

# 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.

Sunday, after mass, in Clonfad, Ballinaloe, Father Begley announced that a settlement had been come to by arbitration between Thomas Kenny, evicted tenant, of Clonfad, and Dan Kenny, of the same place, who took the former's farm nine years ago. The money compensation, £45, was in the hands of James Kenny, who, with Pat Glynn, arbitrated for Thomas Kenny, the evicted tenant; Peter Kenny and Patrick Carry arbitrated for Dan Kenny. They were all neighbors, and were not biased one way or another. He (Father Begley) was in favor of the reinstatement of the evicted tenant, who, however preferred the money. The money would be paid over that day, and that would settle the matter for ever.

The High Sheriffs for the county and city of Galway, during 1898 will be: Galway county—Sir William Mahon, Bart., Castlegar, Ahascragh; Copt. William Arthur Perse, Roxbury, Loughree; J. W. Brady Murray, Esq., Northampton, Kinvarra. Galway town—Joseph B. Richardson, Esq., 30 Dunegal place, Belfast; Sir Thomas Moffat, LL. D., Queen's College, Galway; Robert Holmes, Esq., Rockwood, Galway.

### LEITRIM.

In Cloonmorris cemetery last week were interred the remains of James Cox, of Aghna, County Longford, who died in the County Hospital of Longford.

The High Sheriffs for the county for the year 1898 will be Charles G. Tottenham, Esq., Tudenham Park, Mullingar; Major Mathew N. J. Kane, Mohill; J. Merrick Lloyd, Esq., Croghan.

### MAYO.

A meeting of the Irish Independent party was held in Ballyhaunis Sunday, November 21, which was well attended. Mr. P. McConville, Ballyhaunis, presided. Among those on the platform were John Gilmore, James Caulfield, Michael Shine, Tamm, and William Field, M. P., and others. Among those who spoke were John H. Parnell, John Fitzgibbon, Castlereagh, and Thomas Crawley, Feamore.

The High Sheriffs for the county during next year will be: William E. Kelly, Esq., Heleus, Westport; Anthony Ormsby, Ballinamore House, Kildmagh; Major William G. Sanders Knox-Gore, Belleek Manor, Ballina.

We regret to record the death of Mr. T. W. Hynes, Bridge street, Castlebar, at the age of 62 years. When office and high mass was celebrated the interment was in the Old Church cemetery. Funeral cortege long and representative.

Died—November 15, at Cranareen, Killeena, Dominick Browne, aged 69, for many years a trusted servant in the employment of the late William Livingstone, and latterly with R. & E. Hall, Ltd. November 12, at Oughavale, Westport, Catherine, wife of Bernard Doris, Oughavale, and daughter of the late Edward Quigley of Streamstown, a member of a very old veteran family. The deceased, who was 80 years old, had the consolation of seeing around her several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The interment at Oughavale on Sunday, November 14, was largely attended. Rev. Father Rosayne, O. C., Westport, officiated.

### ROSCOMMON.

T. Killian, P. L. C., late tenant of an evicted farm at Turrook, was brought into Athlone a few days ago under arrest for contempt of Judge Boyd. Mr. Killian is the head of one of the most respected families in the county, and he and his family were deprived of their holding under circumstances of particular hardship. Having been first evicted, the representatives of the landlord took his rent, which, instead of being acknowledged as such, was placed against arrears. Having regard to the acceptance of rent, Mr. Killian believed he was evicted illegally, and asserted his right by driving off the stock of the man Burke, who had taken possession. Mr. Killian refused to recognize the injunction, and whilst attending the wake of a neighbor was arrested.

High Sheriffs for the county during the coming year will be Sir Henry Burke, Bart., Marble Hill, Loughree; Denis Charles J. O'Connor, Esq., Clonally, Castlereagh; G. O. Beresford-White, Healy Manor, Carrick-on-Shannon.

### SLIGO.

Mrs. James Nicholson, of Glan, Collooney, daughter of Mr. Thomas McLoughlin, died November 8, deeply regretted. The funeral was a very large one. Archdeacon O'Rourke, P. P.; the Rev. P. O'Grady, O. C.; Rev. M. Dempsey, O. C., and Rev. D. O'Grady, P. P., officiated at the grave.

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

John Gillan, aged 25 years, in the employment of a farmer named Maurice Boal of Slatt, near Ballymena, was killed last week by a collision of cars. On the other colliding car were John Christie, Slatt, and Andrew McIlhagga. A dog owned by William John Kennedy frightened the horse that Christie was driving and caused the disaster.

The declarations of the pole in the Falls, Smithfield, and Dock wards were as follows. In the two first wards the contests lay between the Catholic Association candidates and those of the Federation and National League.

Speaking at an Orange meeting in Sandy Row, Belfast, last week, Mr. Junston, M. P., said "Next year they were threatened with a celebration of the centenary of the '98 rebellion, to celebrate the massacres of Wexford Bridge, Scullabogue and Enniscoorthy, and the unsuccessful attempt to destroy the English Government in Ireland and to establish an Irish Republic in which the Church of Rome would possess the supremacy. Should they not tell the Government that the Orangemen of Ireland demand that these intended celebrations should be prohibited, and this glorification of the midnight marauder and murderer forbidden? Why, if the Government permitted this celebration of unsuccessfull rebellion, should the Orangemen not be permitted to march down to Wexford, and Scullabogue, and Enniscoorthy, and Vinegar Hill and celebrate the victory of law and order in those places? (Applause.) He warned all whom it might concern that the Orangemen had as much right to hold their demonstrations there as the rebels who were coming across the Atlantic, bringing with them, it is said, their rifles and revolvers. (Applause.) They must warn the Government that there was a limit to royal forbearance. The Government in India had imprisoned a number of wretched natives for publishing sedition in newspapers, and it was not to be tolerated that in Ireland they should permit the demonstrations of rebels the year after the jubilee of the Queen. (Applause.) Of course, the English did not goad the people into revolt, and the humane English hirings did not perpetrate atrocities on the unoffending and defenseless Irish people!

### ARMAGH.

Rev. Patrick Corr, P. P., Ballymacnab, recently made an eloquent appeal in Tullyearon parish chapel in aid of the building fund for the new chapel in Ballymacnab now approaching completion. The congregation responded generously.

### CAYAN.

Thomas Halpin who left Armagh about three years ago, and who was heard from in January, 1898, then working for D. R. Robinson, Fishkill Plains, New York, is sought for by his father, Christopher Halpin.

Mr. Garrett of Cavan, agent for Lord Annesley in Queen's county, has given the tenants a reduction in rent of 20 per cent.

### DERRY.

Thursday evening, at a meeting of the Children's sodality in Long Tower Catholic church, Derry, Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty attended, and assisted by Fathers McMenamin and Doherty, gave benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It being the feast of St. Martin, the occasion was availed of to bless and use for the first time a magnificent monstrance, presented to the church by Mr. Bernard Hannigan as a memorial of St. Columba's thirtieth centenary celebration. The monstrance is of silver, three feet in height, adorned with precious stone, and cost \$800. Smyth & Sons, Wicklow street, Dublin, are the manufacturers.

### DONEGAL.

Police constables Browne and Carey proceeded from Barmore on revenue duty one day last week, and when ten miles from their barrack observed a man on the mountain carrying some burden under his coat. After an exciting chase they ran him into a house and found concealed a large quantity of "mountain dew." The police made a careful search, but were unable to find more. Suspecting that more was to be found about the house of the

man, whose name is Samuel Manon, the sergeant, with Constables Browne and Johnstone, returned on Sunday morning at 4 a. m., and found Mahon lying in his kitchen, having beside him a keg and several other vessels filled with poteen whiskey. They don't care much for the excise laws of England in Donegal, and a drop of "mountain dew" is all the sweeter because it has not paid tribute to the "damned invaders."

### DOWN.

Saturday night a concert was given in the schoolroom, Beesbrook, in aid of the Catholic Poor Fund. Rev. F. M'Donnell spared no pains to bring about success, which they realized. The program was varied and attractive and the artists proved themselves worthy of the appreciation and applause given them. Miss Lucy Boyle, accompanist, deserves praise, for upon her devolved the responsibility of training the choir. The singing of "God Save Ireland" brought to a conclusion one of the most successful concerts ever held in Beesbrook. Father M'Donnell entertained the artists.

### MONAGHAN.

Patrick, Catherine and Ellen Sheridan, who left Dartry for the United States about thirty years ago, are now sought for by their brother Francis, who is in Ireland. When last heard of Patrick and Ellen were living at 393 Washington street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; last heard of Catherine about eighteen or nineteen years ago, she was then in Manchester, on her way to Germany with the family she was engaged by as nurse. They all returned to America in four or five months' time.

Friday evening Mary Frances Smith, aged 28, left her home in Granahaw to bathe in the river Finn. Owing to an illness with which she was affected, the doctor recommended her to bathe occasionally, and she had been fulfilling this order for some years. She went to the river as usual on the evening in question, accompanied by her mother, about 60 years of age. The girl plunged into the water, but the strength of the current rendered her unable to swim. The poor mother saw her daughter was disappearing and leaped into the water to rescue her. She made a gallant attempt to save her child, and in the struggle she narrowly escaped being drowned, as she was only able to recover herself by grasping a projecting branch of a tree. The girl disappeared. A search party examined the river where the accident took place, but without avail. The river, where the girl went in, is nine yards wide and from eight to twelve feet deep. The body was found on Monday by John Meighan and Bernard McPhillips 100 paces from the place where the accident took place.

### TYRONE.

The monthly meeting of the Central Council of the National Registration and Electoral Association was held on Thursday in the Anne street reading rooms, Dunganon. Present: Rev. P. Quinn, Stewartstown, presiding; Rev. J. Rook, Clonoe; Messrs. Joseph M. Doyle, Killyman; John McCormack, Cookstown; John Campbell, Donaghmore; Henry O'Neill, Donaghmore; James Rodgers, Dunganon. The quotas for the funds were handed in from Donaghmore and Lissan. It was decided that a further appeal be forwarded to those places which had not as yet sent in their contributions.

The funeral of Miss Bridget McName, Kildress, to Killeenan cemetery last week was numerously attended. The deceased was of a most exemplary and charitable disposition, and edifying as was her life, her death was equally so. The mass was celebrated by Rev. M. McElduff, who referred to the good and charitable disposition of the deceased.

On Friday evening the inaugural lecture of St. Patrick's Evening association, Beragh, was delivered by the Rev. P. Murtagh, subject: "The Glories of Brian the Brave." Rev. J. Grimes P. P., Beragh, presided.

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

At the meeting of the Kesh Board of Guardians November 19 Mr. Meeoll, chairman, presiding, the clerk read the following pitiful appeal from Mrs. Margaret McMahon of Moyarta, near Carrigaholt, in West Clare: "I, with my husband, tenants of Mr. Westby, Moyarta, were evicted with eight children six months ago. Since that time my husband worked among the neighbors wherever work was to be had to support our large family. Finding it impossible to support them and pay house rent in Carrigaholt, he went back to his old home, and for this my husband was sent to jail on

Tuesday for a month with hard labor, with my eight children, am still living in our old house since we re-took possession, but since our breadwinner was taken from us we have no means of support, and at the present moment are starving. I therefore appeal to you for some relief until my husband is released, and prevent us from becoming inmates of the workhouse, and a permanent burden on the ratepayers, as we hope to be reinstated in our old homestead when my husband has his liberty." The relieving officer was directed to allow Mrs. McMahon and her children provisional relief.

### CORK.

The present mayor of Cork, Mr. P. H. Meade, has been selected by the members of the Town Council to be their chief magistrate during the memorable year of 1898.

Timothy Connolly and Michael Hayes were working down in the Derwentomate mines, near Ballydahl, last week, when a great quantity of earth suddenly fell upon and crushed the life out of them before the rescuers reached them.

The town of Castlemartyr was enfeared last week, every house in the town being illuminated, as a mark of respect for the birth of an heir to the title and estate of the Earl of Shannon. Tar barrels were kept ablaze until a late hour, and some of the more stalwart inhabitants carried tar barrels and paraded the locality. The present Earl, like his predecessor, is popular with the local residents as a landlord and a large employer of labor, and through all the agricultural tenants have long since purchased the fee simple of their holdings, the warmest feelings exist between them and their late landlord.

Recent deaths in Cork—Edmonds—November 17, at 8 Clifton terrace, Passage West, Henry Edmonds, Esq. Funeral strictly private. White—At her residence, Carolina terrace, Cork, on Tuesday, November 16, Hannah Elizabeth White, aged 77 years. Funeral to Friends' Burial Ground, Cork, on Thursday morning. Coppinger—November 14, at the Home, 38 Montjoy Square, Dublin, Anna, relict of Richard Coppinger, Esq. Murphy—At his residence, Watergate place, Kanturk, J. T. Murphy, Flynn—Nov. 14, at her residence, 58 Watercourse road Margaret, relict of the late Edward Flynn. Quinn—Nov. 14, at her residence, 21 Chapel street, Mary, the beloved wife of Matthew Quinn, after a long and painful illness. O'Sullivan—Nov. 15, at her residence, 10 Mount View terrace, St. Luke's, Marion O'Sullivan, daughter of Daniel and Margaret O'Sullivan-Bere, late of Castletown-Berehaven. Noonan—Nov. 16, at the North Infirmary, William Noonan, son-in-law of John Smith of Cloonabaun, Doneraile. Wolkham—At his residence, 24 Sullivan's Quay, Mark Wolkham, late first captain of the Cork Fire Brigade; on the staff for the last twenty years. Cagney—Nov. 18, in London, of typhoid fever, James youngest son of the late Michael Cagney, Tivoli. Fahy—Nov. 18, at his residence, Market Square, Kanturk, Morgan Fahy, aged 54 years. Buckley—At her residence, 81 Nile street, Mary, dearly beloved wife of John Buckley, Donnelly—Nov. 19, at Glounthaune, Michael, eldest son of Thomas Donnelly. Murphy—Nov. 14, at the Convent of Mercy, Midhurst, Sussex, Alice (in religion Sister Euros Bertrand) daughter of the late Patrick Murphy, Cahergal, Newmarket-on-Fergus, in the 28d year of her age, and first of her religious profession.

### KERRY.

The High Sheriffs for County Kerry during the coming year will be the Viscount Castlereagh, Killarney House, Killarney; Major William Neilgan Churchhill, Killarney; Rowland Ponsonby Blennerhasset, Kells, Cahrlowree. A solemn requiem mass was sung on Wednesday, for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. James J. Murphy, of Cork, in the Franciscan church Killarney, as an act of gratitude for his charity to his house. Very Rev. Father Alphonsus, Superior, celebrant, Father Michael, deacon, Father William, sub-deacon. At the 9 o'clock mass Sunday the reverend preacher said the holy sacrifice would be offered in this church for two of the most charitable souls he had ever met in his missionary career, viz, on Tuesday, for the anniversary of the late Mr. John Dore, the Apostolic Syndic of the Franciscan Monasteries in England and on Wednesday for the late Mr. James J. Murphy of Cork.

### LIMERICK.

Rev. Father Quigley, O. P., who has been on the mission in Limerick for the past nine years, is about to be transferred to Cork, and his many friends, as well as the worshippers at

the Dominican church, have heard of the reverend gentleman's approaching departure with regret.

The High Sheriffs for the county during the coming year will be Lieut. Col. John Maxwell Low, Sunville, Killfinane; Thomas Dicken, esq., Ard-vullen, Killmallock; Desmond Fitzgerald, Knight of Glin, Glin Castle, Glin.

### TIPPERARY.

During 1898 the centenary of the Irish effort to shake off the English yoke, the High Sheriffs of Tipperary county will be: Capt. Evelyn Fortescue Lloyd, Cranagh Castle, Templemore; Lieut.-Gen. Wm. Godfrey Dunham Massey, Grantstown Hall, Tipperary; Charles Edward Tutill, Lansdown House, Nenagh.

Mickey Nell, the well-known postman of Carrick-on-Suir, has been pensioned.

Denis Moore, farmer, of Toragh, near Cashel is reported as missing. He visited his sister on Sunday, Nov. 21, and has not been seen since.

Mrs. Bridget Power, Mother of M. R. Michael Power, Powerstown, died lately at the fine old age of 88 years. After high mass and office her remains were interred in Rathgormack cemetery. Fathers Hannigan and Gleeson officiated.

Mrs. Denis Lowry, of Gladstone street, Clonmel, died recently at the early age of 33 years, widely and sincerely regretted. She was a member of a most respectable family in Kilkenny. Her funeral was the longest seen in the district in many years, the cortege having over 120 carriages in it.

Death has just removed one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Irishman of the present day in the person of Laurence McCarthy, Nenagh, who has passed away in the Nenagh hospital in the 116th year of his age. That McCarthy lived through this extraordinary length of years is not a conjecture, it is an authenticated fact, vouched for by more than one incontrovertible proof. The infirmity records bear testimony to his remarkable longevity, of which there is even still more conclusive evidence in documents which he had carefully preserved. His life illustrates many peculiar traits of character, and a checkered career. Born in Nenagh in the early part of 1782, he attained the age of 16 when Irishmen sought the realization of their hopes of national independence, in '98, and he remembered many of the stirring incidents of that eventful period. He carried with him to his grave mementos of the battle of Waterloo in the shape of severe wounds. Alas! After fighting for England, that ungrateful and perfidious nation permitted him to die in the workhouse.

### WATERFORD.

Ellen Kirwan, aged 68 years, died suddenly in Newtown, Kilmacothomas, last week.

Messrs. Strange and Bishop have been elected members of the Waterford Town Council for the Centre ward and Messrs. Fisher and Dr. White for the South ward.

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

Very Rev. J. A. Cullen, S. J., preached on the vice of intemperance in the Cathedral, Carlow, Sunday, when a branch of the League of the Cross was established, and a great number were enrolled.

Mrs. Mary Bennett of Tiaryland, died suddenly last week from effusion of blood on the brain.

### DUBLIN.

At a meeting of the Irish association district of the Institute of Journalists, Mr. George McKeowney, B. L., in the chair, the following resolution was passed: "That we, the members of the Irish association district of the Institute of Journalists, and friends of the late Mr. John Hooper, take this opportunity of giving expression to our earnest sense of sorrow at the death of our colleague, who, as one of our oldest and most esteemed members, had endeared himself to every one of our body, and that we beg to tender our sincerest sympathy to his bereaved family on their great loss."

While men were pulling down an old house at the corner of Anglesea and Cope streets, Dublin, last week, a wall collapsed, burying under it Wm. McMahon, 18 Old Kilmalham, and Michael Conroy, New street, who have been removed to Mercer's hospital, but still survive, and James Carroll, the Coombe, and Patrick Wade, Mary's abbey, who died.

Recent deaths in Dublin—Brennan—Nov. 17, at Ballintubber, Margaret Brennan, Byrne—Nov. 21, at Killothner, Ashford, County Wicklow,

Matthew Byrne, aged 87 years. Dunn—Nov. 18, at Lackagh, Mrs. Dunn, Keane—Nov. 22, at the Hospice for the dying, Haroldcross, John Keane, late of Provincial hotel, Usher's Quay. McDermott—Nov. 21, at the Quay, Skerries, John McDermott, aged 75 years. Mooney—Nov. 21, at 45 Prussia street, Dublin, Thomas Mooney of Austin Friars, Mullingar, aged 62 years. Deir—Nov. 22, at 118 Lower George's street, Kingstown, Elizabeth Reid. Lenehan—At Edmonstown, Rathfarnham, Mary Lenehan, aged 70 years. O'Sullivan—Nov. 24, at 14 Grattan parade, Drumacandra, John (Jack) O'Sullivan, late M. G. W. R., aged 27 years. Kinsella—Nov. 18, at Our L. dy's Hospice for the dying, Haroldcross, Thomas Kinsella, aged 74 years, late of 67 Queen's square, member of the United Smiths' Trade Union. Cunningham—Thomas Cunningham, eldest son of John Cunningham, pig dealer, 44 Bow street. Casey—Nov. 24, at Tubbertown, Balbriggan, Andrew Casey, aged 25 years.

### KILDARE.

Mr. Thomas Farrell, postmaster in Newbridge, died lately. Besides being postmaster he did an extensive business in cattle dealing. For some years he was chairman of the Town Commissioners and was a good Nationalist.

The '98 Centenary Committee in Athy is composed of C. Timmins, Thomas Hickey, Thomas J. Whelan, John Hannigan, H. Nolan, Edward Hayden, W. W. Baldwin, Thos. Orford, Thos. Cogan, James Nugent, P. J. Murphy, M. F. Kavanaugh, Leinster Arms hotel, A. Reeves, Beevemount; P. McDonald, D. Carberry, James J. Brown, T. J. Brennan, James B. Deegan, Thomas George, J. Kelly, E. Nolan, S. Nolan, P. T. Lalor, Farmhill; J. Kelly, M. Lawlor, John F. Orford, D. Smith, D. Walsh, J. Conlan, Thomas Simms, M. E. Doyle, F. Stinson, J. J. Byrne, Thos. M. Heffernan, Hibernian hotel; M. Murphy, B. Kehoe, K. L. x.

### KINGS.

The land-owners in this county are offering abatements in rents to the tenants who, in former years, obtained fixed rents in the Land Courts. The time for readjusting rents is near, and the landlords are anxious to prevent the tenants from again going into court. Therefore they offer abatements. Some tenants have already accepted the sop.

### QUEEN'S.

The rates in the district of Mount mellick Union are not being paid, because of the failure of the harvest. Considerably over \$10,000 are yet unpaid. Even the railway company is quite unwilling to pay.

Mr. Moore Garrett of Cavan, agent of Lord Annesley, attended at Athy for the purpose of collecting the rents of the townlands of Clonpleroe, Skehanna and Tankardstown. Mr. Moore Garrett was empowered to make proposals as to the rent of the different farms for the ensuing fifteen years. Nearly all the tenants attended. The offer made by the landlord was a reduction of 20 per cent. on the rents as fixed fifteen years ago, judicial agreements for the coming fifteen years at the reduced figure to be entered into. The tenants, having considered the matter, agreed to accept these terms, and the judicial agreements will be at once completed.

### WESTMEATH.

Mr. William Smith, of the Shannon Woolen Mills, has presented a Father Mathew Hall to the people of Athlone. Last week it was formally opened, when Rt. Rev. Mgr. Kelly, Athlone, presided.

Nov. 23 the sale of the estate of Col. J. G. Stoyford was concluded. The estate is one of the most considerable in the county, taking in the townlands of Braoka, Castledaly, Clonbroad and Castletown. In all there are 150 tenants, who agreed to an eighteen years' purchase, on condition of being allowed the half year hanging gale.

A conference of the clergy of the Deanery of Mullingar was held in St. Mary's College, Mullingar, on Tuesday, Most Rev. Dr. Nuby, bishop of Meath, presiding.

### WEXFORD.

Mr. Jasper Pierce, South Main street, Wexford, died recently, aged 59 years. During forty years he was connected with Wexford in the grocery business.

### WICKLOW.

On Monday 24, at Tinoran, Baiting-glass, after a tedious illness, died Mrs. Rosanna Burke. After office and high mass the funeral took place, and was numerously attended.