

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.

Mr. Thomas Finney of Brisbane, one of the merchant princes of Queensland, accompanied by his two daughters, visited Tuam a few days ago.

After a brief illness Mr. George Forde, Lower Abbeygate street, Galway, died on Sunday, deeply regretted.

LEITRIM.

The national cause is having the generous and continuous support of the good men and true in the county.

MAYO.

The patriotic people of Castlebar celebrated with great enthusiasm the anniversary of the first rising of the United Irishmen in 1798.

We regret to chronicle the death of Dr. Horikan, M. D., Ballinacorney, which took place at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. James Henahan.

BOSCOMMON.

Most Rev. Dr. Olaney, Lord Bishop of Elphin, May 30 and 31 was engaged in the Catholic church, Ballymoe, examining in the Christian Doctrine and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to 800 children.

On May 29 died Mrs. Maria Finnelly of Cooliderry, aged 73. Deeply and widely regretted.

The death of Mrs. Rose Reilly, Dooslaeta, occurred May 16, at the age of 61 years.

SLIGO.

A meeting of the Soeey branch of the I. N. F. was held on Sunday. Mr. Patrick Clerk, president, in the chair.

by the bands discoursing national airs. The members of '98 club and I. N. F. (wearing '98 emblems) to the number of 800 strong, marched four men deep, making a most impressive spectacle.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Died, May 15, at the Post office, Graigue, Ellen Bramrick, Bagnalstown, at an advanced age.

On May 15, at Castle street, Carlow, died Michael Patterson, at the early age of 29 years. Interment was in John's Well cemetery; funeral was numerously attended.

DUBLIN.

The reception into religion of Miss Janie Ellis, daughter of Mr. J. Ellis, T. C., Oldcourt, Haroldscross, took place May 24, in the Presentation convent, Clondalkin.

Mr. William Field, M. P., presided at a recent meeting of the Independent party in Dublin. Mr. John Redmond was present, and said in connection with the Local Government bill, that its importance was that it enabled all classes in Ireland to join together in the government of the country for the common good.

Bridget Doherty of Swords, who had been on the outdoor relief list for a couple of years, died the other day. After her death £21 6s. 5d. was found concealed in her bed.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—May 31, at 142 Upper Abbey street, George Lawlor. May 28, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Mary Brophy, at an advanced age.

At 10 Upper Exchange street, Katie Tierney, Parliament street. June 1, at 3 Sandwich street, Mrs. Catherine Deegan. June 1, at 35 Newmarket, Joseph King, Cuffe street. June 1, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, John Kinella, late member of the Operative Plumbers' society, aged 40 years.

A most self-sacrificing young Dublin priest, Father Michael Wade, passed away to his well-merited reward at the Gold coast, Africa, after laboring successfully for some years in the African Mission society, inaugurated by the late Pope Pius IX., and which is represented in Ireland in the well-known college of Wilton, near Cork city.

The deceased was ordained for the home mission, but volunteered to carry the light of faith to this people. Father Wade proved a zealous worker in the missionary field. He was only 34 years of age, ten of which he had been priest.

KILDARE.

To commemorate the centenary of the '98 insurrection in Wexford, a torchlight procession and band parade was held through Lixlip. Rev. Father Flood acknowledged the compliment paid him by a visit from the band and procession by expressing sympathy with the very orderly celebrations, and counselled them to show their respect for the heroes of '98 by dispersing peaceably to their homes.

KILKENNY.

On Sunday the Leinster '98 championships were opened at Carlow under the most favorable conditions and before a large gathering of spectators.

The recent football match for the Leinster championship was played in Carlow, and resulted in victory for the Dublin team.

KINGS.

The dead body of Anna Anderson of Bracklone was found in the Grand canal near Lea castle, by some boys who were fishing. No explanation of the accident has been given.

LONGFORD.

Miss Bartley, principal teacher of Abeylara, died at 13 Henrietta street, Dublin, recently. Interment was in Glasnevin cemetery. Funeral was numerously attended.

LOUTH.

Died, May 31, at the R. I. C. Barrack, Stabannon, Sarah Anne Lally, April 30, at Sunnyside, Drogheda, Mary Josephine Stingleton. By drowning, through the sinking of steamship Benholm off Point Lyons, on the night of May 14, John Shells, third engineer, aged 28 years.

A grand bazaar and drawing of prizes with the sanction of Cardinal Logue, will be held at Killycru, Dundalk, on September 25, 26, and 27 next to raise £3,000 to finish St. Bridgid's new church in the parish where she was born, Faughart, county Louth. Faughart, in the archdiocese of Armagh, is St. Bridgid's birthplace, and the Archbishop has felt it a reproach to the parish and diocese that no fitting memorial marks such a spot.

MEATH.

Mr. Chaloner presided at a recent meeting of the Kells Board of Guardians. On the board are G. Radcliffe, Samuel Hill, John Follitt, Farrell Tully, Luke Lynch, Philip Reilly, B. Smith, Patrick Farrelly, T. P. McKenna and Bryan Smith.

QUEEN'S.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Henry Beauchamp, Brittas, Mountmelick, formerly of Drummond House, Rosellenais, at the patriarchal age of 93 years.

WESTMEATH.

During a procession in the church of Multyfarmham lately, a little girl named Gaynor, of Ballinalack, somehow got her clothes on fire, and would have suffered seriously, if not fatal injuries, but for the prompt action of Father Skelly, who extinguished the flames.

WEXFORD.

Sunday, May 22, a large and imposing meeting was held on Vinegar Hill in connection with the '98 centennial celebrations. The meeting was held in celebration of the capture of Ennisicorthy and the fixing of their chief encampment on Vinegar Hill by the victorious insurgents on May 28, 1798.

The Ennisicorthy Guardians last week passed this resolution: "That it was with extreme sorrow we have to express our deep regret for the unexpected departure from among us, by death, of a highly respected member of this board—Mr. John Daly-Deveraux.

The holdings are situated in Ballygorman, Ballygeroligan, Taghmon, Knockmullen, Ballymian, Clearstown. The total amount of the offer is £33,885 in land stock, equivalent at 110 1/4 to £27,303 in cash.

WICKLOW.

On Sunday an enthusiastic demonstration took place on the Green of Dunlavin, in commemoration of the men who fell in '98 on that historic spot. Dunlavin was the scene of two great incidents in the insurrection. The attack on Dunlavin barracks where the insurgents, poorly armed were driven back after several attempts to capture it, and second, the murder of 36 Catholic yeomen on the spot where the meeting was held.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

On Monday night a meeting was held in Broadford to celebrate the centenary of the insurrection of '98. Five hundred persons took part in a torchlight procession, headed by the local fire and drum band.

CORK.

Daniel Ring, Clondrohid, was knocked down by a horse in Castle street, Macroom, last week, and sustained fatal injuries.

With much regret we record the death, in the prime of life, of Mr. Patrick O'Shea, one of the most prominent and popular of Newmarket men.

TIPPERARY.

Among the recent deaths in the county were Mrs. Joseph Fagan, O'Connell street, Clonmel, and Miss Agnes Mulqueen, Bank place, Tipperary, aged 17 years.

Now, when the people of Ireland are honoring the memory of the patriots who "rose in dark and evil days," the Nationalists of Clogheen have taken the initiative in a movement to commemorate the virtues and patriotism of the Rev. Nicholas Sheehy, the patriot martyr of the penal days, by erecting a monument to transmit to future generations how brutal were the methods of "British civilization" in those evil days.

Must Rev. Dr. Croke was in Cashel last week, the guest of Very Rev. Dean Kinane. He is in the enjoyment of good health.

On Sunday Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Cloyne, visited Mallow, to hold his triennial visitation. He was accompanied by the Very Rev. Canon Wigmora.

Recent deaths in Cork.—On May 15, at 1 Glenbrook place, Thomas Horserville Murray. May 27, at Somersmount, John Kelleher, Carrigulla. On May 27, at 98 Barrack street, Mary Ellen Murphy, aged 40 years.

Very Rev. Thomas McGrath, P. P. V. F., Carrick-on-Suir, will succeed the late Mgr. Byrne, P. P. V. G., as pastor of Lismore. Father McGrath recently accompanied the bishop of Waterford so Rome and returned to Tipperary a few days ago.

of Nile street, aged 47 years. On May 26, Catherine Wallace.

KERRY.

The mackerel fishing along the coast of Kerry in Cahereween has progressed very favorably. The local yavls which land at the Glen and Portmagee had good hauls.

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On Monday last at Dunfoylan, Kilscolman West, Mr. James O'Connor passed away after a rather brief illness. The remains were conveyed to the parish church, Kilscolman.

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batons and, seemingly without any provocation, charged the crowd, which scattered in all directions.

The funeral of the late Mr. John McKenna, Cullaghtree road, Belfast, took place last week and was numerously attended.

The funeral of Mr. James MacCarthy, principal teacher of Hardinge street, National School, Belfast, took place on Sunday. Interment was in Milltown Cemetery.

ARMAGH.

On Monday a record congregation crowded St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, the occasion being special devotion to Our Blessed Lady and the consecration of the parish to her.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, Dowra, died May 31, aged 79 years, deeply and widely regretted.

DERRY.

Mr. Rodger Connery presided at the recent meeting of the Lavery branch, I. N. F. The following resolutions were proposed by Mr. William John Convery, seconded by Mr. William Milliken and passed unanimously.

DONEGAL.

The Nationalists of Bundoran a few days ago commemorated the centenary of the heroic and historic effort to sunder the yoke of England on Ireland.

FERMANAGH.

Patrick Treacy, who left Aughoo about 1864, for Australia, and who is supposed to be somewhere on the Pacific slope, is sought after by his friends in Ireland.

MONAGHAN.

Under the auspices of the Monaghan national school teachers' association a public meeting was held in the Town hall, Monaghan, to protest against the treasury withholding £95,000 arrears of free grant due, and also against the new pension rules.

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A magnificent open air meeting of the Nationalists of Tyrone, Antrim and Armagh, in commemoration of the '98 martyrs, was held Sunday in Cookstown. In point of numbers and enthusiasm the demonstration was one of the best ever held in Ulster.