

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.

Rev. Henry Cahill, P. F., Abbey-Knockmoy, Tuam, died lately in the monastery of the Brothers of the Third Order of St. Francis, at Brookledge, Ballyglunin, where he had been for some years, owing to bad health. He was born in Tuam in the year 1832. His studies for the sacred ministry were conducted in St. Jarlath's college, Irish college in Paris, and in Louvain. His death is deeply and widely deplored.

The death of Mrs. J. J. Hannon, St. Augustine street, Galway, occurred recently after a few weeks' illness of bronchitis. Two of deceased's daughters have embraced the religious life, one in the Dominican convent, Taylor's Hill, Galway, the other in the convent, Loughrea. Interment was in Fort Hill cemetery, Galway. Funeral cortege long and representative.

A 6-year-old ewe, the property of Patrick Thornton, Carnadoh, Headford, gave birth to five lambs (3 ewes and 2 wethers), on March 14, all living and well. They were photographed by Mr. John McCormack, Headford. It is the only sheep poor Thornton possesses, his holding being only a few acres and very light. The ewe has given birth to 13 lambs in four seasons, 2 in 1895, 4 in 1896, 2 in 1897, 5 in 1898.

A second trial of the lake steamer St. Patrick of Galway city was made during the week, and proved successful. About 50 persons, including the directors and shareholders, availed themselves of the trip to Killbeg. At Mealo and other points crowds collected and cheers were given for the new vessel. Killbeg was reached in good time, and at Murphy's hostelry the excursionists were entertained.

LEITRIM.

Mr. Gallagher of Carrick-on-Shannon, who has invented an excellent machine for making butter, intends to exhibit it at the spring show in Dublin. The labor employed in turning out the machine is absolutely Irish. Baird of Dublin makes the iron fittings, and Bally of Abbey street turns out the churns complete. Mr. Gallagher last year spent close on £1,000 in employing Irish labor in connection with his churns, tweeds and linens. We wish him success.

Mr. Charles Daly, auctioneer, Coachfield, Castlebar, conducted an important auction of house property in Ballyhaunis a few days ago. Two valuable licensed premises, situated in Knox street, were offered for sale. The house presently occupied by Mr. P. Lowry was sold to Mr. Delaney for £295. The premises in occupation of Mrs. McDonnell was sold for £390 to Mr. John Coyne, Cherryfield, Ballyhaunis.

WESTPORT.

An enthusiastic meeting of the West Mayo United Irish league was held at the league rooms, Westport, Sunday, April 3. It was the first meeting since the completion of the Poor law election in Westport union, in which the league completely routed the combined forces of the rent offices and graziers. Mr. William O'Brien turned up at the meeting. The chair was taken by Father Burke, Westport, who pointed to the conduct of the landlords of West Mayo, who, at the Castlebar quarter sessions took out batches of ejectment decrees against their starving tenants, in many cases for very small amounts. Those landlords extracted annually from the vitals of the people thousands and thousands of pounds, but in a year like this, when the charitable public all the world over were making an effort to prevent the tenantry of the western seaboard from dying of starvation, the landlords were not subscribing one penny, instead were exacting their pound of flesh. All this showed the great necessity there was for unity of action among the people in opposition to the common enemy, Mr. William O'Brien, who was enthusiastically received, also spoke.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The Irish language class in Carlow is going ahead. The members are making rapid progress in the language of their forefathers. The following new members were enrolled: Mr. John O'Connell, Mr. William O'Neill, Mr. M. O. O'Connell, Mr. James Doyle. The

KILKENNY.

Miss Darmody, Crowbally, was re-

Commercial club. This is a movement which embraces Irishmen of all creeds and classes, and we call on every one to become members of our class. Persons wishing to join should give their names at once to Mr. Hanrahan. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has declared: "It is not at all difficult for us to preserve the Irish language as a spoken language if we have the will to do it, and, on the other hand, to let it die in our midst would be to throw away a national treasure of great value, and neglect an educational medium of the highest value to our people."

DUBLIN.

On April 6, after a lengthened illness, Father John Gaffney, S. J., died in Milltown Park. Falling health had induced him to remove from Gardiner street, where he had lived for 35 years. For many years he was among the best-known priests in Dublin and the most zealous. Born in 1818, he followed the example of his elder brother, Dean Gaffney, of Maynooth, and went to Rome for his ecclesiastical studies, in which he gained a more than usual success, concluding with a doctorate in the Gregorian University. On returning to Ireland he worked as a secular priest in the diocese of Dublin, and then, in 1843, entered the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus. From that time for nearly 40 years he was identified with the Jesuit church in Gardiner street.

A meeting of the Gaelic league was held recently in 24 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin. Mr. F. H. Perre occupied the chair. Among the letters read was one from F. Jefferson, St. Brieux, Brittany, France, on the condition of the Breton language, in which he pointed out that, notwithstanding the strictures of the French government, that language was making such headway that since 1830 the number of Breton writers increased annually. Mr. Shortall gave a reading from "Fainne-an-Lae," and Mr. Tadig O'Donoghue one from the Gaelic Journal. Mr. Shortall sang a rallying song of the Gaelic league, the audience taking up the air, and afterwards in response to a call gave the "Maid of Ballyhaunis."

Recent deaths.—Brennan—March 19, at Manhattan state hospital, Ward's Island, U. S. A., Patrick Brennan, second eldest son of Patrick Brennan, Ballinacorney, Anagh, county Kerry. Finnegan—April 5, at 50 Ranelagh road, Farrell Finnegan, eldest son of the late Hugh Finnegan, Raheendaw, county Carlow. Fitzpatrick—April 5, at 88 North Brunswick street, Anne Fitzpatrick. Flanagan—April 4, at Trinity street, Drogheda, James Augustine Flanagan. Flynn—April 5, at Castlereagh, Teresa Flynn, merchant. Fuller—April 4, at the presbytery, Castle Gregory, Kerry, Rev. James Fuller, C. C. Harpur—April 4, at Ballinasloe, Frederick Alexander Harpur, aged 68 years. Hynes—April 3, at Grosvenor place, Rathminee, William F. Hynes, aged 76 years. Kennedy—April 5, at Fairview house, Richmond road, Elizabeth Kennedy, 14 Great Denmark street. Maconald—March 29, at Sierra Leone, West Africa, Capt. P. E. C. MacDonald, First West India regiment, of wounds received in action. Moore—April 5, at Church street, Athlone, Mary Moore. O'Connor—April 5, at 9 Clifton terrace, Monkstown, William O'Connor, aged 47 years. Robinson—April 5, at 14 Main street, Bray, Anne Robinson.

KILDARE.

General regret was caused in the neighborhood of Kildare by the sudden death, through accident, of Mr. Michael O'Brien of Rathmuck. He was riding home from Kildare in company with a friend when the horse became restive, and dashed along the road at a furious pace. The trap came into violent collision with a cart, and both men were thrown to the ground. Dr. Power of Kildare was summoned, but he found Mr. O'Brien dead.

Mrs. Catherine May, Garter lane, was found dead in her home recently. On the estate of Viscount Gough recently were evicted Mr. P. Doyle, wife and family and his two brothers of Raheendarragh, Castlemotehill. The farm consists of 141 acres. The national bank is the evictor in this case.

Miss Mary Grace, Ballymore Eustace, died lately. Father Keogh officiated at high mass, Father Heffernan acting as master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Fathers Healy and Cummins.

Members of the William Aylmer '98 club, Kildaremen, in Dublin, held a meeting recently in Foresters' hall, Merchant's quay, Dublin. Mr. O'Hara presided. J. Keogh, C. Timmins and P. Halligan were elected honorable vice-presidents.

KILKENNY.

Miss Darmody, Crowbally, was re-

cently received in the order of St. John of God at the convent, Wexford. Her title in religion is Sister Mary Winifred.

With deep regret we chronicle the death on Sunday of Miss Jane Hughes, only daughter of Mr. Thomas Hughes, Kilmanahan. Kind, charitable, generous and sincere were the traits of her character. The funeral from Kilmanahan to Dungarvan chapel was very long. Office and high mass were celebrated, after which the remains were removed to the family burial place for interment. High mass was celebrated by Rev. John Carroll, with Rev. K. Fitzpatrick and Rev. L. Walsh as deacon and sub-deacon.

KING'S.

Intelligence reached Tullamore last week of a moonlighting outrage which occurred at Brackagh, near Horseleap street. There lives at the place mentioned a herd and small farmer named James McCormack, and he and his family were awakened one night last week by a suffocating sensation. They rushed from their beds at once, and, on examination, discovered that the outbreak of fire, although only in its incipient stage, was making rapid headway with the thatched roof, and that it had been started from outside. Hastily summoning some neighbors, the McCormacks succeeded in extinguishing the flames and in temporarily repairing the damage. However, on the second night after, the house was visited by a party of masked and disguised men, who broke in the doors and windows and made use of violent threats toward the occupants.

Died—March 30, at Shilburne, Patrick Purcell.

LONGFORD.

On Wednesday evening a man named Condrey, in the employment of Mr. Thomas Shanley, Longford, met with a serious accident while carrying a bag of flour up a ladder, when he lost his footing and fell to the ground. He sustained a very severe injury to his head, and Dr. Yorke put three stitches in it.

LOUTH.

On March 29, at 50 West street, Drogheda, died Mrs. Lizzie Winters, aged 41 years. Interment was in St. Peter's cemetery, funeral cortege long.

The news of the death of Mr. Thos. D. McCann was received in Drogheda with universal regret. A member of one of the oldest and most esteemed Catholic families, Mr. McCann had secured the respect and esteem of every one. The interment was in Kilsarvin, the big funeral cortege which accompanied his remains testifying to the large place which the deceased had made for himself during a long and blameless life in the affections of his neighbors.

MEATH.

On Sunday after last mass a meeting of the parishioners of Kells was held in the vestry to take into consideration the question of enlarging the presbytery. This building, which is a century old, is insufficient for the accommodation of the clergy, and the proposal of Mr. Gaughran was that a new wing, which he estimated would cost something like £600 should be added. After viewing the place, however, the meeting came to the conclusion that it would be better to provide an entirely new residence, which, it was considered, could be built at an expenditure of £1,600, and with this view it was eventually decided to obtain an estimate for the work.

Died.—March 30, at 115 Seville place, Dublin, Mary A. Nees, Cornaher, Kildare, county Meath. March 30, at Mullacreegan, Thomas D. McCann, aged 65 years. March 20, at Boye View hotel, Trim, Kathleen, daughter of James and Mary Josephine Higgins, aged 2 years and 9 months. March 25, at 4 Magdalene street, Drogheda, Anne Matthews of Cholpe, aged 80 years. Nell.—At Danestown, Navan, James Nell, aged 80 years. Kelesh—March 20, at the Mater Misericordias hospital, William Vincent, fifth son of the late James Kelesh, Fenner cottage, Slane. March 28, at Ashbourne, Michael McDermott, Primates town.

On Sunday the St. Patricks, Wexford, traveled to Dublin to play a picked team of that city in Jones' road. Tipperary defeated Dublin and Wexford defeated the Parnell Volunteers.

Mrs. Margaret O'Neill, Clonroche, died March 24, deeply regretted.

Alderman Joseph Leary, Wexford, who died lately, was a native of Killinacooly, Killinacridge, and at the time of his death was 82 years of age.

WICKLOW.

Mr. John Deegan, Donard, died recently, aged 74 years. Interment was in Killinacridge; deeply regretted.

The British government, true to its old-time character, "perfidious," treated the gallant patriot Michael

Byrner in an outrageous manner. On condition that he would be permitted to leave Ireland for America, he surrendered; but when the English had a grip upon him they shipped him to Van Dieman's Land as a convict.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The death of Mr. James Sexton, Mill street, Ennis, occurred lately at the age of 83 years.

New national schools are about being erected in Kilrush. A site has been selected by the Very Rev. Dr. Malone.

Mrs. Ellen Moloney, wife of Mr. J. B. Moloney, solicitor, died recently, in Ennis, deeply and widely regretted.

Mr. T. Howard has been elected Poor law guardian for the Dysart division of the Ennis union, and James Lynch for the Clare Abbey division of same union. In the Kildaryarty union Mr. Peter Conway and Mr. John Clancy were elected for the Kildaryarty division, and Mr. John McNamara for the Rinealaw district.

CORK.

An extraordinary occurrence is reported from Ballymacoda, seven miles from Middleton. James Gleeson, a native of Ballymacoda, has written from Warsaw, stating that he has been imprisoned by the Russian authorities, as he had not his credentials to show the circumstances or for what reason he was traveling in Russia. His certificate of birth as an Irishman and other documents testifying to his good reputation have been forwarded to the British consulate at Warsaw in his behalf, and the matter has been also placed in the hands of Capt. Donelan, M. P., with a view of expediting the release of the imprisoned.

Mr. John Burke has been appointed postmaster of Timoleague.

The will of Sir John Arnott of Cork was read Thursday after the funeral. He leaves a princely income to his widow and children, and, in addition, \$200,000, to be distributed in charity.

At the conclusion of the 12 o'clock mass in the church of St. Finbarr, west, Cork city, the impressive ceremony of canonical erection of Stations of the Cross was proceeded with by the Rev. Father Begley, Prior, O. S. F., Ennis. The altar was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a crowded congregation was present. The stations were made in Brugge. A vast amount of money is constantly remitted from Ireland to foreign countries for church furniture, and, considering the deplorable state of the people, it is to be regretted that in some way the money could not be kept in the island. It is passing strange that Stations of the Cross and many other things in Irish churches of a sufficiently artistic character cannot be manufactured in Ireland.

The obsequies of the late Sister Mary Aloysius Conzoga Dunlea took place at the convent of Mercy, Kinsale Monday. The deceased belonged to a most respectable family in Carriguar. Having evinced a desire to lead a religious life, she joined the community of the Sisters of Mercy, Kinsale, about 33 years ago. The obsequies took place in the convent chapel, Kinsale, at 10 o'clock, the pretty little chapel being thronged by the people of the town and of the parish of Courdes, where her brother, the Rev. Denis Dunlea, has been the parish priest for 25 years. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. L. Oummins, Kinsale; deacon, Rev. T. Barrett, Kinsale; sub-deacon, Father Sexton, Kinsale.

The funeral of Sir John Arnott, Bart., of Cork, took place on Thursday, and the cortege was one of the largest and most representative seen in Cork. In every respect it was an index of the high esteem in which the late baronet was held and of the genuine sympathy created by his demise. No class or creed was unrepresented in the great concourse that followed the remains to the grave, and the signs of mourning that were manifested in every quarter of the city, and the massed crowd of sympathetic spectators that lined the funeral route bore eloquent and striking testimony to the public feeling. The funeral, according to the general desire, was of a public character. It included representatives of the municipality in state, the various public boards, commercial companies, the civil authorities, and the professional and mercantile communities. The body was encased in four coffins, the outer one being of solid oak, with heavy brass mounting.

On April 5 a farmer named D. O'Connell of Duneen, near Rosscarbery, died very suddenly. He was going to the Clonakilty railway station, with his daughter, who was taking her departure for America. He was sitting in a cart, when four miles from the town he complained of his feet being

cold, and came out and walked a little. He then went into the cart. His daughter did not notice anything the matter with him until she spoke to him about a mile from the town, and receiving no reply became alarmed, and, when trying to rouse him, she found he was dead.

The thirty-first anniversary of the death of Peter O'Neill Crowley was commemorated on Sunday last at his birthplace, Ballymacoda. The demonstration was carried out under the auspices of the Wolfe Tone Literary society, Cork. After visiting the grave, at which prayers were offered, a meeting was held, at which Mr. T. Gleeson, Lisquinlan, presided. The chairman, in a stirring speech, dwelt on the principles in defense of which O'Neill Crowley sacrificed his life, and concluded with an address in our native tongue. Mr. C. O'Lyhane, chairman of the Wolfe Tone Literary society, then proposed the following resolutions: "1. That we, the nationalists of Ballymacoda and the surrounding districts, in honoring the memory of Peter O'Neill Crowley, declare our steadfast allegiance to the sacred principles of liberty for which he laid down his life, and pledge ourselves to perpetuate them by every means in our power." "2. That we call on the government to release the Irish political prisoners now suffering a living death in British dungeons." Mr. O'Lyhane, in proposing the resolutions, referred to the immense revival of national sentiment that was now taking place throughout the land, and expressed the hope that the noble sacrifice made by Crowley and his compatriots would never fade from the memories of the Irish people. Mr. J. O'Carroll seconded the resolutions, which were supported by Mr. J. Bonayne, Middleton, who in the course of an able speech impressed on the meeting the necessity of forming a local branch of the Amnesty association.

KERRY.

Mr. M. J. Nolan, chairman Lister board of guardians, was unanimously re-elected to that position for the ensuing year.

The Killarney board of guardians has two lady members, Lady Castle-rose and Mrs. Leonard.

A shocking accident occurred recently on the Tralee and Fentl railway. While a boy named Davis, aged 18, was engaged in shunting operations at Fentl pier he fell off the buffer on to the line. The engine passed over the unfortunate youth, cutting off both legs below the knee joints. He lies in the county infirmary at Tralee in a critical condition. He is a native of Taulaght.

We regret to chronicle the unexpected death of Rev. James Fuller, C. C., Castlegregory, April 6. The deceased was only 28 years of age, and had spent about three years in the mission. He was a son of Stephen Fuller, Kilsfigney, Lixnaw, and nephew of the Rev. T. Fuller, P. P., Kilmucmin. The deceased clergyman was apparently a man of robust health. He contracted an attack of influenza but no one imagined that the slight attack would terminate fatally.

LIMERICK.

Mr. Robert Coll, Maidstone castle, Bruree, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the county.

Mr. Michael Fitzgibbon, who had been during 50 years clerk of the Rathkeale board of guardians, died lately.

Rev. Father Connolly, C. C., Kilmallock, has been appointed to Rathkeale in succession to Rev. Father Lister, who is appointed parish priest of Kilmeeley.

Limerick Catholic Literary Institute in last annual report stated that the membership during past year had increased by 53, making a total of 363. Still those in charge state it is considerably under what it should be in such a genuinely Catholic centre as the "City of the Violated Treaty."

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. John McKnight, cooper, Limerick, which took place at Lower Gerald Griffin street. The deceased was in failing health; therefore his demise was not unexpected. Nevertheless it was much and widely regretted. He took a prominent part in organizing the anniversary celebration in honor of the Manchester martyrs, and discharged the duties of secretary of the '98 association up to a few weeks before his death.

TIPPERARY.

Sister Mary Bridget O'Shea of the convent of Mercy, Drangan, died on March 26, at the early age of 19 years. She was a niece of the late Dean Quirk of Cashel and of the late Father O'Shea, Cashel. Another niece was a distinguished teacher in the Christian Brothers' Order.

Mrs. James Considine, wife of the

ex-teacher of the Cloughen national school, died March 26 at the age of 63 years.

The death of Mr. Denis Anderson, Moanmore, Tipperary, occurred on March 29, aged 68 years. Interment was in Droon, county Limerick.

The death of Rev. Father Egan, parish priest of Ballywilliam and Youghalarra, near Nenagh, on April 4, caused great sorrow to be felt by his parishioners. Father Egan reached the patriarchal age of 83. He spent 23 years as parish priest of Ballywilliam and Youghalarra.

WATERFORD.

A great public meeting was held April 4 in the Theatre Royal, Waterford City, to establish a '98 centenary committee. The mayor presided, and all parts of the house were crowded with an enthusiastic audience. The mayor, having opened the proceedings said that it was contemplated to start an Independent association in Waterford.

A public house in the village of Mothel, near Carrick-on-Suir, the property of William Shanahan, was burned.

Patrick Whelan, who lived on the Old Road, Traamore, died recently at the extraordinary age of 106 years.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The four-masted ship Lord Templemore of Belfast, from Calcutta to Dundee, with jute, put into the Humbler for shelter, and sent a boat ashore, which reported that the commander, Capt. Percy, his son, aged 7, and an apprentice named Duffton, died on the passage from the Westward Island, and were buried at sea. Capt. Percy was a native of Belfast, and Duffton belonged to county Meath.

The new church of St. Vincent de Paul, Ligoniel, will be solemnly opened on June 12 evening. Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry will dedicate the edifice; Rt. Rev. Dr. Lyster, bishop of Achonry, will preach in the morning, and Very Rev. Father Convery, P. F., Cushendall, in the evening. The total cost of the structure is \$16,000, \$5,000 of which remains due.

ARMAGH.

Two magnificent stained glass windows have just been completed in the southern aisle of the National Cathedral, Armagh.

CAVAN.

On March 28 died in Ballisborough, Mary Florence Kellett, deeply regretted. Interment in Killinkera.

DONEGAL.

Died.—At Lurgan, Ballintra, on March 27, Mrs. Ann Diver, aged 91. The remains were interred in Ballintra Catholic church yard.

Mr. Patrick Doherty, Castlebane, Castleberg, died on March 27, aged 60 years.

The death of Mr. Edward Boyle, merchant, Dungloe, has caused great sorrow in the district. During the "Star Chamber" regime of Balfour, in Land League days, Mr. Boyle preferred to go to jail rather than to answer questions put to him by the magistrates.

James Gallagher of Kinaughty, Ardara, was found dead near his house on March 20.

DOWN.

A dynamite accident occurred on No. 4 section of the Belfast waterworks, and a man named Thomas Quill and a boy, William John Dolly received serious injuries.

We regret to record the death of the Very Rev. Father John Cowan, rector of the Irish college of Salamanca, Spain, which was telegraphed to Most Rev. Dr. McGivern on Friday.

MONAGHAN.

We deeply regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Charles Laverty of Castleblaney, which occurred at the age of 69 years, on March 28. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Castleblaney in recent years.

In the cathedral of St. Macartin two most imposing ceremonies were conducted recently, one being the observance of the feast of the patron saint of the diocese, and the other the annual renewal of the temperance pledge in connection with the Monaghan branch of St. Patrick's League of the Cross.

TYRONE.

Mr. John Malone, coroner, held an inquest on the body of a respectable farmer, Mr. James Watters, of Lower Back, in the house of Mr. William Reid at Drumgormel, who succumbed to injuries received on Thursday evening by being thrown out of a trap. The deceased was a widower and 58 years of age. Verdolot, accidental death.

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