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.

The Galway City Temperance society members, under the supervision of Very Rev. Father Dooley, P. P., made their annual excursion this year to the historic places in Limerick and Killaloe.

Sister Mary Catherine of the convent in Banagher, King's county, died recently in her 35th year, and the fifteenth of her religious life, deeply and widely regretted. She was a daughter of late Mr. J. Connolly, Kilmey, and sister to Rev. J. Connolly, C. C., Killanana.

On Sunday a most enjoyable entertainment, organized by the Tuam Gaelic boat club, was held on the lake, consisting of rowing, visits to the beautiful islands and other places of interest and landing on Island McHugo, where a dance was held, the island being specially boarded and decorated. Older members, or those who felt too warm to dance, sought cool and shady nooks beneath the spreading trees, which afforded comfortable retreats; there, games and pastimes requiring less exertion were carried on. A most delightful evening was spent, during which the mirthful sounds of song and laughter, mingled with the sweet strains of the band, which wafted across the bright, clear waters of the lake.

LEITRIM.

Edward Conway, aged 60 years, of Fiernaught, died suddenly a few days ago.

The annual religious examination of pupils attending the schools in Drumsna was held on Tuesday by the Rev. C. O'Farrell, Mohill. The answering in the different classes was very good, and reflected great credit on the teachers—Miss B. Masterson and Mr. P. A. Masterson.

MAYO.

The death of Mr. Hughes, Castlebar, occurred recently at the age of 75 years, to the sincere regret of all who knew him. High mass and office were held in the local church, and interment took place immediately after. Fathers O'Malley, O'Flaherty and McEvilly were in attendance.

A branch of the Trades and Labor union of Great Britain has been established in Castlebar.

ROSCOMMON.

On Sunday evening Patrick Hogan of Rusheen was arrested charged with stabbing Thomas Kennedy, Grevisk, with a pocket knife.

The demise of Mr. Patrick Connaughton, Emlagh, happened July 16, at the patriarchial age of 90 years. Great numbers attended the funeral to the ancient burial place of Assylin.

Quarterly meeting of the Boyle Teachers' association was held during the past week. One of the important resolutions passed was: "That the Catholic teachers of Boyle are deeply pained to learn that their attitude on the religious education of the children intrusted to our care has been grossly misrepresented; that we look upon the teaching of Christian doctrine as a conscientious obligation and labor of love and the reports of the religious inspectors fully testify to the zeal with which the Catholic teachers apply themselves to that sacred work; that we repudiate any intention of seeking to diminish the influence of the clergy in the school. The present managers are our best friends."—F. J. Kenny, secretary.

SLIGO.

Members of Tubbercurry Wolfe Tone '98 club held a meeting on Sunday. Mr. J. J. Lowry in the chair. The following resolution, proposed by M. MacDonnell D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Patrick Dwyer, was passed: "Resolved, that the committee be dissolved and a new one appointed, and that the names must be proposed and seconded and hung up in the committee room; that the election be by ballot for ten places, exclusive of the honorary officers, who are 'ex-officio' members of the committee."—M. Mannion, honorable secretary.

Bridget Cunlisk of Castle street, Sligo, died June 21; deeply regretted.

Last week the body of Edward Lloyd was found on the shore of Coney Island, near Shrunameela. Deceased, who formerly resided at Scarden, Strandhill, was a harmless imbecile, who had been in Sligo asylum, but was discharged recently, and lived on the island.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Miss Kenny sold her interest in the farm and residence, Newgarden, Carlow, lately to Mr. Charles Green for £600. Mr. Green, it is said, came from Australia recently. The farm contained 50 acres (Irish); rent, £70; valuation, £94.

Dr. W. A. McDonnell, 145 Harley street, London, subscribed £3 3s. to the fund of the Carlow Graigue '98 memorial fund.

DUBLIN.

The Irish National Amnesty association held a weekly meeting in Workmen's club, 41 York street, Dublin, last week. Mr. Lambert presided. Mr. C. P. Flynn, late honorary secretary of the association, wrote acknowledging vote of sympathy passed by the committee at last meeting, on the death of his father. Miss Gonne sent £6 2s. received as the part p. oceeds of a meeting held by the ladies of New York, per Miss Barbara Casey. The money was sent to Miss Gonne to be used at her discretion, and acting on this Miss Gonne states in her letter that she could not do better than send it to the Amnesty association for the benefit of the prisoners' families.

A meeting of the Father John Murphy club was held last week in Dublin. The O'Connell band attended and discoursed Irish selections. On the motion of Charles Green, seconded by James Bostello, Councillor Camac was called to the chair, and spoke of Sunday's demonstration and the effect it should have upon all members of the club. The banner was a great credit.

KILDARE.

Mr. Thomas P. Oxford, clerk of Athy Union, resigned recently. His accounts were short £91, and the auditor of the local government board reported the matter, and a sealed order for removal was to be issued had he not resigned. Mr. Oxford, sr., paid the amount to the Union, and besides the Union owed the clerk for his services in various forms, more than was short in his accounts.

Among the heirloom collection of the earls of Milltown, recently given by the Dowager Countess to the National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin, is the famous and most valuable painting of St. Sebastian by Vandyke. It is one of the greatest gems in the wonderful collection given to the nation.

KILKENNY.

The Summer Assizes were opened in Kilkenny last week. Business was extremely light and the judge complimented the grand jury through M. De Montmorency. The police constable, Timothy Carmichael, indicted for the murder of Mr William O'Neill, auctioneer, Kilkenny, at Freshford, on June 2, was put back to the Winter Assizes. The jury disagreed.

On Saturday the excursion of Leighlin Bridge choir under Rev. James Coyle, took place. The party drove in brakes to Woodstock, via Bagnalstown, Royal Oak Gowran and Thomastown. The weather was delightfully fine, showing the far-famed and most beautiful spot to best advantage. On arriving at the Red House the party partook of dinner and afterward visited the gardens, which were delightful to behold. After tea a meeting assembled, at which Mr. Edward Cullen presided and spoke in eulogistic terms of the kindness and generosity of Father Coyle. He was seconded and supported by Messrs. Meaney, Brennan, Kehoe and Cummins.

A vigorous protest against a new penal law for the Irish clergy was recently made in Mullinavatt. On Sunday a meeting of the representative men of Mullinavatt was held in the parochial committee room to protest against the exclusion of the clergy from the county councils under the Local Government Bill. Mr. N. O'Neill presided. Mr. P. Foskin and Mr. W. Wall acted as secretaries Proposed by Mr. R. Darmody and seconded by and supported by Mr. M. Darmody and Mr. S. Carroll: "That we, the people of Mullinavatt, strongly protest against the exclusion of the clergy from the proposed county councils as unjust, and an insult to a body of gentlemen incomparably the best in Irish society." Passed with unanimity.

KINGS.

The Magistrate in Birr last week resumed the investigation into the charge against Patrick Burke, Birr and Patrick Kenn, Falsk, at Gallen Gate, on May 27 or 28 last. Mr. Barry, Crown Solicitor, Birr stated he appeared to prosecute by directions of the Attorney General, and he proposed to proceed against Burke separately on the capital charge, and to vary the charge against Kenny brother to the deceased, to one of being accessory after the fact. The evidence of the Crown went to show that some time before the occurrence subsequently on the 27th of May Burke, Coonan, Duncan and Kelly were drinking in Ferbane, and left before 10 o'clock. It was stated that Burke knocked down Kiernan Kenny near Gallen Gate, and he was left lying on the road. The medical evidence showed that Kenny died as the result of a fracture. Burke was returned for trial at the Winter Assizes on a charge of manslaughter, but was allowed out on bail. Patrick Kelly was remanded on bail.

LONGFORD.

In the very near future the tennants on the Annally estate will be peasant proprietors.

LOUTH.

Alexander Kelly, sailor on the ss. Cairne Gorm, in Dundalk, from Glasglow, while the vessel was being berthed, had one of the ropes attached to the mooring posts twisted around his leg, and it was cut off at the knee. The detached limb fell into the dock and has not been recovered. The poor fellow was taken to the Louth Infirmany, where he lies in a critical condition.

MEATH.

Navan Board of Guardians, of which Mr. William Curry is chairman, has to its credit in the Bank £ 1 52. Mr. Arthur Burke recently reported that the union was in a satisfactory condition. He is Local Government Board Inspector. Still some persons persist in saying the Irish are not fit for self-government.

QUEENS.

From the *Leinster Leader* of July 23: A Mountrath humorist writes, "There is no truth in the report that Mr. Edward Breen, champion bill poster, Mountrath has been sent for by the Cortes to post notices through Spain relative to the surrender of Santiago and the death of the mule If it were the case, Ned, out of Cortes y (fy!) would have gone, but he is at present up to the eyes in work and poste, and cannot afood time to attend no his foreign trade, It was very remarkable that when H. R. H. the Prince, fell on the stairs and hurt his knee a few days ago, almost his first words were: "Send for Ned," and behold it was not done.—Avd.

A young man named McDonald, assistant teacher in North National school, was drowned lately while bathing in the Nore, two miles from Abbeyleix.

Elizabeth Higgins, Coolrain, died suddenly lately.

WESTMEATH.

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Sebastian's convent, Kilcullen convent of the Cross and Passion, Kilcullen, took place lately. The program consisted of an attractive selection in instrumental and vocal music, recitations, etc. In the execution of each item the excellent training of the good Passionate Nuns and the abilities of their pupils were displayed to highest advantage. A very interesting drama, entitled "The Lost Sisters," was performed in admirable style. The prizes and certificates were distributed by the Very Rev. Canon Langan.

Mr. Michael Kelleghan, aged 27 years, died July 16 in Cookesboro, deeply and widely regretted.

WEXFORD.

The people of New Ross during the past year, on a penny collection, contributed $2,540 toward the erection of the new Catholic church.

James Boyle, Fair Gate, New Ross, was drowned during the recent regatta on the Barrow.

Elizabeth Morris, Mayglass, sued James Carroll, formerly of same place, but now of Mandlintown, for £300 as damages for breach of promise to marry. The jury gave only £25 as damages.

WICKLOW.

Father Dunphy, P. P., Arklow, has organized a bazaar to raise funds to liquidate the debt on the church, and to pay for the building of a new school house. Unlike other towns the population of Arklow is increasing, and the attendance at schools in Ireland is rapidly improving. Father Dunphy has provided for the educational wants of his parishioners in this infant boys' school, which is urgently needed. He appeals to his numerous friends to help him to accomplish this good work. The ladies of Arklow have provided a round of amusements for their bazaar, surpassing anything seen in Arklow.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Mr. Thomas Blackall of Killard has been appointed Petty Sessions Clerk of Kilrush.

Sixty-three head of cattle, the property of Mr. Killeen, who holds the vacant farm at Doughmore, were missing last week. Some of them were discovered a considerable distance from the farm, others are missing

Mrs. John McMahon, Ballycalla, died latey. She belonged to the lineage of the chiefttan McMahons of Claire, and was one of the few of her name who could trace her descent from the renowned Marshal McMahon The funeral took place at the family burial ground, in Kilmilery, and was largely attended.

A moonlight outrage is reported from the Connolly district, where he house of a Mrs. Doohan was raided by moonshiners, who fired shots through the windows without injury to the occupants Sergeant Callan and Constable O'Brien arrested Pat Reidy (Smith) and John Reddy (Rynne) who were brought into Ennis The motive assigned for the outrage is that Mrs Doohan was about to evict Patrick Reidy from a blacksmith's forge which the latter held from her.

CORK.

Not for the past ten years were the prospects of a rich and bountiful harvest in Skibbereen district more hopeful There is an excellent crop of potatoes The blight made its appearance early last month but the farmers were advised the crop sprayed, and is as green to day and as flourishing around here as it was any year before the dreader blight was heard of The effects are astounding new potatoes having fallen in price from 1s to 5d per stone and ere many days they will be down to 3d and much less but they can no longer be scarcely called new in this very early quarter of the sunny south The rich yield is not confined to the potatoe crop Crops such as oats and wheat, are most luxuriant, while never was there a finer hay crop, the best portions of which is cut and saved. Mangolds and cabbages are doing well, but there is a widespread failure of Swedish turnips caused by drough Cork Examiner

A bazaar was opened recently in Macroom to aid the Sisters of Mercy financially They are doing herculean work in the training and teaching of the little ones of the town and surrounding districts, and the people are heartily and generously supporting the good religious. During the two days the flow of visitors was continuous and a good sum was realized at the stalls

The election of Dispensary Medical Officer for the Tullagh Dispensary district of the Skibbereen Union, embracing Baltimore, Aughadown, Castlehaven, and Myross took place in the Skibbereen Dispensary lately The position was rendered vacant by the retirement of Dr. Hadden, through ill-health Candidates Dr O'Meara (who has been acting boom tenens for Dr. Hadden, during three years), and Dr. O'Driscoll, M O., of the Union Hall district. The members of the committee present were The O'Donovan, presiding, John R. H Becher, Savage French, Captain Morgan, Owen Sweeney Henry Jennings, F O'Neill, James Collins, James Collins (Crow Hill), M Tinder, John Browne, John Sheehy, John O'Shea, Denis Driscoll, B Connolly David Brickley and the Rev Morgan J Sheehy, Baltimore Dr O'Meara was elected.

On July 17, Cory City, in a magnificent manner celebrated the martyrdom of the Brothers Sheares To the people of Cork the memory of the Brothers Sheares will be for all time linked, in view of the fact that Cork can claim them among her distinguished citizens. Henry Sheares, sr., was one of a family who settled in Cork early in the seventeenth century. He was M. P. for Clonakilty in 1762-8, and was father of John and Henry Sheares, the anniversary of whose execution was celebrated. He was partner in a banking institution in Nile street in 1767 (now called Sheares street) The family resided in a quaint villa at Glasheen. The house, although having undergone changes since '98 preserves some of its original features, and is now occupied by Mr. Horsford, a city trader. All the officials of the '98 Centenary Committee deserve praise for the manner in which the demonstration was carried out, and John O'Keeffe, M. D. O'Brien, and Joseph O'Brien, who had charge of the secretarial work, were untiring in their efforts, while much valuable assistance was rendered by the Bryan, Dillon and Wolf Tone clubs. When the procession reached Upper Glasheen, the various contingents filed into the meeting ground, and the addresses were listened to with the utmost attention.

The funeral obsequies of Sister Mary de Sales Kelly took place at the Convent of Mercy, Kinsale, July 22. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. Kelly, solicitor, Athlone. Miss Mary Peter, her sister, is a member of the Sisters of Mercy, Kinsale. She became a Sister of Mercy over forty years ago, and after a brilliant career was appointed Rev. Mother of the Sisters of Mercy Convent at Ballyshannon. She was transferred to the Kinsale Convent over thirty years ago, and since devoted her life to the religious and secular training of the girls of the town, and to visiting the sick and dying She was in bad health for some time past, and calmly expired Tuesday evening at the age of sixty-three years. A solemn requiem high mass, at which his Most Rev Dr O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, presided, was celebrated by Rev J D Sexton, Maynooth; deacon, Rev J. O'Leary, Kinsale, sub-deacon, Rev P. Sexton, Kinsale, master of ceremonies, Rev. E. Murnane, Cathedral, Cork.

Recent deaths in Cork. Walsh, July 22 at Brandy Lane, aged 51 years. Murray, on the 22d of July at Ballinlough, Patrick Murray. Scott, on the 20th of July, at Bray, county Wicklow, (suddenly) Ernest Scott, jr., of Cork. Verlin, on July 21, at Youghal, Eliza Verlin, widow of the late William Verlin. Flanagin, at 40 Clarence street, Julia Flanagin. Swiney, Hanoria, relict of Thomas Swiney, on July 19, at Mill row. Fermoy. Langtry, July 20, at 12 Lower Montenotte Cork, Ellen Langtry, relict of the late J Langtry at an advanced age. Quinlan, on the 16th of July at Lincoln place, Grattan Hill, Rev Anna Quinlan, in her 57th year. [illegible] 16, at Ballinagoule Char[illegible] Catharine Reidy, mother [illegible] ly, C. C., Mungret

KERRY.

Mrs Bridget Slattery died at the Imperial Hotel Killarney, July 19, widely and deeply regretted Interment was in Aghadde Funeral cortege long and representative of all city side.

WATERFORD

Workmen excavating for new sewers unearthed a long strip of the foundation of the ancient wall of Waterford City at Johnstown The wall is running toward the old tower in the railway square, off Manor street, and traces of it are visible between the Catholic Young Men's Society and Mr R Morrissey's yard in Parnell street The wall was torn down when the Quay thoughfare was being constructed Judging by the state of preservation in which the foundations are, the walls which stood on them would not fall away by natural decay The borough surveyor states that it will be as difficult to remove the obstruction as if it was solid rock How very like the Tramore seawall! exclaimed the Waterford Citizen

Maurice Glendine of Tramore was drowned while endeavoring to reach a small island in Fishing Lake A sad incident [illegible] the drowning lad and would have been lost himself but for the equally brave action of another boy named Clerk!

The Waterford Star writing on the death of Mrs T J Farrell said

Though her numerous friends were aware that the malady from which she suffered would prove fatal, none expected that Mrs T J Farrell, wife of the member from South Kerry, would pass away so soon She was universally esteemed No more amiable, hospitable and kind hearted lady ever lived Mr Farrell's manager in Waterford proceeded to London with many wreaths including one from the workingmen, who appreciate Mr Farrell's beneficial enterprise as he has spent and is spending thousands of pounds building splendid business houses and excellent artisans' dwellings At a special committee meeting of the Waterford National and Commercial Club Alderman Richard Power, presiding the following resolution, proposed by Mr A S Furlong and seconded by Mr R Gough was passed in silence That we tender to Mr T J Farrell, M P, honorary life member of this club our sincere sympathy at the great loss he has sustained by the death of his amiable wife. Telegrams of condolence were also sent by Rt Rev Dr Sheehan Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, Mr John Dillon, M P Father Flynn, Father Furlong and others The deepest sympathy is felt for Mr Farrell in his great affliction."

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Many judges in south, east and west portions of Ireland were recently presented with white gloves, because the trial calendars held not a criminal case for consideration, and in many places the records of crime of any kind were so extremely light that a continual chorus of congratulations were uttered by the presiding judges Lord Chief Baron Palles had a very different story to tell in Belfast, the supposed seat of all good, law-abiding persons The Chief Baron said. "There has been a substantially increase of crime in the city of Belfast since the last assizes; but we can only hope that matters will gradually mend, and I trust that next time I have the pleasure of meeting you there may be a smaller calendar for your consideration" The Judge's remarks did not apply to the cases arising out of the recent brutal riots of the Orangemen, These were exclusive.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart took place in St Joseph's Hall a few days ago. Right Rev Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, presided and paid a deserved tribute to the good and practical education—religious and secular—imparted in the establishment. Musical studies, painting and art needlework are cultivated with excellent results, and to the Convent belongs the distinction of having secured two of the first Ulster successes in the examinations for proficiency in the harp conducted under the royal academy of Music. This is one of the most pleasing features of the system adopted by the nuns to combine with thorough instruction in studies of primary importance an application of the fine arts. It may be truly said that the pupils when they leave the convent are adequately equipped head, heart and hand—to fight the battle of life

ARMAGH.

Robert McDowell, aged 18, was drowned lately while bathing in a quarry, at Legacurry, two miles from Lurgan. Body was recovered.

Samuel Wright, aged 36 years, of Cranagill, near Portadown, was fatally injured last week by falling off a wall opposite Williamson's Hotel, Scarva. Fracture of base of the skull caused death.

Executive council of the St. Patrick's Catholic Orphanage assembled in the residence of Cardinal Logue the past week. The Cardinal presided. Present: Rt. Rev. Mgr Byrne, Dungannon, Dean of Armagh; Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Keady, Very Rev. Canon McCartan, Donaghmore; Very Rev. Canon Dillon, Louth, Very Rev. Canon McGeeney, Crossmaglen, Very Rev. Andrew Rogers, Ardee, Rev. Hugh Murphy, Cooley; Rev James Grimes, Beragh, Rev. Patrick Corr, Ballymacnabb, Rev. Patrick McNory, Kilsaran; Rev Hugh McCooye, Ballinderry, Rev. John Quinn, Adm. Dundalk and Rev. Patrick Fagan, C. C., Armagh. Much business of importance to the institution was transacted.

DERRY.

In Lamavady district this year there is only one-half the area under flax that there was last year. Reported fair in quality.

Alderman John Fleming of the Derry corporation, a resident of Strand road, Derry, died suddenly in the Abbey Hotel, Middle Abbey street, Dublin He was in his usual health the night prevous, but on the following morning complained of pains in the stomach.

DONEGAL.

Rt Rev Mgr. McFadden, P P. of Donegal, and Fr. Cassidy addressed the people, and ased them for their the people, and asked them for their to exhibit no irritation, which the Orangemen were provoking by assembling in and parading the streets of their town. These words of wisdom had the most salutary effect. Throughout the day the people under very trying circumstances maintained a peaceful attitude What a striking contrast this makes to the Orangemen's brutality toward the patriots of Belfast a few days previous.

Mr Hugh Curran, formerly on the Vindicator, Donegal, has been appointed sub-editor of the Dublin Evening Mail For a considerable time he had been editor of the Munster News, Limerick.

These official statistics relate to the new Local Government bill for Ireland: Letterkenny, population in 1891 2,320, area in acres, 395, valuation 1896, houses 2,979lbs land, 5541bs. total including railways half rents etc. 3,820 lbs poor rate, 1896 1od in the pound, total poor rate on land, 1896, 23lbs; county cess, 1896, 3s 5d in the pound, total county cess on land, 1896 95lbs total poor rate and county cess on land, 1896 118lbs. municipal rate 1s 8d.; town and sanitary rates one-fourth on land

DOWN

Among the priests who attended the recent conference of the clergy of Down and Connor in St Malachy's College, Belfast were Rev P McKenna, pastor, Newtownards and his assistants, Revs. I Bradley and P Murphy

The pastor of the historic parish of Saintfield is Rev R Smith.

FERMANAGH

Mr Murphy, secretary to the commissioners of national education, attended at the courthouse, Enniskillen, during the past week, to confer with the tenants on the estate relative to the purchase of their holdings. There was a large attendance of tenants Also present R Rev Mgr. Smollen, Enniskillen; Rev L W Gaughran, Anney, Rev. Father McGuaran, Florencecourt, and Mr Jeremiah Jordan, M P, and Mr. John F Wray, LL. B, solicitor for the tenants. The secretary, in explaining the proposel of the commissioners in reference to the Lough Erne drainage charge said there had been a sum of 15o,000lbs expended of this 6,000lbs. was spent in improving the low-lying lands The commissioners of education were paying 123lbs per year for the past nine years, and 4,000lbs. had yet to be paid. The commissioners would discharge the amount of that out of the purchase money of the estate. The costs of the solicitor for the tenants, Mr Wray, would be paid out of the purchase money On the proposition of Rev Father McKauran, seconded by Mr Brown, the terms of the commissioners were accepted and a document to this effect was signed by Mr Wray on behalf of the tenants.

During the week intelligence reached Mullingar that Constable McMorris, recently stationed there, died on Sunday at his home in Co. Fermanagh. Constable McMorris, was a man of splendid physique, standing six feet and a half, and built in proportion, was quite a young man, being only in the early twenties, and amongst the members of the force, with whom he was very popular, his death is sincerely regretted.

MONAGHAN.

The recent report on the condition of the flax crops in Ballybay district states that only one-half last year's crop is sown this season, and that flax will soon entirely disappear from among the crops.

The Clones Board of Guardians has among its members Dr. Tierney, J. A. Knight, J. Farley, W. Parks and J McGuire.

TYRONE.

Flax report from the Pomroy district states that there is no flax crop there this season.

The Fivemiletown police, Sergeant Coyle, Constables Boyle, Jennings and Leonard, have made an extensive seizure of poteen on Mullaghfad Mountain, on the estate of Sir Douglas Brooke, Bart. The seizure consists of new still, worm and entire paraphernalia for the full work of illicit distillation. Some 200 gallons of mash were discovered. This makes the second seizure this year.

A resolution having the genuine Irish and Catholic ring in it was adopted at the recent great patriotic demonstration held in Glenmornan. Here it is: "That we still adhere to a national and true honored motto of faith and Fatherland, and the cordial union of priests and people in all that concerns our country's cause; and we condemn the attempts that are being made by time-serving politicians to hound our priests out of public life."

Under the provisions of the new Local Government bill these official statistics have been issued: Omagh, population in 1891, 4,039; area in acres 352; valuation in 1896, land, 5221bs. houses, 8,661lbs.; total including railways, half rents etc., 9,520lbs.; poor's rate in lbs., 1s. 6d; total poor's rate on land, 1896, 89lbs.; county cess in lbs., 1896, 1s. 10d; total county cess on land, 1896, 481bs.; total poor's rate and county cess on land, 1896, 87lbs.; municipal rate, 9d.