

# 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.

One of the events in Galway lately was the trip of the lake steamer St. Patrick to Oughterard. Favored by beautiful weather the excursionists had a pleasant time, and the band of the Boys' Industrial school, Salthill, under the direction of Mr. Hiarth, played a select programme. The people of the pretty little town of Oughterard were pleased to see the visitors from Galway.

The council of the Temperance society, Galway, has under consideration the question of the annual excursion for the male and female branches. Several places were mentioned, but finally it was decided to go to Killaloe, and then embark on one of the Shannon steamers for a trip to Lough Derg on the second Sunday of July.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary of Tillycassie, took place lately to Kilmacduagh. The office was conducted by the Rev. Michael O'Donoghue and Rev. A. T. Nestor. Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kiltenera, presided, and Most Rev. Dr. Healy, lord bishop of Confront, also occupied a seat in the sanctuary. The celebrant was Rev. T. H. Considine, deacon. Rev. A. T. Considine, Organist, sub-deacon, Rev. Father Fitzgerald, Clarenbridge, and master of ceremonies, Rev. Thomas Burke, Ballindereen.

#### LEITRIM.

The death of Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Oowra, recently caused deep and widespread regret in the district of Carrick-on-Shannon.

There was no crown business to be transacted at the quarter sessions, Carrick-on-Shannon, this time, and the usual pair of his grace were present, presided to the judge by Mr. B. St. G. Harris, sub-sheriff, on behalf of the sheriff. The ceremony is not of rare occurrence in Ireland. On the contrary, it is so frequent that in a manner no notice is taken of it. Many countries would be proud of this condition if it were theirs to record so often.

#### MAYO.

Mr. John Kearney Mill Hill, Ballinrolie, died March 10, deeply regretted by his wife and friends.

Castleroe has a public hall, the town people having raised £1,000 for the purpose of converting the old Lincen hall, the gift of the earl of Lucan, into an attractive place of resort. At its opening a lecture will be delivered by Mr. J. F. Taylor, C. C. London.

John O'Donnell, organizer of the West Mayo League, was liberated from Mayo prison a few days ago, after three months' imprisonment for denunciation of landlordism and hoisting the land-grabber near Westport. The Castleroe band and a large number of friends and admirers met him at the prison and gave him an enthusiastic welcome. Mr. O'Donnell was escorted to the residence of Mr. J. Daly, where he was well received, and left for Westport accompanied by bands and a procession. His reception was the nearest approach to a Roman triumph seen in the west this long time past.

#### ROSCOMMON.

The O'Connors of Connaught were great people and statesmen and rulers "before the Saxon set foot in England." The O'Connor Don of Roscommon, the lineal descendant of Roderick O'Connor, the last of the Irish kings, is now the heart of the famous sept. He served on the financial relations commission, and in this and many other ways has proved himself a great financier. Another member of the family, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, of Ballymoe, Roscommon, has just been appointed British ambassador to Turkey. In place of Sir Philip Curry. Sir Nicholas has been seen in all parts of the globe, having served in the diplomatic service of the Hague, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, Paris, Peking, Washington and Bulgaria. Sir Nicholas has been ambassador to St. Petersburg.

#### SLIGO.

Dr. J. R. McMunn, army surgeon, paid a visit to his native place at Tallaghan, near Gurteen, a few nights ago, when there was a torchlight procession by the people, young and old, to offer him welcome. A bonfire was lighted opposite the residence of his mother, and the people who attended on the occasion did not disperse until the small hours of the morning.

At the first meeting of the new board in Drogheda West last week, T. Tiernan, Peter S. Edgallen and John Kelly were unanimously selected the three chairmen for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. J. Lowry presided at last meeting of the Tubbercurry Wolf Tone club, at which the honorable secretary M. Mannion, brought to the notice of the meeting the condition of the grave in Ballyara of the hero who was shot in Tubbercurry in the rebellion. When Gen. Humbert and his gallant band of Frenchmen came to help the Irish there came a company of yeomen into Tubbercurry, led by a captain named Knott to oppose them. The first man they met on entering Tubbercurry was a man named Maguire, who happened to be wearing a green neck cloth. That was enough for the yeomen, and the captain shot him down. It was one of many cowardly acts perpetrated by the yeomen. For three days the dead body lay on the street, every one afraid to put a hand to it until it was carried at night to Ballyara graveyard, where it sleeps its last long sleep. But the day of retribution was not long coming. The French, after clearing everything English out of the way, led on by gallant Edgallen, soon arrived in Tubbercurry, and were met with the cheers and joyous shouts of welcome by the Irish rebel band, headed by James Joseph MacDonnell, their leader and bearer of an old and honored name. Knott and his bloodthirsty followers were soon overtaken, and not a single one of them escaped with their lives. The grave in Ballyara is close to the old monastery wall, and is in a neglected condition, but it will be long before it is forgotten. It is interesting to note that the man shot at the same place which he did.

# LEINSTER.

#### CARLOW.

On June 1, in Athy street, Carlow, died James J. Hernan, aged 63 years, deeply regretted.

Michael Patterson of Castle street, Carlow, died recently at the early age of 29 years after office and high mass in the Cathedral the interment was in John's Well cemetery. Funeral numerously attended.

Carlow was well represented at the recent demonstration on Vinegar Hill, Wexford, to commemorate the good deeds of the good men and true of Wexford, who tried to smash British power in Ireland, and almost succeeded. Among those who left Carlow were Messrs. M. O'Reilly, T. C. T. Lawlor, E. Mullhall, solicitor, W. Hade, Thomas O'Gorman, honorable secretary Carlow Orange 38 Memorial, and others.

The ceremony of unveiling the beautiful and appropriate monument over the remains of the sixty-four heroes entered in "Croppie Hole," Carlow-Grange, will take place at an early date.

#### DUBLIN.

Hugh Quigley, aged 32 years of Raheny, fell off a wall twelve feet high at Baldoye. He was looking at the race. He was brought to Jervis street hospital, Dublin, where he became unconscious and died.

A concert in celebration of the birthday of Moore was given in the Lyric hall, Dublin, lately. The music was all of national character, and largely composed of undying melodies which Moore has made so universally known.

Recent deaths in Dublin: Maxwell—June 3, at Hempstead, London, James P. Maxwell (Bud), eldest son of J. M. Maxwell, J. P. Roxboro, Howth, aged 8 years; Nolan—June 2, at the Rotunda hospital, Alice Nolan—Shaw at the Hospice for the Dying, Harolds Cross, John Shaw, late of 15 Thomas street, for over thirty years a member of the Christian Doctrine Confraternity, St. Catherine's, Meath street, Brunsz—May 10 accidentally drowned at Mill-lesborough, and body recovered June 2; Francis M. Brunsz, 55 Lower Drumcondra road, aged 18 years; Conynne—June 3, at 63 Angler street, Patrick Conynne, late of Ennis, County Clare. It is reported that Father Healdy, a visitor from Dublin at the Southern hotel, Caragh Lake, Kilmoglin, Kerry, met with an accident while cycling in that neighborhood.

An exciting scene occurred at Poulaphuca lately. A young man named Kenny of Dominick street, Dublin, was exploring the cliffs near where Father Murphy, S. J. of Clonsilla, Wood, a large lost his life. Kenny was carried by the strong current like a cork until he managed to grasp a rock and cry for assistance. Constable Madden of Ballybough heard the cry, and, seeing the drowning man, plunged into the river, but was himself swept against a rock near Kenny, who was nearly unconscious. Constable Madden shouted for a rope, and this was supplied from the hotel, and at the greatest risk, and almost exhausted, the constable succeeded in placing it around Kenny's body and towing him to land, with the assistance of Dr. Shaw of Hanalagh, and others who had assembled. The constable and Kenny were exhausted when they reached the land, but both recovered in a short time.

#### KILDARE.

The dead body of Henry Brennan, laborer, Moorfield road, Newbridge, was found on the roadside lately. The deceased was 55 years of age and employed at the great Cononill brickfields. He had taken his breakfast with his wife at 5 1/2, and left for work in his usual health.

On Saturday a public meeting was held at Rathangan, to commemorate the battle of Rathangan, fought on May 15, 1798.

#### KILKENNY.

Mr. Robert Blonden, Ballygowan, was accidentally killed lately. He was returning from the fair of Callan, and when going through the avenue which leads to his friend's house (Mr. McCormick), at Coolagh, his horse became restive, and dashing with great violence down the incline which leads to the house, he was thrown on his head, the horse rolling over him. The ribs were so crushed that they penetrated his lungs, and caused death immediately after the sad occurrence. Rev. Father Doyle, P. P. Windgap, was summoned, and administered the last sacraments, and despite the efforts of medical skill he passed away in the prime of life. It was a melancholy sight to witness the sad parting between the deceased gentleman and his colleagues. "Farewell, my dear and trusted friends," were his last words. "You can do nothing for me—I am dying. The funeral cortege was the largest ever seen at Coolagh, every district in the counties of Kilkenny, Tipperary and Waterford being represented.

#### KINGS.

At the Kings county quarter sessions court in Eirr lately Judge Curran, Q.C., had a considerable number of ejectment processes for arrears of rent to deal with. In most he allowed repayments to be spread over a long term of years, holding that such arrears ought not to have been allowed to accrue if there was any intention of seeking their recovery. In one case, that of Lord Ashbrooke against Mrs. Annie Devereaux, for the sum of £112, the county court judge ordered the defendant to bring in a man named Maguire, who happened to be wearing a green neck cloth. That was enough for the yeomen, and the captain shot him down. It was one of many cowardly acts perpetrated by the yeomen. For three days the dead body lay on the street, every one afraid to put a hand to it until it was carried at night to Ballyara graveyard, where it sleeps its last long sleep. But the day of retribution was not long coming. The French, after clearing everything English out of the way, led on by gallant Edgallen, soon arrived in Tubbercurry, and were met with the cheers and joyous shouts of welcome by the Irish rebel band, headed by James Joseph MacDonnell, their leader and bearer of an old and honored name. Knott and his bloodthirsty followers were soon overtaken, and not a single one of them escaped with their lives. The grave in Ballyara is close to the old monastery wall, and is in a neglected condition, but it will be long before it is forgotten. It is interesting to note that the man shot at the same place which he did.

#### MEATH.

The report is general that Mrs. Callan, lockkeeper at Newgrange, is about to be compelled to slib her moorings from the housestead she has occupied undisturbed for thirty years. Mrs. Callan has been lockkeeper for twenty-six years previous to the transfer of the canal from the Board of Works to the Boyne Navigation company. She had been paid so much a month and had liberty to allow cattle to browse on the banks of the canal at Bros. The farm at Newgrange adjoining has passed into the hands of Mr. Gradwell of Dowth, who claims that they are included in the farm mentioned. Mrs. Callan distinctly states that the banks were specially exempted in the map of the Newgrange farm and in the conditions of sale.

# LONGFORD.

A meeting of the members of the Lord Edward Fitzgerald 38 society was held in the Market house Longford, June 5. Last week a marriage took place at St. Mary's Edgeworthstown, the happy pair being Miss M. Cunningham of Cain and Mr. Thomas Ferrally, Cranlymore.

On May 31 Most Rev. Dr. Hoare treated the students in St. Mel's college, Longford, to an excursion to the crop-piers' graves at Ballinacree.

Died—June 2, at 77 Lower Gloucester street, Agnes Mary Coyle, aged ten years, youngest daughter of late Captain Coyle Drogheda. May 21, at Drogheda, Louis O. beloved wife of T. H. Clancy, manager Drogheda Independent.

#### QUEEN'S.

A magnificent torchlight procession was held in Mountrath. The procession, headed by the Castle-town and Mountrath brass bands started from Castle-town and played around the picturesque green. On their arrival at Mountrath they were met by a large crowd and paraded the principal streets, over 2,000 persons marching in the procession. All the principal business houses were illuminated.

#### WEXFORD.

The centenary of the brave effort to crush the rule of Britain in Ireland in 1798 was celebrated generally throughout the county. The enthusiasm displayed is proof that the hatred of British rule which made our heroic forefathers take up arms, is still strong in the minds of the men in Ireland today.

#### WEXFORD.

Many districts in Forth and Barry answered the signal rocket from Wexford on Saturday by brilliant illuminations and tar barrels in celebration of the 98 centenary. Among them the Knowledge Institution, Ballyhealy, the Strand of Teanaburry, and many other places were brilliantly illuminated. In Kilmore a large number of people marched carrying torchlights and from numerous localities around bonfires blazed from the hills.

Died May 27, at 6 Northbrook road, Elizabeth Arthur Carr, daughter of the late John French of New Ross. At 6 a.m. Rathmonee road, Clement Gold of Hilltown, May 30, at Rossary, Arthur Galavan, aged 56 years, May 27, at White Hill, Kilmore, Adelaide King of Woodville, at Wilkinstown, Mrs. Tachman Elizabeth Irish, on May 27, at Katie Malone, Irish street, Ennis, aged 21 years, on May 28, at Kilmahoney, John Whitty, aged 79.

The people of Terrahilly recently learned with regret that Rev. J. J. Walsh, who had spent thirteen years in their midst, was obliged to another journey. Father Walsh has been changed to Kilmore Kilrush but he has left behind him in Kilmore a memory of the long years he has spent there in the improvements effected in the church and parochial residence.

The funeral of Mother Mary Ignatius Walsh, superioress of the Convent of Mercy, Wexford, took place lately. Interment was in the convent cemetery. In 1874 she established a house of the order at Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, and in 1890 she left Wexford to found a convent at Yarrowonga, Victoria, Australia, under the patronage of Right Rev. Dr. Neville, bishop of Bendigo.

Mrs. Kelly, sr., Cross Lane, New Ross, died lately aged 86 years. The deceased lady was the mother of Rt. Rev. Mr. Kelly, rector of the Irish college, Rome, when she was attacked with her last illness, he was communicated with by telegram, and immediately started for home. Unfortunately he did not reach Ireland before she died. He left Rome on Friday and reached New Ross on Monday morning, accompanied by Dr. Gibney, bishop of Perth, West Australia, but his venerable mother had died. Solemn requiem offices and high mass were celebrated in the parish church at which Dr. Gibney, bishop of Perth, West Australia, presided. Right Rev. Mr. Kelly, rector of Irish college, Rome (son of deceased), was celebrant. Rev. T. Quigley, New Ross, deacon. Rev. T. Prandy, New Ross, sub-deacon. Rev. W. J. Leary, New Ross, master of ceremonies, chanters, Rev. James Risher, Ennis, and Rev. Patrick Doyle, Camolin.

The historic ground of Vinegar Hill was the scene of a magnificent meeting in commemoration of the brave effort of the men of Wexford made to kill British rule in Ireland during the ever memorable year of 1798. There was a procession through the town of Ennisceorthy, in which representatives of the entire county took part. It was headed by the Shillbunners as the descendants of the children of Valleymount, under the tuition of Very Rev. Father Hefferman, and the national teachers, and expressed the hope that Blessington would have as good a record. After the examination, he congratulated Father Curran and the Blessington teachers on the proficiency of the children. Speaking to a gentleman his grace referred to the '98 celebration, and expressed pleasure at the manner in which it was being celebrated, but said he regretted that steps had not been taken by the promoters of the celebration to secure the services of some able man to collect the many unrecorded episodes of the '98 struggle.

#### WICKLOW.

Elster Mary Teresa Martin, of the Loreto convent, Bray, died June 1 in the 38th year of her religious life.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, archbishop of Dublin, at the Cross of Blessington, during his visitation last week, expressed the warm thanks of the children of Valleymount, under the tuition of Very Rev. Father Hefferman, and the national teachers, and expressed the hope that Blessington would have as good a record. After the examination, he congratulated Father Curran and the Blessington teachers on the proficiency of the children. Speaking to a gentleman his grace referred to the '98 celebration, and expressed pleasure at the manner in which it was being celebrated, but said he regretted that steps had not been taken by the promoters of the celebration to secure the services of some able man to collect the many unrecorded episodes of the '98 struggle.

#### MUNSTER.

#### CILARE.

The much coveted Carlisle and Bláke premium has been awarded to Miss Margaret Roche of Willbrook national school.

A successful mission, conducted by the Very Rev. Father Hanrahan, O. S. A., Prior, St. Augustine's, Limerick, and the Rev. Father Mahony, O. S. A., Cork, was brought to a close on last Sunday. The exercises, morning and evening, were attended by very large congregations.

The thunderstorm which passed over Clare last week did more damage than

was generally known. Considerable injury was done to crops and a couple of cows were lost, either by lightning or through the floods. A family living here, Hallyga had a miraculous escape. Hallyga was very nervous by the continuous rain they closed the doors and windows, and gathered together round the fireplace. The injudiciousness of this action was soon shown. The electric fluid, entering through a low chimney rendered several members of the party unconscious, and inflicted a severe burn on the foot of a little girl.

We regret to record the death of Miss Catherine Donnelly, Co. Clare, at the early age of 21 years. She is deeply regretted. Her remains were interred in Kilmacduane.

#### CORK.

The magistrates sitting at petty sessions on Monday Mr. Bence-Jones presiding, passed this resolution on the death of Mr. D. O'Leary. Resolved, That we adjourn the court as a small token of respect to the memory of the late D. O'Leary, who for years was a member of this bench, and who discharged his duties with sound judgment and impartiality, and also endeavored himself to all classes by his uprightness. This token of respect will be inserted in the records of the court.

Stoker Edward Lynch of Youghal, who was recently presented by the queen with the Albert medal for his bravery when the destroyer Thrasher went ashore on the coast, is lying in a fatal condition at the Royal Naval Hospital, Devonport, England, from double pneumonia. Lynch pluckily resisted a stoker from the stockhold of the Thrasher and was severely scalded in doing so.

A grand vocal and instrumental concert under the auspices of the Clonakilly 98 centenary association took place in the Temperance hall Clonakilly, last week. Remember '98 and also a large portrait of Robert Emmet were on the stage. The concert was a decided success.

Recent deaths in Cork—On June 2, at 32, Dock lane, late of Dublin street, Rev. John Hanora, Rector, on May 29 at Gairol road Sunday's Well, Patrick Hayes, formerly of Lower Glanville road, on May 28, at Ringaskiddy, Margaret Greenway late of Castle-town, Berhaven at an advanced age, May 29 at the Fever hospital, Cork, Roberta Maude (Sister Maude) youngest daughter of the late Robert Wynne, solicitor, on April 28, at Leluku, Marshall, South Africa, Richard O'Connell late of 9 Adelaide street, Cork at Camden Quay, Margaret Anne Twomey, an Irishman and a member of an old and respectable family in Tipperary. He is a son of the late Rev. Mark Clark, M. A., rector of Shrovelly, who was accidentally drowned at Kilkree 60 years ago. His grandfather was the Rev. Marshall Clark, headmaster of Tipperary grammar school, founded and endowed by Erasmus Smith.

Rev. Father Flynn, esteemed pastor of Ballybricken, Waterford, an uncompromising patriot has been compelled by the law courts to make good a considerable sum of money, which by his position under a will and through unselfish and charitable motives, he distributed some time ago. New claimants have now appeared, and Father Flynn, though perfectly innocent in every sense is now in law held responsible for the money. No wonder this hardship has called out the sympathy of the people and that they will not allow Father Flynn to be victimized.

Mr. A. F. Fitzgerald, son of the late John Fitzgerald, Shortcourse, has been elected treasurer of St. Louis Oshio, Father Edward Power has been attached to the mission of St. Joseph's, Caroline street, Wigan, Lancaster, England, but a short time, yet has made an impression in Wigan as a preacher of great eloquence and grace. He is a native of Kilmossenny and St. John's college, Waterford, is his Alma Mater.

The anniversary of the '98 rebellion was fittingly celebrated in Cappoquin. After proceeding as far as the bridge the procession passed through Main street, and halted at the famous "Corner stone," where the tar barrels were placed, and the large crowd formed into a circle, while the band discoursed a selection of national airs, which aroused all those present into a high pitch of enthusiasm.

# ULSTER.

#### ANTRIM.

Stones, bricks and other missiles were hurled from Victoria military barracks, Belfast, a few nights ago. A woman who resides in Artillery street was struck in the forehead and stunned. Windows were broken. No motive can be assigned for the conduct of the military mobsman, except that a green flag was flying in the street.

Most Rev. Dr. Henry Bishop of Down and Connor, recently visited Lisburn to administer the sacrament of confirmation. The ceremony took place in the large wooden building in the rear of the parochial house used as a temporary church during the rebuilding of St. Patrick's. The young people, of whom there was a considerable number, belonged principally to Lisburn, but the several districts embraced in the parish were well represented.

#### ARMAGH.

A meeting of the executive committee of St. Patrick's Catholic Orphanage was held at Arm. Co. Armagh, the residence of his eminence Cardinal Logue.

On June 2, at the home of his sister-in-law, 13 Ballybough road, Dublin, died Edward Austin Clarke, at the early age of 27 years. He was son of late Michael and Margaret Clarke, Virginia.

#### DERRY.

Sunday a charity sermon was preached in the church Desertmartin, by Very Rev. Edward Loughrey, Durgiven, to obtain funds to wipe out the outstanding debt on the High Altar. Contingents came from Magherafelt, Cookstown and Draperstown. The amount subscribed was almost more than the parish priest had hoped for, considering the terrible condition of the country through lack of good prices for agricultural produce and of employment.

Catherine McNamee, aged 90 years, died suddenly at Corleek, near Swatcragh, on May 26. On the same day John Neil, aged 25 years, of Fingh, near Swatcragh, was going to the forge driving a horse and cart, in which he had a large metal roller, when the horse ran away, throwing him and the roller out of the cart. The roller fell upon Neil's chest. He was carried home but died in thirty minutes. Nancy Kearney, 60 years, Tirlugh, died suddenly. On June 1 the churches of Derry

commenced nine days' novena for the Feast of St. Columba. There were large congregations, particularly at the old Long tower, the abbey church where St. Columba's monastery stood and in the vicinity of which the oaken grove referred to in his poems was situated. At this church is erected a beautiful calvary composed of the cross of Derry, the cross of the cross in St. Columba's stone. There stand also at the foot of the cross beautiful figures of the Blessed Virgin, Mary Magdalen and St. John. Another striking figure represents St. Columba turning to the people and pointing the lesson of Calvary. This monumental group will be solemnly unveiled by Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, bishop of Derry.

#### DONEGAL.

The ruins of the old castle and abbey at Donegal, of great historical and antiquarian interest, having been handed over to the board of works by Lord Arran, that body is expending £600 renovating the walls. It is proposed to rebuild the archway of the old abbey, which fell in some time ago.

On Sunday in St. Catherine's convent of mercy, Ballyshannon, seven young ladies were received into the Sodality of the Children of Mary. Father John Gavigan officiated, and presented the aspirants with the ribbons and medals of the Holy Angels. Later in the evening the members of the sodality were entertained by the school children with a play entitled "My Aunt's Heiress" and songs and dances.

#### DOWN.

On Sunday evening a successful meeting of Nationalists was held in Ardara bar room, at which the Ardara Wolf Tone '98 club was formed. Mr. McKenna presided. There was a very large attendance, several members of the Gray and Boal club, Ballynahinch, being present.

#### FERRANAGH.

On May 25 a byre and two cows were destroyed by fire at Drumbruggan, near Ferryglenilly, the property of Mrs. Rogers of Newtown, who states that she locked the cows in the byre and had no light or coal or matches with her. She claims £60 damages for malicious burning.

#### MONAGHAN.

On Saturday in the Town Hall Monaghan a public meeting was held to protest against the unjust treatment of the national teachers in withholding the arrears of fee grant, and by the imposition of new pension rules.

Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, attended at Corraghan church, Kilmore and Drumstin, to administer the sacrament of confirmation to the children of the district.

#### TYRONE.

The death of Daniel McCallam, Omagh, has caused feelings of deep regret. Deceased for forty-five years held the responsible position of manager and secretary to the Omagh gas company.

John G. R. Porter, coroner for West Tyrone, lately held an inquest on the body of Charles Gormley, Lavynt, near Drumquin, found drowned in the river Fairy, Dantogree. James Maguire had been fishing when he discovered the body. Mary Gormley, mother, was examined, and deposed that he was 44 years of age and unmarried.

The examinations in Beragh national schools came off lately, and the proficiency was well up to the standard established. Of seventy pupils examined by Mr. McNeill, D. J., not one failed, the pupils passed in every subject, and the courteous and efficient position of the general proficiency very satisfactory.

The pupils show much intelligence, and interest in their work. The school buildings have undergone repairs, and through the exertions of Rev. Father Murrain, a splendid series of new maps, charts, and other appliances necessary for instruction have been added. The inspector was well pleased and the teachers, John McGrath and Mrs. McGrath may well be congratulated.

The tenants on the estate of the Commissioners of Education which comprise lowlands near the shores of Lough Neagh viz. Aighnamullan, Derryloughan, and Derrytreak, are in sad circumstances in consequence of the action of their landlords, and if something is not done speedily this fact of country will be left desolate. The landlords proposed the tenancy on the estate for all the arrears of rent up to November, 1897, for the April quarter sessions at Dungannon, but agreed to accept one year's rent and cost in settlement. Within the past week the tenants have again been processed wholesale for the June quarter sessions at Dungannon for the remaining portion of the rent. The tenants are in dire distress, being unable to pay two years' rent, and in some instances none within three months. The average rental is from 12s. to 14s. per acre, and the greater portion of it is bog reboots by the present tenants of their predecessors. A few months ago a public meeting of the tenants was held, and presided over by the fearless and patriotic parish priest, of Clencoe, (Rev. John Rock), who has the welfare of his parishioners at heart. They forwarded a petition, showing that the tenants were £1,700 in arrears, and, owing to the bad crops and depression in prices of agricultural stock and produce, were unable to meet the landlords' demand, and prayed for a reduction, and the tenants to purchase their lands. So far the commissioners have not answered.

#### PRIMITIVE ARMS.

One of the many reasons why Spain can never hope to succeed in the war with the United States is the fact, that while it has some of the modern appliances for warfare, especially in its navy, it still has many men armed with weapons which are regarded as almost useless, by the more advanced and civilized nations.

"It is more than thirty years," says Senator Davis of Minnesota, "since I began to make a collection of works was inaugurated before the Napoleonic era, and was started because of the regard I have for the greatest man France has ever known."

Mrs. Giberly—Is it true, David, that you sing before they die?

Giberly—Of course. Couldn't sing after they died, could they?