

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.

Members of the Galway Gaelic league met recently in the society's class rooms, Lombard street. President A. Glyn Downes and Redington M. J. Connolly was appointed secretary.

Mr. Richard Fiers, foreman tailor at messrs. Moores, Eglington building, Galway, died in the 57th year of his age.

With sincere regret we chronicle the death of Mrs. Maria Tuohy, Carraroe Dunmore, on Monday evening, aged 64 years.

The death of Mr. William Maxwell, Clooneagh, occurred on June 10, and was widely and deeply regretted.

LEITRIM.

James White of Killinuremyry has been reinstated in his holdings after battling with the rack renters and their agents, bailiffs etc., for thirteen years.

MAYO.

A girl named Mullany, employed by Bryan Belvue of Claremorris, died suddenly lately.

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LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Most Rev. Dr. Gibney, bishop of Perth, Western Australia, and the Right Rev. Monsignor Kelly, domestic prelate to his holiness, and rector of the Irish college, Rome, visited Carlow on their way to Kilkenny the other day.

DUBLIN.

The lord lieutenant has nominated the following members of the Intermediate education board, viz: The Chief Baron Pallen, Justice Madden, Rev. George Salmon Provost, T. C. E.; the O'Connor Don, Rev. W. Todd Martin, Rev. D. B. Barker, and the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin.

the act, 1878, and also whether any reforms or alterations of the present system were desirable, and whether further legislation is necessary.

Michael Neill has been returned for trial on the charge of having killed Mary Ann Nolan. The localities that figure in the business are Walker's alley and Bull alley.

Rev. Brother Thomas E. Kenney, of the Dublin Christian brothers, recently wrote to the council of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language.

We deeply regret to record the death of Dr. Thomas Fitzpatrick of 31 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, on June 9 in his 92d year.

On June 18 the annual excursion of the Sodality of the Holy Name attached to the Dominican church, Drogheda came off.

At a meeting of the Robert Emmet 78th Century Society, held at 47 York street Dublin lately, P. R. Fitzgibbon, editor of the Cork in the chair.

KILDARE.

At the annual meeting of the Newbridge town commissioners' Whitehead was elected chairman on the motion of Dr. Rowan, seconded by M. Sex.

A retreat concluded in the church of the Assumption Castleknock on Sunday. The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Father John Baptist Byrne of the Passionists order.

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KILKENNY.

Died, June 9 at Dundrum, John Joseph Moloney Bank of Ireland, Arklow, eldest son of the late Michael Moloney of New Park Lodge, Kilkenny.

KINGS.

Head constable of police, Cummins, Athy has been appointed petty sessions clerk of Portlinton. Policemen and ex-policemen are getting all these fine, easy and respectable positions in Ireland.

LONGFORD.

As Mr. Cosgrove, Granard was putting his licensed premises in repair some time ago, one of his workmen made a very gruesome discovery when taking up an old floor.

LOUTH.

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MEATH.

Miss Mary McCormack, Ballymuck, Westmeath, was received in the community of the sisters of mercy in the convent of Trim lately.

On the feast of Corpus Christi a meeting of the ladies in charge of the various tables in connection with the forthcoming bazaar organized for the completion of the new church of St. Patrick, Trim, was held in the parish school.

QUEENS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridget Cobb, wife of Patrick Cobb, died at Clontarf house, Mountmellick, lately, deeply regretted.

The annual meeting for the election of chairman of the town commissioners, Mayborough, was held at the school house, Mayborough, on Monday.

WESTMEATH.

Mr. Ghiro, who, during many years conducted a remunerative business in Mullingar, and who retired to private life some time ago, died in Dublin lately.

With sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Miss Catherine McNaboe, Slane, on Monday, June 8, the only surviving daughter of the late Nicholas McNaboe.

WEXFORD.

Mrs. Frances Mary Byrne, Coolgreany, died June 8, aged 60 years, deeply regretted.

By the patronage of the Very Rev. Dean Bush, and under the presidency of F. J. Canning, two variety concerts were given at the school house, Newmarket, on the 9th and 10th inst.

The Barry estate, situated at Riggrove, and which is owned by John E. Barry, president of the Dublin chamber of commerce, has been sold to the tenants.

Yoletown, has been sold to the tenants under the land purchase act. The price agreed on is 15 years purchase.

WICKLOW.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, archbishop of Dublin, traveled to Aughrim on Sunday for the purpose of blessing the new bell recently cast for the parish at the order of the Rev. L. J. Farrelly by Mr. Byrne of the James' street foundry.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The tenants on the estate of John Callaghan, of Kilmash, who live in Knockerra, have been granted a reduction in their rents of 15 per cent. It was unopposed.

CORK.

The timber yard of Mr. Pope, Bandon, was lately destroyed by fire. The amount of property lost is estimated at fifty thousand dollars.

On Sunday evening June 12 Miss Helen V. B. Bush, a native of England, who had been visiting in Cork, was on her way to France to finish her education.

KERRY.

The death of Peter M. Sweeney, Lough Kenmare, June 1, was widely and deeply regretted by many friends at home, Australia, and in the United States.

At Castle Gregory, Petty, Sweeney, a few days ago, Thomas Sweeney, a charge with having assaulted a sergeant, English of the camp station.

LIMERICK.

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Miss Mary Foley, daughter of Lewis Foley, Sixmilebridge, died June 15. The remains were removed to the parish church, where the coffin lay until the following day, covered with beautiful wreaths.

TIPPERARY.

June 7 the death occurred of Mother Mary Maddock, of the Mercy convent, Carrick on Suir. The deceased lady was foundress of the famous Carrick-hoskey mills, and was elected vice-reverend mother of her convent.

Dr. John P. O'Ryan has been elected chairman of the Tipperary town commissioners.

WATERFORD.

John Gough, who was gored by a bull, died in the hospital of the Waterford union. The report omits to state where he was employed at the time the injuries were inflicted on him.

Mrs. Joseph K. Cyril of South Parade, Waterford, whilst driving to the Presentation convent last week was knocked from the vehicle by coming in collision with a donkey and cart on Bunker Hill, and sustained fatal injuries.

Successful speaking has been established on the telephone trunk circuit between Waterford, Wexford, Dublin, Belfast, and Cork. The postoffice exchange in Waterford is being fitted with up-to-date apparatus.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Orange robbers in Belfast. A crowd of several hundred, returning from Broadway presumably those dispersed by the police collected about the premises of Patrick Lamb, spirit merchant and grocer, Donegal road, Belfast.

Miss Lizzie McKane, niece of the late Prof. McKane, M. P., accidentally poisoned herself at her residence in Ballynure, Ballymena, recently.

David Kane, aged twenty-two, 36 Clementine street, Belfast, and James Kane, aged 36, 1 Boyne street, Belfast, were at work for William Fagan contractor on premises in Donegal street.

ARMAGH.

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated lately with all honor and devotion in the Sacred Heart convent, Mount St. Catherine, Armagh. A beautiful temporary altar was erected on the grounds.

Sunday June 12, being within the octave of Corpus Christi, an open air procession in honor of the blessed sacrament took place around the grounds of the cathedral, Armagh.

CAVAN.

June 8 Frank McRiven, corner of Cavan, held an inquest touching the death of John McDermott, former porter of the Midland Great Western Railway, who died at the county infirmary from injuries received by being run over at the junction of the Midland line by wagons of the Great Northern company.

DERRY.

On the hundredth anniversary of the first blow struck in the great rebellion of 1798, the men of county Derry assembled to do honor to the memory of the heroes who died fighting for Irish freedom.

The Duty of Catholics to Outsiders

Here is a very important and deeply interesting question. What are obligations of Catholics to persons outside the Church? Perhaps an antecedent question may be suggested, to wit, whether they have any obligations toward outsiders.

Of course, every well instructed Catholic knows that that is false. The Church is the ordinary means of salvation. It is, therefore, not only the privilege but the duty of every human being to put himself in the way of salvation by joining that Church.

Suppose it is possible for one through what is called invincible ignorance to be saved at last. That, certainly, is no reason why we should cease our efforts to induce outsiders generally to become Catholics.

We very much fear that our sometimes rather loose way of acknowledging that Protestants may be saved in their various conventicles is having the effect to make them satisfied with their position and to remain where they are.

The spirit of compromise does not belong to the Catholic Church. She can not yield a single principle of faith or morals. If, for instance, we would yield the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope (supposing the impossibility that it is in our power to yield a Divine institution), we are promised the return of a great multitude to the unity of the Church.

No, what we want is a firm and consistent adherence to all the teachings of the Church, and then an earnest zeal in propagating them both by precept and example—especially by example. It has been said, and we believe with perfect truth, that if Catholics generally lived up to the requirements and spirit of their holy religion the country would be converted in an incredible short time.

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In this century we had three noteworthy outbreaks of bigotry in this country. The first was the Native American excitement, the second the Know-Nothing party, and last the unlamented A. P. A. It is instanced by the San Francisco Monitor as a remarkable fact that each of these outbreaks was followed by a war. After the first we had war with Mexico; after the Know-Nothing agitation we had the civil war, and now with the extinction of A. P. Aism we have war with Spain.

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