fottrell, S. J.; Rev. William O'Donnell, Adm., Waterford; Rev. S. J. Cloney, Ferns; Rev. P. Parker, Screen; Rev. P. O'Donnell, Rathlines; Rev. J. Manning, Arklow; Rev. E. McGough, Arklow; Rev. P. Dunne, C. C., Johnstown; Rev. L. Ryan, Ovoca, Rev. M. Kelly, Ovoca.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Cardinal Logue presided at the profession of religious at the Convent of St. Louis, Middleton, County Armagh. Among the young ladies professed was Miss Louise Lynch, daughter of the late Mr. John Lynch, Newmarket-on-Fergus, in religion Sister Mary Stanislaus Joseph.

On September 17, at the Convent of Meroy, Midhurst, Sussex, England, three Irish ladies received the black veil. Among them was Alice, in religion St. Louis Bertrand, seventh daughter (and fourth in religion) of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Cahergal House, Newmarket-on-Fergus. The Bishop of Canterbury officiated, assisted by the Right Rev. Mgr. Carte, chaplain to the community, etc.

CORK.

Recent deaths in Cork.—September 21, at 27 Queen street, Queenstown, Catherine Sissy, aged 14 months, youngest daughter of James and Mary Swords. Murphy—On September 20, at 75 years, Rathmore Buildings, Giles Murphy. O'Neill—At 36 Roman street, Margaret O'Neill. Murphy—At Inchera, Dunkettle, Cornelius Murphy, aged 62 years. O'Sullivan—On September 20, at the Post-office, Douglas, Ellen, Mary (Nettie) dearly beloved child of James and M. E. O'Sullivan. Cronin—September 19, at Ballinphella, Mary Cronin. Harrington—September 20, Mrs. Anna Harrington, 10 Anne street. Humphreys—On September 20, at Ballintemple, Cork, Clara Humphreys, Phelan—On September 19, at Lisfuncheon, Coghlea County, Tipperary, Mrs. Phelan, relict of the late M. H. Phelan, Connell—At Upper Aghada, Whitegate, Maurice Connell, aged 54 years on September 18, and buried in Aghada graveyard. Murphy—at the Bridge House, Castletown Bere, Limerick

aged 55 years, youngest daughter of Patrick Murphy. Cronin—September 20, at Ring, Daniel Cronin. N. T. Fuller—On September 20, Ballik Cottage, Middleton, George Fuller, late of Laurel Mount, Dunmanway, and Marmore House, Bandon. Humphreys—September 30, John T. Humphreys, Coolowen, 40 years. Morrissey—At the Square, Passage West, Denis Francis Morrissey, aged 27 years. O'Connell—On September 22, at 1 St. James place, Ballyhooly road, Eugene O'Connell, late of Clyda Mallow. O'Meara—September 23, at Henn street, Killarney, Mrs. O'Meara, aged 57 years. Donnellan—On September 20, at the Convent du Bon Secour, Abbeville, (France) Sister St. Lesare (Kate) dearly loved daughter of the late John Donnellan, Cork. McCarthy—On September 22, at 1 Myrtle Hill Terrace, Henry McCarthy, formerly of the Oriental, Lower Glanmire road. Daly—September 23, at Ouarville, Kate Daly. Kieley—At Kiltorrilton, on September 28, John Kieley. Bransfield—At King street, Queenstown, on September 29, Mary Bransfield, victualler, Queenstown. Roche—On September 28, at Rushbrooke, Christopher Francis Roche, aged 4 1/2 years. Walsh—On September 28, at 2 Janeville, Sunday's Well Thomas Joseph, late of Cash & Co., second son of Mr. P. Walsh, Manster Arcade.

KERRY.

At the last meeting of the Listowel Guardians the following resolutions were passed:—That the government be requested to bring in a bill to make the Loans Act of 1897 retrospective for at least six years—money being as cheap in 1897 and 1898 as it now is—and thereby reduce the outstanding balances by the amount paid for interest on loans, in excess of the minimum rate now fixed, which will give to unions like Listowel (which, in some divisions, has already reached the statutory limits of its borrowing powers), the relief which Parliament contemplated by the act. That we humbly petition the executive, through our representatives, to cause Parliament to meet to take steps to avert the extensive and, we fear, general disaster which is sure to result from the total failure of the potato crop and the irreparable injury done to the harvest generally. Also to move that we petition Parliament, through our representatives, to give us this year the financial benefits promised under the proposed bill of next week—namely, half poor rates and half county cess—as is given to English, Scotch and Welsh unions for two years past.

The street preaching nuisance has been revived in the immediate neighborhood of Tralee, and on Monday some disorderly scenes were witnessed in connection with the attempt of two evangelists to harangue a crowd in the Blennerville road. At the monthly meeting of the Tralee Town Commissioners the chairman, Mr. Thomas Lyons, referred to the scandal that had been occasioned. If these preachers attempted to come into the town the Town Commissioners would get the police to remove them.

LIMERICK.

The death occurred lately at a very advanced age of Mr. T. Liston, CastleMahon, father of Mr. P. T. Liston, solicitor, Bathkeale, and of Mr. T. Liston, solicitor, Tralee. The deceased had been for thirty years a member of the Newcastle West Board of Guardians.

Mr. Michael Coleman, O'Connell, died September 15, and was interred in Fedamore. The funeral was numerously attended. He was a member of one of the oldest families in the district.

The demise, on the 30th ult., of Mrs. Patrick Wallace, Ballyengland, Askatoon, removed one whose many virtues, exemplary piety and widespread charity for the past half a century made her name a household one in West Limerick homes. Her death occurred with painful and startling suddenness. On the day prior to her demise Mrs. Wallace attended the celebration of divine service at Askatoon, and returned to her residence in the enjoyment of perfect health, but in the course of a few hours, without any premonitory symptoms, she was stricken with an attack of paralysis and died.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. R. E. Clarke, son of Mr. William Clarke, Clonmel Chronicle, acting assistant county surveyor in the Middlethird Barony for the last six years, has been appointed assistant civil engineer to the Admiralty at Portsmouth Docks, after a most creditable competitive examination. With sincere regret we chronicle the death of Margaret K. Gleeson, relative of Patrick Slattery and T. Kavanagh who died at her late residence, 1422

Canal street, October 2, aged 77 years

WATERFORD.

A sad fatality occurred between Ballymacarbery and Cappoquin, as a result of which James Cashman lost his life. Deceased was returning from the Ballymacarbery races and was riding a horse belonging to Mr. John Barron, when he fell off the horse and received injuries from which he died within an hour.

On October 5 the spacious Town hall in Waterford city was filled by an extremely large and representative gathering assembled to witness the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Waterpark college, conducted by the Christian Brothers. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, the Mayor (Alderman Knox) and the High Sheriff were present. The Rev. Brother Slattery, Superior of the college, addressed the meeting at length, setting forth the splendid achievements of the college during the year, and mentioned the seal and solicitude of their good bishop in the cause of religion and education.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A branch of the St. Vincent de Paul society has been founded in Larna. Officers: Mr. Patrick McDonough, president of "The Conference of St. MacInnis, Larna; P. J. O'Toole and Christopher Delet, vice-presidents. Mr. Felix Mulvanea, treasurer, and Mr. Thomas Clearkin, secretary.

On Thursday the remains of Sister Mary Bagis O'Rork were conveyed to their last resting place in the cemetery attached to the Convent of Meroy, Crumlin road, Belfast. She died on Tuesday, September 21, aged 80 years. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. T. McCotter, St. Malachy's college.

ARMAGH.

On September 29 Cardinal Logue officiated at the solemn profession of four religious at the convent of St. Louis, Middletown. The young ladies professed were Miss Winifred Sweeney, Tuam, daughter of Mr. John Sweeney, in religion Sister Mary Louisa Joseph, Miss Bridget Conway, daughter of Mr. Patrick Conway, Plumbridge, Tyrone, in religion Sister Mary Patrick Joseph; Miss Maria Rielly, daughter of Mr. Thomas Rielly, Bawboy, County Cavan, in religion Sister Mary Bridget Joseph, Miss Louisa Lynch, daughter of the late Mr. John Lynch, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clare, in religion Sister Mary Joseph Stanislaus.

GAVAN.

Miss Maria Bellay, daughter of Mr. Patrick Bellay, Bawboy, was professed a religious in the Convent of St. Louis, Middletown, Armagh, last week, taking the religious title of Sister Mary Bridget Joseph. Cardinal Logue officiated.

DERRY.

An interesting religious ceremony was held lately in the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Altitude Park. In the presence of a numerous congregation the Rev. Father McEldowney solemnly blessed, after unveiling, a beautiful new statue of the Sacred Heart, the gift of O'Kane Bros., Waterloo street, Derry, to the church of their native district. The statue is life size. After the ceremony Father McEldowney made reference to their pious benefactors, exhorting his hearers to remember the living and deceased members of the family as often as they kneel before the altar. Benediction of Most Blessed Sacrament brought the ceremonies to a close.

Lately some men of Greenacastle and Whitehouse met in McCracken hall, Greenacastle, to inaugurate a '98 Centenary Club. The proceedings throughout were of a very enthusiastic character. Mr. Louis Carolan was chosen as president, Mr. John Mallory, vice-president, while the positions of treasurer and secretary fell to H. McLoughlin and Charles McAnaney respectively.

MONAGHAN.

The body of a farmer and horse dealer named James Mullen was found in a fox hole in the parish of Clontibret. The deceased had been in depressed spirits.

LONEGAL.

At a thoroughly representative and influential meeting of farmers of the Lattickenny district, Mr. J. Robinson presiding, a branch of the Ulster Farmers' Defence association was formed in furtherance of the tenants' interest before the Royal Commission. The chairman explained the urgent necessity for collecting evidence to be given before the commission, a secretary and treasurer and several district collectors were appointed. Andrew Galley John Porterfield and others addressed the meeting. A substantial sum of money was subscribed when the meeting concluded.

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