

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.

A fine young lad named Thomas Elliott, a tailor's apprentice, employed at Mr. J. J. Elders in Main street, Ballinasloe, last week, proceeded to swim in the River Suck, at the back of the chapel. Elliott got beyond his depth, and was drowned. The body was recovered. Deceased has a sister employed as a teacher in Mercy Convent.

Mr. Thomas B. Killen has been elected Master of Loughrea Union. Mr. John Holland of Quay, Kinvarna, died August 4, fifty years ago he played a part in the stirring events of the time, which deserves to be remembered by the true Irish patriots. By him the late J. B. Dillon was placed on board a ship in Galway Bay, and thus avoided the slough bounds that were on his track.

On Sunday many excursionists traveled on the Shannon lake steamer Fairy Queen from Portumna to Killaloe. The day was exceedingly fine, and the famed scenery of Lough Derg rolled before the gaze in stately and romantic loveliness. The stay in ancient, popular and interesting Killaloe was considerable, and the visitors could be observed throughout the afternoon patrolling the several beautiful walks which abound in the neighborhood. The Portumnates left about 8 p. m. The Lady Betty Balfour, shortly after the arrival of the special went for a two-hours' cruise on the lake, which was patronized by a fashionable circle of Limerick folk. On Monday, Bank Holiday, on the arrival of the morning special from Limerick, the steamer Lady Betty Balfour, started for Portumna, and the excursionists enjoyed a lengthened interval upon the waters. In the afternoon the Fairy Queen carried a large number of passengers for another trip.

LEITRIM.

The cup, which the Carrick on Shannon Club won at the regatta recently, was presented to Mr. R. W. Moran by the Carrick Rowing Club, as it was mainly through him it was secured.

MAYO.

The earnest and patriotic men of Ballyheane have founded a branch of the United Irish League, with these officers: Patrick Moran, president; Edward O'Dea, treasurer; Walter J. McEvilly, Henry Faden, honorable secretaries. Members of the committee: Martin Staunton, Martin Skiffington, John Mogan, Michael Walsh, Patrick Joyce, Anthony O'Donnell, Thady King, Thomas Conway, Peter Faden, David Hynes, Michael Basquill, Michael Joyce. Achill Island is redeemed from loneliness. It has got a telegraphic station. It was one of the loneliest islands in the Atlantic a very short time ago, cut off from communication with the mainland. Now it can be no longer called an island. It can be reached by rail and talked to by wire. Mr. Davitt began it. To him is due the building of a bridge across and the making Achill practically a part of the mainland. Father O'Connor, then P. P. of Achill, secured it the great advantages of a railway. The telegraph station just opened at Dugort, at the far end of the island is the largest gift of civilization. For some time back Achill has been a popular resort of tourists. Last year the place was crowded, and the wild scenery thoroughly enjoyed. This year the invasion promises to be still more complete.

On Friday the remains of Dr. William MacCormack, who died in Dublin, were interred in Ballintubber, followed to their last resting place by a large cortege. Shortly after his interment his brother Francis (who was ailing for some months) expired, which makes the sad event more sorrowful to the family—the two brothers being dead on one day. Mr. T. MacCormack, their father, is brother of the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway, and is highly respected in Castlebar and surrounding towns. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated on Friday in the parish church.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. P. Cragg president at a recent meeting of the French Park National Teachers' Association. Present, Messrs. Forgyarty, Grogan, Doherty, Donnellan, Mullooly, Cooney, Gilbride, Rogers, McHugh, McGee and Higgins. The following was passed unanimously: "That the best thanks of this association are due, and hereby tendered to Mrs. O'Sullivan for her courageous and heroic action in the recent unjust and capricious dismissal of which she was the victim."

The death of Miss E. Fry, Abbeytown, Boyle, occurred lately, at the age of 76 years, after a long illness. The funeral took place on Saturday, when the remains were removed for interment in the Protestant burial ground, Boyle.

SLIGO.

Four hundred of the good men and true of Sooy assembled in the church on Sunday to elect officers for the local branch of the I. N. F. for ensuing year. Mr. Clerk, Mr. McLoughlin and Mr. Flynn delivered addresses, and the spirit shown by the men of Sooy was equal to the times of the Land League. All are determined to stand by the evicted tenants of Ballysumeghan, whose lands are a common and recreation ground for donkeys. It was resolved to continue the conflict with the expropriators until the poor evicted

tenants are reinstated on just terms, as the power of landlordism and Dublin Castle combined would fail to procure a grabber within the Sooy Branch. The election of officers and committee then took place, with the following result: Mr. Patrick Clerk, president; Mr. William Flanagan, vice-president; Thos. Kelly, deputy vice-president; John McLoughlin, secretary; Patrick Morrison, assistant secretary. All felt joyed at the result of the election, and pledged themselves to spare no efforts in advancing the National cause in Sooy this memorable year of '98 under the guidance of the elected officers. A resolution of confidence and congratulation was then passed to Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., and the Sligo champion, after which the meeting adjourned. John McLoughlin and Patrick Morrison, honorable secretaries.

Mrs. Catherine O'Donnell, Carrow-tle, Bunmaddew, died July 27, deeply and widely regretted. She was sister to E. Mulrooney, Ballintogher. At Sligo last week, Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, on a visit to the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, was presented with an address from the Sligo Corporation. The address was presented by the Mayor, Mr. McHugh, M. P., Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, and Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, were present during the interesting proceedings.

At Dromore West, last week, Mr. Telling, Q. C., with two sub-commissioners, disposed of fair rent applications. The largest batch of cases were from the estate of Sir Malby Crofton, many for a second term. Mr. St. G. Robinson, solicitor, assisted by Major J. D. Robinson and Messrs. Heron and Cawley, valuers, appeared for the landlord; Mr. Howley, solicitor, with Messrs. Mitchell and McHugh as valuers, appeared for the tenants.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Mrs. Mary Reidy of Kilmihil, died recently at the fine old age of 70 years. The remains were interred in the family vault at St. Michael's church, the funeral being large and representative.

Andy Hehr lies in Limerick jail in a very critical condition, because he persistently refuses to eat. The prison authorities are in a quandary. Food has to be run into Andy's stomach with machinery. However, he manages to get it up again, so that it is no benefit to him. Last report said he could not survive two days unless he took kindly to his food. Since he was seized by the guardians of the peace they have had quite a "peck of trouble" with him. He is a very picturesque character.

CORK.

Mr. M. J. Whelan, Clondohig, at last meeting of the Gaelic League, in 21 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, said he only learned to speak Irish within the past five years. He recited a poem in Irish with fluency and gracefulness. A farmer named O'Driscoll, living near Clogheen, was attacked by his bull and injured so seriously that his life was despaired of.

With heartfelt regret the people of Aghada heard of the removal of their curate, Rev. P. McAuliffe. For twelve years he ministered to their spiritual wants with a truly apostolic zeal. Miss Annie Murphy, daughter of Mr. Daniel Murphy, Kanturk, was received into the Order of Mercy at the convent, Strabane, County Tyrone. New religious assumed the title of Sister Mary Cecilia.

The recent rains have been of incalculable service to all crops in Mid-Cork. They were parched by the long drought, and the welcome moisture has worked wonders in the face of the county.

Rev. T. M. O'Callaghan, C. C., and Rev. M. P. Norris, C. C., Malloy, have been appointed to the curacy of Doneraile and Queenstown, respectively. Father O'Callaghan was in this parish for about six years and Father Norris almost the same time.

Never in the annals of the G. A. A. was there witnessed such a vast assemblage of supporters as that which graced Cork Park Sunday on the occasion of the great hurling and football contests for the Munster county championship between Cork and Tipperary. Over 15,000 persons were present. Cork won in both cases. Mr. J. Wall, Dungan, refereed. For the first time in the history of the association the Gaelic championships for all Ireland will be held in Cork Park this year. The management was excellent.

Considerable regret was expressed by the parishioners of Youghal at the transfer of Rev. J. Field to Middleton. Father Field was deservedly popular in Youghal, where he spent his boyhood. He began his education in the town when his late uncle, Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, was the pastor, and later on, when ordained he began his mission as chaplain to the Presentation Convent, and continued after, as curate, a service of twenty-six years. A public meeting was held to express how much the people regretted his departure. The League of the Cross brass band played through the town to the place of the meeting.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. O'Brien—Aug. 2, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington road, Maria O'Brien. McAuliffe—Aug. 2, at 21 Gattary Lane, Blackpool, Margaret McAuliffe, aged 26 years. Cuffe—Aug. 3, at Conybeg, Upper Glanmire, Mary Cuffe, only daughter of Patrick O'Brien, Moanabawn, Leamlara, aged 35 years. Jenkins—Aug. 3, at 5 Barrington street, Limerick, Jane Jenkins. Foley

—Aug. 4, Michael Foley, Lyremanon, Carrignavar, aged 65 years. O'Neill—Aug. 4, at Gurrane Ribbo, Ballynoe, Conna, Peter O'Neill, aged 67. O'Mahony—Aug. 1, at 61 Clarence street, Edward O'Mahony, aged 27 years. Roche—July 30, at Doneraile, the Rev. John Valentine Roche, aged 30, at 34 Dublin street, Julia Mary McAuliffe, late of Coolowen. Murphy—July 31, at Bawnaroutha, Kings, Michael Murphy. Lynch—July 30, at 48 York street, Blackpool, Cork, Hannah Lynch, aged 17 years. McClelland—At Gunnebury House, Isleworth, Dora McClelland, aged 72 years. Twomey—July 31, at Dripsey Cottage, Matthew Twomey, for twenty-five years the faithful and most esteemed manager of the Dripsey Wollen Mills. Crowley—July 31, at 31 Sovereign street, Clonakilly, Ellen, widow of the late Cornelius Crowley.

KERRY.

The sea fisheries in Southwest Kerry are yielding fairly in Kenmare Bay (outer waters) the seine boats have had good takes of herrings and mackerel and those waters also trawls have had good takes of various fish. In Ballyskelligs Bay matters are not quite up to anticipation, except in the line of the herring fishing. Trawling boats have done fairly well. The lobster fisheries have seldom given better results of this season. The salmon seine fishing in Ballyskelligs has closed, and it was the worst season for many years. Sea angling is accounting for good takes of different kinds of fish at Darynane, Waterville and Ballyskelligs.

Dr. W. W. Daly, the Park, Killarney, has been elected medical officer of Castleisland district of Killarney Union. The election was held in Cordal. Dr. Harford, who was the former officer, retired on pension.

LIMERICK.

John Dillon of Templeglantine, was killed by a fall from a loft last week. Twenty per centus reduction on the rents of the tenants on the lands of Goodrichs has been given by the owner—Peacock.

Edward Fitzgerald, farmer, aged 24 years, was sleeping with his brother on Friday night at their residence near Kildime, when a thunderstorm passed over the district. Fitzgerald was struck by lightning and killed immediately. The brother was unhurt.

At the Presentation Convent, George's Hill, Dublin, lately, Miss Nolan (in religion Sister Mary Antonia Josephine), daughter of Mr. Wm. Nolan, South Cappa, Foyens, was professed. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Mgr. Walsh, Dean of Dublin, Rev. M. Hogan, St. Michael's, Miss Nolan (sister of the professed religious), Mr. C. J. Nolan and Mr. J. Nolan, (brothers), Miss Julia Nolan, (aunt), Miss Fitzgerald, Rossbrien; Miss Nolan, Kilane, Mr. W. Nolan and Miss T. Nolan, Waterpark (cousins), Mrs. and Miss Buttery and Miss Potter, Dublin.

The death took place lately at his London residence of Daniel Fitzgerald Gabbett, Cahronish House, after a long illness. The deceased, who was in his 66th year, was a magistrate and grand juror of Limerick. In early life he served as a subaltern in the 2d Life Guards, and later on in the X Hussars, until he retired from the army from 1879 to 1885 he represented the Borough of Limerick in Parliament, not seeking to be returned at the general election that year. Deceased was the owner of extensive property in the county, and was a fairly good landlord.

Mrs. Matthew Hayes, Crierove, died lately at the fine old age of 93 years. Her funeral to Templekilly was large and respectable, and testified to the esteem in which she had been held. Very Rev. Dean Hammond, who died a few days since in Newcastle West, commenced in Maynooth his collegiate course, which was a distinguished one. He was appointed Dean of the College and continued in that position until on the death of Dean O'Brien, thirteen years ago, when he was transferred by the late Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Butler, to the charge of Newcastle West. After the death of Dean Cregan, Bruif, in 1892, he was raised to the dignity of Dean and Vicar General. In the election for bishop after Dr. Butler's death, his name was placed dignior, the late Rev. Joseph Burke, P. P. St. Patrick's, being dignior. He was 78 years old.

TIPPERARY.

Mrs. Mary Madden, one of the pioneers of Washington Territory, died recently. Her maiden name was Mary McCarthy, a native of Clonmel, Tipperary, and lived a very eventful life. In her girlhood she heard Daniel O'Connell give an address from the Rock of Cashel, and saw Thomas Francis Meagher as he was being taken to Clonmel jail after sentence of death has been passed upon him. She went to New York in 1854 and lived there one year. In 1855 she was a passenger on a sailing vessel bound for the Pacific coast, and after leaving Panama the ship took fire, compelling the passengers to take to the lifeboats. Mrs. Madden finally reached Fort Steilacoom, Washington, where she met many of the regular army who afterward distinguished themselves in the war of the rebellion. She understood Gaelic and conversed readily with the Indians in Chinook.

Miss Rose O'Neill, daughter of Mr. John O'Neill, Banaha, was lately received into the Order of Mercy at the Convent Cahin. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Antonio Joseph. Father Cusack officiated. Quite a number attended the edifying ceremony.

Mr. Patrick Carew, Templemy, died July 30, aged 76 years, deeply and

widely regretted. Office and high mass were celebrated in Gammonfield, after which the interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the church. A tendance of priests and people was numerous.

Seventy members of the "Society of the Angelic Warfare" had an outing lately under the supervision of Father Flavin, St. Mary's church, Clonmel, and of Brothers Banks and Walsh, Mullinators, Drungan, Gloneen, Fethard, Grove and Kilsheelan. The intention was to climb old Sleveamon, but rain came and spoiled the sport.

WATERFORD.

Anne Walsh, daughter of a green grocer in Lombard street, Waterford, near Walsh the Auctioneer, was killed last week by the roof falling in.

Last week the funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Morgan, Waterford, took place in St. Mary's, Ballygunner. His remains were laid beside those of his son Joseph, who was killed accidentally at Vortalsade training place in England a few months ago.

Miss Alice White, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel White of the late well known firm of corn merchants in Waterford City, was married lately to Mr. Herbert K. Finch of Preston, Lancy, at the Abbey church, Ferrybank. Mrs. Finch carries with her to England the love of the people of Waterford.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Richard Dowling, the novelist, which took place at his residence in Foulter road, Tooting, England. Mr. Dowling was in his 53d year, and was born at Clonmel, Tipperary. Despite his long residence in London, he was as racy of the soil as when he first came here, between twenty and thirty years ago. As a novelist Mr. Dowling did a great deal of very creditable work. Principal among his novels was "Sweet Innisfail," which he dramatized. Although less successful, perhaps, as a play than as a novel, it had a long run in the provinces. In addition to his novel writing, Mr. Dowling was a frequent contributor to the press, one of his latest journalistic undertakings being a series of articles on the principal London newspapers in his private life Mr. Dowling was an estimable and amiable man and a charming raconteur.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Simon Farrell, boatman on 52 barge of canal company, was found drowned last week in the River Barrow, opposite Guinness store, Carlow.

DUBLIN.

Members of the Gaelic League recently held a meeting in 24 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, and agreed to issue an appeal for funds.

The statutory annual meeting of the shareholders of the Nation Newspaper Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the company, Dublin, lately. Directors present: Very Rev. Dean White, Neph; Very Rev. Canon McNeene, Magherafelt; Mr. W. M. Murphy, Mr. Joseph Mooney and Alderman Mulligan. Many shareholders were present. Mr. Murphy presided. The balance sheet and statement of accounts were explained by the chairman, and a resolution passed adopting them. The existing board of directors were unanimously re-elected.

A meeting of Nationalists was held in the gymnasium of the National Club, Rutland square last week, about the Mayorality of Dublin, and to establish a municipal registration association. Alderman McCabe presided.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. Carson—Aug. 1, at 18 Caibra parade, Dublin, Margaret Liddle Carson, of 31 Grafton street, and grand-daughter of the late Rev. James Crawford Ledlie. Foley—July 31, at the Hospice, Haroldscross, John Foley of Tenterfields, aged 33 years, and for over twenty years an employe of Messrs. Woods, Webb & Co. (Ltd.), Temple Lane. Kevany—Aug. 1, at 1 Spence's terrace, Cork street, Dublin, Margaret Catherine Kevany. McDermott, at 22 Spencer street, Thomas McDermott. McNally—Aug. 1, at 24 Mayor street, Laurence McNally. Moriarty—July 30, at 92 Lower Leeson street. Quinn—At 22 Colaraine street, Mrs. Quinn, late of 27 Fleher's lane, only surviving sister of Mrs. Farrington, bakery, Church street, Byrne—Aug. 2, at Prospect, Milltown, Anne Byrne. Devlin—Aug. 3, at 21 Spencer street, N., John Devlin, late of Newry, aged 57 years. Ferguson—Aug. 2, at 38 Lower Abbey street, James Ferguson. Hoy—Aug. 3, at 23 Coburg place, Michael Hoy, formerly engine driver on G. N. Railway. Holland—Aug. 2, Julia Holland, 34 Dartmouth road, Legon Park. Warrington—Aug. 3, at 191 Pheiborough road, Mrs. Mary Warrington, in the 46th year of her age.

KILDARE.

A month's memory office and solemn requiem mass were celebrated during the week for the repose of the soul of late Very Rev. Simon McWey, Killoock, in the church of St. Coca, Killoock. Dr. Foley presided, assisted by the Right Rev. Mgr. Burke, Bagnalstown, and Right Rev. Mgr. Tynan, Newbridge. Rev. James Kirwan, Killoock, celebrant; Rev. James Dempsey, Arles, deacon; Rev. John Kearney, Maryborough, sub-deacon, and Rev. John Delaney, Dean Carlow College, master of ceremonies.

KILKENNY.

The death of Mr. Thomas Bowe, Tullaroan, lately, was deeply and widely regretted. Deceased during life had taken an active, continuous and patriotic interest in national affairs. He was closely identified with the O'Con-

nell movement, and a staunch Republican. A solemn requiem office and high mass was celebrated in the parish church, Tullaroan, celebrant, Rev. Father Peter, Rochestown, Cork, (son of the deceased); Rev. Father Bartholomew, deacon; Rev. Father Luke, sub-deacon; Rev. T. Bowe, St. Kieran's College, master of ceremonies.

Members of the Choir and Christian Doctrine Society of Mullinost, a few days ago, presented Very Rev. Canon Raffica, P. P., with an address congratulating him on his being honored with the title of Canon. He is worthy of the dignity.

A meeting of Tallogher Nationalists was held on Sunday, to open a fund to provide a house for Richard Egan, one of the Curraghmore evicted tenants, and to protest against the grabbing of his farm. Mr. John Walsh presided, and there was a large attendance. The grabber was condemned, and it was pointed out that though there was an evicted farm in the neighborhood since 1881, not one had dared to take it. Subscriptions for the building of the house to shelter poor Egan and his family were handed in.

KINGS.

Statistics relating to the number of persons who leave Ireland each year to work in the harvest fields of England and Scotland show that not a single person left this county with that object this year.

LONGFORD.

The interment of Mrs. Ginty, Dunhegan in Columbellie Cemetery, lately, was numerous attended. Funeral cortege was one of the longest seen in the parish for a long period.

The new religious of the order of Mercy, lately received in St. Joseph's Convent, Longford, by Bishop Hoare, is Miss Mary McGarry, Longford.

LOUTH.

The death of Mr. Patrick Reddy, J. C., Drogheda, left a seat vacant in the Town Council, and the election having been held, Mr. James P. Kelly, High Sheriff, was elected. He secured 68 votes, while Mr. Laurence F. Brannigan secured 45. It was a very mild business.

Cardinal Logue has made the following changes lately: Rev. Eugene Clarke, C. C., Louth, to be C. C. Dundalk; Rev. P. Brady, C. C., Haggardstown, to be C. C. Louth; Rev. Chas. Montague, C. C. Knockbridge, to be C. C. Loughall; Rev. Patrick Kenny, C. C. Loughall, to be C. C. Haggardstown; Rev. Thomas Boyle, C. C. Drogheda, to be C. C. Knockbridge.

Died July 17, while bathing at Gormanstown, Christopher J. Keogh, aged 15 years, only surviving son of Andrew J. Keogh, 10 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin. The interment took place at Glasnevin on Tuesday July 16, 1898, at Rockmarsh, Michael McDonald, Meath—Mr. Peter Smith, Balrathbrury Kells, died recently, aged 83 years. Deeply regretted by family and friends.

QUEEN'S.

Mr. John Moore, aged 66 years of Iron Mills, died July 28. Requiem services were held in the Ballinakil church, and were numerous attended by priests and people.

WESTMOUTH.

On July 13, in the Convent of Mercy, Strabane, County Tyrone, Miss Mary Nally, daughter of Mr. Edward Nally, and niece of Most Rev. Dr. Flood, O. P., Archbishop of Trinidad, was received into the community, taking the title of Sister Mary Dominic.

Members of the Holy Family Confraternity in Mullingar, lately had their annual excursion to Bray. It was a most enjoyable day. Sports were held and all the events were stiffly contested. Father O'Reilly accompanied the excursionists.

Mr. Patrick Connolly of Finea, died recently at the age of 82 years. The people around the district deeply regretted his demise. Chief mourners: Mr. James Connolly (son of deceased), Mrs. Hackett, Miss Nelly Connolly, Miss Rose Connolly, Tuam; Miss Maggie Connolly and Miss Lily Connolly, (daughters).

WEXFORD.

A solemn high mass and office for the souls of Catholics who fell fighting for faith, fatherland and virtue on the battlefields of 1798 or who were butchered by the licentious soldiery and brutal yeomanry before during and after the rising will be held in the Cathedral, Ennisclock, on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

At last meeting of the Ennisclock Board of Guardians, notice of intention to writ Gregory Whelan, farmer, and Laurence Carton, farmer, from the lands of Ballyvorley, was received from A. B. Turner, Gorey, agent for Richard Donovan of Ballyhore. A similar notice was received from Robert Pears, in respect to John McGrath, Rathduff.

On July 31, one of the oldest men in South Wexford, passed into eternity in the person of Thomas Barrona, Battles-town. The late Mr. Barrona, was born before the battle of Waterloo and attained to the great age of 90. He belonged to the most respected family which found Battlesstown its home for centuries past. Deceased was educated at St. Paul's College, Wexford. He was one of the first clerks of New Ross Union. In the course of his lifetime deceased was manager with the late Mr. Stafford of Wexford and manager and bookkeeper for the late Mr. James Howlett of New Ross. About 25 years ago the deceased returned to Battles-town, to spend the remainder of his days there, and "to live on his money." Deceased was a cousin of the Rev. Robt. Barron, P. P., who had the pastorate charge of the united parishes of St. James and Templetown for many years.

He arranged to have his funeral office and high mass, month's memory and twelve months' memory celebrated in Mount Mellersy Abbey. He also arranged for a number of low masses, which arrangements have been forwarded for fulfillment to the Abbey.

WICKLOW.

A boy named Boyle somehow fell into the river in Wicklow town and was drowned. How he got into the water is not known.

An explosion of gas occurred at Donart Castle near Arklow, the seat of the Earl of Carysfort, a few days ago, and serious injuries were sustained by the housekeeper, Mrs. McKenzie.

At the opening of the petty sessions court, Wicklow, last week, Major Newton, the presiding magistrate, made a presentation of the vellum certificate of the Royal Humane Society to Thomas Kenny, aged 8 years, who in June went to the rescue of a boy named Thomas Toole, who had fallen into the Derry River, near Tinahely, and saved him from drowning. A number of boys had, it appeared been playing alongside the river when Toole fell in and was being carried away by the flood. Kenny pluckily jumped into the water and saved him. Kenny was the recipient of many congratulations from the bench and from the public on his heroic deed. The boy whom he rescued is older and bigger than he is.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The esteemed parish priest of Ramoan, Ballycastle, Very Rev. John Conway, V. F., lately celebrated his silver jubilee in the sacred ministry. The people presented him with an address and testimonial.

ARMAGH.

Sister Bridget Murtagh, who for fifteen years had been a nurse in the R. L. C. fever ward of Dr. Stevens' Hospital, Dublin, died suddenly lately. She was a sister of Mr. William Adams, J. P., Brackagh House Portadown. The remains were removed from the residence of her brother, Mr. William Adams, J. P., Brackagh House, Portadown, for interment in the family burying ground at Mullavilly. The funeral cortege bore ample testimony to the esteem in which deceased and her family are held.

CAVEN.

In the district of Cotehill recently it was reported that only a few pecks of flax had been sown. Bawnboy also has a small quantity this year. The flax as a crop seems to be dying out all over the northern counties.

DERRY.

Mr. James McEoway of the Watty Graham '98 Club, Maghera, at last meeting, delivered a most interesting discourse on the Brothers Sheares. Mr. J. E. O'Neill presided.

In the River Baine, at Crossland, three miles from Ballymonee, was found the dead body of William Moore, Movens, Garvaagh, aged 65 years. A large and representative meeting of the Thomas Barton Branch, National Federation, Moneymore, was held on Sunday. Mr. H. Devlin presided. Mr. Ferran, county delegate, delivered a stirring address. The branch again declared its confidence in the Irish party under the chairmanship of Mr. John Dillon.

Three sudden deaths occurred lately in Glenties, near Garvaagh. Andrew McNicol (Andy), Brockaghboy, aged 68, was thinning turnips when he received a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Denis Mullan, Lisnascreagh, succumbed suddenly. Charles McCloskey, Balmintemple, aged 65, feeling unwell on Sunday, took a weak turn and died.

DONEGAL.

The new church at Casheldar, Kilbarrow, so much needed, is now almost finished and will be dedicated next month. Rev. B. Kelly, Ballyshannon, the parish priest, would like all his friends in the United States to know of the approaching ceremony in connection with the new church.

The business of the Hibernian Bank in Ballyhoye has extended so much that it became necessary to build new premises which were opened last week.

DOWN.

In the Church of the Sacred Heart, Drogheda, Sunday, Most Rev. Dr. Henry Bishop of Down and Connor, preached an eloquent charity sermon. Much more than three thousand dollars were taken in the collection.

FERMANAGH.

Flax as a crop is rapidly being abandoned by the farmers in Enniskillen district. Only one field appears to have been sown this season. The failure of it last year caused the falling off.

MONAGHAN.

Last week's meeting of the members of the Jack Connolly "98" Club was well attended. Letters in reference to the demonstration were read from the Rev. Father Kavanagh, O. S. F., Cork; Rev. Father Treanor, Newbliss; Lisnaskeagh Band, Keelagh Band, Aghabog, about a demonstration. Owing to the bad prices obtained last year for flax the farmers in the districts around Emyvale have not sown much flax this season and what there is will not pay.

TYRONE.

But three bags of flax have been sown in the district around Castlederg this season. As a crop it is growing in disfavour among agriculturists in Ulster. John Curry, aged 70 years, was recently drowned on Lough Neagh, near Mountjoy, whilst in a cot that upset. An inquest was held at Magheralongfield.