

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.

A great and enthusiastic meeting was held in Tuam recently to demand from the Government a system of Catholic university education in Ireland. Mr. John Nolan, chairman of the board of guardians in Tuam, presided. Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, delivered an address, as did Mr. McPhelin and many others in great influence and social standing in the country.

The Church of St. Patrick, Galway, was reopened and dedicated by Rt. Rev. Dr. MacCormack on Sunday, March 13. The sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achoury. The church has been renovated by the generous donations of the people. Rev. P. Dooley has worked zealously for this most desirable result. A splendid statue of St. Patrick adorns the church.

An Emmet celebration was held in Tuam. A bonfire was made on the square, bands paraded the town and played national airs before the residence of Archbishop McEvilly and in front of the presbytery.

Mr. Thomas Moran, assistant in Mr. James Begley's establishment, Tuam, died recently in the 29th year of his age. Office and high mass were celebrated in the Cathedral. Archbishop McEvilly presided. Celebrant, Rev. W. J. MacHugh; deacon, Rev. Michael J. MacHugh, adm.; sub-deacon, Rev. James Kilgarriff; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. John Fallon, president St. Jarlath's. In the choir: Rev. M. Healy, Rev. J. Tuffy, Rev. J. MacEvilly and Rev. A. Eaton, professors St. Jarlath's college. The remains were conveyed to Claretuam, the family burial ground, the funeral being large and respectable.

LEITRIM.

A creamery establishment will soon be founded in the district around Carrick-on-Shannon.

A meeting of the Gortlettera '98 Centenary club was held last week. The name of the organization is the Robert Emmet. Mr. Thomas Burke, Mullins, occupied the chair. Present: Daniel Kerr, vice-president; A. Bradshaw, hon. sec.; J. Kelly, treasurer; J. J. McKenna, Charles McKenna, C. M. Dermott, T. Wren, P. Gannon, P. Murray, J. Murray, M. Rorke, J. Cashin, O. Boyle, M. McGowan, M. McLoughlin, M. Wrenn, R. O. P. McCabe, etc. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. E. Rorke for placing the house at the disposal of the club.

MAYO.

Mr. O'Haire and Mr. Cusack have been liberated from Castlebar jail on entering into the recognizances required. Messrs. O'Donnell and Moran state they will complete their sentences. They have been visited by friends during the week and appear to be in excellent health. On Tuesday they were visited by Mr. P. J. Kelly, chairman Westport union.

On March 1, at Gorteen, Westport, died Mrs. Bridget O'Donnell at the fine old age of 75 years. After solemn office and high mass in Fahey, the remains were interred in Kilmeeena; funeral cortege long and representative.

The interesting old building at 27 Hill street, Westport, known as "George Glendenning's" has been taken by the government as an auxiliary police barrack, and sixty extra men have taken possession. All these precautions are a "make-believe" that the country is in a disturbed state, while the authorities fail to point to a single case of crime in connection with the agitation of the United Irish League.

Funds for the relief of the distress in the west of Ireland are being rapidly subscribed in quite a number of places. In Liverpool a fund which originated with Councillor Lynskey, brother of Canon Lynskey, Clifton, has exceeded \$10,000, and in Birkenhead and Wallasey the relief fund originated with Mr. William Madden, who belongs to an old and highly respected family.

A meeting of the executive committee of the United Irish League was held at the league rooms, Westport, during the week. There was a large attendance of delegates.

With sincere regret we record the death of Miss B. A. Gavin, at Newbury.

BOSCOMMON.

The inaugural meeting of the '98 centenary was held on Sunday,

On the motion of Mr. John Feely, seconded by Mr. John Leyland, Mr. L. M. O'Hara was elected president. The chairman said no Irishman need be ashamed to reverse the memory of that brave general, Wolfe Tone, and the gallant Irishmen who fought for country and religion. It was proposed by Mr. Henry Mylett and seconded by Mr. P. Corcoran: "That this branch of the '98 centenary be called the Michael Dwyer branch," which was carried with acclamation. Subscriptions having been handed in, Mr. John Leyland was appointed treasurer.

With regret we chronicle the demise of Mrs. Terence Rogers of Elphin, which took place at her son's residence at the fine old age of 80 years. Very Rev. Canon Mannion being her spiritual comforter. Up to a few days previous to her death she was in her usual good health. Her remains were removed to St. Patrick's church and placed in front of the high altar which was draped in mourning. There was a solemn requiem mass offered for the repose of her soul. Very Rev. Canon Mannion was celebrant, Rev. J. Curley, deacon; Very Rev. Canon Coyne, sub-deacon; Rev. J. Russell, master of ceremonies.

SLIGO.

Mr. Patrick McLoughlin, vice-president of the Geevagh branch, Irish National Federation, presided at the last meeting, when this resolution was passed: "That we call on the shopkeepers of Ballyfarnon to be on their guard in future and not be so complimentary to the Coolamoonnee grabber and we caution those gentlemen who obtained the custom of that creature only when other traders showed him the door and sent him about his business that if those are on too familiar terms with him we shall feel it our duty to do what is necessary." Patrick McDonagh and James Manus, secretaries. Evidently Geevagh is not a pleasant place for "grabbers" to reside in.

The fortnightly meeting of the Riverstown Irish National Federation was held on Sunday, Mr. Patrick Brennan in the chair.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Mr. Michael Manahan says that the Commercial club, Carlow, recently passed a resolution in favor of the study of the Irish language, and that in the near future a branch of the Gaelic League will be established.

On March 6, during eight o'clock mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, his lordship, assisted by Very Rev. John Delaney, vice-president of the college, conferred Holy Orders. To deaconship—Revs. James O'Reilly, sr., Andrew Killian, Patrick Lyons, Laurence Hayes, Patrick Coffey. Sub-deaconship—Rev. James O'Reilly, jr. Minor orders—Messrs. John Hughes, James White, Timothy Cleary.

On Friday a meeting for the purpose of establishing a class for the study of the Irish language was held in the Commercial club, Carlow.

DUBLIN.

The Gaelic Journal for the past month contains anecdotes from Irish manuscripts by Kuno Meyer, several folk tales and short stories, as well as a whole Irish conversation, by the Rev. P. O'Leary, Castletyona. The opening chapter of a powerful story entitled "Eachtra Lomnochtain," with the English translation.

Sunday, March 18, a great demonstration was held in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. Great numbers were present. Four platforms, representing the provinces of Ireland, were erected. On that for Leinster Mr. John O'Keary presided. At the Munster assembly Mr. C. G. Doran, Queenstown, presided; Ulster, Mr. Louis Smith, Magherafelt, presided, and over the Connaught meeting Mr. J. P. Hayden, M. P., presided. William O'Rooney, Michael Ousack and H. Courtney delivered addresses in Irish.

The New Ireland Literary Society held its meeting at Star and Garter hotel, D'Olier street, Dublin, lately.

A meeting of the members of the Wolfe Tone club was held on Sunday in Odd Fellows' building, Abbey street, Dublin. Mr. John O'Shaughnessy, president, in the chair.

A lecture was given in the rooms of the Emerald '98 club, 47 York street, Dublin, a few nights ago, by Mr. W. J. Ryan, the subject being "Myles Byrne." The chair was taken by Mr. J. W. O'Beirne.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Connolly—March 11, at 16 Orchard terrace, Grangegorman, Jane Connolly. Conaty—March 10, at 2 Walworth terrace S. C. road, Anne Conaty. Coogan—March 10, at 11 Upper Oriel street, late West road, Dublin, Anne Coogan, aged 58 years. Dardis—March 11, at the residence of her nephew, Sergeant Dempsey, R. I. C., Lucan, Mary Dar-

dis, widow of James Dardis, Longtown, county Kildare. Doran—March 10, at the City of Dublin hospital, Christopher Doran, grandson of the late Thomas Doran, factor, 8 Leeson place, the result of an accident, aged 6 years. Daly—March 9, at Swords, Peter Daly, W. Cms. Keely—March 8, at 21 Kirwan street, Dublin, James, son of James, ex-sergeant R. I. C., and Martha Keely, aged 20 years. Lynch—March 10, at 2 Eagle terrace, Sorrento road, Dalkey, Elizabeth Lynch. Maher—March 9, Miss Teresa Maher, of 24 Lower Dominick street. Messitt—March 9, at Islington avenue, Solomon Messitt, Molloy—At 91 Manor street, Mrs. Mary Jane Molloy. O'Reilly—March 10, at Sockfield, Artna, Joseph O'Reilly. Ryan—March 11, at 29 South terrace, Inchicore, Thomas Ryan. Foley—March 11, at Main street, Swords, Peter Foley, aged 27 years. Garty—March 11, at Annacannon house, Killinac, Ellen Maria Garty. Sutton—March 11, at 66 Lower Gloucester street, Mary Sutton.

KILDARE.

Mrs. Croughall, of Bert, near Athy, died suddenly lately, aged 80 years. Mr. Michael Stevin, Grangemellow, Athy, who died recently at the extraordinary age of 105 years, worked on a farm until a few weeks before he died.

Mr. William Power, of Myre street, Newbridge, died lately at the early age of 20 years. He was studying for the priesthood. Solemn office and high mass were celebrated in St. Conleth's church, after which the remains were interred at Suncroft. The funeral cortege was long.

John Heckleton, laborer, employed by Mr. John Show of Ironhills, was run down by a horse and car in Kildoon lately, sustaining a fracture of the hip, from which he died at the Athy hospital. Mr. Matthew Kelly, Kibboggan, was on the car when the accident occurred.

KILKENNY.

Mr. Patrick McEnery of Kilkenny street, Castlecomer, died March 8, aged 74 years, deeply regretted.

Miss Darmody, Crowbally, was lately received into the order of Nuns of St. John of God, at the convent in Westford. Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Ferris, officiated. Rev. John Birch, Athy, Ballynalyne, was present. Her religious title is Sister Mary Winifred.

KING'S.

George Gibson, Kill King's county, owner of a small estate near Cloneygowan, has notified his tenants that he intends to sell to them under the Land Purchase act.

The negotiations with regard to the purchase by the tenantry of Mrs. Guise estate in the barony of Upper Philipstown, it is hoped, will reach a satisfactory end in the near future.

LONGFORD.

Guinan Brothers, popular and successful traders in Longford, have purchased the well-known premises 55 and 56 Talbot street, Dublin.

Patrick Brady, Longhill, an evicted tenant, had been in Longford one day last week, and on his way home died suddenly near Ballinalee.

LOUTH.

Lord Bellew has been appointed Lord Lieutenant of the county.

Carlingford was the scene of great rejoicings on the return of Dr. P. J. Finnegan, J. P., and his fair bride. All along the mountain from the Bush railway station there was a chain of bonfires. A torchlight procession met the happy pair outside the town and escorted them to their residence. The whole town was illuminated and there was a grand display of rockets. Tar barrels blazed upon King John's castle and the old Abbey.

MEATH.

The Duchess of Hamilton has purchased Ardmulcha House, Navan, and the 100 acres of land adjoining, for £15,000.

The death of Mrs. Michael Grace, Oldcastle, occurred lately. She was a member of a highly respectable family, the late Rev. Father Leonard, P. P., Oldcastle, being her uncle, while the late Rev. E. Fagan, P. P., Clonmellon; Rev. T. Fagan, P. P., Taghmon, and Rev. C. Fagan, were her brothers. On Friday office and requiem mass were offered in the parish church, Oldcastle. Celebrant, Rev. E. Crean, St. Mary's, Drogheda.

QUEEN'S.

Messrs. Gaze and Jessop, auctioneers, Maryborough, put up for sale the interest in Mr. R. Thompson's farm, near Timahoe. Area, 162 acres; yearly rent, £110. Mr. J. McMahon, Aughmaddock, or Ballinteer, ran up the bidding to £550, when it

ceased. It appeared there was a reserve bid of £45 more on the place. There are good farm buildings on the property.

WESTMEATH.

Doctor Keane has been elected medical officer of the Ballinacargy dispensary district, Dr. Cahill having resigned.

WEXFORD.

On March 6 Aiden Murphy, aged 6 years, whose father lives at Tomalasset, was the victim of an awful accident. While threshing operations were proceeding at the farmyard of Mr. Gordon, Knockmarshall, the youth, full of curiosity to examine the machine, stooped under its beam and got entangled. Before he could be extricated his arm was terribly mangled and Mr. Gordon had him immediately removed to the Enniscorthy infirmary. The limb was so mutilated that amputation was considered necessary, and the surgical operation was carried out by Drs. Furlong, Kelly, Dowse and Roberts. He is expected to survive.

Miss Doyle, the Cottage, Enniscorthy, died recently, having reached the age of 84 years. Interment was in Killan. Deceased was related to Mr. Kennedy, manager National bank, Wexford, and to Mr. Doyle of the Irish land commission.

WICKLOW.

On Wednesday a deputation of gentlemen waited on Very Rev. Father Maxwell, Dunlavin, with the view of forming a committee to arrange for a meeting and the erection of a monument in Dunlavin Green to the memory of the men who fought so bravely in 1798 to break the yoke of English dominance in Ireland.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Norah Stackpoole and Margaret McCarthy, employed in the residence of Capt. George Crowe, Larch Hill, near Ennis, were arrested last week for giving shelter to Andrew Hehir, who escaped from the prison in Limerick some months ago. Since then he has frustrated the efforts of the police to capture him. Some of his jokes in this way are amusing. It appears he surrendered himself to Capt. Crowe, Larch Hill, when the girls were arrested. Of course, the captain sent for a force of police, but when they arrived the illusive Hehir was gone. He thought it was just as well not to wait until they arrived. Evidently one of Andy's maxims is "Second thoughts are better than the first ones." The chagrin of the gallant captain and the men of the "Royal Irish" squad, who were to have returned in triumph with their captive, may be imagined easier than described.

Died, March 8, at Crossard, Rebecca Loppell. John Teague, late of the Ordnance Survey, died on March 7, at Lifford, Ennis. On Feb. 28, at Tarmonroe, Kilmihill, Patrick Joseph Honan, aged 20 years.

Members of the Father Murphy branch of the '98 Centenary association held a meeting in Ennistymon last week.

COREK.

A fatality has been reported from Myross, where a farmer named Coughlan, Caherfall, while taking seed potatoes from Skibbereen workhouse, was killed by falling off the cart at his own door.

A largely attended meeting of Lisgould '98 Centenary club was held on Sunday at Ballingarry. Mr. D. O'Regan presided.

Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, has made the following changes: Rev. Timothy O'Leary, C. C., Glanmire, to be administrator, Mulsterravara, consequent to the retirement through ill health of the respected P. P.; Rev. John Russell, Monkstown, to be C. C., Glanmire; Rev. Wm. Desmond, (Cathedral), chaplain, to be C. C., Monkstown; Rev. David Stack, (Cathedral), chaplain to Presentation Brothers, Mount St. Joseph, to be chaplain North Infirmary and sceritan Cathedral; Rev. Richard J. O'Sullivan, chaplain South Presentation convent, to be chaplain (Cathedral) to Presentation Brothers, Mount St. Joseph.

John Swanton, fisherman, Rathcoursey, died suddenly lately, aged 21 years, deeply regretted. Mrs. Margaret McCarthy, publican, Rathcoursey, and Mrs. Margaret Swanton, the mother of the deceased, were examined by the coroner, and their evidence was to the effect that the deceased, who invariably enjoyed good health for some years past, had lately become alarmed or excited over some arrests which were made by the police in the locality in connection with the late affray in Cork harbor, and that, though not connected with the affair

in any way, yet still he was in constant dread of being arrested himself at any time; and the excitement of the recent arrests so much preyed on his mind that he died suddenly.

With feelings of sincere regret we record the death of a respected member of the community of the Sisters of Mercy, Skibbereen—Mother Mary Joseph Walsh—at the age of 59 years. She was born in Ballingoghig, and having evinced a desire to consecrate herself to the service of God, she was received into the Skibbereen Convent in September, 1860, a few months after its being founded, and was professed by the late Most Rev. Dr. O'Hea, bishop of the diocese. Here she has labored for 38 years. The funeral obsequies commenced in the chapel of the convent of Mercy, Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Most Rev. Dr. Kelly presided at the office and high mass. After the office solemn requiem mass for the dead, of which Rev. James O'Sullivan, Augadown, was celebrant, commenced, Rev. J. Daly, Skibbereen, being deacon, and Rev. J. Burke, Skibbereen, sub-deacon; Rev. Thomas Kearney, R. C. A., master of ceremonies. In the choir were Very Rev. P. Hill, Roscarbery; Rev. J. Walsh, P. P., Belgooly, Kinsale, brother of the deceased; Rev. Father Forrest, Drimoleague; Rev. E. McSweeney, Enniscorney.

The funeral of late Rev. James Stevenson, Bandon, took place on Wednesday. The remains were followed to Britny churchyard by a large number of mourners. The chief officiating clergyman was the Rev. Benjamin Fawcett, rector of Kibrogan, who delivered a touching funeral address. In the course of which he mentioned that at the time his fatal illness seized him the late Mr. Stevenson was engaged in compiling an Irish dictionary, he having been an ardent and enthusiastic student of mother tongue.

Recent deaths in Cork—At Rose Cottage, Blackrock, Feb. 9, Robert A. Sutton. At Harbor View, Queenstown, on March 8, Elizabeth Donnelly, March 9, at Cavendish quay, Bandon, John Murphy, aged 15 years. March 10, at 21 Great George's street, Julia McCarthy, March 4, at Currishall, Farran, Timothy Keane, aged 73 years, father of Rev. J. Keane, New York, March 4, at Ballycussen, Ballyclough, William E. O'Grady, March 4, at Monahaly, Blarney, John Sheehan, March 4, 95 South Main street, Beata, Edmund Hilser. At 53 Blarney street, Denis Wilson, millwright and engineer, March 17, at Ballinlough, Margaret O'Leary, aged 22.

LIMERICK.

Mrs. Denis Begley, Camass, New-castle, West, died March 10, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Abbeyfeale. Deceased was a member of the Third Order.

A meeting of the Limerick county Gaelic board was held at the Commercial hotel, Limerick, last week. Mr. John Malone presided.

There was a representative meeting of the members of the Limerick '98 Centenary association held last week in the Mechanics' Institute, and the business which was transacted was interesting and important. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Whelan.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. John O'Driscoll, Mountfox, Kilmallock, who died recently, was well known in Tipperary. The requiem services were attended by great numbers of priests and laity.

The death of Mr. James Bergin, North Melbourne, Australia, which occurred recently, caused the greatest regret in the districts around Cordely, Galbally, from whence he went to Victoria twenty years ago.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. P. S. Lawrence, Currasilla, Grangemockler, after an illness of two years. He was brother to the late saintly Father Bernard of Mount Mellary Abbey, and also of Rev. Mother Francis, of the Mercy convent, Cappoquin, and of Sister Stanaluis of the Mercy convent, Kilmacothomas.

The death of Mrs. Eliza Hannan, of Tipperary, occurred March 7, at the fine old age of 72 years.

WATERFORD.

Mr. Michael Wyse, of Castle street, Waterford, has received numerous letters of condolence on the death of his son, Henry, at the early age of 20 years. Mr. Wyse was a most ardent follower of the late Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher in 1848, and since has never for an instant swerved from the policy of his leader. He has ever been in the forefront of the struggle for Irish freedom, and will continue so to the end. His son obtained a position in General Post, London, by competitive examination, and having taken up business, it is asserted, the people in charge of his department overworked him to such a degree that his health was destroyed and death

ensued. Mr. Wyse has since for the methods of British government in Ireland, but the treatment of his son will, if possible, intensify the feeling of hatred to alien rule in Ireland.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The memory of Emmet was honored in Belfast. A great demonstration was held in St. Mary's hall. William O'Brien was the orator of the occasion, and Mr. Devlin presided.

John Gilmore, of Doagh, whilst down in a grave in which the remains of a lady named Hunter was to be interred, died suddenly. The awful suddenness of his death and the place wherein it happened gave a fearful shock to all the persons in the cemetery.

ARMAGH.

A dramatic and concert entertainment was given recently in the Market-house, Newtownhamilton, to raise funds to assist Rev. P. Kerley, parish priest, to liquidate the debt on the new church of Cullyhana.

CAVAN.

The members of the Bawnboy Board of Guardians met last week, and among those who attended were Jas. McGovern, chairman; Surg.-Gen. Roe, Major Clifford, Thomas McGovern, John C. Storey, R. H. Johnstone, E. L. Hunt, William Dundas, William Trimble, Bernard Kane, Hugh Reynolds, Pat Mulvey, James Maguire, Patrick Kane, Jacob Condeff, F. McBaron, Laurence Dolan, William Johnston, James Dolan, Hugh Shannon, Alfred Griffith, J. Stoddart and Henry Honeyman. Nothing beyond the usual routine description of business was done.

DERRY.

Mrs. Charles McKenna, late of Magherafelt, died lately at her son-in-law's residence, St. Mary's Terrace, Crumlin Road, Belfast. She was a devout Catholic. The remains were removed for interment to Magherafelt.

Cardinal Logue, at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Magherafelt blessed the new bell that called the Catholics of Magherafelt to mass, Sunday, March 18. The pastor Very Rev. Canon McNeese, Rev. H. McCooey of Ballinderry, and Rev. J. A. McCarr, Maysnooth college, assisted at the consecration.

DONEGAL.

While blasting in connection with the new sewerage works at the Great Northern hotel, Bundoran, were being conducted last week, an explosion occurred by which John Gallagher, aged 30 years, residing at Ardfarna, was killed, and Hugh Murray, also a resident in Bundoran, was severely injured. The force of the explosion was terrific, as Gallagher's body was found on a platform fifteen feet above where the explosion occurred.

At the meeting of Father Murphy '98 club, Donegal, held on Monday, Mr. John Boyce presided. A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of a member, Mr. E. Cassidy, Leghowney. The chairman delivered an address on the Informers of '98. Songs and recitations having been rendered, the meeting adjourned.

DOWN.

The grand jury of the county did not sanction the contract of John Doran, Ballyplant, who agreed to make a new road in Saul for £1,800.

The retreat for the Confraternity of the Holy Family, conducted by Father Clune and Sampson, in the Cathedral, Hill street, Newry, closed on Sunday night. There was a large congregation. After the rosary a hymn in Gaelic was sung by a male choir, specially trained by the Newry Gaelic league, and the effect was most impressive.

FERMANAGH.

When the judge who presided at the recent Spring Assizes for county Fermanagh looked over the list of cases for trial he found only one. He then complimented the grand jury on the satisfactory condition of society in the country. On these occasions the compliments should be paid directly to the people, not the grand jury.

TYRONE.

Strabane is a market town in this county, beautifully situated, on the River Mourne. It has a beautiful Catholic church and a convent of mercy, named St. Joseph. To this is attached an industrial school, all on a picturesque site overlooking the town. A considerable trade in grain, butter, pork and flax is carried on. A short time ago it was computed that 4,000 tons of flax were sold in the town annually. A canal four miles in length connects the town with the Foyle. Population in 1891, 5,013.