

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.

At the meeting of the Workingmen's Club, Ballinasloe, on Sunday, Mr. John Brutin, president, presided. Present, Patrick Kenny, E. Winters, John Shine, J. Lynskey, P. Bannaghton, J. Grealy, Ed. Kilduff, J. Kelly, R. Johnstone and C. Cornell. The question of the '98 centenary celebrations was introduced and discussed, the feeling of the meeting being that a demonstration should be held in Ballinasloe.

A mission was held in Dunmore lately and over six thousand persons received Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 1,400 children.

Mrs. Brennan, Liskeary, died Oct. 13, at the fine old age of 85 years. Interment was in Kiloony.

In the Convent of Mercy, Galway, Oct. 28, took place the solemn ceremony of the profession of three novices. The young ladies who had the happiness to make their religious vows are Miss Keavany (in religion Sister M. Louis), daughter of Mr. Patrick Keavany, Tullamore; Miss Conroy (in religion Sister M. Magdalene), daughter of Mr. Patrick Conroy, Garraha; and Miss Joyce (in religion Sister M. Paul), daughter of Mr. John H. Joyce, Oughterard. Most Rev. Dr. McCormack officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Dooley, Galway, and Rev. Father Conroy, Spiddal. The Reverend Mother and community entertained to a sumptuous dejeuner the friends of the newly professed sisters, among whom were the Lord Bishop, Father Dooley, Father Lally, Father Greaven, Father McDonogh, Father Cassidy, Father Conroy, Father Craddock, Father Commis, Father Keane, O. P.; Father Francis, Oughterard; Father Glynn, Father Lavelle, Father John M. Francis, Father Nestor, Father Newell, Father Corbett, O. O.; Father O'Donohoe, Father O'Reilly, S. J.; Father O'Keefe, O. S. A.; Father Murphy, O. P.; Father O'Connor, O. S. F.; Father Connolly, P. P.; Father Newell, Father Moran, Father Ralph, O. P.; Mrs. Skerrett, Mrs. P. de B. Skerrett, Mr. Skerrett, and Miss Keavany, Tullamore; Mr. Patrick Conroy, Garraha; Mr. John H. and Miss Joyce, Oughterard; Misses Geoghegan, Guthard; Mrs. Barton, Banmore; Mr. and Miss Walsh and Miss King, Kilmilkin; Mr. and Misses Mylotte, Orevagh; Mr. and Miss O'Malley, Kilmilkin; the Misses Roche, Mr. and Miss Blake, Menlo Castle; Miss Lally, Galway; Miss Joyce Griggins, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Kilkerrin; Mr. John C. Conroy, solicitor; Misses Conroy and Master Nolan; Messrs. Patrick and Michael Conroy, Garraha; Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, Monasterown; Misses O'Malley, Monasterown; Masters A. J. and P. Joyce, Oughterard; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Sullivan, Galway; Dr. M. A. and Mrs. Lyden, Dr. M. F. Lyden, Miss O'Toole, Misses Wallace, Inverin; Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Congo; Dr. and Mrs. Mangan, Oughterard; Miss O'Flaherty, Oughterard; Mr. and Mrs. John D. King, Clifden.

LEITRIM.

Mrs. Mitchell, the evicted tenant, who was fined 10s. at the last petty sessions in Drumana for trespassing on the lands from which she had been evicted at Killasnoel, was taken to jail in default of the fine.

A farm of land on the estate of Sir Edward Selby Smith, at Kilmadderoe, derelict for twelve years, and which it was alleged was taken by two neighbors, has been once more thrown on the landlord's hands. The parties who were said to have taken it allege they only took the grass to avoid being summoned for trespass.

MAYO.

On Thursday the ceremony of reception took place at the Convent of Mercy, Castlebar, when Miss Mary Kate Cowell, daughter of Mr. Patrick Cowell, Enniscorney, received the white veil from Most Rev. Dr. MacEvilly. The Rev. P. Lyons, the Rev. Father MoHugh, Adm., Toam; Rev. Father O'Malley, O. C., Castlebar, acting as assistant priests. Miss Cowell took in religion the name of Sister Antonio.

ROSCOMMON.

Thomas Robinson of Strokestown died very suddenly. He was in the best of health, and during the day was digging potatoes. When passing Bridge street in the evening he was seen to fall, and when assistance arrived he was found to be dead.

With feelings of regret we record the death of Peter Toolin, Breandrum, Boyle, Sunday night. Deceased, who had attained a ripe old age, had been ailing for some time past, and on Sunday quietly passed away. His large and representative funeral Tuesday, to the family burial ground at Assyllin, amply testified to the respect and esteem in which he was held.

At the Quarter Sessions at Boyle lately a very unusual scene was witnessed. Mr. James Quinn, Ennis, Boyle, having been called and sworn on a special jury, addressed his lordship as follows: "Your honor, I have been chosen as one of the jurors to hear the evidence and to give my opinion in this case now to be investigated, and as your lordship has on a very recent occasion, and before a sacred tribunal branded us as a perjured people, I would be pleased if your lordship would relieve me of the responsibility of the oath I have taken." His Honor—"On what grounds do you object?" Mr. Quinn—"On the grounds that you have designated us a perjured people." His Honor—"Hold your tongue, sir. How dare you refer to anything I may have said. I have a great mind to send you to jail. How dare you, sir, talk to me after that form. I tell you to mind yourself. I have a mind to send you to jail."

SLIGO.

Right Rev. Dr. Clancy received into the Order of Ursulines, in the Sligo convent last week, Miss McCormick and Miss Hurley, who took respectively, the religious titles of Sister Berchmans and Sister Ignatius.

Mr. John Daly, John street, Sligo, died suddenly lately.

Died—Suddenly at Cliffoney, on October 24, Michael Clancy, son of the late Hugh Clancy, Cliffoney, aged 28 years.

A Nationalist demonstration, attended by the people of Colloony, Carnewagh, Coolaney and Ballinadare, was held on Sunday at Carnewagh, six miles from Sligo, for the purpose of denouncing landgrabbing. The Colloony Band and a very large contingent arrived shortly before the meeting commenced. The proceedings were determined and enthusiastic. Mr. P. O'Beltrae presided.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Died—October 28, at Ballyloo, Bridget Core, 16 Dublin street, Carlow, at the residence of her niece, and was interred at Ballinacorney on the 25th inst., after the celebration of the most holy sacrifice of the mass.

The forty hours' devotion was conducted last week in St. Bridgid's church, Ballinakil. Among the priests who assisted were Rev. W. Murphy, Rev. P. Byrne, Leighlinbridge, Rev. T. Monaghan, Ballyroan, Rev. D. Gorry and Rev. J. Connolly.

DUBLIN.

Mrs. James Carey, wife of the notorious informer, died lately in a small village on the south coast of England. She was in receipt of a small weekly income from the English government. The poor woman never had a moment's peace of mind through fear of being discovered and known as Carey's wife.

Very Rev. Thomas Bennett of the Carmelite Order, died November 2, in the convent of the order, in Terenure, at the fine old age of 94 years. He was born in the town of Aries, Queen's county, in 1808. He obtained the degree of D. D. in Louvain. Archbishop Murray of Dublin ordained him. He helped to found the college of All Hallows.

The death of Prof. Haughton, Trinity College, the other day, has removed an Irishman who kept that institution, as far as it possibly could be kept, in sympathy with the Irish cause. He was proud of his country, and desired to see Ireland a nation, again making her laws in the Old House in College Green, now the Bank off Ireland. He was a sincere Home Ruler.

The ceremony of the profession of two members of the Dominican convent, Cabra, took place lately. Most Rev. Dr. Leonard, Bishop of Cape Town, received their vows. The ladies received were Miss Quinlan, in religion Sister Mary Peter, and Miss B. O'Connor, in religion Sister Mary M. Reginald. Miss Quinlan holds the Cambridge certificate for the theory and practice of education. Their labors in their new sphere for the cause of Catholic education are sure to bear great fruit.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Kinsella, October 28, at the residence of her daughter, the matron, North Dublin Union, Catherine Kinsella, The Hotel, Arklow. Leonard—October 28, at 109 Capel street, James Leonard. McNamara—October 27, at 32 Lower

Abbey street, Elizabeth McNamara, Redmond—At the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldcross, Annie Redmond, daughter of the late Thomas Redmond, Kindlestown, Delgany, County Wicklow. Tyndall—October 27, at 41 Main street, Blackrock, Thomas Tyndall, aged 53 years. Williams—October 28, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldcross, Thomas George Williams, 15 Palmerston place, Broadstone, and brother of the Rev. R. Williams, C. M., Armagh. Farrell—October 29, 38 Mary street, John Farrell. Gibney, October 25, at Paris, Francis Gibney, Arbor Hill, Parkgate street, Dublin. Lawlor, October 29, at 19 Lower Mount street, George Alexander Lawlor, aged 48 years.

KILDARE.

The Kiltel contingent at the late Parnell anniversary in Dublin consisted of John Lennon, P. L. G. Patrick and Mrs. Jones, P. Brady, Thomas Clarke, John Clarke, P. Conway, B. Grady, Miss J. Crady, A. Dennison, James and Mrs. Crosby, C. Granger, J. D. Dowling, John, Thomas and Martin Jones, Thomas Cullen, Michael Behan, William Dowling, Thomas Dowling, John Dowling, James Doyle.

KILKENNY.

Mr. John Burke of Ballinacoley, at the age of 80 years, and Mr. P. Weston, at the age of 92 years, two esteemed residents of the Mullinavatt district, recently died, and both are deeply regretted by their relatives and neighbors.

KINGS.

Mrs. Ellen Toohy of Cumberland street, Birr, died lately at the age of 84 years. Rev. John Toohy, P. P. Dunkerrin, and Rev. J. Hannon, C. C. Birr, officiated at the funeral. Her husband died just fifty years before her.

Dr. Kane, Moynore, County Westmeath, has been elected medical officer of Edenderry Union.

The tenantry on the estate of Mrs. Guise (of St. Waldren's, Gory, County Wexford), comprising Cloneyquin, Gurtanard and Ballinvoher, were met at Brown's hotel, Portarlington, last week by Mr. C. I. Townshend, land agent, Molesworth street, Dublin. Tenants were allowed 20 per cent. reduction. An effort is being made to effect the purchase of their holdings by the tenants.

LONGFORD.

Sylvester Caddam has been appointed process server for the district of Edgeworthstown.

Patrick O'Toole of Gaigue, Ballinacmack, died suddenly. He attended mass at Ballinacmack chapel, came home and partook of his dinner, after which he went for a walk. About an hour after he left his house he was found by Daniel McLoughlin lying dead in a field. He was aged 60 years.

LOUTH.

An inquest was held in Drogheda Union during the week on the body of James Flinton, 14 years of age. He earned his living by selling newspapers in the streets, and was with other comrades engaged in standing on their heads on the pathway when he received injury to his spinal column, which caused death.

In the beautiful chapel attached to the Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, on October 27, the imposing ceremony of profession took place. Three postulants received the black veil from Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. It was a memorable day not only on account of the professions, but because it was the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Community in Dundalk. The good nuns of St. Malachy's, therefore celebrated their golden jubilee, and the three young ladies professed were hostages that the glorious traditions of the convent would be maintained. Founded fifty years ago by Mother De Sales Vigne, assisted by Mother Catherine, of saintly memory, the Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, has been prolific of good works, and the Mercy Convents of Ardes and Dunganrae are branches from the parent stem. At the conclusion of the sermon by Father Stack, mass was celebrated by the Cardinal, attended by Rev. B. Donnellan, Adm. Dundalk, and Rev. P. Finegan, Dundalk. The young ladies who made their profession are Sister Flynn of Waterford (in religion Sister M. Imelda); Miss Nally of Westmeath (in religion Sister M. Teresa), and Miss Magennis Enniskillen (in religion Sister M. Ligouri).

MEATH.

Mr. Robert Fowler, Rabinstown House, died very suddenly lately at Ballinacmack, county Galway, where he was fishing. In and about Trim, where Mr. Fowler's figure was so familiar, the sympathy for the family in

their great bereavement is universal. His connection with the Trim Poor Law board extends over thirty years.

QUEENS.

Laurence McEvoy, Vincent Souly and James Bergin have been elected Town Commissioners for Montmellick. The new bell in Killeen church is now in place, and on Sunday mornings in musical tones, calls the parishioners to assemble and thank God for the great privileges they enjoy. How pleasant it was to listen to the melodious notes of the chapel bell as they floated over hill and dale on the calm Sunday mornings in the summers long ago. The recollection fills the mind with thoughts of bygone days.

WESTMEATH.

E. B. Kelly and Mr. William Doyle have been added to the representation of St. Peter's Ward, better known, perhaps, as the Connaught division of Athlone Town Council.

Dr. Kane, Moynore, has been elected medical officer of Edenderry Workhouse.

Mr. P. J. O'Reilly, Rathowen, has been appointed a director of the National Bank.

Died—Oct. 30, 18 Parliament street Dublin, Thomas McLoughlin, 43 years. Interment in the family burial ground at Kilmaglush, Mullingar.

WEXFORD.

The triennial election of Fishery Conservators was held at Oylegate last week. The following were elected: Capt. Hugh Maguire, Wexford; M. Jordan, Ballinacarrig, and William Rooney.

On Oct. 29 a cablegram was received by Very Rev. Father Furlong, New Ross, that the Most Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, bishop of Cookstown, Queenland, had died. Dr. Hutchinson, who was a brother of Mr. James Hutchinson and Mr. Matthew Hutchinson, New Ross, spent some of the early years of his life in commercial business in New Ross. He commenced his ecclesiastical education in Callan college, and was ordained priest in Kilkenny. He was subsequently Provincial of the Augustinian Order, and afterwards professor of Ardagh college, Dublin. He was then sent to Australia, where he was consecrated Bishop of Cookstown, Queensland, twelve years ago.

WICKLOW.

Died—Oct. 25, at 12 Werburgh street, Michael Clarke, Merghinstown. Oct. 19, at Market square, Rathdrum, Edmund Costello, aged 35 years.

A dinner in commemoration of the founding of the Irish National Foresters' Benefit Association was held in the hall of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Castlereagh street Sydney.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Rev. A. Clancy, parish priest of Killimer, presided at a meeting on Sunday, October 31, after last mass, to denounce the heartless conduct of Vandeleur in evicting tenants, who, through the visitation of God, were unable to pay their rents. Dr. David Sheehy, M. P., denounced the brutal course adopted by the landlord, and the unpatriotic and unchristian business of land grabbing.

CORK.

Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, bishop of Cork, who was recently received in audience by the Pope, presented \$2,500 as Peter's Pence.

Mr. Timothy Murphy of Kanturk, died very suddenly from pneumonia. He had been in Edinburgh during the past two years preparing for his final examination. The funeral took place from St. Columba's, Upper Gray street. A requiem mass was celebrated by Father Stewart, after which the funeral, attended by a large number of fellow students and professors and his bereaved father, proceeded to Mount Vernon cemetery. Mr. Murphy was nephew of the late distinguished Jesuit scholar, Father Denis Murphy, and eldest son of Mr. Daniel Murphy, Kanturk.

The death of Mr. Denis Driscoll, which occurred at his brother's residence, Bridge street Skibbereen, lately, was deeply regretted. The funeral, which took place to the Abbey cemetery on Thursday, was largely attended.

Recent deaths in Cork.—Murphy—On October 26, at Bellevue, Passage West, James J. Murphy, aged 72. Tobin, October 27, at Boreenanna, Michael Tobin. Bird—On October 29, at Summerhill South, Kathleen May Bird, aged 5 years. Donelan—October 25, the infant child of John and Agnes Donelan, 70 Townsend street, Skibbereen. O'Shaughnessy—October 26, at Bruff Park, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, J. P., aged 78. Coakley—Octo-

ber 29, Jeremiah Coakley, Mill street, Clonakilly.

KERRY.

Sister Vincent Ferrar of the Sisters of Charity Convent, Stanhope street, Dublin, died October 22. She was a daughter of the late Walter William Murphy, M. D. Killarney.

LIMERICK.

Mr. Patrick O'Shaughnessy died on the 28th of October, at Bruff. The deceased gentleman was in his seventyninth year, and up to the last retained his remarkably fine business qualities.

TIPPERARY.

At Mount St. Nicholas, Carrick-on-Suir, lately, prizes were distributed to the successful pupils of the Christian schools. A program of vocal music and drill exercise was gone through by the boys.

Died—At his residence, 145 Canal street, McCormick Annex, Ernanville, Ireland, October 2, Mrs. Margaret Kelly Gleeson, wife of Patrick Slattery F. Harraugh, who was born in the parish of Hillbarin, North Riding of Tipperary, seventy-seven years ago, lived in Ernanville forty-seven years, and was a member of the Church of Assumption. Buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.

WATERFORD.

The young Marquis of Waterford has commenced an eviction campaign on his estate in the County of Wicklow. At last Quarter Sessions in Balinglass, ejectments were obtained against thirteen tenants for arrears of rent. The crops this year are not of much value, and prices for stock are very low. Where are the tenants to find rent?

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The interment of Mr. James McGrath, Cappoquin, who peacefully passed away on Sunday morning after a lingering illness, took place at Mo-deligo, and the large and respectable funeral strongly testified to the esteem and respect entertained for him in life. He was certainly a splendid type of manhood, full of richness of honor and the moral work that furnishes the crest of a noble character. As he lived he died, a perfect Christian and may he rest in peace.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Robert Totten, one of the men on strike at the Queen's Island works, has been arrested in Keady for shooting at some inoffensive men who were passing him.

The Lisburn Board of Guardians at a recent meeting were informed that some families in Ligoniel were suffering from typhoid fever. Two named Haliday and one named Thomas Griffin lived near the reservoir.

The funeral of Mrs. James McGlade, Cormac Square, Belfast, took place October 20, to Milton cemetery, and was numerously attended.

ARMAGH.

Robert Totten, aged 28, a worker on the Queen's Island, Belfast, but who is stopping with his father at Dorkley, near Keady, was arrested for firing his revolver at some persons on his way home from Keady last week. His trial will come at next sessions.

A large and representative meeting of the Catholic ratepayers of Armagh was held in the Catholic reading room a few days ago. Mr. Patrick Lavery, solicitor, occupied the chair. Mr. Lennon, one of the secretaries, having read the circular convening the meeting, said that the principal business before the meeting would be with regard to forming a Catholic association in the city to protect Catholic interests generally. A committee was appointed to draw up rules and by-laws for the new association.

A grand concert in aid of the National Flute Band, Carnagh, Keady, was recently given in the band room. The attendance was abnormal; the hall was filled. The Keady Variety Troupe performed. The accompaniments were played by Mr. James Bennett, violin; Mr. Thomas Heaton banjo; Mr. Daniel Dumigan, auto-harp; and Mr. Frank Hughes, flute. Mr. James Smith, Keady, presided.

GAVAN.

The Earl of Annesley has 24,421 acres of land in this county, and the Marquis of Headfort has 14,230.

DERRY.

Sunday a meeting of Nationalists was held in St. Columba's hall, Derry, to form a local organization in connection with the '98 centenary. On the motion of Mr. James Doherty, seconded by Mr. James Gallagher, the chair was taken by Mr. Thomas McCarter. The

meeting was held that Derry was slow in adopting the matter, but this was not because of the Derry Nationalists were indifferent to the cause of Ireland.

They were in, grew, but they were sure, and laid in the right place at the right time every Nationalist in Derry would be at it. The memory of the men of '98 will be honored all over the world where the Irish race had a home, and they are bound to take their part and take it manfully.

Mr. O'Connell Doherty moved a series of resolutions proposing the formation of a centenary club, the in on committee, and the motions were unanimously passed. After addresses were delivered by Mr. James Logue, Mr. James Gallagher, Mr. James Gallagher, Mr. James Gallagher, Mr. G. H. McCarron, and others, a committee to perfect arrangements was elected.

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DOWN.

Mr. C. O'Connell presided at last meeting of the Newry Catholic Debating Society. The business of the evening was the debate "Should the affirmative be 'Resolved'?" The affirmative side was supported by Mr. J. Grant; negative by Mr. J. McGuinness. On a vote taken in the affirmative side was carried by a majority of six. The following took part in the debate: P. J. O'Connell, J. H. McConville, M. J. McConville, J. O'Connell, J. Grant Sr., and T. H. Doherty.

The tenantry on the Loughadain estate of the late Mrs. Andrews, Comber, and that the land was to be met in Mrs. Griffiths, by Mrs. Griffiths, on the 14th week, and arranged for the purchase of their farms at present value, one-half years' rental, and present value of rent free.

FRM MANAGH.

A great manifestation was caused in Frm Managh, on the 27th week, when it became known that Mrs. Charlotte Howlett, in Frm Managh, was to be drowned here in the lake in at Silverhill, about two and one-half miles from the town. Deceased lady, who was about fifty years of age, was the wife of Sergeant Howlett, Frm Managh, and sister to Mr. J. Howlett, Frm Managh, and came back to Frm Managh in last January, after an absence of twenty-one years. Her husband and she lived on Furlough, on Clonagh, Frm Managh. Mrs. Howlett had a son named Silverhill named Mrs. O'Connell.

FRM MANAGH.

At a recent meeting of the Errigal Franchise Committee of the Irish National Federation, which was numerously attended, the following resolutions were unanimously passed: "1. That we condemn the evictions of Bridget Treanor from the Linn League hut in Frm Managh, and we call upon all the Nationalist bodies to assemble, rebuild the hut, and demand that they will not tolerate evictions and land grabbers in Frm Managh." "2. That we condemn the system of grass grabbing and land grabbing which has commenced to prevail in the few districts of the Frm Managh, and we call upon all the Nationalist bodies to treat mean, skulking agents with every kind. Keep at it."

FRM MANAGH.

Mr. T. W. Russell, Unionist, M. P. for Frm Managh, was a speaker at Fintona, lately, and he said that the country was in a very unfavorable condition through the crops, and unfavorable climate conditions, and that he had had bad handling. He said that he thought it was the duty of the Government to do the best possible returns out of the soil. It was not the custom for Mr. Russell's political color to be in the Government, and any responsibilities regarding the agriculture. Frm Managh and Phelan of the Frm Managh order succeeded a most successful meeting at Frm Managh church last week, with a sermon, renewal of baptism vows, and the Holy Communion. The mission opened in St. Mary's church, Broughshane, and was continued for a week. Frm Managh was the first mission in that part of the Frm Managh, and the people, by their constant attendance in large numbers during the services, gave ample testimony of their thorough appreciation of the mission.