

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.

CONNUGHT.

GALWAY.

At the convent of the Sisters of Charity, St. Anne's Milltown, Dublin, last week, Miss Mary MacEvilly, of Castlebar parish, and sister of Rev. Martin MacEvilly of St. Jarlath's college, was professed by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin. Her name in religion is Lay de Salla.

A concert was held in Glensmaddy the other day to raise funds for the establishment of a library in the parish. The concert opened with "Who Feared to Speak of '88?" Miss Brennan sang "Savourneen Dheallish," Miss Kerr, "Killarney," Miss Moylan, "Good-bye, Mavourneen," Miss Mulligan, "Yes, Sir," Mr. Nolan, "Phil, the Futurer's Ball," The Misses Owens and the Misses Collins also contributed to make the concert a success.

Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, the archbishop of Tuam, lately made the following changes: Rev. Father Kilgariff, O. O., Killawalla, to be C. O., Tuam; Rev. Father Forde, C. O., Tuam, to Kallawalla; Rev. Father McDermott, O. O., Claremorris, to be C. O., Spiddal; Rev. Father McDonnell, C. O., Ballinadine, to be C. O., Claremorris; Rev. Father Matthias Lavelle, C. O., Clonberna, to be C. O., Ballinadine; Rev. Father Glynn, C. O., Spiddal, to be C. O., Clonberna.

Regretfully we record the death of Mr. John Canavan, Headford, after a few months' illness. The interment took place at the historic old Abbey of Rose, attended by an immensely large funeral, comprising the people of the town and parish and numbers from neighboring districts. Age of deceased, 29 years. Chief mourners, James Canavan, father; Richard, Joseph, James and Thomas Canavan, brothers, and Stephen Keely, Tuam, brother-in-law. The funeral service was performed by Rev. Father Greany, Headford, assisted by Rev. Richard Canavan, The Neale.

LEITRIM.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Cox, Kilmore, which took place recently at the residence of his brother, Hugh Cox. He had reached a good old age and was esteemed in Kilmore for his unassuming manner and good qualities. Deceased was an uncle of J. R. Cox, ex-M. P. Interment took place in the family burying ground at Kilmore and a very large cortege followed the remains thither. The funeral obsequies were read by Rev. Father Flanagan, Kilmore, assisted by Rev. Father Lynch.

MAYO.

Westport was the scene of a great demonstration of all sections of Nationalists on Sunday, Jan. 28, to arrange for the celebration of the Centenary of the heroic year of 1798. In numbers and fervor the meeting was a vivid reminder of the victorious period of the Land League. Speeches were delivered by the following members of Parliament: John Dillon, T. Harrington and Dr. Ambrose; also William O'Brien and Rev. Canon Greely. Father Healy, Westport, presided.

Last week evictions were carried out at Partree, Derassa, villages five miles from Ballinrobe on the property of the Irish Land Investment company. The victims were already on outdoor relief. They are Thomas O'Casey, widow Burke, widow Reilly and Joseph Malley. Doctors' certificates saved Stephen Heneghan, Anthony Conaboy and Mrs. Newell from the same fate. O! for the days of the Land League.

Claremorris will fittingly celebrate the centenary of the glorious fight for freedom made by the gallant men of Wexford 100 years ago. Peter Hill, Matt Gilligan, Thomas Keane, John Killen, Michael Killen, Thomas Sweeney, Maurice Casey, Connor O'Kelly, James Waldron, Patrick Judge, Wm. P. Flatley, Thomas Brennan, William Carney, Michael Begley, Robert Gordon, Patrick Walsh, Thomas Grett and Martin J. McDonald are making all the arrangements needful for the success of that patriotic movement.

ROSCOMMON.

Dennis O'Connell of 1 Garden Court, Temple, London, and Clonella O'Donnell, and P. Burrows Shiel, solicitor, of 3 Palace street, Dublin, and Roscommon, have been sworn respectively

high sheriff and under sheriff for the County Roscommon.

On Sunday a largely attended meeting of the different sections of the Irish parties was held in Tubbercurry for the formation of '98 club. On the motion of Mr. M. Coleman, seconded by Mr. J. Devanny, Mr. J. J. Lowry was moved to the chair. The following officers and committee were elected: Honorable secretaries, A. Mo-Manus and M. Mannion; treasurer, Mr. M. Gaffney; committee, Mr. L. Armstrong, Mr. Coleman, Mr. MoD. Darcy, Mr. J. J. Marren, Mr. J. Hoey and Mr. P. Durcan. Mr. L. Armstrong proposed and M. P. Sweeney seconded, "That at our first meeting of the Tubbercurry '98 club we are determined to keep our club independent of each of the three sections into which the Irish representatives are at present divided." Messrs. Darcy and Man-lon were appointed delegates to the Connaught convention.

SLIGO.

Mr. Michael Brennan presided at a recent meeting of the Riverstown branch of the Irish National Federation. Among others present were: P. Dwyer, vice-president; J. Conlon, treasurer; Mr. T. Judge, Mr. J. Judge, W. Benson, J. Lyons, P. Conlon, M. Heaver, J. O'Gara, J. Kelly, J. Callaghan, Pat McDonagh, M. Moran, T. Mulligan, J. Lavin, Pat McGoldrick, P. Toulon, M. Connor, M. Tabeny, J. Anderson. The first business before the meeting were congratulations upon the great success of the Carricknagat meeting and the credit it was to its promoters. A vote of thanks was passed to the good men of O'Connell for having hospitably entertained the band. A letter was read from William Kelly of Brickeen, asking the aid of the branch for the purchase of possession of his farm obtained at last session. It was decided to inquire fully into the case and, if possible, to bring about an amicable settlement. John Lang, who held the Drumoolomb farm against the will of the branch, came before the meeting and said the case might be settled. It was then decided to notice Haire, who held the farm, and to hold a special meeting. At the adjourned meeting Mr. Michael Brennan, (president) was in the chair and the following members: P. Dwyer (vice-president), J. Conlon (treasurer), P. Toulon, P. McGoldrick, J. O'Gara, P. Callaghan, P. McDonagh, J. Lavin, J. Anderson, J. Kelly, W. Dwyer, W. Benson, M. Moran, T. Byrne, P. Conlon, M. Connor and Mr. T. Judge. Lang said he came there and requested that the case would be settled by the branch. Haire consented to accept money as a compensation for his title. Accordingly the committee decided that Lang should pay Haire the first installment of the money then and on Haire receiving it both men shook hands and bade each other great good luck. The members of the branch congratulated themselves on the success of the settlement and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the surrounding branches for the aid they gave in stamping out land grabbing. Intending grabbers must now stand aside. The contents of a letter from Mr. Sweeney on his farm at Knockalassa was discussed and it was decided to uphold his claim according to a former resolution passed by the branch. C. McStein and T. Oullane, secretaries. And thus the work goes bravely on.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

At the meeting of the board of governors the sectarian advertisement from Carlow district asylum was under consideration. The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, referred to it in terms of strong condemnation, and rebuked the medical superintendent for having issued it. A minute was made directing him to write to the Irish Times and Freeman's Journal correcting the statement made that applicants for the position of workmistress should belong to the "Irish church," and declaring that no authority for such advertisement was given by the board of governors.

Mr. John Aughney, one of the oldest inhabitants of Kiloarrig Mills district, died recently. Mr. Aughney was always a staunch Nationalist and made many sacrifices for the cause. He also, on more than one occasion, contested his rights with his landlord. On Sunday interment took place in Newtown. The funeral was a very large one, every section of the community being present to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory.

DUBLIN.

There was a largely attended and interesting meeting of the Central Gaelic League Friday in Dublin. Mr. Thomas Hayes occupied the chair,

and Mr. Timothy O'Donoghue read an eloquently written paper in Irish on "A recent visit to an Irish Speaking District." The paper was enlivened by character sketches and anecdotes of local poets and illustrated by some of the folk songs taken down by Mr. O'Donoghue during his tour.

With deep regret the many friends and old school fellows of the Rev. Br. William S. O'Brien, first assistant to the superior general of the Christian Brothers, will hear of his death at Marino, Dublin, on the 18th of January, from influenza and pneumonia. At the early age of 15 William O'Brien, then a pupil of the Rev. Dr. Swan's, at the North Richmond street school dedicated his young life to God in the order of the Christian Brothers. On the completion of his novitiate he taught in Mullingar, and in Kingstown and North Richmond street, and in 1878 was selected by his superiors as director of the newly established foundation on the Rock of Gibraltar. Here he labored with the utmost zeal and with great success for 12 years, when, in 1890, at a general chapter of the institute, he was elected an assistant to the superior general.

In the old, old days, writes Mr. Labouchere in Truth, Ireland was said to be ruled by "Larcom and the police." Sir Andrew Reed, the head of the Irish constabulary, thinks the old days have come again. The curious spectacle has lately been off red in Ireland of Sir Andrew Reed assuming dictatorial authority over the public footpaths and issuing a circular, in his own name only, permitting bicyclists to ride on them. The high-handed proceeding is racy of Dublin castle under a cynical Lord Lieutenant. Last week a poor cripple, walking on the footpath at Cabinteely, was knocked down by a cyclist. The cyclist referred the injured man to Sir A. Reed's circular and rode on; the cripple, whose leg was broken in two places, was taken to the neighboring workhouse infirmary. And these are the people who wonder why the ways and the rule of Dublin castle are not popular with the mere Irish.

Recent deaths in Dublin—Begg—Jan. 12, at 105 Chapel street, Mary Begg, aged 82 years. Burke—At her residence, 49 Phibsborough road, Hannah Burke. Christian—Jan. 16, at convent of Mercy, New Inn, county Tipperary, in the 84th year of her age, Mary, daughter of the late George Christian, formerly of Carrick-on-Suir, and sister of the late Rt. Hon. J. Christian. Crosshill—Jan. 10, at 28 Curzon street, Margaret Crosshill, of 18 Effra road, and formerly of Woodford, county Galway. Dalton—Jan. 11, at Benmore, Athes, county Limerick, Patrick Dalton, aged 70 years. Derham—Jan. 13, Dublin street, Skerries, Andrew Derham, aged 70 years. Gartlan—Jan. 14, at Monalty, Carrickmacross, Alice McEvoy Gartlan. Henshaw—Jan. 12, at Finglas, Mary Henshaw, youngest daughter of the late Christopher Beaver, Charlestown house, Finglas, aged 38 years. Judd—Jan. 14, 50 Watling street, Thomas Judd. Kelly—Jan. 17, at Ballytne house, Borris, county Carlow, Martin Kelly, aged 83 years. Kennedy—Jan. 13, at Kennellyduff, Carrickmacross, Mary Jane, only surviving daughter of the late Martin Kennedy, aged 34 years. Macgillyuddy—Dec. 11, at Johannesburg, Richard Edward, second son of the late Dr. De C. Macgillyuddy Tralee. Mathews—Jan. 12, at Colton, county Louth, Patrick Mathews, aged 92 years. Miller—Jan. 11, Martin Miller, aged 89 years, of 114 Lower George's street, Kingstown. Morgan—Jan. 15, at 230 Conellie road, Dublin, Francis Morgan, McKerr—January 14, at 15 Westmoreland Park, Ranelagh, Elizabeth Mary (Birdle) McKerr, aged 8 years. O'Reilly—At 58 Park avenue, Sandymount, Dr. Henry Thomas O'Reilly, aged 61 years. Porter—Jan. 14, at St. Vincent's Private Hospital, 97 Lower Leeson street, Samuel Buxton Porter, manager National Bank, Moate. Raul—Jan. 12, at Milltown, Mrs. Mary Raul Stokes—Jan. 11, at 48 Francis street, Stephen Stokes.

KILDARE.

Mr. James F. Hogan, B. A., Inspector of National Schools, Ennis, has been appointed to the Athy District in succession to Mr. D. T. McEnery, M. A., transferred to Ennis. The district contains portions of Kildare, Queen's county, Carlow and Wicklow.

Miss Margaret Byrne, daughter of the late Garrett Bernard Byrne, Feniscourt, Bagnalstown, was received into the Presentation Order of Nuns at the Convent Cane a few days ago. Her religious title is Sister Mary Bernard Joseph. Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley officiated.

KILKENNY.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of the Rev. Edward Nolan, P.

F, which occurred on Saturday, Jan. 22. Deceased was parish priest of Glenmore. During this 12 years he spent in Glenmore he was beloved by his parishioners. He was educated in Maynooth College and ordained in 1860. Deceased was 65 years of age. High mass was celebrated. Canon Holohan presided. The celebrant was Rev. Peter Nolan, cousin of the deceased; deacon, Rev. William Cassin, St. Mary's cathedral, Kilkenny; sub-deacon, Rev. Maurice Walsh. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the neighborhood for many years.

The death of Mrs. Catherine Rowe, Lowan cottage, Castlecomer, occurred Dec. 29. She was sister to the late Very Rev. Canon Martin, Freshford, and of Rev. Edward Martin, St. John's, Newfoundland. Three of her sisters were members of the Dominican Order, one of whom survives her. She is mother of Rev. Michael Rowe, Bennettsbridge; Rev. Thomas Rowe, Strawberry Point, Iowa, U. S. A., and of Rev. Brother Joseph, Director St. Joseph's, Manchester, England. Her remains were interred in the family burial place, Castlecomer; funeral was the largest seen here for many years.

KING'S.

A public meeting of the Catholic parishioners of Tullamore was held in the Church of the Assumption lately for the purpose of taking preliminary steps regarding the building of a new parish church. Very Rev. Hugh Behan presided.

LONGFORD.

An enthusiastic meeting of the patriotic people of Granard was held in the town hall on Sunday to form a '98 club. The chair was taken by Mr. Francis Reilly, chairman town commissioners, Hugh E. Kelly, was appointed honorary secretary. It was resolved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday evening in order that the secretary might correspond with the head office in Dublin for the purpose of receiving instructions and cards of membership. 150 persons joined the association.

Drumlish branch of the '98 Centenary organization is now in good working order, and will be heard from in the future. All the National parties are now united.

LOUTH.

Mr. R. McGhee, M. P., recently visited his division and was enthusiastically received by the priests and people of Drogheda, Ardee, Dunleer, Colton, Clogher and other districts.

MEATH.

Mr. Francis G. McKeever, son of Mr. Francis G. McKeever of Clooney House, has been granted his diploma to practice as a Solicitor in the Supreme Court, Ireland. The Kells Town Commissioners will call one of their new streets "Lord Edward street," in memory of Lord Edward Fitzgerald. The urban fathers of Kells have set a good example. There is a "lively Irish centenarian," living at Brownstone, Beaupre, Meath, Christopher Forester. He is 103 years, hale and hearty, and he is able to walk six miles a day and to do odd jobs about his farm. When he was three years old his mother carried "Christy" on her back to Tara, the day after the battle. She went there to try and find her husband, dead or alive, for "Christy's" father took part in the encounter which took place there with the troops in 1798.

QUEEN'S.

The Board of Guardians in Abbeyleil has passed a resolution demanding a Catholic University for Ireland. Members of the board are: Colonel H. Poe, J. McMahon, P. A. Meehan, M. Brennan, J. Foyle, J. McEvoy, M. Gannon, D. Bergin, S. Foster, S. Leigh, P. J. Murphy, H. C. Fitzherbert.

WESTMEATH.

Died Dec. 13, 1897, at Rosario, South America, Richard Hammond, youngest son of the late Robert Hammond of Mullingar.

After late mass on Sunday a public meeting was held in Tang. Rev. F. Kihlan was elected chairman on the motion of Mr. B. Duncan, seconded by Mr. J. Higgins.

WEXFORD.

Sister Mary Baptist of the Presentation Convent, Ennisceorthy, died Jan. 24, aged 30 years.

A meeting of the Nationalists of the Camolin district was held in the reading room on Sunday for the purpose of arranging for the reorganization of the Nationalist forces of the locality. Rev. P. Doyle occupied the chair.

WICKLOW.

A large and representative meeting was held at Foley's hotel lately for

the purpose of initiating a movement to present a testimonial to Mr. William Bergin, whose eviction from his farm at Sheverod, on the Littledale estate, has excited great sympathy. Mrs. Bergin was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for a trivial assault on the son of a man who occupied her holding, and the severity of her sentence was received with horror. Since then Mr. Bergin has had the additional misfortune to lose his right hand by a threshing machine accident and the greatest sympathy is expressed everywhere with the family. Very Rev. Father Staples, P. P., presided and there was a very representative attendance. It was decided to organize a testimonial for the family.

Baitinglass has spoken on the question of university education for the Irish people.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Mary Lynch, widow, was evicted from her farm of forty acres at Emagh, near Killrush, and since an emergency man and police were in the house. A few days ago the house and other premises were burned to the ground.

A public meeting was held at the village of Cross last week, at which the Rev. M. Gleeson presided, in reference to the distress in that district.

CORK.

A meeting of the Cork '98 centenary committee was held a few days ago in the council chamber of the Municipal buildings. Mr. Maurice Healy, M. P., presided.

On Sunday a meeting of the Ballygibbon national federation was held to deal with matters in connection with the Gianworth land dispute. There were 150 persons present.

Sunday evening a meeting was held at Ballincurragh, six miles from Middleton, to take steps to commemorate the '98 centenary. Dr. D. O'Regan presided.

KERRY.

A moonlight raid was made on Sunday evening on the dwelling house of Burke, caretaker of an evicted farm of Lord Kenmare's, at Ballybrack, near Ffries. The moonlighters, wearing masks and bags outside their clothes, smashed the glass in the windows and fired two revolver bullets through one of the windows and through the dwelling house, one of which was near having effect in the head of Burke. They marched along the road to the residence of John Moriarty of Rusheen, and first fired two shots through the house, then placed young Moriarty on his knees and inflicted fearful injuries on him about the head and body. This murderous assault was being continued until Mrs. Moriarty threw herself between her son and his assailants and by her heart-rending appeals to them to spare her son's life caused the moonlighters to discontinue. They made him swear that he would not send any more cattle to graze in the evicted farm at Ballybrack, and on the following day he would remove off the same farm the cattle he had grazing in it.

LIMERICK.

Mrs. A. Butler, wife of Mr. Thomas R. Butler, R. M., Cork, died lately. The interment took place on Monday at Ballycarraun, county Tipperary, the family burial place of the Butlers. Sir William Butler is married to the lady nee Miss Thompson, who was famous as a painter of military subjects. The Very Rev. Father Boylan, O. S. B., has been appointed rector of the Redemptorist community at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick. Very Rev. Father Boylan was some time since sub-director of the Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family.

A meeting of the members of the Gerald Griffin Literary society, Limerick, was held for the purpose of starting a '98 club.

WATERFORD.

The late Most Rev. Dr. Kirby, who was rector of the Irish College in Rome for many years, was a native of the city of Waterford.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. John Doherty, Main street, Fethard, died Jan. 15, deeply regretted. Interment was in Fenor; funeral cortege long and representative.

With regret we record the death of Rev. John Madden, C. O., late chaplain of the Cashel Presentation convent. He was acting for a few years and had to give up his curacy and his office as chaplain to the Presentation convent.

A concert was lately held in Mullinahone in aid of the fund to erect a parochial residence. Mr. Kieckham kindly gave the use of his establishment. Among those who assisted to

make the concert a success were Misses Willis and Slattery, Colonel Miss Tobin, Miss Burke, Mr. Redmond, Mrs. Walsh and Mr. Kerick, Fethard; Mr. J. B. Long, Clonmel, and Mr. A. Redmond.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A grand cinematograph exhibition and musical entertainment was given lately in Loughlinstown by the members of the brass band. The entertainment was held in a large marquee and 600 persons were present. The Very Rev. James Crickard presided.

A young man named Birche, Serpentine avenue, Whitewell road, Greenacres, had an exciting adventure on the Cave Hill last week. He proceeded alone to the hill, where, about noon, one of Lady Ashley's gamekeepers saw him making his ascent to the second cave. Between 4 and 5 o'clock p. m., two gentlemen coming from McArt's Fort were attracted by cries for help in the direction of the cave. Sergeant Denis McHugh with Constables Clarke and McKee, procured a rope, and taking with them the barrack lantern, they went to the top of the hill. The young fellow was found clinging to a rock, crying for help. A ignited pocket handkerchief was attached to the end of the rope and let down to the second cave, where Birche got hold of it, and after much difficulty the police and civilians hauled him to the top. He had been standing seven hours on the ledge of a rock, three inches wide. Master Pyper, son of Mr. James Pyper, M. A., principal Belfast Mercantile college, volunteered to descend the rope to Birche, an operation rendered necessary by the formation of the rocks in order that the youth might be securely made fast to be hauled up.

ARMAGH.

Mrs. Ope, Loughgall, lost 70 tons of hay by fire a few days ago. How the fire originated remains a mystery.

CAVAN.

Thursday, Dr. Burke, coroner for East Cavan, held an inquest at Mullagh on the body of Henry Lee, aged 25 years, who was accidentally killed. The deceased was a car driver and for some years had been driving the mail car between Kells and Atboy. The evidence went to show that the deceased was taking a cover car to Kells and it upset, with fatal results.

DERRY.

An enthusiastic meeting at Lavey was held in Bocktown to form a '98 club. W. Convery was elected chairman and J. Convery secretary.

DONEGAL.

Mrs. Teresa McGawley, Ballyshannon, died recently at the early age of 18 years, deeply regretted. A branch of the Gaelic league was established lately in Ballyshannon. Among the deputation from Donegal was a Mr. P. M. Gallagher, who addressed the meeting in Irish.

DOWN.

As a tribute of the appreciation in which Mr. Hugh Crickard, Downpatrick (brother of the Very Rev. Robert Crickard, Belfast), is held, over 100 equipped teams turned up at Portloughan to plow the farm, containing 225 acres, formerly held by Mr. James Balle and recently purchased by Mr. Crickard. Mr. John F. McCarthy, Bangor, was sworn in a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Indicture in Ireland lately. He is a son of Mr. John McCarthy, timber merchant, Belfast.

MONAGHAN.

The annual meeting of the Farney branch of the Gaelic League was held in Lisdoonan National school (parish of Donaghmoynne). There was a good attendance, the students alone numbering 36. The secretary read the report and balance sheet, the latter showing a substantial sum to the credit of the branch.

Right Rev. Dr. Owens, bishop of Clogher, will bless the new bell in the Church of St. Joseph, Carrickmacross, May 1 coming. Rev. T. A. Finlay, S. J., will preach on that occasion. During the last couple of years a tower and spire of lofty proportion and noble design have been built, and Carrickmacross can now boast a church which is excelled by few in any part of the country. The entire cost of this work was about £5,000 of which £3,000 is still due.

TYRONE.

On Sunday an important meeting of the Omagh branch of the '98 Centenary association was held in the rooms on Abbey street, to re-organize.

COLLIER.

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