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.

Lately Peter Doherty and three men named O'Donnell (father and sons), all of Long Walk, were fishing at Salthill. The boat was full of herrings, but the men being anxious to take more, commenced to haul in the nets when the craft became overloaded and sank; all hands were drowned. The mast can be seen at low water, a short way beyond Blackrock. It is rumored that a canoe with four men was also lost.

Mrs. McSweeney, Ballinasloe, died lately at the residence of her father Mr. Patrick Finnegan, Taughmaconnell, at the early age of 35 years. The interment took place in Taughmaconnell. The hearse and mourning carriage were followed by the largest cortege ever seen by the oldest inhabitant in the parish. Father Bowes, Ballinasloe, assisted by Father Byrne, Taughmaconnell, officiated at the graveside.

A solemn requiem mass was celebrated in the Presentation Convent, Tuam, for the repose of the soul of Sister Mary Gonzaga Doran, who died on Monday, October 11. Very Rev. James Donnellan, Maynooth college uncle of the deceased, celebrant; Rev. J. Duffy, St. Jarlath's college, deacon; Rev. A. Eaton, St. Jarlath's college, sub-deacon; Very Rev. J Fallon, president St. Jarlath's college, master of ceremonies.

LEITRIM.

Many are unaware of the fact that amid the hills of Leitrim, far away from all centres of commercial life, large works for the manufacture of iron, peat, fuel and charcoal are in course of erection, and will, within three months, be completed and become an important factor in opening up this congested district. Already large furnaces for the melting of iron ore and transforming it into pigiron have been built, and preliminary trials for large castings have been successful. The works are situated near Drumkeeran, in a valley surrounded by high hills, and a little stream, which has its source in the mountain tops, winds through the valley, giving a plentiful supply of water to the works. On several occasions the floods have transformed the river into a raging torrent, doing great damage, sweeping away bridges and injuring the works in course of erection. A little village is beginning to spring up close to the works, the rows of workmen's houses looking neat and comfortable. The manufacture of iron in this district was first attempted forty-two years ago, but owing to the great difficulty experienced in obtaining dried turf for the furnaces it did not succeed. At that time the turf had to be cut and prepared in the heat of the sun in the usual way, but now the turf is dried in a gigantic machine, after which it is subjected to the pressure of 100 tons, and then comes forth in small squares, ready for use. The works are now in an advanced state, and in a few months smelting will begin.

MAYO.

Very Rev. Edward Canon Gibbons, Balla, has received the blessing of the Pope on the morning of his fiftieth year in the priesthood, which has afforded him much happiness, and the warm congratulations from other ecclesiastical services were numerous. The Rev. Canon has always appreciated throughout Mayo for his zeal and energy in every noble and good cause on behalf of his countrymen, and his golden jubilee has been honored by everyone who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His own parishioners accorded him their congratulations, as he has been to them a father and friend whenever his good counsel or monetary aid was required, and his charity and hospitality were proverbial. The people of Mayo and his friends in foreign countries are day after day showing their marked appreciation of the Canon's sterling qualities by sending him their congratulations on his golden jubilee, a befitting occasion to pay homage to such a popular sogarth aroon and patriotic Irishman.

Last week there was an interesting sailing match in Clew Bay between the Lily, Mr. P. Hopkins, Rosbeg, owner and the Curlew, Mr. John Fadden Murrisk, owner. The clippers started from Island Nua, the sailing [illegible] the ship channel, leaving the red buoy on the port side, round west of Dorinch, coming home by Ballancolla, leaving Inishennel on the port side, up ship channel, leaving red buoy on starboard side, and finishing at Island Rua. The Lily won by about ten minutes, the distance being about twelve miles; time 1 hour and 30 minutes Hundreds of people watched the race from the surrounding heights, and there were numerous bets on the result. The coxswains were Mr. Thomas Kelly on the Lily and Mr. Patrick Joyce on the Curlew.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. J. J. Burke, coroner for Roscommon, held an inquest on the body of Mrs. Catherine McDermott of Tibohine, who was murderously assaulted on Sunday, and who died on the Monday following. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from injuries on the head caused by a blunt instrument, inflicted by some person or persons unknown. The husband of deceased, John McDermott, is in custody, awaiting his trial.

Sister Mary Gonzaga Doran of the Presentation Convent, Tuam, died October 11 She was daughter of Mrs. Doran, Roscommon.

SLIGO.

Mr. Thomas Judge, son of Mr. J. H. Judge, Riverstown, returned from campaigning in Bulwayo, Africa. He has seen much active service, and was twice severely wounded, on the last occasion being in a hospital for several months.

In the list of those who died recently in this county are the names of Mr. Thomas Moran, Collooney, aged 29 years; Mrs. Dolan, Carrickreeva, and Mrs. John Morrin of the Cottage, Kiltimagh, who died at the Parochial House. She was mother of late Father John Morrin, Ballymote.

We regret to record the death of M. Hugh Conlan, Jr., Largan, after a very short illness, contracted at his father's funeral, a few months ago. A little over a year since his respected and popular brother died—the Rev. P. Conlan, one of the most sterling Nationalist priests in Connaught. The funeral was proof of the respect in which his family is held and a token of sorrow which was felt at his early demise. The Rev. Dr. O'Rorke, Collooney, conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. M. Kavenny, Charlestown; Rev. P. J. O'Grady, Collooney; Rev. M. Dempsey, Ballincarrow; Rev T. Quinn Collooney; Rev. Dr. O'Grady, Ballymote, and Rev. P. McKean, Charlestown. Among the mourners were a large number of the principal inhabitants of Charlestown, while a great many people attended from Swinford, Tubbercurry, Coolaney, Ballymote, Ballysodare, etc.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

With pleasure the people Kildavin learned of the brilliant achievement of Mr. D. O'Sullivan, national school-teacher of the district, in passing the stiff examination which qualifies him first class.

Sunday a mission of two weeks' duration, conducted by Fathers Busher and Rossiter, of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, from Enniscorthy, came to an impressive and most fruitful close in St. Fiac, Carlow Craigue. The opening ceremonies were solemn high mass, and subsequently a sermon by Father Rositer.

DUBLIN.

Members of the Wolf Tone '98 Club met in Odd Fellows' Building, Upper Abbey street, Dublin. Mr. John O'Shaughnessy occupied the chair. It was proposed by Mr. W. Mitten, seconded by Mr. D. Holohan and passed unanimously—"That this meeting do form itself into a '98 club, to be called 'the '98 Wolf Tone club,' being in the immediate vicinity of his birthplace, and that said club be affiliated to the general executive council." Mr. John O'Shaughnessy appointed chairman; Mr. George Sparks, secretary; Mr. T. Cahill, treasurer. The following committee was appointed—W. Mitten, D. Holohan, R. Fitzharris, J. Walsh, J. Cannon and H. Kelly. Meeting adjourned to Sunday, 17th inst., at 4.

KILDARE.

Five young priests, four of whom have only been just ordained, sailed from Southampton, England, for Port Elizabeth, to enter upon missionary work in the Eastern Vicarate of South Africa, under the Most Rev. Dr. MacSherry.

The contingent from North Kildare to the Parnell anniversary celebration in Dublin was as large as in past years.

Alfred Quinn, manager of the National Bank, Athy, died recently. Mr. Quinn was a native of Clonmel, County Tipperary, and brother of the Very Rev. Canon Quinn, P. P., Ballybrack Dublin.

KILKENNY.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Brownrigg has written to the managers of the cycle sports in Kilkenny condemning the holding of races, etc., on Sundays and holidays.

Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, bishop of Ossory, made the following changes in the diocese: Rev. Michael Morrath, late chaplain, the Monastery, Castletown, to be C. C. Glenmore; Rev. Jas, Bowden, late C. C., Rathdowney, to be chaplain the Monastery, Castletown; Rev. John Madden, late C. C., St. Canice's, Kilkenny, to be C. C, Rathdowney; Rev. Henry Brennan, late C. C., Conahy, to be C. C., Rathdowney; Rev. John Walsh, late C. C., Coon, to be C. C., Conahy; Rev. William Delaney, late C. C., Clara, to be C. C, Coon; Rev. Thomas Freyne, late C. C., Rathdowney, to be C. C., Clara; Rev Edward Brennan, late C. C., St. John's, Kilkenny, to be C. C., Windgap, in place of the Rev. John Prendergast, who joins the Cistercians at Mount Melleray; Rev. James Carrigan, late of the diocese of Westminster, to be chaplain, Worknouse, Callan; Rev. John Ryan, late C. C., Ballyragget, to be C. C., St. Canice's, Kilkenny; Rev. Edward Doody, lately ordained from Maynooth, to be C. C., Ballyragget.

KINGS.

The Board of Guardians of the Edenderry Union, at a recent meeting, re-elected A. R. Dagg as master of the Union.

Three Redemptorist Fathers—Hayes, McNamara and Hartigan—are conducting a most successful mission in Edenderry.

LONGFORD.

Mr. Edgeworth, a well-known and popular land owner in this county, is keeping the overtaxation of Ireland well to the front. Mr. Edgeworth owns over 3,000 acres, and Edgeworthstown is named after the family.

On the feast of St. Francis died Sister Mary Alacoque, eldest daughter of Mr. C. Grist, Bellurgan, in the convent of Mercy, Crumlin road, Belfast, deeply regretted.

LOUTH.

Sunday evening a retreat, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Selley, O. S. A., John's lane, Dublin, in the Augustinian church, Drogheda, was brought to a close with a sermon, benediction of the blessed sacrament and the Papal blessing. During the week there was a large attendance of the members of the Sacred Cincture and the Catholic people of the town at the morning masses and the evening devotions.

MEATH.

The runaway victory of Winkfield's Pride, an Irish horse, in Paris, on Sunday, was received with great joy at Navan, where it was backed. At a mile and a half he is the best horse in training, and his popular owner would like to have another out at Persimmon, the Prince of Wales' horse. Watts, who rode him in Paris, declared that he did not know how good a horse he was, and said he never had a more comfortable ride.

QUEENS.

Several portions of the county have suffered by the failure of the potato crop, and, in a measure, some suffering will be endured by the people.

WESTMEATH.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Kildalky Independent League, the vice-president, Mr. Thomas Molloy, presiding, it was decided to forward the sum of £2 to the central executive as affiliation fees, and to apply for membership. The election of delegates to the coming national convention took place, and six delegates were elected to attend.

Bernard Keegan, Lurgan, nine miles from Athlone, was fatally shot in a cornfield Sunday morning, October 10. His body was discovered by his daughter on her return from the chapel at Tobberclare. Keegan's brains were blown out, and the head was shattered to pieces. No cause is assigned for the murder. An inquest was held by Mr. J. Gaynor, coroner. Mrs. Mary Hester, daughter of the wounded man, deposed she last saw her father alive on Sunday morning, when he was making preparations to go to mass. On her return from Tobberclare church she found him lying in the oatfield dead. Mrs. Keegan, wife of deceased, said her husband threatened to put Hester and his wife out of the house, but they were lately on friendly terms. Her husband retook possession of land he sold to her brother, Barney Corrigan, and drove his stock off the land, which was the cause of litigation to be entered on at the next session.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A great Nationalist meeting was held at Cross, Carrigaholt, on Sunday, to consecrate and reorganize the national organization, to condemn landgrabbing, and to consider the position of the people owing to the distress which stares them in the face arising from the failure of the crops. At the conclusion of the meeting a branch of the Irish National Federation was formed and energetic officers appointed Mr. David Sheehy, M P., arrived in Cross the previous evening. Mr Connor Haugh was moved to the chair, and Mr. Frank Keane was appointed honorary secretary. Present—Rev M Gleeson, Mr David Sheehy, M P Thomas McCarthy, John Hedderman Thomas Maguire, M Carmody Patrick Keane, Thomas Murray, Wm. Morrissey, P. Troy, Martin Creahen, Patrick Talty, Kilrush, Patrick McMahon Patrick Hanlan, Kilkee, Patrick Bonfreed, Thomas Murray, Thomas Cahill Patrick McInerney, Barney Mahony, Michael Hedderman, John Keatinge Michael Brennan, etc

CORK

Jeremiah McCarthy, who formerly held land in Clogden near Crookstown died suddenly at 9 Nicholas street Cork City, a few days ago

On the Feast of St Francis, the ceremony of religious profession took place in the Capuchin Church Roches town, when the following made their religious vows Brother Adrian (Hubert Sherlett) Sligo Brother Finbarr (Edward O'Callaghan) Cork Brother Patrick (James Fitzpatrick) Cork Brother Casmir (Michael Butler) Kilkenny. Brother Kevin (James Moynihan), Dublin

The Father Mathew anniversary was celebrated in Cork with customary ceremonies and all the temperance rooms and statues and Holy Trinity Church were brilliantly illuminated A meeting was held in the Mathew Memorial Hall and addressed by Rev Mgr Maguire and Mr Maurice Healy M P, the latter stating it was no use appealing to law, but rather to people's instincts, to put down intemperance Mgr Maguire considered the existence of bogus clubs as a great blot on the legislature

Mr Henry Lindsay Young of Cork attended at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Toughal, last week, for the purpose of receiving the September rents on the estate at Pilmore Last year he gave a reduction of 7s 6d in the pound This year recognizing the damage done to the potato and other crops by the bad weather he voluntarily gave 8s in the pound Furthermore, he promised to give them new seed potatoes the coming spring and, to lessen the danger from blight in the future he advised them to spray their potatoes, he himself gratuitously supplying them with spraying machines.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK

McCarthy Oct 3 at Nicholas street Jeremiah McCarthy aged 45 son of the late Charles McCarthy Cloughda Crookstown Higgins Oct 5 at Aghada, E. O'Laughlin Higgins, in the 14th year of his age O'Sullivan On Oct 2, of bronchitis, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Calentia aged 16 years Buckley On Oct. 6, at Coolickey, Donoughmore Jeremiah Buckley McSwiney Oct 8 at Sullivan's Quay, Eugene McSwiney (blacksmith), at the age of 71 years O'Sullivan Oct. 8, at South Ringaskiddy, Patrick J O'Sullivan Healy On Oct. 8, at Thomond Square, Marian Healy, aged 80 years Mahoney Oct 6, at Killarullen, John Mahoney Hunter Oct. 4, at 28 Quaker road, Margaret Hunter O'Driscoll On Oct 3 Michael O'Driscoll, of Reeddaucesane O'Neill On Oct 3, at 7 Rockwell Terrace, Peter O'Neill, formerly of Carrignavar, for fifty years in the employment of Messrs J J Murphy & Co., brewers. Prendergast—Oct. 3, at 4 Lower Grattan Hill Nellie Prendergast, aged 9 years and 6 months Devitt Oct. 4, at 1 Southern View place Southern road, in her 79th year, Mary Anne Devitt.

KERRY.

A glove fight took place at the concert hall, Tralee, one night last week, when Sim Robinson, heavy-weight champion of Jersey City, N. J., U. S. A., backed himself to knock out Jack Mahony of Tralee in six rounds There was a large attendance, and everything passed off in a satisfactory manner For the first four rounds Mahony had, if anything, the best of the encounter, and in the fifth round Robinson fouled by striking Mahony after they had clinched. The referee, Mr. John Reesu of Cork, immediately stopped the fight, awarding the victory to Mahony. During the preliminaries a contest was arranged between O'Mahony and Myles Kehoe of Dublin.

Miss Ann Flynn, Abbeyfeale, was lately received into the Order of Mercy in the convent, Tralee. The impressive ceremony was performed by Bishop Coffey, assisted by Rev. Father Crowley, Rev. Father O'Sullivan, Tralee; Rev. W. Casey, Abbeyfeale. The young postulant was arrayed in white satin, flowing veil and coronal of white blossoms, which were subsequently discarded for the habit of the order. With the clergy present, the following were guests of the sisters at luncheon, presided over by the Bishop: John and William Flynn and Mrs. Flynn, Mr. W. D. O'Connor, Mrs. O'Connor, Misses O'Conor, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Miss B. O'Sullivan, Mr. P. O'Sullivan, Mr. T. O'Connor, Mr. C. O'Rourke, Mr. J. D. Harnett, Miss Sweeny, Mr. D. Collins, Miss Leahy, Miss McCoy and the Misses Fitzgibbon.

LIMERICK.

A meeting of the Rathkeale Amnesty Association was held last week, at which the following attended: Joseph Sheehy (in the chair), W. D. Power, P. Barrett, T. Cusack, W. Hayes, John Reidy, M. Reidy, W. Ward, J. Kelly, E. J. Culhane, M. J. McDonnell, J. O'Dea, W. H. Power, W. Dowling, W. Sheahan and J. Ward. The committee decided to organize West Limerick under the old banner, and thus buckle up for the West Britonism that seems to be actuating Mr. John Daly's opponents in Limerick. The men who bore the flag aloft against coercion, land grabbers and emergency men will be invited to join in uniting once more for old Ireland and Irish patriotism.

Among the death announcements lately were those of Mrs. Nellie Power O'Connor, Bohor, and Mr. Patrick Power, Ballingarry.

TIPPERARY.

Rt. Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe, has given a donation of £20 toward the fund being raised by Rev Father John Scanlon pastor, Cloughjordan, for the erection of a new church in the parish. The people have generously responded to the call for money to construct a church where the worship of God may be conducted with increased honor and glory to Him

Among those who attended the requiem services and funeral of Mr James Smith, Clonmel, were The Rev J Everard, celebrant, Rev N Walshe deacon, Rev P B Bradley, O S. F., sub-deacon. In the choir Very Rev. T McDonnell, Rev C J Flavin Very Rev J B. Cooney, O S F., Rev J. Wall, Rev. P. Keating and Rev P McMullen, O S. F The funeral was largely and representatively attended As the cortege passed through the town the shop windows were shuttered and doors closed Interment took place in St. Patrick's Cemetery Most of the clergy walked before the hearse The chief mourners were William Edward and Patrick Smyth brothers David Francis Edward (2), James and Patrick Smyth, David Jeremiah and Patrick Condon, nephews, Sarsfield and Jeremiah Condon Patrick Condon (brother-in-law), Jeremiah Condon T J Condon M P., William Condon John Condon Patrick Condon John Russell, Thomas Russell James Fitzgerald Sr John Lawrence William James and Thomas Fitzgerald Thomas Grady John Grady James Delaney John Delaney T C James Delaney Jr Patrick [illegible] William P [illegible] Waterford William Scott William Scott Jr Patrick Scott Patrick Shortiss Joseph Shortiss, Ed Connors Patrick Curran There were also present Dr. O'Brien M Ryan P V Gurry Major Lesmond David O'Connor E Murphy T C. William Kelleher Thomas Morrissey James White E O'Donohue B T P O'Keeffe John O'Donnell Thomas Lawrence Carrick Timothy O'Neill Feehan Charles Fitzgerald Stephen O'Neill A Devine W Fitzgerald Dunbrackey L Fitzgerald P F Cunningham J F Slattery and Aldermans Wright.

WATERFORD

Rev Michael Sheehan of St Johns College has been appointed by the Bishops of Ireland to the vacant chair of rhetoric in St Patricks College Maynooth The thesis took place last week and the manner in which Father Sheehan acquitted himself was testified to by the Bishops decision The gifted young priest is a native of Waterford City being son of the late Mr Cornelius Sheehan who formerly carried on business in the city but who some years ago transferred it to Dungarven where his family reside

James Lawless who resided at Kilbree near Cappoquin was found drowned in the River Blackwater last week.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM

On Friday a meeting of the Ulster Farmers Defense Association was held in the Lecture Hall Rosemary street Belfast Mr Andrew Kennedy presiding, to consider various matters in relation to the Commission The delegates included Rev John Mark, Dunboe, Rev Thomas Eaton, Kells Rev Richard Lytle Moneyrea, Rev J S Mairs Dunloy, Mr John Megan, Ballyboylan, Mr Thomas Shillington Portadown, Mr R B Caughey Newtownards, Mr G McElroy, Aughor, Mr John Dinsmore, J P, Crebilly Mr Thomas Harrison Holywood Mr John Steen Dunboe House Mr M. Dysart, Glarryford Mr Hugh Carson, Drumaoan, Mr D McMaster Newtonards Mr James Wilson Dromore Mr M Birkmyre, Belfast, Mr Ross Clune, Groomeport, Mr Thomas Finlay, Kiltinney, Mr James Stewart Comber, Mr John McIlroy Glarryford, Mr T R Harbinson, Portadown, Mr W Farrell, Killyleagh, Mr T A. Little Maghera, Mr John McNinch Mr John Hamilton, Mr Alexander Johnson, Mr William Martin, Fenaghy, Balmoral, Mr John Orr, Mr A. Graecey, Ballystockart, Mr Jas Hutton, Downpatrick, Mr W. S. Sloan, Antrim, Mr. Robert Pettigrew, Mr. John Davidson and the secretary. Moved by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Harbinson—"That the exorbitant rents exacted in the past have been the prime source of poverty, discontentment and disturbance. We are of opinion that it would be a wise policy to abolish rent altogether by the substitution of such a number of years' purchase as would involve annuities to the landlords equivalent to reduced land values, and, at the same time, substitute possible payments to the State by the tenants, instead of the impossible rents now paid by them to the landlords, for a term of years sufficient to pay off the loan, provided that the aforesaid equitable relations cannot be restored." Passed.

ARMAGH.

A meeting of the Lord Edward '98 Centenary Club was held lately in the Foresters' Hall, Armagh, Mr. W. J. McKernan in the chair. John McGlone and the honorary secretary were appointed delegates to the Centenary Convention in Belfast.

CAVAN.

Among those who attended the religious profession of Miss Maria Reilly, Bawnboy, in the Middleton Convent, Armagh, recently were: Very Rev H. O'Neill, Warrenpoint; Very. Rev. Canon Coyne, Keady; Very Rev. J. Canon McCartan, Donaghmore; Rev. Peter Fox, Killeskill, County Tyrone; Rev. P. Corr, Ballymacnab, County Armagh; Rev. B Nugent, Lissan; Rev. E. Maguire, Tyholland, County Monaghan; Rev. Felix McKenna, Donagh; Rev. Father Currin, County Galway; Rev. Neal McAtamney, Plumbridge; Rev. John Quinn, Adm., Armagh; Rev. Patrick Vallely, Keady, Rev. Henry Callan, Ballymacnab; Rev Felix McNeece, Dundalk; Very Rev. Dr. Loughran, Dromintee; Rev. B. O'Connor, Portadown; Rev. Patrick McRory, Middletown; Rev. Anthony McDonnell, Middletown. Among the laity and friends of the young ladies professed were Mr. Sweeney, Tuam; Mr. Cornelius Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, and the Misses Hughes, Killylea; Miss Rose Bradley and the Misses Burke, Middletown. Cardinal Logue, the priests and others were entertained to dinner by the Rev. Mother and Sisters of St Louis Convent.

DERRY.

The remains of Mrs. Anne McNichol (Hamish) of Lisnascrehog, parish of Errigal Garvagh, were interred in Glenullin Catholic Churchyard. Deceased who was 106 years of age, was wonderfully active considering her extreme age She was able to go about until within a fortnight of her death and had her mental faculties to the last The cortege was large and respectable, the chief mourners being her sons, Bernard and John, 88 and 85 years of age respectively. The Rev Thomas Maguire officiated at the grave This time twelvemonth Errigal parish could boast of three centenarians alive, now there is only one left, a woman, a neighbor of deceased.

DONEGAL.

Among new Irish parents the name of Bernard Delahanty, Ballyshannon apears for "improvement in feeding bottles."

Impressive religious ceremonies took place during last week at St. Baithin's Church, in the parish of St. Johnstone Raphoe diocese, and bordering on County Tyrone The solemn ceremony of blessing the bell of the church was performed by the Most Rev Dr O'Donnell in the presence of the largest congregation gathered there for many years An eloquent sermon was preached by the Very Rev Father McGettigan and his appeal for funds for the purchase of the bell and the renovation of the church was generously responded to by a subscription of £400

DOWN

The death of the Rev D B Mulcahy Kilclief Strangford took place at Nazareth House Ballynafeigh Belfast to which he was removed a few weeks ago in order that he should be placed under the care of the good Sisters of Nazareth Father Mulcahy was born in April 1832 in the townland of Kilkeany parish of Seskinan County Waterford After studying at Mount Melleray and other places he entered St John's College Waterford in September 1852 and was ordained by Dr Dorrian at St Malachy's Belfast on Oct 10 1869 His first appointment was as C C Ballymacarrett His other missions as a curate were Saintfield Loughguile Portglenone Lisbon and Ballylafeigh From this last he was transferred in 1882 to the pastoral care of Ballintoy where he spent ten years Since 1892 he officiated as parish priest of Kilclief Father Mulcahy will be remembered in Belfast as a proficient Irish scholar and many of his old pupils in the Gaelic classes will feel deep sorrow at his demise Like a true Irishman and genuine lover of his country the deceased was a diligent student of the history and antiquities of his native land and was always eloquent and interesting in his treatment of these subjects Such scholars are so rare that not only this diocese but Ireland as a loser by his death About two years ago he was stricken by paralysis

Rev T Sunderland of the Dominican order in Newry has left for Trinidad His departure is deeply regretted For the past year he was stationed in Newry and worked assiduously for the spiritual comfort of the people

FERMANAGH

There will be no lack of candidates for North Fermanagh when the vacancy occurs The latest Richmond is Mr Frederick Crawford Kinawley, Belturbet He describes himself as a farmer and states that he will contest the seat in the Independent Unionist electors interest Mr Corbett the candidate selected by the Unionist Convention has been in the constituency lately and attended the Revision Session at Enniskillen

MONAGHAN

The Mother Superioress of the Convent of St Louis, Monaghan, is so seriously ill that her case is hopeless For some weeks she has been in an unconscious state, and the medical gentlemen are of opinion that she cannot recover.

Intelligence reached Carrickmacross last week of a horrible occurrence The wife of a small farmer in Carrickawillie had occasion to go to a field to dig potatoes, bringing her two young children the younger 18 months old. Suddenly she was horrified to find that a pig had eaten away the right hand and left cheek of the poor child She snatched up the almost lifeless remains of her little infant and ran to her husband, who proceeded with all haste to Carrickmacross for a doctor, but the poor little mite had ceased to breathe long ere the latter arrived. In fact, it was dead when she took it up.

TYRONE.

An important meeting of the Derryoghill Tenants' Denfense Association was held in Derryoghill in rooms lent by Mr. Thomas Jeffs. Henry Madden, chairman, presided. Present were: Henry McKean, Benburb; Robert Wilson, Broughadoey, Moy; Henry Wilson, Henry Lennon, secretary; David J. Holmes, Robert Bartley, Robert McMullen, John McKenzie, Alexander Johnston, Daniel Ferris, Charles Donaghy, Thomas Jeffs, John Lennon, Patrick Donnelly, Neill Cassidy, Thomas M. Sherry and Patrick McNeece. The business of the evening was: (1). The selecting of evidence as to the number of farms offered and not sold from 1886 to 1896 in the parish, and also the number sold at reduced prices. (2). The number of farms let by public auction for season that did not realize the rent. (3). The number of farms in close proximity that were purchased under the Ashbourne Act, and those on which the rents were fixed a second time under the rent Land Act; in these cases the purchasing tenants were lower by 25 per cent. (4). The failure of the flax crop in this locality, and also the decline in the price of beef and pork, live and dead weight. After arranging to raise funds to assist in meeting the expenses of the lawyers appointed by the Ulster Tenants' Defense Association, it was unanimously agreed that Henry McKean, Benburb and Henry Lennon, Derryoghill, Moy be the witnesses from the association to give evidence before the Royal Commission now sitting in Dublin.

When a man is dead broke he usually has very little life in him.

If some men knew themselves they would be ashamed of the acquaintance