

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.

On May 2, in the Mater Misericordiae hospital, Dublin, died Mrs. Thomas Walsh, Roundstone, aged 58 years, sincerely regretted by relatives and acquaintances.

John Leonard, a farmer's son, Ahascragh, lost his life through an accident in a football match in Arascragh on Sunday. The sad affair was purely accidental.

Dr. Percy Kilkelly, conducting with such success the plague operations at Poonah, India, is from county Galway, son of Surgeon-Major R. Kilkelly of Drimcoog, near Clifden.

We regret to record the death of Canon O'Dwyer, Dunmore, the genial, good natured pastor. His was a long, active life of missionary usefulness. For over thirty years he fought in Connemara for his people and their faith against hunger and superstition. Father Austin was as fine a man physically as one could meet in a day's walk and was intellectually endowed with great powers of mind. Thirty years ago he was appointed parish priest of Kilkerrin and Clonberne. Five years ago, on the death of Canon Jeremiah McEvilly, he was appointed parish priest of Dunmore. On Tuesday at 11 o'clock the remains were conveyed to the chapel, followed by a long funeral cortege. High mass of requiem was solemnized.

LEITRIM.

Mr. Bernard O'Connor, late of Moolhill, died in his daughter's home, Killashee street, Longford, April 28, deeply regretted.

Terence McDonnell was found dead March 12, at Clooneen, near Lurganboy, on the Manorhamilton road. But as far as no person has been accused of causing his death, though the police seem to have some idea of foul play. This is the usual way with the R. I. C. when these cases are reported to them. They commence a mysterious course, and probably arrest some innocent person or persons on suspicion.

A magnificent demonstration in honor of the heroes of '98 was held in Drumkeeran April 24. Sligo, Cavan and North Leitrim were fully represented. Bands with flags accompanied Killargue, Killenuremy, Geevagh, New Bridge and Drumkeeran contingents.

MAYO.

Miss Maggie Vahey, daughter of late Mr. Patrick Vahey, Ballygliee, died May 8, aged 28 years, at the home of her brother, 21 Havelock Square, Dublin.

Henry Joyce, Cloonadeen, Kilmalme, who had been evicted, was lately reinstated in his old home.

We regret to record the death, which occurred recently, of Mr. P. W. Rafferty, Irish House, Claremorris, at the age of 67 years.

Father O'Toole, Kilmenna, is erecting a new parochial house, and the people of the parish, as a slight mark of the esteem in which they hold him, carried the building material to the site of the new structure.

O'Hara & Co's draper establishment, corner of Upper Bridge and Mill streets, Westport, was recently destroyed by fire. The landlord of the premises is Mr. Thomas Murray, and it had been built but two years, after a similar accident. Loss is estimated at \$12,500.

Died—April 28, at Turlough, in the 60th year of his age, Mr. John Jennings, C. B. O. At Furlmoyle, Louisburgh, 29th of April, Mrs. Anna McEneaney, aged 78 years. April 21, John O'Callaghan, warden H. M. prison, Castlebar. At Lucan street, Castlebar, 22nd of April, aged 72 years, Mr. Patrick Waters, victualler and cattle dealer.

ROSCOMMON.

At the Ursuline Convent, Sligo, April 14, Sister Mary St. Anthony, eldest daughter of Richard Giblin, Buckfield house, Roscommon, received the black veil from Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Lord Bishop of Elphin. A most impressive sermon was delivered by the bishop.

At Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a great number of children in the parish church of Boyle last week.

SLIGO.

Drumcliffe has lost one of its most representative men, and Carney one of its most respectable inhabitants by the death of Mr. James Boughan. He died at a good old age on Sunday. As a surveyor he gave great satisfaction to his clients, as a man in business he was honest and upright, as a neighbor he was found true and considerate, and as an Irishman he was an uncompromising Nationalist.

Mr. Thomas Higgins, Collooney, died lately at the age of 40 years. The cortege that accompanied his remains for interment was long and represented all classes. Rev. P. J. O'Grady, Collooney, Rev. T. Quinn, Collooney, and Rev. M. Dempsey, Ballinacarrow, officiated at Ballisodare graveyard.

In the Ursuline Convent, Sligo, lately, Sister Mary St. Anthony received the black veil from Rt. Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin. She is a daughter of Mr. Richard Giblin, Buckfield house, Roscommon.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, on Sunday, May 1, solemnly consecrated the cemetery in Rathvilly. Immediately after high mass at 11 o'clock, a. m., in St. Patrick's church, a procession was formed from the church to the cemetery, where the blessing and dedication to St. Patrick, patron of Rathvilly parish, took place. A sermon appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Rev. Father Nicholson, C. S. S. R. Mr. Thomas Byrne, brother of the late Father Byrne of Carlow Graigue, died at Kiltrush, near Athy, recently. Deceased was widely known and very popular. Two of his brothers have pre-deceased him in three months. All were deeply and widely regretted in their own country and in the United States.

DUBLIN.

A grand concert was given in the Mauston House, Dublin, May 12, in aid of the Fund for the Relief of Distress in the West and South of Ireland. It is needless to remark that a good sum was obtained for the relief of the sufferers from British misrule. Mr. Patrick Kennedy, late of Dublin metropolitan police department and father of the Rev. P. J. Kennedy, S. J., New Orleans, La., died May 8, at 9 Pleasant place, Dublin, deeply and widely regretted.

Recent deaths.—Burke—May 2, at 27 Upper Mountpleasant avenue, Kathleen Eileen Burke, aged 8 years and 7 months. Dodd—May 3, at 5 Barrow street. Patrick D. Dodd, for over 60 years a faithful employee of the D. W. W. railway company. Doyle—May 3, at Seapoint house, Irishstown, Thomas Doyle, aged 57 years. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. Doyle—May 3, at 16 Warburgh street, Charles Doyle, (late of Bride street.) Dunne—May 3, at the Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross, Mary Anne, late of 16 Nelson street, only daughter of Kate and the late Lawrence Dunne. Ennis—March 25, at the Hospital, Salsburgh, South Africa, Edward Ennis, 24 Mountjoy street, aged 27 years. Farrell—May 2, at Madame Stevens' hospital, James Farrell, late of Brabazon street. Marlow—May 3, 28 Mary's abbey, Anne Marlow; widow of the late John Marlow. Flynn—May 2, at Belgium, Augustine Francis Flynn, Ashgrove house, Palmerston park. Lowe—May 3, at Moyné, Templemore, county Tipperary, John Lowe. Redmond—May 3, at 22 Windsor terrace, Haroldscross, Mary Redmond, Leeson street. Shanley—May 4, at the Richmond asylum, Mrs. Mary Shanley, fond wife of P. J. Shanley, 7 Usher's island.

KILDARE.

Mrs. Mary Nolan, Swordlestown, Naas, died recently, aged 68 years. Solemn requiem services were held in the church at Twomilehouse and were numerously attended, as was the funeral.

Mrs. Catherine Price of Grangemellon, near Athy, died suddenly lately from a pain in the ear.

Mr. James Brennan died suddenly at his residence, Barrow house, near Athy, Thursday. He was in Athy the same morning and expired shortly after his return home. He was father-in-law of Mr. William Kealy, publican, of Athy.

KILKENNY.

The hurling match played at Ballytruckle, Waterford city, on Sunday, between the teams of Thurles and Moynoclan, was one of the best contested ever witnessed in this part of the country. Rarely has greater skill been shown, and all were satisfied that an exhibition of the Irish game such as could hardly be excelled in any part of Ireland has been witnessed.

The play was very even for the first half, although it was evident that in the art of scoring the Tipperary players took a slight lead. The way in which the Quinns, Smith, Deady and Keefe played for Moynoclan evoked great praise. The report does not say which of the teams was victorious.

We regret to chronicle the death of Rev. Nicholas Vereker of Kilmaccon, which happened in Wilton, New Zealand, in February last. He was ordained in St. John's college, Waterford, in 1855, and during thirteen years had devoted his services to the people in Dunedin, Riverton, Invercargill and Wilton. He was aged 35 years. Thousands of people attended his funeral.

Richard Egan, one of the five evicted tenants on the Curraghmore (Murphy) estate reports that an ex-politico named Barton, who lived in Intestige, has been planted in his farm. The case of the Curraghmore evicted tenants is a hard one, but they bore their sufferings with fortitude, believing that they would once more occupy their old places. The estate belongs to Mr. Murphy at Mount Loftus, Gorebridge, and it is in chancery. It comprises some of the poorest land—if land it can be called—in the county Kilkenny, and is situated on a brow of hill on the western side of Tullougher. Should a sufficient number of "Bartons" be found by the landlord the cause of the tenants is lost. Barton the First should be made feel the displeasure of the people so much as to make it a matter of "sidedadding." It would be a good example for other "Bartons."

KING'S.

Unknown persons entered the Clonoghilly cemetery, near Birr, some weeks ago and did considerable damage to the graves and monuments therein. The conduct has caused considerable indignation.

Rev. Fathers Hayes and Rutledge of the Redemptorist Order completed the first week of their mission in St. Brendan's Catholic church, Birr. A remarkable incident occurred during the week in connection with the mission, and the sudden departure of the First Battalion Leinster Regiment for service abroad. The officers and men, headed by their band and fringed on either side by a procession of civilians, marched from the barracks to the church, about one mile in distance. At the conclusion of the Holy Sacrifice the Rev. Father Rutledge delivered a touching parting address to the regiment, and the regiment knelt before the altar and received the priest's blessing, accompanied by a devout prayer for their future prosperity and happiness.

LONGFORD.

Mr. Patrick J. Dardis, Battery road, Longford, died May 1, aged 26 years. After requiem services in St. Mel's cathedral, the remains were removed for interment in Russagh, county Westmeath.

On Sunday, April 24, was laid the foundation stone of the new convent of St. Elizabeth, Edgeworthstown, Longford. Rt. Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, officiated and Father Phelan of the Society of Jesus preached an eloquent sermon.

LOUTH.

Patrick MacArt, who recently returned from America, and lives in Newtownard, has been arrested for an alleged assault on a James Brennan, Sergeant Doyle, Tallowstown, it is said, arrested MacArt.

The number of children to whom Cardinal Logue administered the Sacrament of Confirmation recently in St. Peter's, Drogheda, was six hundred.

MEATH.

The quarterly meeting of Navan Teachers' association was held in Navan national school on April 28.

Miss Anne Gough, sister of late Rev. Patrick Gough, pastor, Moyné, died May 3 at Julianstown, deeply regretted. Interment was in Stamullen; funeral cortege long.

Father Casey of Kells, sustained severe injuries by being thrown from his trap outside Mr. Cahill's door, at Church street, Kells, lately. The horse bolted near the railway station and was only stayed when he collided with the corner of Mr. Cahill's house. He is progressing toward recovery.

QUEEN'S.

James Sheeran, son of John Sheeran, Ballinakil, died May 1, at 107 Hollybank road, Drumcondra. The remains were interred in Clonking cemetery.

WESTMEATH.

Mr. J. E. Foley, eldest son of Capt. Foley of Ballinderry House, Mullingar, has been appointed manager of the Imperial Railway in China.

WEXFORD.

The tenants on the estate of the Misses Furlong and Mrs. Killeens, near Gorey, are buying their holdings at eighteen years' purchase.

Captain Richard Kearon, of Arklow, well known in New Ross, died suddenly at his home in Arklow lately. He had delivered a cargo of coal in New Ross, said he did not feel well, and would go home for a few days, but had not been at home one hour when he died. Captain Kearon was well liked in the ancient town of New Ross. He was aged 60 years.

Mr. James Furlong, well remembered in the county Wexford for the patriotic part he took in the Land League movement, writes to a friend in New Ross the pleasing intelligence that he and his family are in good circumstances in Sydney. Mr. Furlong was evicted from his farm in Old Ross by Lord Carew, and about two years ago he joined his son in Sydney, who is the proprietor of a hotel in 691 George's street, in that city.

WICKLOW.

Charles Maher, native of Baltinglass, was killed at the station of the Great Southern and Western Railway, Malton, county Cork, lately, by being knocked down and run over by a wagon while shunting.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Tulla (Upper) is the largest barony in this county, containing 84,920 acres. In 1841 the population of the barony was 30,186; but in 1891 the same area had only 13,558 persons living on it. Houses on same in 1841 numbered 4,991; but in 1891 the cruel laws of England and the callous hearted landlords had reduced the number to 2,291.

CORK.

Richard Croker arrived at Queens-town April 29 from New York. He soon afterward journeyed to Cork to pay a visit to his cousin, E. J. O'B. Croker, manager of the Cork, Bandon and South Coast railway. Mr. Croker engaged rooms at the Imperial hotel, where he intends sojourning. He will go to Malton to see the house where he was born. Mr. Croker is an Irishman, and occupies a leading position in New York. He is boss of Tammany Hall.

Recently the solemn and impressive ceremony of the profession of a nun took place at the Mercy Convent, Carlow, when Helena M. O'Sullivan, daughter of Mr. M. O'Sullivan, Drimoleague, received the black veil of the Order of Mercy. The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

Recent deaths. On April 24, at St. Finbarr's, Cork, Margaret Metelida, tenth lady Moore, daughter of the late Andrew Ryan O'Connor of Killgobbin House, Pallinacoe, and sister to the late Forrest O'Connor, Mount Pleasant, Dublin. This talented lady was niece to the late Thomas English of Blinap Mills, Cork, and was closely related to the late of the Earls of Clear. April 5, at San Francisco, Cal., John Cummings, husband of Mary E. Cummings (nee Murphy), Bandon road, Cork. April 28, at Nile street, Henry Casey, aged 80 years. April 29, at 61 Ballyhooly road, Ellen Bennett. April 29, at College road, Thomas Williams, formerly of Douglas, aged 78 years. April 29, at 89 Sunday's Well, Mary Frances, the beloved child of John and Bridget Walsh, aged 3 years and 7 months. April 27, at Rathoormac, Ellen Aherne. April 27, at Mitchells-town, Catherine Power, aged 80 years. At Groine, Ballyalough, Mary Anne Lombard, second daughter of the late John Lombard. April 26, John Kelleher, Gurrane, Donoughmore (late of Ballymorishan, Grenagh) aged 80 years. April 27, at West End, Mal-low, Daniel Lehane, aged 67 years.

Rev. Francis Murphy, son of the late Mr. Daniel Murphy, Belleville, Cork, died recently in the college of the Society of Jesus, Melbourne, Australia. As professor in Clongowes college, Sallina, county Kildare, Ireland, sixty years since, he was founder and first president of the famous Historical Debating society, in which Thomas Francis Meagher learned to be an orator. From Clongowes Father Murphy was sent to Louvain to read theology. He ended a long and brilliant course by a Solemn Grand Act—a rare distinction, even among distinguished students of theology. In the page of preface to the theses, which he had to defend against all comers, there is, according to the old

custom, an elaborate dedication to his uncle, the Most Rev. John Murphy, bishop of Cork, who governed the diocese of Cork for many years, and was deputed by his colleagues to accompany Archbishop Murray to Rome and defend the rights of Ireland on the veto question. Father Murphy returned from Louvain to Clongowes, and remained as master for some years in the college. About the year 1850 he was removed to Dublin, and after some years' teaching in Belvedere college, he began his career of missionary labor in Gardiner street. When the Australian mission was committed to the Irish province of the society, he volunteered for Australia, and set off one morning for his distant mission without farewells. After many years of labor he has now passed away at the great age of 84 years.

The new parish church at Grouthaine (Queenstown Junction) was solemnly consecrated to divine service Sunday by Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork. The foundation was laid June 26, 1896.

KERRY.

Joseph Griffin, farmer and fisherman of Cunnanna harbor, dropped dead on the pier. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss.

Mr. Alfred Doran, unanimously elected Master of the Kenmare Workhouse, in room of the late Master, Mr. James O'Shea, who resigned, has declined to accept the office, and consequently another election will have to take place. The salary attached to the position is £50 per annum, with rations and apartments. There are six candidates in the field.

Rev. W. J. Byrne, Caherciveen, has been transferred to Castlegregory. Rev. Denis Brosnan, C. C., to Caherciveen.

Tracee bailiffs employed by the Sub-Sheriff, Mr. T. Goodman, sought to take possession of the dwelling house and premises in the Main street recently held by Mr. J. Brosnan, dyer and hairdresser, the landlord being Mr. Charles Meagher, general hardware merchant. The bailiffs found that the front door and window shutters had been fastened with heavy nails, and how to take possession baffled their ingenuity. A large crowd which collected and made itself obnoxious in the interest of Brosnan and conspicuously hostile to the landlord, had to be dispersed. The bailiffs ultimately effected an entrance to Brosnan's house from Mr. Meagher's back premises, and thence to the upper back window of the tenant's residence. Possession was then handed over to Mr. Meagher.

LIMERICK.

Miss Kate Corboy, daughter of the late Michael Corboy, Pallasgreen, and sister of the Rev. J. Corboy, Stella-on-Tyne, England, was professed a member of the Order in the convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, lately. Her religious title is Sister Mary Vincent. In same convent and same time was professed Miss Mary Bowman, daughter of the late Mr. Denis Bowman, Ardpatrick, Kilmine, who assumed the religious title of Sister Mary Kevin.

Regret is felt by all classes in the parishes of Croagh and Kilmilly at the removal of the Rev. J. Conway. The reverend gentleman while in these parishes endeared himself to all. He looked after the children of the parishes and imparted to them a sound knowledge of the Christian doctrine. It was indeed a touching sight to witness the parting of Father Conway from his young friends. The reverend gentleman is transferred to Tournafulla.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien of Ballycullen, Mullinahone, died April 22 at the fine old age of 90 years, deeply and deservedly regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

The demise of Mr. Patrick Burke, Rooska, Cahir, occurred April 28, aged 88 years, deeply and widely regretted.

Michael McGrath, Dromineer, Me-nagh, was lately evicted from his farm by the Guardian Fire Insurance company. He worked sixty acres of land, and, like some more hard working and honest men, went under through stress of bad harvest and overtaxation.

Miss Kathleen Blanchfield, youngest daughter of Mrs. Blanchfield, of Ballinamona house, Carrick, made the solemn profession of her vows at the Franciscan Convent, St. Mary's Abbey, Mill Hill, London, last week.

WATERFORD.

Rev. Nicholas Vereker of Wilton, New Zealand, died February 14. He was ordained from St. John's college, Waterford city, in 1895.

Mr. Luke MacRedmond, managing

clerk for Mr. Lawrence Strange, solicitor, Waterford, was lately married to Miss Sage, daughter of late Mr. James Sage, and niece of Mr. William Sage, cabinet maker, George's street, Waterford.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Three hundred and ten children were confirmed in the parish of St. Peter's, Belfast, lately, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor.

The Fels Ceoll was opened in the Ulster hall, Belfast, May 3. A large audience was present. The concert was inaugurated with the appropriate chorus, "Let Erin Remember the Days of Old," with an accompaniment of harps.

CAVAN.

Miss Minnie Brady, daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Brady, Stradone, was lately professed in the Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, taking in religion the title of Sister Mary Borgia. She is a niece of the Very Rev. J. Brady, Staghall, Belturbet.

DERRY.

The members of Ballyscullin '98 club met in the National hall, Bel-lagby, on Monday, Mr. J. Davison presiding. A communication was read from the Maghera club to make arrangements for the '98 celebrations in South Derry. It was considered that Magherafelt would be the centre for delegates' meeting. The secretary was instructed to notify the South Derry clubs. J. Davison and Hugh Diamond were elected delegates.

FERNAGH.

The skeleton of a man was found at Maho, between Derrygonnelly and Belleek, lately by Gamekeeper Hugh Dundas! who had been among the rocks at Maho looking for hawk's nests. The police found all the bones of a human being, and had them put into a box and conveyed to Derrygonnelly, where an inquest was held. A woman named Drew, alias Leonard, identified the boots and a belt found with the bones as those worn by her husband, Thomas Drew, missing for twelve months. The mountains above Derrygonnelly were searched during the months of April and May, 1897, in quest of the missing man Drew, who had not been discovered from that date up till now as described. The jury found that Drew had died at Maho twelve months ago from weakness and exhaustion.

MONAGHAN.

The members of the Jack Connolly club, Clones, have arranged for an excursion to Bandoran June 5. At last meeting Mr. Tracey read the lecture on '98 which Father Kavanaugh, the historian, recently delivered in Cork city.

DONEGAL.

In Tullintaine, Killaghtee, on April 24, died Mr. John Ward, at the age of 87 years, father of Mr. C. H. Ward, Barmeemora, deeply and widely regretted.

Mr. Thurlough Sweeney, Gweedore, played excellently some sweet Irish airs on the bagpipes during the Fels Ceoll, in Belfast, May 4.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Miss Fanny Gallagher at the parochial house, Dungle, on May 1. Deceased was the sister of the Right Rev. Mgr. Gallagher, pastor, Carrigan; Rev. Hugh Gallagher, pastor, Dingle, and of Rev. James Gallagher, pastor Rathmullin. A great funeral cortege attended; the interment in Killooney Cemetery.

DOWN.

On April 24 the Thomas Russell Branch of '98 Centenary club, held its inaugural meeting in John street hall, Downpatrick, when a large and representative body of the true Nationalists attended. On the motion of Mr. W. Meulan, seconded by Mr. B. McCaulfield, Mr. Michael O'Hanlon, sr., was called to the chair.

TYRONE.

On April 17 the remains of the late Hugh Quinn, jr., were removed from his father's residence for interment in the Catholic cemetery, Pomeroy. The cortege was unusually long. The Rev. P. Slevin celebrated mass and officiated at the grave.

A splendid monument has lately been erected in the Catholic cemetery at Fintona over the grave of the late Very Rev. P. Canon Clifford, who was in Fontana parish for six years.

The Father Nugent '98 club has been founded in Glenmoran, Strabane, by the good men and true who do not fear to speak of '98. Mr. J. Farrell, poor law guardian, presided at last meeting.