

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.

LEITRIM.

On the feast of St. Philip Benezet, O. S. M., Mr. Richard J. Lynch (in religion Brother Amdeus, O. S. M.) of Carrick-on-Shannon, and Brother Joachim, O. S. M., of England, had the happiness of making their solemn vows in the presence of the Very Rev. Father Appollont, O. S. M., provincial, who preached on the occasion; Rev. Father Bonaventure Mary, O. S. M. (Master of Novices), Rev. Father Leo, O. S. M. (Prior) Rev. Father Ambrose, O. S. M.; Rev. Father Amdeus Matlen, O. S. M., and one of the fathers from St. Andrew's Institute, who presided at the organ. Also a novice was clothed with the habit of the order, and called in religion Brother Bonifilius, O. S. M. The friends were afterwards entertained by the Fathers.

MAYO.

Mr. William O'Brien, speaking Sept. 5, at Claremorris, at a meeting held to found a branch of the United Irish League, said that whatever barriers had been raised between good Irishmen in late years it was consoling to find that the hearts of the people of South Mayo were in the right place. They had millions upon millions of Irish-Americans and of Irish-Australians watching for the signal of a new struggle for Irish liberty. They hated land-lordism as deeply as ever, and were determined that the Irish people should be the masters of the land of Ireland. The first principle of the United Irish League was not to stand doubting or shivering but to throw off their coats and tackle the common enemy. Wherever the League was established there the landlords and grabbers would have a most uncomfortable time in future.

Father Walsh left Castlebar last week for Pittsburg, Pa. after a few months' visit with his parents. The local band and a great concourse of friends accompanied him to the railway station, and as he left the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" was played.

A deputation of tenant farmers from Killawalla visited several grabbers of large areas of land asking them to give up their large grazing farms in Killawalla. The deputation was cordially received by some who promised to give up their large farms on being compensated. In several districts the grazing farms are being allotted to the tenants the owners yielding without extra pressure being exercised. These are encouraging instances for the people.

The British government has inaugurated a system of coercion in Mayo akin to that which Mr. Arthur Balfour worked when he was Chief Secretary for Ireland. Truth is Mr. Gerald Balfour, present Chief Secretary, and brother of the ex-Chief Secretary, looks upon the United Irish League as an organization well calculated to give severe trouble to the British officials, land grabbers and such like, therefore Michael Daly, of Boughadom, Peter Gillespie of Derreen; Patrick Gillespie, Derreen; Francis Gallagher, Keenagbeg; George Henagan, Clonduff, and Charles Daly of Bracklagh, were prosecuted in Newport last week for marching at Clonduff and singing and playing the famous song of "The Peeler and the Goat." Mr. Lynch said the court held that Michael Daly and Patrick Gillespie behaved in a very outrageous manner in shouting out "Bradleyites," in addition to the band playing "Harvey Duff." They, therefore, ordered Daly to find sureties, himself in £20 and two sureties of £10 and two sureties in £5 each or go to jail for two months. The other cases were dismissed. Mr. Lynch—Are they going to give bail? Both defendants answered they would not give bail. They committed no crime. Mr. Barry—They cannot see their way to give bail. It would be admitting a wrong, and they will not do it, though all to any amount would be forthcoming. Mr. M. J. Kelly asked that the warrants issue at once. This was done, and Mr. Daly, who is an elderly and most respectable man, until recently toastmaster at Broughadom, and Patrick Gillespie were then removed by a strong escort of police to Castlebar Jail.

ROSCOMMON.

An old man, who said his name was James Carroll, from Cloone, was found dead last week beside a cock of hay in a meadow in Aughrim. An inquest was held. Dr. White of Fipkin made a post-mortem examination and said that he found that deceased died from exhaustion caused by want of food. A verdict in accordance was returned.

At Ballinagh Michael Downes of Alore, Ballinagh, prosecuted John Fleming of the same place for that he made use of threatening language toward him, and put him in terror, at Alore, on the 7th of last August. The complaint was put in as caretaker in June last in the house from which defendant was evicted, and on the 7th of August, it was alleged, the defendant made use of threatening language. After hearing the evidence, his worship ordered the defendant to find bail—himself in £20 and two sureties in £10 each, or to go to jail for a month. Bail was not forthcoming, and defendant was removed to jail.

SLIGO.

On Sept. 7, solemn requiem High Mass was said for the dead who were celebrated in the Cathedral Sligo for the happy souls of the souls of the United Irish-

men who fought and died in the rebellion of '98. The edifice was crowded in every part, all Catholic Sligo being present. Very Rev. Canon Harte, president of Summerhill College, was celebrated assisted by Very Rev. Father McDermott. In the choir were all the college and Cathedral priests. The choir, under Dr. A. W. Miller, M. A., performed appropriate music. The Mayor, Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., Alderman Coltery, M. P., Alderman Tighe, T. Keane, T. Scanlon, J. J. Keenan, Alderman Connolly, O. Dolan, P. Keighron, T. Flanagan, P. Costello, F. O'Connor, etc., etc.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

At St. Joseph's Convent of the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, London, on Aug. 16, was received Miss Ellen O'Toole, sister of Mr. John O'Toole, of Whelan's provision stores, Carlow.

Mrs. Anne Walsh of Market Square, Carlow, died Sept. 2, aged 64 years, deeply regretted. The funeral to Killashin was numerously attended.

DUBLIN.

Last week the annual bazaar and drawing of prizes promoted by the Sisters of Charity, Seville place, Dublin, was opened at the convent under favorable auspices. The object of the bazaar is the good one of aiding the sick and destitute poor. The weather was favorable, and the attendance large. The stalls were most tastefully decorated, the prizes very numerous, valuable and useful. Among the stallholders are Mrs. O'Grady and Mrs. Gaffney, Miss Lockhart and Miss Allen. In the grounds there is a tempting fishing pond. Amusements of many kinds are provided, and the bazaar is sure to prove a great success.

Patrick Flannigan, sentenced in 1883 to penal servitude for life for alleged felony, was lately liberated from Portland Prison, England.

John Dillon, M. P. Ballaghaderin; William O'Brien, Mallow Cottage, Westport, County Mayo; J. E. Redmond, M. P. Dublin; J. Clancy, esq., Ormond quay, Dublin; C. G. Duran, esq., Queenstown; H. Oxon, esq., Cabra, the Wolfe Tone and United Irishmen's County Dublin, have become officers in Memorial committee, Dublin.

Rev. Brother Edward Connolly of the Cabra, Deaf and Dumb Institute was drowned last week whilst bathing in a pool called the Quarry Hole on the Tolka River, between Finglass and Broom bridges. He was accompanied by Rev. Brother Hurley to the bathing place. Deceased dived into the water and became so entangled in weeds that he perished. He was aged 21 years.

On Sunday, after mass in the church of the Holy Family, Aughrim street, Dublin, the annual charity sermon in aid of St. Gabriel's Parochial National Schools was preached by the Rev. Jos. Burke. There are four schools in the parish, attended by 750 children, who receive a free education. Last year the name of 600 children appeared on the roll, but since then the popularity of the schools have increased under the care of the pastor, Father Burke, as 150 more children are attending.

The County Dublin committee of the Gaelic Association met at 33 Great Brunswick street; Mr. J. J. McCabe in the chair. Members present, Messrs. Nicholson, treasurer, Brady, McCarthy, McBride, Keogh, Nash, Wood, Cullen and M. T. O'Malley, hon. secretary. A check was received from Mr. Vincent O'Brien, secretary of Jones' road grounds, for £12 2s 6d, net proceeds of tournament held in aid of distress in the west. The committee decided to hand Mr. O'Brien's check to the secretary of the Gaelic Legion for distribution among the deserving poor in the west, together with £138 net proceeds of sale of tickets, making £146 6d in all.

The very remarkable old members of the Dublin Printers' Society regret the death of an advanced age of Mr. Murphy, on Monday last in Simpson's Hospital. Mr. Murphy served his apprenticeship in the University Press, and worked in that earlier years of the Daily Express in the office, but meeting with an accident he sought and obtained admission to the above admirable institution. Joseph Murphy's kind and genial disposition—coupled with enthusiastic devotion to faith and fatherland—endeared him to all who had the happiness of knowing him.

St. Teresa's Total Abstinence Society held their usual weekly concert Tuesday in their hall, Coppinger's row, Dublin. There was a very large attendance.

Recent deaths in Dublin.

COLLINS—Sept. 4, at Donabate, Katie Teresa Collins, aged 19 years.
CORCORAN—Sept. 3, at 7 Inchiroe road, Kate Corcoran.
DUNNE—Sept. 3, at 4 Ashbrook terrace, S. C. road, James Dunne, sergeant 11 Division, D. M. P., aged 39 years, native of Clonsilla, Queen's county.
LAHIFF—Sept. 4, at 137 Leinster road, Denis Lahiff, aged 51 years.
MCCARTHY—At the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, late of 3 Hanover square, Mr. McCarthy.
BYRNE—Sept. 8, at 17 Crosswhite Park, West Kingstown, James Joseph Byrne.
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DAVYS—Sept. 9, at 37 Marlborough road, Donnybrook, Rose Evelyn, of Cremona House, Swords.
ROURKE—Sept. 4, at the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook, Elizabeth Rourke, 2 Brennan's parade, Bray.
BURKE—Sept. 13, at 1 Ardenza terrace, Seapoint, Louis Kelly, 7 Palmerston road, Bathmines, aged 15 years.
CONNIFFE—Sept. 12, at 15 Middle Gardiner street, Catherine Conniff, formerly at 24 Upper Liffey street.
D'ARCY—Sept. 14, at 20 Commons street, Dublin, Mary Josephine D'Arcy, aged 21 years.
JOHNSTON—Sept. 14, at 1 Charles-

mont avenue, Kingstown, Elizabeth Ellen Clendinning.
KEARNS—Sept. 15, James M. (Jim) aged 19 years and 3 months, 48 St. Thomas' terrace, S. C. road.
WALSH—Sept. 15, Katie Walsh, Gasworks, Tuam, aged 30 years.
O'BRIEN—Sept. 7, at Rockville, Glashule, Mrs. Mary O'Brien.
O'REILLY—Sept. 7, at Nixon street, James O'Reilly.
OSBORNE—Sept. 8, at Cork street, Teresa, wife of John Osborne, Inchicore.
STORREN—Sept. 8, at Portland Cottage, Portland place, Dublin, Mary Josephine Storren.
TITE—At twelfth lock, Royal Canal, Blanchardstown, Mary Anne, aged 20 years.
WATERS—Sept. 8, at 65 Blessington street, Dublin, Annette Waters, Seaton place, Dundalk.

KILDARE.

A sad drowning fatality occurred at Monasterevan on Sept. 3. Sergeant Young R. I. C. aged 43 years; his son Willie, aged 8 years and six months, and a police pensioner named James Noonan, aged 34 years, with a young man named Connell and a police constable named Fitzsimons, were returning to Monasterevan on the barrow in a flat bottomed boat when the skiff sank at Cosh near Moore Abbey.

The splendid summer weather which has prevailed in South Kildare has been of inestimable value to the farmers who have been enabled to have their grain crops secured under the most favorable conditions. The prospects of the harvest are most encouraging and it is confidently expected that the season will turn out to be the most prosperous that has been experienced for several years.

KILKENNY.

The annual show of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, asses, fowl, butter, followed by a series of horse jumping competitions were brought off Sept. 6 in the Heasborough Demesne Pitttown in the presence of a brilliant array of visitors. From a numerical standpoint the show was a record one. The general opinion was that there was a considerable improvement in the quantity of stock exhibited. A large number of prizes for cottage industries and general neatness and cleanliness of the houses were offered and provided keen competition. Excellent equestrian feats were performed. Mr. Martin Murphy, Waterford and Limerick Racecourse, presented a cup value 10 guineas to which the society added prizes of £10, £5 and £3. There were nineteen entries. First Mr. W. Shanahan Coffin, Portlaoigh, second Edward Hoffmann Coolahack, Fethard, Primrose, third Mr. Thomas J. Hanrahan, Nine Mile House, Carrick on Suir, Nos. Queen Mr. G. Murray Phelan, Portlaoigh, presented a silver cup value £5, £3 and £2. First Patrick Barron Knockree, Waterford Hazel Imperial Hotel, Waterford, Jerry, third, Nicholas Morony, Ballyhugh, Kilmac-thomas.

Hon. Vere Ponsonby, son of Lord Dunannon, Bessborough, Pitttown, while playing cricket in the park was struck heavily on the eye by a ball, which struck on the balls.

An extraordinary accident occurred in Grangemurrough last week in connection with the interment of Mrs. Murphy, who died in the hospital in Kilkenny. There was a large attendance, and the interment took place in due course, but to the amazement of all a hearse arrived from Kilkenny next morning with the corpse of the person which was supposed to have been interred the previous day. A most clumsy mistake occurred in the Kilkenny workhouse hospital, whereby only an empty coffin was sent to Grangemurrough. The empty coffin was disinterred and that really containing the corpse buried in its place.

KINGS.

Very Rev. Canon Roddy, pastor of Banagher Church, and Vicar General of Clonsilla, is affecting many useful changes in the church. To liquidate the debt he is organizing a series of entertainments which it is hoped, will be successful.

The great fair of September, held in Hanagher last week, was good, and prices were about the average in the sheep and horse line.

LONGFORD.

Arrangements have been made for the sale to the tenants of portion of the property of Col. Wentworth King-Harman, Ballymahon.

Mr. William Jones has been appointed town rate collector for Longford.

Thomas Frances C. Beirne, Crossha, Edgeworthstown, died Sept. 4, of pneumonia. The funeral was numerously attended. He was a nephew of Most Rev. Dr. Higgins, assistant Bishop of Sydney, where the remains were laid to rest. Rev. Father Bannan, S. J., conducted the burial service.

LOUTH.

A case of sunstroke occurred in Drogheda a few days ago. The victim was a young man named Collins of Mell.

Mr. Peter McQuillan and Mr. Patrick J. Callan have been nominated for the Gaugate Ward, Drogheda, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. John Slewin.

Not every one who has passed beyond the portals of time was held in such general esteem as Councillor Slewin, Drogheda. In return for his unobtrusive and modest manner and kindly nature he enjoyed the respect of all. This was abundantly evidenced by the vast funeral cortege that followed his remains to Colpe cemetery.

MEATH.

At the meeting of the Kells Board of Guardians Saturday the following letter was read from Mr. William Manning, C. E., Co. Meath: "I have been informed the guardians have a 'haunted' laborer's cottage in Feagh, at 41 not one will go near it. I will be taking about ten days' leave and want a change. If the guardians can see their way to letting it to me temporarily (1) I would take it at whatever rent they may see fit to charge, or (2) go in as a caretaker at 1d. per week and a guarantee (£10) that at any time they find a bonafide laborer to take it I will on twenty-four hours' notice hand it over to them." John McConnon, Tiorcorke, wrote offering to sleep in the house three successive nights for £2 5s, and stating that if he saw "anything" he would question it and find out what takes it there. It was agreed to appoint Mr. Manning caretaker.

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CLARE.

An emergency caretaker, Daniel Ryan, in charge of a farm at Linnagh on the Butler's Castle time estate, seven miles from Ennis, was fired at and afterward badly beaten by moonlighters at an early hour on Monday. He made a statement that while looking after the cattle about 6 a. m. two revolver shots were fired at him. Neither hit him. Immediately afterward several men jumped over a wall and dashed at him, knocking him down, while on the ground they beat him, and one of the party fired a shot, the bullet grazing his head. The party then walked away. Thomas and John Culligan, John Hanrahan and John Reddan have been arrested.

Kilrush Town Commissioners have renamed the streets as follows: Francis street will be called Wolfe Tone street; Moore street will be called Lord Edward street; Henry street will be called Mac-Cracken street; Vandeleur street will be called Michael Dwyer street; Toler street will be called Father Murphy street; John street will be called Sarahfield street; Burton street will be called Emmet street; Hedro street will be called William Orr street; Pound street will be called Humbert street; Crofton street will be called Ann Devin street; Market square will be called Martyr's place; Grace street will be called Grace street, and so on. John C. Malony and F. J. O'Doherty voted against the change.

Lord Halsbury, the Right Honorable Lord Chancellor of England, Lady Halsbury, Lord Acton and suite arrived in Clare last week and proceeded to Lahinch. Lord Halsbury stayed at the Golf Link Hotel. The distinguished visitors visited the world-renowned cliffs of Moher. The party traveled by special train to Killarney. The Lord Chancellor, who had been touring in Connemara and the west of Ireland, expressed himself delighted with the Irish scenery and stated that he never enjoyed a holiday so much, and complimented the people for the great courtesy extended to tourists, and only regretted that time would not permit of a more lengthened stay in the Green Isle.

Mrs. Ellen Hogan of Coolreagh, near Bodyke, died recently at the age of 62 years, widely and deeply regretted. The funeral obsequies were attended by Very Rev. Broghan, Killaloe; the Rev. D. Hogan, who officiated in celebrant; Bodyke Catholic church and Rev. Jas. Halpin, Rev. T. Kelly and Rev. John McNamara, who acted as deacon, sub-deacon and master of ceremonies respectively.

IRISH—FIVE.

At Labasheeda on Sunday, Sept. 11, was founded a branch of the new Land League, named appropriately United Irish League, United seems at last to have been accomplished. Mr. John McInerney, chairman of the Limerick board of guardians, presided. He is a pronounced Parnellite.

CORK.

John Milner, who was shot, it is alleged, by a farmer named Donovan at Edencarra, near Dunmanway, last week succumbed to his injuries. The affair has given rise to much commotion in this locality. The Donovans are in custody.

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