

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.

Eviction notices have been served upon Pat and Martin Moran and Thomas Collins of Knockree and Wicksmountain by Henry Burke, Marblehill. The holdings are in Loughrea Union district.

An inquest was held in Attymon last week into the circumstances attending the death of James O'Brien, farmer and postmaster, who fell off the railway bridge in Athenry, coming from the fair in Tuam. The verdict was that death resulted from fracture of the skull, for which blame was not to be laid on any person.

Rev. Dr. McCormack, bishop of Galway, has made the following changes in the diocese: Rev. P. J. Campbell, O. C., Killybegna, to be O. C., Ballyvaughan; Rev. M. Kealy, O. C., Killybegna, to be O. C., Killybegna; Rev. P. Davoren, O. C., Oranmore, to be O. C., Moyoullin; Rev. A. J. Clonsidine, O. C., Moyoullin, to be O. C., Oranmore; and Rev. M. Davoren, O. C., Ballyvaughan, to be O. C., Killybegna.

A general meeting of the Ballinasloe Workingmen's club was held on Sunday evening, Mr. John Donovan in the chair.

The Galway branch of the Gaelic League held its weekly meeting at St. Joseph's Seminary, Nun's Island, Feb. 6. The attendance was numerous. Mr. M. Usher, vice-president, occupied the chair. The program for the occasion was interesting and varied.

LEITRIM.

A large meeting of the Killybegna Evicted Tenants' Relief Committee was held on Sunday, Rev. Francis Gilmartin (chairman) presiding. After transacting the ordinary business and discussing some important matters in connection with the present situation in the neighborhood, the following resolutions were adopted: (1) That the best thanks of this meeting, representing the whole Tottenham estate, are due and hereby tendered to our illustrious representative, P. A. McHugh, Esq., M. P., and Rev. Father Keane, Glasnevin, for their timely, unflinching assistance during the whole week of the evictions, and for their great encouragement and counsel to the helpless and oppressed people. (2) That we tender our warmest thanks to our venerated and beloved P. P., Very Rev. Dr. Maguire, V. G., for his repeated interviews with Mr. Dolling, the receiver, and his supreme anxiety and efforts to save his people from the horrors of this campaign. (3) That all the tenants on the estate being willing to purchase their holdings at a fair price, and to put an end to the scenes of eviction, we call upon Mr. Justice Ross to immediately sell the estate to the tenants under the Land Purchase Act. (4) We earnestly appeal to all the friends and others, who sympathize with those who have been victimized, for aid to sustain them, as many at present are in a helpless condition, until we see them restored to their homes.—James Maguire, Charles Bredin, honorary secretaries.

MAYO.

Five thousand persons marched in procession through the town and district around Newport on Feb. 9. The object of the demonstration was to wait upon the graziers in the locality, and demand that the lands be surrendered so as to permit of the people becoming tenants; or give them employment on the lands. The majority of the graziers gave satisfactory replies. Mr. McManamon will give up his farms immediately. Mr. John O'Donnell and Mr. John McEale addressed the people.

The sufferings of the poor people who were recently evicted from their farms in Partry are something awful. Mrs. Casey, one of these, said that she and her children have lived on one meal a day for a long time, and that only for the kindness of Father Corbett herself or her children would not be alive. It will be remembered that Mrs. Casey's child was put out in a heavy rain. The poor thing, not yet six months old, got cold and is at death's door. The mother stated that before the day of the eviction it was as healthy a child as there was in the parish. As Mrs. Casey stated, all the children of these 17 families struck out were gone to purchase food, but what will these poor people do?

A remarkable demonstration took place at Kilmacassar, near Westport, on Feb. 6. A hundred people assembled upon Pat Ousack's holding and commenced the building of a residence for him and his family. Ousack is a herd on one of the large grazing tracts in a district occupied by a man named Fahy, and he lived in a house on the farm. Influenced by the recent demonstrations against these grazing ranches in this congested district, he threw up his post, an example which will probably be followed by many of his class. His neighbors therefore, decided to provide him with a dwelling. The people went cheerfully to work, and it is expected that the house will be completed in a few days. James Ousack, his son, who acted as assistant to his father, also closed his connection with the grazier.

ROSCOMMON.

Sister M. Ursula of St. Camillus' convent, Killybegna, died Feb. 8, in the 25th year of her age and the sixth of her religious life. She was Miss Annie Dooley of Bookfield, Roscommon.

With sincere regret we record the death of William Larkin, son of John Larkin, Ballygelda, at the early age of 19 years. Deceased had been studying in Maynooth college. Interment was in Ballintubber cemetery; funeral cortege long.

SLIGO.

A meeting of the Bunninadden '98 Centenary club was held on Feb. 6, the president, Mr. John O'Dowd, presiding. The chairman said this was a movement in which all Irishmen should unite. Messrs. O'Brien, Hunt and Brennan having addressed the meeting, it was proposed by Mr. M. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Hunt, "That we desire to place on record our denunciation of any '98 club taking part in political disputes."

A representative meeting of ladies was held in the mayor's parlor, Town hall, Sligo, the other day to form a ladies' '98 club. Mrs. Costello was moved to the chair, and it was unanimously decided to form the club. Miss L. O'Neill and Miss Feeney were elected secretaries, and instructed to call a meeting for enrolling members and electing officers.

Father Coyle recently sent this letter to the Sligo Champion for publication: "Dear Mr. Editor—On behalf of the priests and people of Geevagh I beg, through the medium of the Sligo Champion, to express our heartfelt thanks to Messrs. F. & J. Conlan, Geevagh, for their magnificent gift of a splendid high altar for our new church; to the Rev. Father Hughes, O. C., for a beautiful side altar, and to Mr. Michael Harte, Ooolamonee, Geevagh, for the other side altar. I also beg leave to express our gratitude to the Rev. Michael Williams, O. C., Cooye, for a beautiful stained glass window presented to our church. I am, yours faithfully, G. J. Coyle, P. P."

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Mrs. Patrick Dowling, late of Hackestown, died Feb. 8, at 62 Bride street, Dublin. Interment was in Glasnevin.

DUBLIN.

Sunday, Feb. 6, the members of the '98 Centenary clubs in Dublin made a pilgrimage to the grave of Dr. Madden, the historian of the movement. The processionists who constituted the pilgrimage left St. Stephen's Green and marched via Leeson street to Donnybrook graveyard, where he is buried. They bore wreaths with appropriate inscriptions and placed them on the tomb. On reaching the graveyard those present marched in order round the tomb, and on passing hairs were removed and a fervent prayer said for the memory of the deceased patriotic Irishman. The clubs which took part were the Old Guard Benevolent Union, the Wolfe Tone, the Emerald, Michael Dwyer, Lord Edward and Oliver Bond '98 clubs.

Chief Superintendent Lanktree and several members of the detective force in Dublin visited the city hall and took possession of the original documents relating to bogus lodger claims in St. Stephen's Green Division. It is expected warrants will be issued for the arrest of some persons responsible for the frauds.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Allen—Feb. 8, at 19 Portland Row, Jane Allen. Cannon—Feb. 7, at Annagary, Maggie Cannon, sister to the Rev. Michael Forker, professor Maynooth college. Connolly—Feb. 9, at 27 King's avenue, Ballabough road, John Connolly, compositor, aged 47 years. Foley—Feb. 8, at Kildare town, Matthew Foley, late of Harcourt road, Dublin, in his 65th year. Lawlor—Feb. 9, at 6 Villa Bank, Royal Canal, Dublin, Mary Lawlor, Maeken—Feb. 6, at Bricferry, Willie Maeken, Grand

Canal Harbor, aged 17 years. McCarthy—Feb. 9, at 148 Thomas street, William McCarthy. McNulty—Feb. 6, at 1 Bray Head terrace, Bray, Francis Richard McNulty, aged 21 years. O'Connor—Feb. 9, Robert O'Connor, 35 Lower Mount street. O'Dowd—Feb. 8, at Drumcondra hospital, Maria O'Dowd, 68 St. Patrick's road, Drumcondra. Shortal—Feb. 9, at 27 East Arran street, Nicholas Shortal. Smith—Feb. 9, at Rathvilly, John Smith, aged 76 years. Tracey—Feb. 9, at 108 Lower Gardiner street, Mary Agnes Tracey.

On Feb. 5 the funeral of Patrick Cummins, of St. Mary's, Terenure, took place. The funeral started for Glasnevin from St. Joseph, Terenure. Mr. Cummins was a well known citizen of Dublin, and the high esteem in which he was held was shown by the enormous proportions of the funeral, among those present being the Lord Mayor.

The usual weekly meeting of the executive council of the '98 Centenary organization was held on Saturday in the council chamber, city hall, Mr. John Murphy in the chair.

KILDARE.

Sir Erasmus Dixon Burrows, of Barretstown castle, Ballymore Eustace, died suddenly Feb. 8, aged 66. Interment in Giltown church cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Seery, Prosperous, passed away Feb. 8, having reached the fine old age of three score and 18 years. Interment was in Downings.

KILKENNY.

Sister M. Ursula, of St. Camillus' convent, Kilkenny, died Feb. 8, aged 26 years, and in the fifth of her religious life. Her name was Miss Annie Dooley of Bookfield, Roscommon.

KINGS.

Willie Mackin, aged 17, of Grand Canal Harbor, died Feb. 6, at the residence of his uncle in Edenderry.

LONGFORD.

The Limerick Fishertee board recently prosecuted Andrew Devine, Longford, for selling salmon in the close season, and he was fined \$80 and \$5 costs of court.

LOUTH.

The annual sermon in aid of the Christian Brothers' schools at Greenpark, Armagh, was preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on Sunday by Very Rev. Peter Quinn, parish priest of Stewartstown. Cardinal Logue, in making the announcement of this annual event at 12 o'clock mass on the previous Sunday, said the efforts of the Christian Brothers in carrying on this work of God were most praiseworthy, and he earnestly hoped that the appeal for funds to enable them to continue that good work would be responded to generously.

A meeting of the Massareene evicted tenants and their friends was held Sunday, Feb. 6, in the Young Men's Society hall, Colton, for the purpose of directing public attention to the case of the evicted tenants and pressing their claims on the people. Mr. Thos. Healy was moved to the chair.

Last week a meeting of a most enthusiastic and representative character was held in the Town hall, Dundalk, in furtherance of the '98 movement and for the commemorative of the deeds of the men of '98. The attendance included Nationalists of all creeds and classes.

MEATH.

On February 8 died Terence Cadden of Market square, Oldcastle, widely regretted.

Hugh Joseph Duncan of Ballinabarna, Tang, died February 5, aged 38 years, deeply regretted.

QUEEN'S.

The people of Abbeyleix, Ballyroan and surrounding districts met at Abbeyleix Sunday to voice the demand of the neighborhood for the establishment of an Irish Catholic University. Mr. O'Connell Fitzsimon was moved to the chair, and delivered a very able speech, as did Mr. E. J. Harrison, who proposed the resolutions, which were supported by Mr. E. J. Morrissey, Dr. McDonald, Mr. W. Delaney. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman.

The meeting in Maryborough lately to demand a system of university education for the Catholics of the country—the real inhabitants—was attended by Mr. James J. Bird, presiding; T. O'Neill, P. Kelly, M. Corcoran, P. Shelly, N. Walsh, J. Higgins, T. C. P. A. Mehan, J. P. Curran, manager of Munster and Leinster band, Gilbert Kelly, clerk of the Crown and Peace for Queen's county, T. Grafan, D. Kelly, etc.

A large and influential meeting of the Catholics of Strathmullin parish was

held on Sunday in the Town hall, in furtherance of the movement to establish a Catholic University in Ireland. On the motion of Mr. Robert Millar, seconded by Mr. John Kavanagh, the Rev. Father Brennan, P. P., took the chair.

WESTMEATH.

Mr. Peter Darcy, Corbetstown, died at the ripe old age of 88 years a few days ago. When a young man he led a large and powerful contingent from his native village to O'Connell's monster meeting on the hill of Tara. He was a Young Irelander, and up to the time of his death was closely connected with every national movement. He was a man of magnificent physique and up to his last moments he was in full possession of his intellect. Mr. Darcy was uncle to Mr. James Darcy, T. C., Dublin.

Among those called to the English Bar at the Inner Temple lately, were Mr. R. V. O'Brien and Mr. N. P. Murphy. Both these gentlemen hail from Westmeath, Mr. O'Brien being a son of Major O'Brien of Mullingar, and Mr. Murphy a son of a Westmeath man, long resident in London. Mr. O'Brien is an alumnus of Cambridge University. Mr. Murphy was educated privately and at St. Mary's college, Dunkirk.

WEXFORD.

An old man named Hanton, who lived by begging throughout South Wexford, was asleep in a disused hovel on an outfarm near New Ross last week, when the place was broken into and he was robbed of £182, 10s. He alleges that the robbery was perpetrated by two masked men who carried guns. Two men have been arrested on suspicion.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Mr. Robert Tyndall, J. P., Oaklands, New Ross, high sheriff for Wexford county for the present year.

It will be remembered that nearly twelve months ago the Rev. John Doyle, P. P., the respected and worthy pastor of Newbawn, was struck down by a very severe illness. After some time, on the advice of his medical attendants, he left home for a change of air and scene. During his absence his parishioners, to whom he had endeared himself very much, felt that they should do something to justify their sense of gratitude, esteem and respect for him, and to make some recognition of his work among them since he came to the parish. They resolved to present him with a testimonial, which had only to be mentioned to be warmly taken up. They asked the sanction of the bishop, which was granted. In a very short time an offering of over £100 was subscribed, which has recently been presented to him as a Christmas present on his return home. We are glad to learn that Father Doyle is recovering from his long illness, and we join with his good parishioners in hoping that he will soon regain perfect strength and health, and live many years among the people of Newbawn, whom he loves so much, and by whom he is so beloved.

On the evening of Jan. 25 the members of the Clonahom '98 Centenary association assembled. Mr. P. Murphy was in the chair. A large number of people from the district were also in attendance, success gleaming on every countenance, which was truly manifested, as over 50 new members were enrolled, and cards distributed. After the business had been gone through and some future national views discussed, the meeting terminated. Centenary cards may be had from members of the committee.

In the Presentation Convent, Ennis-corthy, on Jan. 24, Sister Mary Baptist breathed her pure soul to heaven. She was in the 31st year of her age and the 10th of her novitiate. On Wednesday the funeral high mass and office for the repose of the soul of the deceased was held in the chapel attached to the Presentation Convent. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Lord Bishop of the diocese, presided.

Jan. 24, in the parish church, Oylegate, were held the month's mind office and high mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. James Shiel. High mass was sung by the Rev. P. Shiel, P. P., son of the deceased; deacon, Rev. Thomas Quigley, O. C.; sub-deacon, Rev. James Prandy, O. C.; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. Canon O'Brien, P. P.

The month's memory office and high mass for the late Father Andrew Murphy were held at Killybegna on the 19th ult. Celebrant of high mass, Rev. A. Crowe, O. C., Mayglass; deacon, Rev. W. Rossiter, O. C., New Ross; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Prandy, O. C., do.; Very Rev. T. Mehan, P. P., Ballinacorney, presided.

There died suddenly at Tanhouse, New Ross, on Jan. 24, a young girl named Annie Neville, the eldest daughter of Mr. John Neville, P. L. G.

From report of the inquest it will be seen that the suddenness of her death was brought about by influenza, which unfortunately appears to be greatly felt in the New Ross district at the present time.

WICKLOW.

Mr. Edward McEvoy, Balinglass died Feb. 9, in hospice for the dying, Haroldscross, Dublin.

The Wicklow harbor commissioners at last meeting had under consideration the very dangerous condition of the breakwater. It was understood, the repairs would cost \$115,000. Mr. E. N. Wynne presided. Other members present: Commander Deane, Messrs. P. Paden, Alexander Keane, W. G. Morris, Capt. Neill, John Nolan, W. Desair, Thomas D'Arcy, Frank McPhail and Richard Graydon.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Mother Mary Angela Spence of the convent of Mercy, Kilrush, died Feb. 6, aged 65 years. She was a native of Derry.

At a special meeting of the West Clare National Teachers' association, in Kilrush, Saturday, Mr. F. O'Grady, chairman, presided. The following resolutions were passed unanimously: "That we reiterate our claims to the payment of arrears free grant the due portion of which has been already paid to some classes of schools—and we repudiate the suggestion of making the payment any portion of wages due to us contingent on our acceptance of the proposed pension rules. That we regard the rules for the administration of the teachers' pension fund as a breach of the contract entered into with the teachers in 1880 and we emphatically protest against the abolition of first-class pensions and against increasing our premiums beyond the amount mentioned in the schedule in the act of 1879. That we respectfully urge on the Lord Lieutenant the necessity of extending the period of option under the new pension rules to June 30 next."

CORK.

James Lynch, Jeremiah Lynch and Timothy Flordan, who received serious injuries on Saturday while blasting rocks in the townland of Ardnavan, Kilmichael, near Maaroom, were brought to the South Infirmary. Their injuries are about the eyes, which are completely destroyed, and in addition Jeremiah Lynch has a severe scalp wound.

Stephen Keating, sailor, son of Daniel Keating, Bridge street, Skibbereen, was drowned accidentally in Bantry a few days ago.

On Feb. 4 a sad accident happened on the railway line between Greenore and Carlingford, County South. A bricklayer named Owen Lynch, a native of Cork, was run over by a train and fatally injured. He received the last rites of Holy Mother Church.

Last week Thomas McCabe & Sons, auctioneers, etc., Cork and Bandon, sold for the tenant, Mr. James Anderson, a small dairy farm at Arritigue, 34 acres, judicial rent, £18 poor law valuation, £9 10s. Competition between Messrs. Coughlan, Regan and Woods. Mr. Denis Coughlan was declared purchaser at £185, with five per cent. auction fees. A small field adjoining above, rent 12s. 6d. per annum, was purchased by Mr. Wood at £12 and fees.

The death of Mrs. John Arundel, Sobell, which occurred recently, was deeply regretted. She was a daughter of the late Mrs. C. Connolly of Drinagh, and sister to the late Dr. Connolly of Durrus. The remains were brought to the parish church, where a requiem mass was celebrated.

Recent deaths in Cork—O'Driscoll—Feb. 5, at Lortette, Southampton, Lizzie O'Driscoll, Desmond—On Feb. 7, at Lissarda, Daniel Desmond. Stack—On Feb. 6, at 14 Knapp's square, Thomas Stack, aged 61 years. Mulhara—Feb. 7, at 15 Dunbar street, John Mulhara, aged 54 years. Keeshan—Feb. 6, at 22 North Main street, Cork, Timothy Keeshan, aged 8 years. White—Feb. 7, at Friar's Walk road, George White, aged 86 years. Cronin—Feb. 4, at 55 Hanover street, Mary Anne, widow of the late John Cronin and eldest daughter of the late Thomas O'Connor, Lavitt's quay. Lambert—Feb. 1, at Killarney, Bedella, widow of Walter Perse Lambert, late of Killarney. Both formerly of Galway, aged 78 years. Atkins—Feb. 4, at the District Lunatic asylum, Waterford, Ringrose Atkins, M. A., M. D., resident medical superintendent, Moloney—Jan. 30, at 21 Shan street, Liverpool, Daniel Moloney, for many years manager at Messrs. Ray & Miles, London road, formerly of Belane, Ovens. Murphy—Feb. 8, at Main street, Millstreet, Daniel Murphy, aged 69 years. Mesco—Feb. 8, at Main street, Maaroom, Thomas Mesco.

Kelly—Feb. 8, Martin Kelly, Clonsilla, Buckley—Feb. 9, at Coollokeey, Donoghmore, Mary Anne Buckley.

KERRY.

A '98 Centenary club has been established in Tralee. Mr. Rooney of the central branch entertained the members in Irish at a public meeting in the square on Feb. 6.

LIMERICK.

Several deaths from fever have taken place in the district of Bruce. Among those who died was Mr. John Fitzgerald, Derawlin, Bookill.

Dr. O'Mara, assistant medical officer in Limerick insane asylum, is a candidate for the office of resident medical officer of the Waterford insane asylum.

The interest of the holding of Mr. Michael Mulqueen at Cloanunna, consisting of 57 acres, 2 rods, Irish, held at judicial rent of £125, was put up for sale last week. The competition was keen. Mr. John Smith, county Limerick, was declared the purchaser for £725.

John Healy, who lodged in Ballinacorra, was found on the roadside dead. The deceased was about 75 years of age, had returned from California a couple of years ago, and resided in Limerick.

TIPPERARY.

Mrs. T. A. Lynch, Castle street, Carrick-on-Suir, died lately. A few hours after her demise her baby, just one week old, died. The interment in Kilrush was numerous attended.

Mr. Edward Charles Hackett of Coolgreany, Clonmel, died a few days ago. He was mayor of Clonmel during 1883, 1884 and 1885. Solemn office and requiem high mass were celebrated at St. Mary's church. Rev. W. Mesagher, celebrant; Father McMullen, O. S. F., deacon; Rev. N. Walsh, master of ceremonies.

WATERFORD.

The Catholic Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford city, was broken into and some money taken. It is supposed that the thieves remained in the church overnight and succeeded in forcing open the boxes which contained the pence deposited for various purposes by charitable persons.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

On Friday a splendid '98 celebration, under the auspices of the "Northern Patriot," was held in Rosemount street lecture hall, Belfast. The hall was filled. Joseph Devlin presided.

At the Belfast Gaelic league weekly meeting in the rooms 49 Queen street, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, four Gaelic classes well attended. After classes a committee meeting was held, Dr. J. St. Clair Boyd, president, in the chair.

ARMAGH.

A special meeting of the county Armagh Teachers' association was held in the Town hall, Portadown, Saturday, "to consider what action should be taken in replying to the recent circulars sent out relative to the reconstruction of the pension fund." The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. William Shields, Lurgan, and representatives were present from all parts of the county.

CAYAN.

The man Philip King, who killed his wife, mother-in-law and two children lately in Nolagh, near Kingscourt, is about 40 years of age. He was born at Drung, twenty miles from Nolagh, and about eight years ago married a woman near Tullyvin. She died soon after marriage.

DEBBY.

A large and enthusiastic meeting, comprising all shades of politics, was held in the board room, Ballinacorney, last week for the purpose of forming a '98 Centenary club. Mr. John Lawless was moved to the chair. Fifty members were enrolled.

DONEGAL.

Very Rev. Canon McQuade, pastor of Derrygonnelly, it is said, has sued the Derrygonnelly Loan Fund society for the value of two deeds of £200 total.

DOWN.

In several districts in the county efforts are being made to found branches of the '98 Centenary organization.

FERRANAGH.

Miss Crawford, Florencecourt, Enniskillen, has been appointed telegraphist in the postoffice, Aghnacloy.

MONAGHAN.

The death occurred Feb. 6 of Mr. Patrick Linhan, late head master of Monaghan Model school, at his home, Western terrace, Monaghan town.

TYRONE.

Henry Duff, a son of Nathaniel Duff, of Ballygawley, was recently killed accidentally. A flute band was passing when a horse and trap driven by a young man named Maguire from Strabane ran away and killed the child.

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