

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.

Sister Augustine Burke of the convent of Mercy, Galway, died lately deeply regretted.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Charles O'Loughlin, Dunmore, son of Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin, selector.

Great improvements are being made in the Abbey convent and church, Loughrea, by the Carmelite Fathers.

LEITRIM.

Mr. Michael Murphy presided at a recent meeting of the Emmet branch of the '98 Centenary association in Fenagh, Sunday.

MAYO.

Miss Mary Margaret Vahey of Claremorris was recently received into the Order of Mercy in the Ballyhounis convent.

The congested district board (Ireland), has purchased 413 farms for £10,000.

Father Nolan, P. P., Killala, was recently suffering from an attack of bronchitis, but is now improving.

Mary Connor, Castlebar, died lately at the extraordinary age of 103 years.

Rev. Michael O'Donnell, parish priest, Kilmonea, died April 9, aged 90 years.

Mr. Stephen Mannion, Ballindine, N. S., and Mr. Denis Gallagher, Curran, N. S., were among the teachers whose answerings at the July examinations of 1897, and subsequently at an oral test, was of such a satisfactory character as to entitle them to be registered as competent to teach Irish and to earn results fees for the proficiency of their pupils in the Irish language.

ROSCOMMON.

Patrick Naughton, aged 26 years, of Moneabeg, near Rooskey, was found dead in the cowhouse near his home last week.

SLIGO.

The death of Mr. O'Hara of Annaghmore lately was deeply and widely regretted. Deceased was one of the representatives of the oldest and most respected families in the county.

Mr. James P. Collieran has been elected chairman of the Tobarcurry board of guardians, defeating Mr. John O'Dowd by five votes.

A branch of the Irish National Federation was lately established in Ballygish, Mr. John O'Dowd, county delegate and provincial organizer, was present.

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N. F. was held on Sunday, Mr. Patrick Clerkin, president, in the chair.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

At a special meeting of the Carlow Town Commissioners, Mr. M. Governor, chairman, presiding, Mr. Hammond, M. P., proposed that the Irish Education Act of 1892 be adopted and enforced in the borough of Carlow.

DUBLIN.

The great congress of national school teachers in Ireland was held in Royal University building, Dublin, April 12.

A terrible disaster occurred lately off Howth, resulting in the loss of four lives. The fishing boat Maggie, belonging to Howth, was at sea, when she met with a terrible storm.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Bergin—April 8, at 74 Lower Dorset street, George Bergin, aged 81 years.

March 30, at Dunkellan street, Loughrea, county Galway, Mr. James Flynn, aged 95 years.

April 8, at 11 Monck place, Pultborough, James Hughes. Phelan—April 5, at 26 Denmark street, late of 7 St. Mary's lane, David Phelan. Smyth—April 7, Richard J. B. Smyth, at South Anne street, aged 32 years.

April 8, at 13 Lower Dominick street, William Boland, aged 42 years. Curran—April 8, Good Friday, at St. Patrick Dun's hospital, Katie Curran, aged 19 years.

KILDARE.

The premises of Wallis & Co., carriers, Newbridge, were recently destroyed by fire. Two children of Mr. Connolly were almost lost in the fire.

At a meeting of the Naas school attendance committee, at which Rev. Father Morrin, P. P., and Mr. Denis Donohoe, T. C., were present, the report of the Inspector, Mr. Thomas Laoy, was read.

KILKENNY.

The interment of Mr. Obins, who kept a provision store in Maryborough, took place in Ballyouiskill last week.

The death of Rev. Thomas Quinn, P. P., Rasharkin, county Antrim, occurred suddenly on April 11. Sunday previous he celebrated mass in Plains church, and during Holy Week attended the services in Belfast.

KING'S.

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It was closed on Sunday by Father McNamears giving the papal benediction and the renewal of baptismal vows.

LONGFORD.

At a meeting of the tenants on the Ratholme Annaly estate, Rev. Father O'Reilly presiding, the following resolution, proposed by Mr. William Farrell, seconded by Mr. John Bhatigan, was passed unanimously.

MEATH.

Mr. C. H. Burns, Church street, Kells, was found dead in bed lately. The coroner's jury found that death was due to heart disease.

QUEEN'S.

A carpenter named Lalor, aged 60 years who lived at Ross, near Maryborough, died suddenly last week.

WESTMEATH.

Died—April 4, at 68 South Circular road, Dublin, Frances O'Connell, Millmount, Mullingar, aged 58 years.

April 3, at Anne street, Enniskillen, Joseph R. Downes, son of the late Joseph Downes. On April 7, Mr. Christopher Gallagher, Grevelistree, Mullingar, aged 25 years.

Mr. Patrick Daly, son of Mr. Peter Daly, chairman of the Mullingar Town Commissioners, was found dead in his bed last week.

WEXFORD.

The new bridge, which, during the past year, has been in the course of construction over the Slaney at Ederville, has been opened for traffic.

On Sunday a deputation from Sutton's parish, consisting of John Murphy, John Kenny, Thomas E. Quirke and James Molloy, travelled to Galbally to present an illuminated address and purse of sovereignty to Rev. Thomas M. Ryan, C. C., as a mark of the great esteem and affection in which he was held by his late parishioners.

On April 3 a large and enthusiastic meeting of the men of Oulart and the Ballagh was held in Ballyboy, under the shadow of historic Oulart, to bring the parishioners into line with the other men of Wexford to honor the brave men who fought for their country's freedom in '98.

WICKLOW.

Miss Wall, Knockeen, was lately received into the order of St. John of God at the convent of the order in Wexford. Her religious title is Sister Mary Peter.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Mrs. P. Curtin, Kiltinora, died on the 12th of March, deeply and widely regretted.

John Considine, Ennis, died suddenly near the causeway, Church street, recently.

A body of the R. I. C., under District Inspector Rice and Head Constable Scully, Ennis, proceeded to the house of Pat Cunningham, caretaker of the Ennis water works and a well-known local Nationalist, at Drumbiggle, and made a search for arms.

CORK.

A great fleet of Manx and Arlow fishing craft is lying in Berehaven ready to commence the "harvest of the sea."

Doctor Magner of South Mall, Cork, Nationalist, was lately elected Poor Law Guardian of the Blackrock division, Cork Union. He is the first Nationalist to represent that division since the passing of the Poor Law act in Ireland.

Daniel Lynch, John Kelleher and P. C. Kelleher have been elected Poor Law Guardians for the Macroom division of the Macroom Union.

The election of Poor Law Guardians for the Millstreet Union came off last week. In the Durragh electoral division Mr. Jeremiah O'Connor, sitting guardian, was opposed by Mr. Patrick O'Leary.

Recent deaths in Cork.—Sharkey—On April 5, at 15 Langford Row, Denis Sharkey, master stone cutter.

On April 6, at Bathpeacon, Johannan McSwiney, aged 80 years. Dinneen—April 4, at Watergate street, Bandon, Daniel Dinneen (late of 42 Nile street, Cork), aged 70 years.

April 8, at Dripsey, Mary Rogers. Sheffield—April 7, at Abalakey, Clonakilty, Jane Anne Sheffield. Condon—April 7, at Patrick street, Fermoy, Ellen Condon. McCarthy—On April 7, at Clounavrick, Hannah McCarthy, daughter of John Ahern, Droumattimore.

O'Grady—On Good Friday, at Ballyrushen, Malloy, Jane O'Grady. O'Sullivan—On April 8, 1898, Johannan O'Sullivan, aged 78 years. Fitzgibbon—On April 6, at Fort West, Charleville, Thomas Fitzgibbon, aged 70 years.

The competition in recitation, singing and dancing, which came off at Macroom lately under the auspices of the Macroom branch of the Gaelic League, forms an important epoch in the reviving of our old language and customs. The convent schools kindly placed at the disposal of the Gaelic League by the Sisters of Mercy, were tastefully decorated by the ladies' branch. The number of competitors entered in the various departments necessitated an early start.

KERRY.

Castleisland had a sensation April 10, when George Melville Boynton, who is walking around the world for a \$50,000 wager, arrived there. He started from San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 18. During his stay in Killarney and Castleisland he was the guest of J. D. Sheehan, Innistallen hotel, and Maurice Murphy of the Crown hotel.

The election for Poor Law Guardians to Killarney Union are over. There are two new guardians, viz. Lady Castellinos and Mr. Randall McSweeney, who take the places of Mrs. Leonard and Mr. D. J. Connihan.

LIMERICK.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Bride Melville, nee Keogh, niece of the late Mr. John Banks, Roxboro road, Limerick, which happened in Dublin recently.

On Saturday at Newcastle West depositions were taken in the case in which John Curtin, Cornelius Mulcahy and William Beldy are charged "that on Feb. 28, at Gortnaclohy, they did with firearms and faces blackened, by night unlawfully rise and assemble, appear and fire shots to the terror of her Majesty's subjects, and also did thereby unlawfully attempt to compel James Benoh to quit his dwelling house and service and employer."

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Miss Ada Johnston, daughter of Mr. William Johnston, M. P., of Ballykilbeg, county Down, was received into the Catholic Church by Father McCauley in St. Patrick's Memorial church, Downpatrick, Easter Sunday. Miss Johnston is a highly accomplished and learned lady.

TIPPERARY.

The death took place lately of Rev. Father Ryan, Ballywilliam and Youngshill. Deceased was 68 years of age.

John Boland, aged 18 years, died in Cashel hospital during the week from injuries sustained in a football game.

John Stapleton of Cashel, when travelling in a train from Thurles last week somehow fell out of the cars and was seriously injured.

A meeting was held at Dangan, and a '98 Centenary club established for the Kilmore district. Another very successful meeting was held on Sunday last, when many members joined.

A special meeting of the Ballingarry '98 club was held on Sunday evening, Mr. Jeremiah Dinneen presiding.

WATERFORD.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas Slattery, solicitor, which occurred lately at his residence, Mayfield, Lismore. He was 69 years old. His remains were conveyed from his residence to the chapel at Lismore, where solemn high mass and office were celebrated, seven priests officiating. The funeral started for the New Cemetery, and was attended by merchants, traders and members of the legal profession in Fermoy and Lismore.

A public meeting convened by the mayor, Mr. Henry Grainger, was held in the Theatre Royal, Waterford city, Monday. Every part of the theatre was crowded with an enthusiastic audience.

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TYRONE.

The funeral of Mrs. James Kelly, Dungannon, took place on Friday amidst manifestations of profound sorrow.

ULSTER.

Mr. John Byrne of Belfast recently gave \$250 to the Irish Parliamentary fund through Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P.

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conversion will help to dispel the clouds of religious bigotry which envelops the mind of Mr. Johnston.

A meeting of the Irish Women's association was held in the Rosemary street lecture hall, Belfast. Miss O'Leary, president, occupied the chair.

ARMAGH.

Patrick Kinsella, who had served in the mounted police in counties of Armagh and Tyrone, and was retired on pension, died suddenly last week in the store of David Gillispie, English street, Armagh.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Arthur McSherry, Loughgilly. He was born at Glenane, Loughgilly, in 1827. He received the last rites of the Church from his son, the Rev. J. McSherry, O. M. I.

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CAVAN.

P. Carroll and J. Traynor, national school teachers, represented East Cavan in the great congress of teachers opened in Dublin April 12.

A meeting of Cooteshill Grattan Volunteer club was held on Sunday. Mr. Patrick McCabe presided.

DERRY.

The Great Congress of national teachers opened in Dublin April 12, and among them was Mr. T. Clarke, Coleraine, and Mr. D. Forgave, who represented Derry and Limavady.

DONEGAL.

A new weaving factory will soon be established near Ballintra. The people of the locality are rejoicing, as it will give employment to many persons much in need of it just now.

DOWN.

Sunday the first mass in the new church at Teconnaught was celebrated by the Rev. James McArdie, Crossgan, parish priest of Kilmora. Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, bishop of Down and Connor, will dedicate the sacred edifice during the month of August.

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