

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.

Mrs. Ellen Tierney, Cross street, Loughrea, has been awarded by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland a silver medal for her proficiency in working Irish point lace, exhibited at the recent Irish Textile Exhibition, in Dublin. The point lace referred to was worked by Mrs. Tierney with exceptional skill and care, and drew an amount of attention and commendation at the exhibition.

Mr. William Morris, Palace View, Tuam, died Dec. 1, at the age of 75 years. The funeral to the new cemetery was numerously attended.

Mr. John Carr, of Gortnastrad, Tierneevan, Gort, was killed by a bull, his property. The beast was tied up in a barn, and when Mr. Carr loosed him he attacked him furiously and fatally.

Dan Kenny, who settled quite recently by arbitration with Thomas Kenny, whose farm he had grabbed nine years before, died last week, having made his peace with the man whom he had injured and with his neighbors, receiving the last rites of Holy Church from Father Begley, Moore. He had a large funeral.

One of the most important of the works recommended to the government by the resolutions at a meeting in Galway is the bridging of the Corrib at Knock Ferry. The construction of a bridge over Knock Ferry is so important that the government should do it at once. Galway and Mayo are interested in having the Corrib bridge at Knock.

Mrs. Mary Greene, Society street, Ballinasloe, died recently aged 70 years. She had been forty years in business. The funeral cortege was one of the largest seen in the district in many years. The interment was in Kilbegley, Rev. Father Bovey, Administrator, Ballinasloe, officiating, assisted by Rev. Father Begley, Moore; Father Flynn, Father Madden, Father Heenan and Father Nohilly.

MAYO.

On Wednesday the ceremony of the reception of two nuns took place at the Convent of Mercy, Westport. The ladies who consecrated their lives to God were Miss Margaret Waldron, in religion Sister Rose, fourth daughter of the late Mr. M. A. Waldron, Ballyhummals, and Miss Mary Josephine Flynn, second daughter of Mr. William Flynn, Ballyhummals, in religion Sister Michael. The solemn vows were made in the presence of Very Rev. Canon Greedy, representing the Archbishop.

A man named Hunt, Kilmadree, when digging potatoes last week near an ancient fortification, supposed to be of pagan origin, dug up several large objects in a good state of preservation.

Very Rev. Archbishop Kavanagh, parish priest of Knock, died December 9, at the fine old age of 84 years. He was very active until a few days before his death. His name was associated in world-wide way with the apparitions and miracles in Knock church.

WEXFORD.

On Sunday the impressive ceremony of receiving three young ladies into the community of St. John of God took place in the Convent at Wexford. Most Rev. Dr. Browne presided, assisted by Very Rev. P. D. Kehoe, O. S. F., Guardian, Wexford, and Rev. Thomas Murphy, Chaplain. The young ladies are Miss Cochrane, daughter of the late Francis Cochrane, Ballymore, Wexford (in religion Sister Jane de Chantilly); Miss Gleeson, Templemore, Tipperary (in religion Sister Margaret Mary); and Miss Campbell, Rathdowney, Queen's County (in religion Sister Mary Bridget).

Died—Nov. 28, at Commercial Quay, Angela Kate Gately. On Nov. 18, the result of an accident, Michael Hore, late of Batt street, aged 26 years. On Nov. 26, at Ballyvaughan, Thomas Joyce, aged 90 years, father of Rev. John Joyce, O. S. F., Sydney, Australia. Nov. 16, at Ballyhogue, Rev. Thomas Kehoe, aged 78. Nov. 19, at Gortnaheen, Catherine Stafford (formerly Colfer, Ballygow) aged 44 years.

WICKLOW.

At the Wicklow Junction last week, through a defect in the working of the points, the engine of a ballast train, which was being brought round by a siding to the rear of the train, ran over the tracks composing the

train, and knocked one of them off the line. A number of the company's workmen, who were in the brake van, were shaken, and three of them sustained injuries, but not of a serious character.

SLIGO.

Married—Sweeney and Connolly—November 24, at Rathcoormac Chapel, by Rev. Canon Sloane, John Sweeney, merchant, Ballyhannon, to Kate, second daughter of Mr. Terence Connolly, Rahilly, Sligo.

A discovery was lately made at the Market Cross, Sligo. Men were digging a drain when they unearthed a skull, jawbone (with teeth in good condition), and various other parts of human anatomy. The bones were exceptionally large, and show that the man who in the long ago was laid to rest there, was of giant stature. The discovery created a sensation. Col. Wood Martin, the eminent Sligo historian, said that the body must have been buried over 250 years ago, and that the "giant" may probably have met his death in battle in those stirring times. The remains were taken in charge by the police and interred in Sligo cemetery.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Mr. Lawrence Kearney, Borahard, Newbridge, Kildare, who was well known in Baginbato, where he conducted a business successfully, died recently, deeply regretted.

DUBLIN.

The Board of Trinity college has elected Mr. Joly, Fellow of the University, to be professor of astronomy. This carries with it the post of Astronomer Royal to succeed Dr. Arthur Rambaut, who has been appointed Radcliffe observer at Oxford.

While a number of men were clearing away the debris caused by the fall of the house, 61 Mabbot street, Dublin, last week, they discovered some military rifles, a bayonet, a heavy sword scabbard, a cutlass and a quantity of ammunition, of which the police took charge. All the articles were in a state of good preservation.

The Wolf Tone Club and '98 Centenary Committee in Dublin have requested the Corporation to have a tablet set in the area of old Newgate Prison. It is right that it should be recorded in brass or marble that with these walls there dwelt many men doomed by the masters of the land to exile or to death, but cherished by the people for having loved their country not always wisely but always so well. If some Irishman arose who, with the genius of Scott, sought to do for his country what the great Magellan did for Northern Britain, he would find in the annals of Newgate as great a storehouse of tragedy and romance as the author of "Waverley" hid in the Glasgow Tolbooth or the Edinburgh Heart of Midlothian. What scene was that enacted in a squalid room of the prison on a bright June day in the Anne Terrible, 1798. On a pallet bed a young man, hacked and pierced with wounds, lay dying. He was the son of the first noble in the land, in his veins ran red the blood of English kings and Italian princes, of the Plantagenets and the Gherardins. "Knock, knock, knock," came the awful sound from the prison yard. A scaffold was being erected. But the dying patriot's mind was far away; he thought he was in the battlefield, leading on an Irish regiment. With dying voice he shouted: "Come on, boys; come on!"

Recent deaths in Dublin.—O'Connell, Dec. 2, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Patrick William O'Connell Douglas—Dec. 2, at 96 South Circular road, Portobello, Charles Douglas, late of Mill View, Bray, in his 81st year. Fitzpatrick—Dec. 1, 43 Upper Rutland street, John Fitzpatrick. Halliday—Dec. 2, at the Mall, Baldoyle, Agnes Halliday. McAllister—Nov. 22, at New Haven, Ct., U. S. A., Henry McAllister of Dublin. McDonald—Dec. 2, at 13 Geraldine street, Mr. Felix McDonald, ex-Head Constable, R. I. C., aged 67 years. Morris—Dec. 1, at Palace View, Tuam, the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Guy, William Morris, late of Earls Hill, County Tipperary, aged 75 years. Smith—Dec. 2, at Oak Park, Castleknock, John Smith. Tallon—Dec. 2, at Stevens' Hospital, Miss Annie Tallon, late Charleston Terrace, Kilmainham. Whelan—Nov. 30, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Laurence Whelan, aged 45 years, late of Manchester, brother of Andrew Whelan, 39 Lower Buckingham street. Brennan—Dec. 2, at Ballyuskil, Ballyragget, to Kilkenny, Nicholas Brennan, Springfield, Ballacolla, Queen's County, late of Tanninstally. Kelly—Dec. 3, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Rev.

T. Kelly, O. C., Doors, Ennis. Lane—Nov. 25, at Monem-hill, Shaneldene. Mary Lane, aged 8 years. Lee—Nov. 28, at Castlepollard, Anna Lee, for nearly forty years principal teacher F. N. School, Castlepollard.

KILDARE.

Mr. Andrew Cullen, North Main street, Naas, died recently. Interment was in New Cemetery. Attendance numerous.

On Monday the funeral of Laurence Kearney, Borahard, Newbridge, took place, when many friends followed his remains to the family burial ground, Ladytown. Mr. Kearney was a noted votary of sport, and especially of coursing. He owned several smart hounds.

Rev. J. Connery, O. C., who last week left Naas, having been recalled to the diocese of Cashel, was made the recipient of a presentation from the Naas branch of the Sodality of the Sacred Heart. The presentation took place in the Naas Catholic church in the presence of a large assembly. Mr. P. J. Hickey read the address, which expressed appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Father Connery. Father Connery displayed much emotion in his reply. He thanked them for the kindness and consideration extended to him during his seven years among them, and bade them farewell with his blessing. Father Connery, who also acted as chaplain to the Naas Military Depot, was on Friday morning presented with a gold-mounted silk umbrella by the officers and men.

KILKENNY.

It was a close race for the mayoralty of Kilkenny, Mr. J. A. Healy, a Farnellite, winning by the casting vote of Alderman Potter.

Mr. Henry Granger, who will be mayor of Waterford during the coming year, is a native of Callan, where he has several close relations holding important positions.

Mrs. Crofton, Ballyragget House, was killed while hunting in the district of Couraghamore, near Boutyglasse. Her horse fell off a dyke and rolled over her, causing fatal internal injuries. On Friday, December 10, the funeral of the late Very Rev. John Canon O'Hanlon, Gowran, county Kilkenny, whose death occurred at the age of 74, on Wednesday, took place from the deceased's late residence to the parish church, Gowran. The funeral was very large.

KINGS.

Died—November 29, at the Railway House, Edenderry, Mary Kennedy, aged 82 years; November 22, at Hawkswood, Tullamore, Mr. James Dunne, in his seventy-sixth year.

Thomas Conway, Blacksmith, Cooloolahilly, was killed on the railway line, near Ballyduff, December 10. How the accident occurred has not yet been cleared up.

LONGFORD.

Jeremiah Hewley, Bog Lane, Longford, was found dead in bed last week. Cause of death, heart disease.

With deep and heartfelt regret we record the death of Mr. Joseph Flood, Knappogue, Longford, on November 29, at the age of 57. The large congregation at the office and high mass in Clough testified their sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

LOUTH.

Mrs. Sheridan of Newhaggard, Drogheda, died November 25, after a few days' illness. Her remains were interred in Tubrahan cemetery; funeral cortege long.

MEATH.

Died—November 29, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, Patrick Stapleton of Killeen, in the forty-third year of his age. November 29, at 61 Great Brunswick street, Dublin, Emily Nolan, formerly of Athboy.

The two Sisters of Mercy appointed to the charge of the patients in Navan Workhouse Infirmary, entered upon their duties last week. They were welcomed by William Curry, chairman of the board of guardians, F. Sheridan and L. Rowan.

QUEEN'S.

Miss Campbell, Rathdowney, was lately received into the Order of St. John of God, in the Convent of Wexford. Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Terns, officiated.

On Sunday a successful county convention was held in Maryborough for the purpose of taking steps to have "The People's County" represented in the celebration of the centenary of '98. The attendance was very large.

WESTMEATH.

A public meeting was held in the town hall, Athlone, Thursday, to make arrangements for the local ob-

jection in aid of the evicted tenants. The meeting was representative of all sections of Nationalists. Present: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Kelly, M. Geoghegan, late chairman of the Athlone Town Commissioners; C. J. McCormack, M. D., Andrew Moore, J. Prior, W. Hannon, D. O'Connell, A. J. Walker, honorable secretary. It was decided that the funds in the hands of the treasurer are to be handed over to the Evicted Tenants' Fund.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

At the meeting of the Kilrush Dispensary committee, for the purpose of appointing a medical officer for the district in place of Dr. S. F. Connihan, resigned, the only candidate was Dr. Randal Connehan, M. A., M. B., etc., T. C. D. He was accordingly elected. Miss Annie O'Shea, North street, Skibbereen, died lately, deeply and widely regretted. The interment in Creag was numerously attended.

The death of Mr. Jeremiah Crowley, Clonakilty, occurred recently. The remains were removed to the parish church, where there was high mass. Celebrant, Rev. M. O'Callaghan, Clonakilty; deacon, Rev. J. O'Leary, Enniskeane; sub-deacon, Rev. P. Hennessy, Clonakilty; master of ceremonies, Rev. T. O'Dea, Clonakilty.

The remains of Rev. Thomas Kelly, Doors, were interred in the parish church of Barefield, where he had zealously ministered for five years. The coffin reached Ennis on Monday from Dublin, and was received at the railway station by very large numbers of residents of the town and of the parishes of Doors and Barefield. A remarkable feature and a unique one in funeral corteges here was the procession of the principal parishioners, each with a white hat-band. They bore the coffin the entire way to Barefield church, where it was placed on a draped catafalque in front of the high altar. On Wednesday at 11 o'clock there was a solemn office and high mass, at which the Most Rev. Dr. MacRedmond, Lord Bishop of Killaloe, presided. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. J. Donnelly, Ennis; the deacon was Rev. Father Garry, Kilrush; the sub-deacon, Rev. Denis O'Dea, Burr; Rev. Charles Stuart, Ennis, was master of ceremonies, and the chanters were Rev. P. Burke, president of the Diocesan college, and Rev. M. Hogan, Newagh.

CORK.

With regret we announce the death of Mrs. Ann Oghlan, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Connolly, Deelish, Skibbereen, at an advanced age. The funeral was very largely attended, the interment being at Caheragh.

Recent deaths in Cork.—Forrest—Nov. 30, at 41 Ballyhooley road, Michael Forrest, aged 82. O'Connor—Nov. 30, at 2 Dyke parade, Michael O'Connor. Ryan—Nov. 30, at 48 Brandy Lane, Lizzy Ryan, aged 19 years. Finucane—Nov. 30, at New street, Newmarket, Margaret (Pearl) Finucane, third daughter of the late C. Finucane. O'Halloran—Nov. 27, at West End, Millstreet, Elizabeth O'Halloran. Crowley—Nov. 27, at Sovereign street, Clonakilty, Jeremiah Crowley, father of Rev. J. Crowley, London. Dunlea—Nov. 27, at Ballyverlath House, Carrigrohane, James Dunlea. Murphy—On Nov. 27, the result of an accident, John Murphy, inland revenue officer, fourth son of the late Timothy Murphy of New-castle and Fimount, Donoughmore. Finn—On Dec. 2, Mrs. Hannah Finn, for 22 years the faithful and trusted servant of Mrs. P. J. Madden. O'Shea—At North street, Annie, fourth daughter of the late Thomas O'Shea, Skibbereen. Murphy—On Nov. 28, at Ver-ville, Clontarf, county Dublin, Miss Kate Teresa Murphy, late of Bridge House, Tallow, county Waterford. Corbett—On Oct. 17, at Bowen Terrace, Brisbane, Australia, Sarah Corbett. Dawson—On Dec. 2, at 160 Bandon road, Denis Dawson, late of Totnes, Devonshire. Walsh—On Dec. 3, at 69 Great Britain street, Julia Walsh, Stonyview, Blarney.

KERRY.

Died—At College street, Killarney, Edward Brendon, youngest son of James Dea, aged 8½ years.

During the past week the solemn ceremony of professions of nuns took place in the chapel of the Presentation Convent, Lixnaw. The young lady professed is Miss Heelan, Lismore Waterford, in religion Sister Mary Berchmans. Rev. H. O'Riordan, Lixnaw, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Dillon, Rev. Father O'Shea and the Rev. Behan, Ballybunon.

LIMERICK.

The Christian Brothers who were lately withdrawn from Bruff through

some misunderstanding with the parish priest, Very Rev. Charles McNamara, will soon return. The bishop is arranging matters.

Died—On Nov. 13, at the Convent of Mercy, Midhurst, Sussex, England, Alice (in religion Sister Louis Bertrand), daughter of the late Patrick Murphy, Cahergal, Newmarket-on-Fergus, in the 28th year of her age, and first of her religious profession.

The Irish Catholic of recent issue had the following in relation to the city charter of 700 years ago, which the people of Limerick intend to celebrate: "An infamous wretch named John was at one time king of England and called himself Lord of Ireland. So far as the latter title is concerned, it meant precious little. His lordship was never heard of in a good many parts of the island, while where he was known he was not highly esteemed. This gentleman had it seems, some dealings with Limerick, and for some reason or other not chronicled, he accorded it a charter. Why Limerick accepted John's parchment, or why John insisted in honoring the place with a sample of his literature is not exactly understood. At any rate the charter is in Limerick at the present day, and it is suggested to celebrate the seventh centenary of its reception by a ball or something of that sort. Some people think that there should be no ball, that King John's charter is worth neither a pair of pumps or a pint of champagne. There is something in that argument. Limerick has many anniversaries much more worthy of commemoration than this old-world charter of theirs. At the same time, if the mayor and corporation want to dance on a particular date there is no earthly reason why they should not. To most people it will seem a trifle absurd that Limerick, of all cities in Ireland, should deem itself honored by the re-signation of a royal rouse. But at the same time it is hardly fair of Limerick to deny its national spirit because of a two penny-half-penny affair of this kind. 700 years have passed since some Limerick men flunked to John, and Limerick is not English yet, and though the corporation may dance their shoes off their feet it never will be."

TIPPERARY.

Miss Gleeson, Templemore, was recently received into the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford, taking the religious title of Sister Mary Margaret. Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, officiated.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Keefe, Archbishop of Cashel, has promoted the Rev. Nicholas Rafferty, late Administrator Thurles, to the pastoral charge of Boherlahan and Dualla. Rev. J. J. Duan, Administrator, and Rev. M. Bannon, C. C., the Cathedral, Thurles. The Rev. John Connery, late C. C., Naas, has been appointed chaplain Convent of Mercy, Thurles, and assistant in the cathedral.

With feelings of regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas Molloy, which took place on Sunday morning at his father's residence, Moycakey, at the early age of 23 years. He was gentle and unassuming, and as a Gaelic athlete was a worthy son of his father, Mr. Pat Molloy, one of the leading members of the old Moycakey team. His remains were borne to their last resting place by the members of the Horse and Jockey team of hurlers, of which he was an active member, and were followed by all the old Moycakey veterans and a large concourse of relatives and friends. The funeral services were read by Rev. Thomas Feenely and Rev. N. Duggan.

We regret to chronicle the demise of Mr. Edmund Russell, Boulabaha, Moyny, in the fifty-second year of her age. The remains were borne to the church at Moyny, where requiem high mass and office were celebrated, the Rev. J. Dwan celebrant.

WATERFORD.

Miss Heelan, Lismore, was recently professed a nun of the Presentation Order in the Convent in Lixnaw, County Kerry.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

When it became known in Cushendall of the election of the Catholic candidates for Smithfield and Falls wards the inhabitants resolved to give Father Convery a welcome home as a mark of their approval for his labor in Belfast. The entire village turned out. Cushendun was represented by James McSparron, Archibald McKinnlay, John McElhern, etc. The great crowd met the car outside the town, and having formed a procession, with tar barrels burning, escorted Father Convery to the parochial house, where he expressed his thanks.

ARMAGH.

The inaugural address of the Armagh Catholic Literary and Debating society in connection with the Armagh Catholic reading room was delivered in the Tontine buildings before a large, representative and enthusiastic audience by the Very Rev. F. M. Stack, O. P., Prior St. Magdalen's, Drogheda Cardinal Lodge presided.

CAVAN.

A fire, which assumed serious proportions, occurred lately in the village of Tullyvin, a mile from Cooteshill, on the premises of Mr. Thomas Hall, grocer and spirit merchant. The fire was first noticed at 4 o'clock in the morning by Mr. Hall, who gave the alarm, and the police and others were engaged for an hour in combating the flames. Their efforts met with success.

DERRY.

The thirtieth anniversary of the execution of the Manchester martyrs was commemorated by the members of the Robert Emmet '98 club in their hall, Market street, Magharafeel. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity with an attentive and enthusiastic audience. The president, Mr. Louis Smyth, occupied the chair.

DONEGAL.

On Wednesday a most enjoyable musical treat was held in the Temperance hall, Donegal. The stage arrangements were excellent, the blending of color and draping being very well arranged, and looked when lit, a veritable little fairy palace. Mr. Roy was well supported by Miss McGoldrick, Miss A. M. McGoldrick, Mrs. McAdam, Ballyshannon, Mr. M. B. Deacon, Ballyshannon, Mr. Knox, elocutionist, Mr. D. S. Austen, Mr. J. McConnell, violinist, Londonderry; Mr. John Carson. The entertainment was all that could be desired, but the attendance was meagre indeed.

DOWN.

Robert Harpur of Diveragh, Armagh, has been appointed Commissioner of the Peace for the County of Down. Mr. Harpur already holds the Commission of the Peace for the County of Armagh, and is the chairman of the Newry Board of Guardians. Jas. Kelly, Drumcooley, was choked while taking his dinner in McGlinchey's dining rooms, King street, Newry, last week. Mr. Robert Harpur, Diveragh, has been appointed a justice of the peace for the County of Down. He is chairman of Newry Board of Guardians.

ERMANNAGH.

A solemn ceremony was held in the Convent of Mercy, Sligo, lately, at which the officiating clergymen were Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, Rev. Father McDermot and Father Hurpree. Two young ladies were received, and Miss Mary Josephine Morris, (in religion Sister Mary Evangelista Joseph) daughter of the late Mr. Charles Morris, head master of the Enniskillen Model School, received the black veil. During the ceremony the bishop delivered a very impressive sermon and exhortation to the young ladies. Among the large company present were: Father Gaughran, Arney; Father McKenna, Enniskillen; Mrs. Morris, the Misses Morris, and Master Morris, Enniskillen. After the ceremony the visitors were hospitably entertained by the Rev. Mother and good sisters of the community.

MONAGHAN.

The county consists of five baronies—Cremorne, Dantree, Farny, Monaghan and Trough. The population of the baronies in 1841 aggregated 200,442, but the census taken in 1891 shows that there were then only 86,266. This is a fearful falling off in fifty years.

TYRONE.

Robert McAleer, Patrick Rafferty and Peter Kelly were charged at Omagh with having discharged firearms at and assaulting Water Bailiffs William John Armstrong and Robert Patterson in the townland of Stroff. It appeared that the water keepers were on duty at Cloggan Burn and observed parties with a net and among those were the prisoners. Kelly took a gun out of Patterson's hand. A struggle ensued, when Armstrong was pulled off his feet by the prisoners and Rafferty and McAleer kicked him. While Armstrong was being kicked Kelly presented the gun twice at him and then fired in his direction. Rafferty and McAleer continued kicking Armstrong, and Kelly threw down the gun on the bank and assisted them. A gun was subsequently discharged in the air by one of the bailiffs to frighten the prisoners. The case has not yet been decided.

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