

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.

Mr. Darby Euan, Old Chapel street, Athway, died October 27; widely regretted. Interment was in Cloonkeen. Rev. funeral long and representative. High mass was celebrated in Menlough church.

James Cunniffe, station master at Keltimagh, has been transferred to Carramore. While stationed in Keltimagh he gained for himself many friends owing to his courtesy and disposition to oblige. He has been succeeded by Mr. Ryan, the station master at Charlestown.

Ballyasloe Working Men's Club opened the winter sessions last week. Among its members are: Mr. John Brutin, John Foy, treasurer; John Shine and C. O'Connell, honorary secretaries; P. Egan, Patrick Baunerton, John J. Kelly, Patrick Kenny, M. Kelly, Joseph Walsh, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Gormally, Joseph Gallagher, George Bothwell, Michael Small, T. Mack and J. Johnstone.

LEITRIM.

The funeral of the late Mrs. O'Beirne of Mullingar, Westmeath, took place at Annaduff recently, and was numerously attended by persons from both districts.

George Richard Lane Fox of Bramham, Tadcaster, York, England, has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Leitrim. A sample of British rule.

A memorial signed by forty tenants of the estate of the late Mr. T. R. Palmer, Glasdrummin, Drumkeeran, comprising Corry, Corderry, Deermoney and Annagh, has been forwarded to the Lord Chancellor, praying that they may be treated with consideration during the coming winter, owing to the great losses they have sustained to crops, etc., by reason of the adverse season. Towards the end of July a mountain flood swept away several bridges in the locality, and caused incalculable damage to hundreds of acres of lowland meadows and crops.

MAYO.

Father Fitzgerald, who died recently in Achill, was born near the ancient abbey of Mayo. His first mission was in Glasgow, Scotland. His funeral, from Bannasary to Achill Sound, was attended by every person on the island.

Because of the failure of the potato crop and the general poverty of the people in the mountain district of the Ballins Union, much distress and suffering is sure to prevail during the next six months unless the government does its duty. Two very bad cases of fever are reported from Attysan parish. The people are extremely poor in those districts, and the potato crop was a complete failure.

An important meeting was held at Ballinrobe recently, and resolutions passed in furtherance of the proposal to have the town connected with the Tourmakeady and mountain districts by a steam boat service. The congested districts board is willing to contribute \$5,000 which is not regarded with disfavour by the Board of Works. Col. Knox is determined to oppose the scheme on the ground that some of his property might be flooded by the works.

An important and representative meeting was held in Belmullet for the purpose of directing attention to the districts in Erris, and suggesting the steps necessary to afford employment to mitigate the crisis. The meeting was addressed from a platform in the Market square. It was fair day, and consequently a full muster of people from over the barony. All political parties were represented. Mr. Orlity, M. P., was present. On the motion of Rev. John Durkin, Bangor, seconded by Mr. Jordan, the chair was taken by the Right Rev. Mgr. Hewson. After several speeches had been made, these resolutions were unanimously adopted: "That we, the people of Erris, deem it our duty to call the attention of the Government to the deplorable fact that owing to the almost total failure of the potato crop and to the unsuitability of what remains as food, we are faced with a crisis such as has not arisen since the great famine of 1847; and unless the Government comes to our assistance by providing employment of public works, famine, with all its attendant horrors of disease and death, will be certain to overtake us in the near future. That we consider that the construction of a railway to Belmullet would go

far in providing the necessary employment, while it would be a lasting benefit to this isolated district by affording the necessary means of communication with the outer world, and aid in developing the resources of the barony of Erris."

Very Rev. Dean Staunton, V. G., Swinford, who has returned from Rome, conveyed the papal blessing to an immense congregation there on Sunday. The Dean was the first P. P. of Swinford who ever visited Rome.

ROSCOMMON.

It affords us pleasure to chronicle the successes of Master William A. Sandys, fourth son of James Sandys, Durham Lodge, Roscommon, in Queen's college, Galway. Last year he obtained a science scholarship in medicine, value £25. This year he passed his first arts examination and his first year's medicine, both in the Royal University. He has now obtained his second year's scholarship in medicine, value £35 more.

The dead body of Mr. George McGarry was found lying on the avenue in Uroghan demesne last week. When last seen he was in his usual health.

SLIGO.

Margaret Gallagher of Kinashane, died November 8, deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

This resolution was passed by the members of the Sligo branch of the Irish National Federation at last meeting: "We join the Nationalists of Rivestown in extending our sympathy to poor Pat Breheny, the evicted tenant of Nuokawn, Miss Brinkley's victim of persecution, who is now cast into one of Balfour's dungeons for the second time for no offense but that of sticking manfully to the home of his birth; but we hereby inform the Nationalists of Rivestown that they may rest on a united support of the manhood of Sligo if they erect a hut for poor Breheny in view of his old home."—John McLoughlin and Thomas Kelly, honorary secretaries.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Mr. James Brennan, son of Mr. Patrick Brennan of Ballinkillen National School has secured a place on the list for the De La Salle Training School, Waterford city.

DUBLIN.

Mr. John Martin, generally called 'Jack Martin, of Kingstown, died recently. He was for some years agent for the Clyde Shipping Company.

The weekly meeting of the William Orr branch of the '98 Centenary was held at the Hall, Lower Grand Canal street. Mr. S. Holland occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members.

The retreat for the members of the Third Order attached to the Church of the Capuchin Franciscans, St. Mary of the Angels, Church street, on Sunday came to a close amid a scene of profound solemnity. Morning and evening the church was crowded to overflowing, and the sermons of Rev. Robert Kane, S. J., were followed with earnest and devout attention by the Dublin congregations. At 12 o'clock mass Sunday Father Kane preached to a vast congregation, and at 4 o'clock a special meeting of the Third Order was held, and many receptions and professions took place.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Boyle—Nov. 4, at Mary street, Dundalk, Francis Boyle, late of Mountpleasant, Brunkard—at the Mater hospital, Katie Brunkard, Groulough, Carolan—Nov. 5, 1897, at Killester, Mullagh County Cavan, Thomas Carolan, aged 84 years, Daly—Oct. 29, at John street, Sligo, John Daly, ex-sergeant Royal Irish Constabulary. Hennessy—Nov. 4, at the Richmond hospital, Joseph Hennessy. Priest—Nov. 5, at Cherry Valley, Rathmolyon, James Priest, aged 87 years. Quinn—Nov. 4, at Edenderry, Mathew Quinn, late of 912 Sixth avenue, New York. Smyth—Nov. 5, at the railway cottages, Glasnevin, George (George) Smyth, son of James and Rose Smyth, aged 6 years. Thompson—Nov. 5, at Barrack street; Granard, the widow of the late William Thompson. Ternan—Nov. 4, at Green Hills, Drogheda, Florence Mary Ternan, aged 26 years. Timmins—Nov. 4, at 1 Dawson Row, Ormond Market, Samuel Timmins, Byrne—Nov. 16, at 4 John's lane, East, Hugh Byrne, aged 74 years, late of Bray, and uncle to John Breslin, Kluagh, County Wicklow. Cahill—Nov. 4, at Gurneske, Uppercuhurb, County Tipperary, Amelia, only daughter of the late William Cahill. Kirwan—Nov. 16, at Downings, Naas, Dermott Kirwan, aged 80 years. McDermott—Oct. 18, at Loughglyn, Edward McDermott, late principal of

Meelick National school. Mulligan—Nov. 1, at 16 Grant Place, Chicago, America, Philip Mulligan, late of the city of Dublin. O'Reilly—Nov. 16, 65 Lower Dominick street, Mary O'Reilly, widow of the late John O'Reilly, C. E., aged 78 years. Parker—Nov. 16, at Talaght, Catherine Parker, aged 63 years. Devitt—Nov. 16, 9 Clifton terrace, Monkstown, Rose Moore—Nov. 14, 87 Upper Grangegorman, Mrs. Ellen Moore, late of Athy, aged 75 years. Murphy—Nov. 14, at 88 Montpelier Hill, Dublin, Matthew B. J. Murphy, aged 78 years. O'Brien—Nov. 15, 49 Bishop street, Annie O'Brien, aged 6 years. O'Neill—At 5 Lower Ortel street, Owen O'Neill, ex-sergeant of the R. I. C., and for many years in the employment of the Dublin D. P. Board, native of Ballon, County Carlow. O'Rourke—Nov. 14, at Richmond asylum, Peter O'Rourke, member of the Amalgamated Society of Tailors.

KILDARE.

Anne Murphy of Robertstown died suddenly recently from heart disease. She and two brothers lived on private means; previously they had a shoe store.

KILKENNY.

On Sunday morning last a fire occurred at Mrs. Doody's, Miltova. Mrs. Doody was attending first mass. Her son, 6 years old, was in the farmyard, and collected some straw to make a bonfire. The wind was blowing in the direction of the hay and straw ricks, and they were set alight. One rick was totally destroyed, and a hay rick of eight tons was partially so. If it were not for the exertions of Mr. William Rockett, all the buildings would have been burnt to the ground.

On Saturday the impressive ceremony of consecrating three marble altars was witnessed in Graigueanagh church. They were conducted by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of the diocese, assisted by Very Rev. Mgr. Tynan and Father Ingress, of Carlow college. Dr. Foley celebrated the first high mass on the high altar after it had been consecrated. On Sunday high mass was sung by Father Ingress, Rev. P. Dunne, deacon and Rev. J. Hipwell, sub-deacon. After mass Rev. Mgr. Tynan preached. The congregation was so large that it filled up the majestic old church.

The movement to revive the Irish language is making pleasant headway in Kilkenny. Since the establishment of the Gaelic League branch six months ago, over 200 books of the Irish language have been purchased by the people of the city. A new class has been established in the Foresters' hall.

KINGS.

Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, bishop of Meath, has been on a visit to the Very Rev. Hugh Behan, Tullamore, and presided at last mass in the Church of the Assumption on Sunday. He preached a most instructive sermon on the duties of the Christian toward himself and his neighbor. The venerable prelate, now approaching his eightieth year, is in the enjoyment of robust health, and in dealing with the comprehensive subject, displayed all the intellectual vigor and commanding eloquence of early days.

The funeral of Mr. William O'Brien, first cousin of the late Sir Patrick O'Brien, Bart., M. P., took place on November 11. Ten years ago the evulsion of the deceased under distressing circumstances aroused public attention in and out of Parliament.

LONGFORD.

Patrick Minnagh, residing a short distance from Ballinacree, one day last week, while digging potatoes, suddenly fell to the ground. His son ran for help and procuring the assistance of some neighbors, carried the old man into his house. He rallied a little, but passed away in a short time. Death has visited this locality twice during the past few weeks, and each time it has claimed its victim with awful suddenness.

LOUTH.

Thomas Hughes, Coolcredan, died November 2, deeply regretted. Interment was in Darver cemetery; funeral cortege long and representative.

Mr. P. T. Mullen has been appointed engineer to the Dundal harbor board. Lizzie Mathews, fourth daughter of Owen Mathews, Aclint, Ardee, died recently widely regretted. Interment was in Ballysoussa; funeral cortege long.

MEATH.

The death of Rev. Michael Murray, P. P., caused much regret among his numerous friends. Deceased was one of the oldest priests in the diocese of Meath, and for a considerable number of years was parish priest of Tubberclare.

QUEENS.

The Hollow and Ballybrophy football teams met in friendly rivalry lately, and the contest ended in a win for the Hollow team.

The death of Mrs. McLoughlin, the Reek, Mountmellick, occurred lately. The funeral was numerously attended.

WEXFORD.

Rev. D. J. Lysa, C. C., Wexford, has been transferred to Castlebridge, and Rev. D. Kavanagh, recently ordained, replaces Father Lysa as C. C., Wexford.

A shocking accident occurred at Templeshelm, Adamsstown, which resulted in the death of a fine young fellow of 18 years of age, James Mercuragh. He was attending threshing operations in his father's haggard during the past week, and while feeding the machine his left hand was drawn into the beater, being fearfully shattered from the finger-tips to the elbow. On being extricated, it was found that the limb was so dangerously mutilated that immediate surgical attention would be necessary. Dr. Cardiff was immediately sent for. The injuries were skillfully bandaged, and everything conceivable was done to alleviate the sufferings of the injured by pending his removal to the hospital. Mernagh gradually sank as the night advanced, and it was considered expedient to send for the Rev. P. Power, C. C., who administered the last Sacraments. He was a remarkably good boy, physically and intellectually. The funeral was of large proportion, and testified to the universal sorrow pervading the community.

WICKLOW.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. James Burke of Rathmoon. Mr. Burke was one of the most respectable farmers of the locality. As to the sympathy felt for the family and the respect entertained for the deceased, the funeral gave ample testimony by its large dimensions. Previous to the interment high mass and office for the repose of the soul of the deceased were celebrated in Ballyglass church.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The body of Stephen Tully, recently drowned at Killaloe, was found on Friday morning. An inquest was held by the district coroner, Mr. Frost, on Saturday at the court house, and after a lengthened inquiry a verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

Mr. John Fennessy of Curraghmore died lately. His funeral to Burgess graveyard was large and respectable, and bore testimony to the esteem in which deceased had been held. The Rev. E. Meagher and Rev. James O'Brien of Ballina, attended and officiated at the interment. Mourners present were Patrick Fennessy, John Fennessy and Michael Fennessy, sons, and Thomas Fennessy and Patrick Fennessy, brothers.

At Carrigaholt petty sessions last week a case which created widespread interest in West Clare was investigated before a crowded court. District Inspector Rollston, Kilrush, prosecuted an evicted tenant named McMahon and his wife, for assaulting a man named Carmody. McMahon was a tenant, but was evicted, and he had arranged with Carmody to let him the holding, and accordingly gave him permission to make up the fences. Carmody swore that on the day he went to make up the fences McMahon and his wife assaulted him, knocked him down and beat him with sticks and stones. The chairman said McMahon should be imprisoned for one month with hard labor. His wife would be fined 10s. or a fortnight's imprisonment, and only for the young children she had he would give her a month in jail as well as her husband. Time to pay the fine was granted Mrs. McMahon.

CORK.

Father O'Leary, P. P., Castlelyons recently presented an idea for obtaining a colloquial knowledge of Irish. The course would extend over twelve months, and the daily task would be extremely light. Only the phrase or short sentence was to be committed to memory every day, but it was to be mastered thoroughly, so as not to be easily forgotten. If a phrase of five words was thus learned every day the student would have at the end of his twelve months' course a vocabulary of between fifteen hundred and two thousand words at his command, which would be quite sufficient to enable him to carry on any ordinary conversation in Irish. The plan is worth trying, says *United Ireland*.

A preliminary meeting was held in the Town Hall, Skibbereen, Nov. 16, to make arrangements for the holding of

a public meeting in reference to the financial relations movement. Eighteen. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, was moved to the chair.

Recent deaths in Cork.—Looney—On the 11th inst., at Rose Cottage, Sunday's Well, Daniel Leo Looney. Moran—On the 10th inst., at Geraldine place, Patrick James Moran. Duggan—On the 11th inst., at 349 Blarney street, Michael Duggan, sr. O'Keefe—On November 11, at Greagh, John O'Keefe, late of Ballyhilloge, aged 76 years. O'Connor—On November 11, James O'Connor, Esq., M. D., of the Square, Listowel, aged 31 years. O'Toole—November 11, at Graigue, Patrick O'Toole. Linehan—November 12, at William O'Brien street, Kanturk, Thomas Linehan. Hunt—At Main street, Marlow, Thomas Hunt, aged 60 years. Cronin—On the 7th inst., at 10 Blackrock road, Patrick Cronin. McCarthy—On the 7th inst., Joseph McCarthy, aged 2 years. McCarthy—At Toomes Bridge, Timothy McCarthy, aged 76 years. Linehan—November 7, at the North Infirmary, John Linehan of Trimbatz street. Wall—On the 6th inst., at Crookstown, John Wall Buckley—November 8, at Cooliskey, Donoughmore, Kate Buckley, aged 18 years.

The funeral of Mr. Thomas Linehan took place November 15, and was one of the largest ever held in Kanturk.

The annual meeting of the Maoroom and district branch of the Gaelic league was held at the convent schools in the town last week.

KERRY.

November 14 being the eighth anniversary of the consecration of Most Rev. Dr. Coffey as bishop of Kerry, there was high mass in the Cathedral. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. P. Hayes, administrator, Killarney; deacon, Rev. M. Fuller, Killarney, and sub-deacon, Rev. P. Sheahan, Killarney. John Horgan, William street, Listowel, died recently at the age of 75 years, deeply regretted.

LIMERICK.

A well attended meeting of the Fedamore branch of the Irish Land and Labor association was held at Fedamore on Sunday, Mr. H. Casey in the chair. The chairman said since last meeting it was a regrettable fact that a powerful advocate of the workingman was shamefully treated by a few Shoneens in his native city of Limerick. The name of Mr. John Daly was spoken of with pride by Irishmen, all the world over, and it was with humiliation they must have heard of the base act of these few representative men in the city of the Violated Treaty. Any country in the world would be proud of having such a noble hearted patriot. They speak of Tell of Switzerland, Hofer of Tyrol, and others; but it was his (the speaker's) impression, that no country raised a truer or more fearless son than Mr. Daly. He suffered thirteen long and weary years in the penal dens of England, having to bear the contumely and jeers of brutal jailors, but all failed to break his proud spirit, and after being released in broken health, and being feted and lionized by the people of Ireland it remained for these few miserable men to try and accomplish by a base and traitorous act, what the tyrannical Government of England was unable to do. The chairman, continuing, said there were thousands of workingmen in Ireland who were closely watching the treacherous motives of this clique in Limerick. Thousands, he said, who had imbibed the instincts of patriotism from the history, the poetry and the traditions of their race, would bid Mr. Daly be of good cheer. The end was not yet. Mr. J. O'Keefe proposed, and Mr. T. Daly seconded the following resolution: "That we, the workingmen of Fedamore and surrounding districts, in public meeting assembled, strongly condemn the action of a few Shoneens in Limerick, in trying to do the traitorous work of England by sending Mr. John Daly from his native city." Passed unanimously.

TIPPERARY.

The Ardinnan, Ballylooby and Kilkoran hand teams met in Clogheen on Monday. In consequence of delay, only one match took place between Kilkoran and Ardinnan. This was a most exciting contest, there being a "set" in the first game. The Ardinnan men, however, won amid a scene of excitement. Teams, Ardinnan—Messrs. Cooke, Norris and Murphy. Kilkoran—Messrs. Davin, P. Houlihan and J. Sheehan.

WATERFORD.

The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Lord Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, recently made the following clerical change: Rev. James Henebery, C. C., Clogheen, to be P. P., Modeligo; Rev.

Maurice Cheasty, C. C., Clashmore, to be C. C., Clogheen; Rev. Edmund Hasset, C. C., Carrickbeg, to be C. C., Clashmore; Rev. Patrick Burke, C. C., Modeligo, to be C. C., Carrickbeg; Rev. Andrew Coudon, C. C., Ardinnan, to be C. C., Tooraneena; Rev. Thomas Moran, C. C., Ring, to be C. C., Ardinnan; Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, C. C., Tooraneena, to be C. C., Ring.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The annual distribution of prizes took place in St. Malachy's College, Belfast, on the 3d inst., the feast of the patron saint of the diocese of Down and Connor. The ceremonies within the examination hall of the College were encouraging in the highest degree. Last year's work has enhanced the already splendid success of St. Malachy's. The college is in a most healthy and flourishing condition, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the president and his staff professors, clerical and lay, and is in every respect a suitable establishment for the education of the intelligent Catholic youth.

DOWN.

John Swandle, Tullycarnett, near Knock station, was found on Friday morning in a pump well close to the deceased's house.

Requiem high mass was celebrated in the cathedral, Hill street, Newry, last week, for the deceased bishops and clergymen of the diocese of Dro-more. Most Rev. Dr. McGovern presided.

ARMAGH.

Cardinal Logue last week visited the town of Ballyshannon, County of Donegal, and was most enthusiastically received.

CAVAN.

Mrs. Katie McCollum of Main street Cavan, died November 2, aged 32 years. The funeral to Kilmore was numerously attended.

At the fine old age of 84 years recently passed away Thomas Carlan of Killester, Mullagh, deeply regretted by his family and numerous friends.

DERRY.

The parish of Ardree is situated partly in County Tyrone, but principally in the County of Derry, and contains a portion of the town of Money-more. Its area is 41,895 acres, and some years ago the population was 25,546.

DONEGAL.

Cardinal Logue visited Ballyshannon last week. His reception by the people demonstrated that the ties which in past years bound the priests and people in one loving bond are as strong to-day as in the days of persecution and distress.

Mr. Edmund Murphy has been appointed arbitrator of Bundoran Water Works.

A large meeting of tenant farmers was held at Belcoo last week to protest against the treatment of tenants on the Jones estate. Contingents with bands were present from Glen, Killy-dogher, Hollywell, Seeslough, Mullagh-dun, etc. Belcoo is situated on the borders of Fermanagh and Leitrim, in the center of a wild, mountainous district. The tenants have resolved to form a strong local organization.

MONAGHAN.

Last week a large and representative meeting of the Monaghan "Die-arig McKenna" '98 Club was held, Mr. B. Kieran in the chair.

TYRONE.

A splendid meeting under the auspices of the '98 movement was held on Sunday last at Glenmoran, at which Mr. John Christy, a veteran Nationalist, presided. Mr. Patrick F. O'Brien, solicitor, presided. Sponsored by James McLoone, N. B. McMahon and R. Mahony of the Dundee pipe club, Strabane, visited Glenmoran. The deputation was met by a large concourse headed by the Glenmoran National file and drum band, who accorded the visitors an enthusiastic welcome.

Mrs. Catherine Brogan, Gortmore, near Omagh, died suddenly lately. She was digging potatoes in her garden, when she took hemorrhage of the lungs.

Friday night, as a National drumming party from Leap and Ballin-derry were passing Churohill Protestant school house, where an Orange ball was being held, they were attacked. Stones were thrown, and some of the members of the National drumming party were seriously injured. A general combat ensued. The Orangemen retreated into Churohill national school.