

# OUR IRISH LETTER.

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES IN IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

## CONNAUGHT.

### GALWAY.

The Most Rev. Dr. McCormack is gone to Rome. He left for there when the Bishop's business at Maynooth was finished last week.

Much interest has been aroused here by the announcement of the discovery of silver on the lands of Mr. Cottingham, coroner of Oughterard. The discovery was made at Bealadangan, near Costello. It was first noticed three months ago. Since then mining engineers and prospectors have visited the place. The metal has been tested and found pure and now general miners from Wales are engaged on the vein. Operations are in progress, a shaft has been sunk, and it is said that so far the working has been very successful, yielding a large percentage of silver.

A melancholy affair, in which the father of a large family lost his life, occurred in Galway City a few days ago. A man named Griffin, his son and another, went out in a small boat to the trawler Irish Leader, of which the elder Griffin was skipper. They got into the trawler all right, but what occurred afterward is not clear. Griffin, however, was found drowned, the body naked in the sea and the clothes were in the boat. There were marks on the throat and on the eyes, and there is a strong suspicion of foul play.

### LEITRIM.

On Wednesday Hugh Brady, who lived at Chapel Lane, Carrick-on-Shannon, and followed the occupation of a shoemaker, died rather suddenly at his residence. The deceased was close on 80 years of age, and although somewhat delicate, was in his usual health up to an hour before his death.

### MAYO.

The commissioners of National Education have promoted Mr. A. Lavelle The Valley, N. S., Achill, to first class. Mr. Lavelle made brilliant scoring on Irish, mathematics and the science subjects.

The United Irish League in Ballinrobe district is increasing in number of branches, thanks to the energetic organizer, Mr. P. Rogan, the secretary, Mr. C. E. Maguire and the president, Mr. T. F. Kirwan. District branches have been established at Ballinew, Coo-lough, Clooncastle, Blackrock and Brownstown.

Died—Oct. 4, at Clooneen, Eliza Cummins, nee McDonnell, aged 66 years. Deceased was daughter of Mr. Felix McDonnell of Clooneen House, one of the most ancient families in the district. The funeral to Kilmenna Cemetery was large and respectable. The prayers at the grave were said by Rev. Jeremiah O'Toole, Administrator, Kilmenna, Oct. 11, at Turlough, Castlebar, John Rodgers, late of Carrabawn, Westport.

Delegates from branches of the United Irish League in North Mayo met in Crossmolina last week and passed this important resolution: "That while we are prepared to extend to all men a tolerance never extended to us by Grand Jurors or ex-officio Guardians, we consider it an imperative duty as Nationalists to resist with all our force the return to the new County Council and District Councils of Mayo any candidate who is not prepared to support and advocate the right of the people of Ireland to make our laws on Irish soil."

### SLIGO.

A meeting of the Sligo '98 Club was held last week. Present—P. A. McHugh, M. P., Mayor (in the chair); Thomas Haney, Thos. Killeather, John Conroy, Michael Geoghegan, John Jinks, Michael Keighron, Thos. Davey, Patrick Clarke, Thomas McCarrick, Patrick McDermott, J. J. Harte, David Saulty and Thomas Moran. On the motion of Mr. Davey, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable to establish in Sligo a branch of the United Irish League, and with that view that a meeting of Sligo Nationalists be called."

Died—Oct. 5, at Cloonacarrow, Ballinacarrow, aged 17, Mary Butler. Deceased held the position of mistress in Ballinacarrow National school. On Oct. 10, Alice McDonagh, Quay Street, Sligo, aged 38 years. On Oct. 8, at William street, Sligo, Elizabeth McTigue.

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

On Oct. 11, Feast of the Holy Rosary, Miss Della Breceton received the white veil from the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, assisted by the Very Rev. Mgr. Burge and took the name Sister Mary Dominic in religion. Among those present were: Rev. J. Beauchamp, Mgr. Rev. Paul Murphy, Rev. P. Keenan, Rev. J. Roche, Carlow College, Rev. J. Lalor, Rev. J. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Breceton, Mr. Byrne, Mgr. Rev. Dr. Foley.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Honora Kelly, which took place at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Kavanagh, Office, and high mass for the repose of her soul, were celebrated, Rev. J. Murphy officiating.

Died—At Busherstown, Carlow, Mrs. Anne Cummins, on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. G. G. Cummins, at Busherstown, Carlow, aged 79 years, was generally regretted in Longford. He was for years a member of the Town Commissioners, a position which he held at the time of his

death. Interment took place at Newtownforbes, Oct. 14, the funeral starting from the residence of his daughter, Miss Armstrong. The cortege was large and respectable. His brother Commissioners marched in procession behind the hearse.

### DUBLIN.

Sunday, Oct. 9, in the Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, the annual appeal in aid of St. Mary's National Schools, attached to the church, was made by the pastor, Very Rev. Canon Fricker, manager of the schools. There was a large congregation, which included the Right Honorable, the Lord Mayor, Canon Fricker, having read the gospel, said some of them, he was sure, coming into the church and looking around, wondered and asked, "Is this on account of the charity sermon to-day?" Well, it was not. But it was a happy coincidence that the charity sermon fell on the day when they had this glorious celebration of the festival of the dedication of Ireland to the Sacred Heart for which they had the candles around the walls of the church. The celebration was itself suggestive of very high and solemn thoughts, and filled them with noble aspirations and glorious recollections. The response to the appeal was most generous.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, a number of young ladies were received into the Loreto Order at the Abbey Convent, Rathfarnham, and others were professed. Among the young ladies who received the white veil was Miss Caroline Shaw (in religion Sister Mary John Berchmans), daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Shaw, Mullingar, County Westmeath. The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, whose sister entered the community.

Recent deaths in Dublin: HARNETT—Oct. 11, at 3 Fairview, Clontarf, Eddie Harnett, aged 15 years. KELLY—Oct. 11, at Tullamadow, Meath, Robert Kelly, aged 13 years, son of the late Thomas Kelly, North Earl street.

O'GRADY—Oct. 12, at 16 Findlater street, Dublin, Denis O'Grady, late employe of G. S. and W. Railway.

WALSH—Oct. 12, at 1 Harravilla, North Richmond street, Ellen Walsh.

COSTELLO—Oct. 13, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Patrick Costello, aged 23 years.

CUMMINS—Oct. 13, at Busherstown, Carlow, Annie Cummins.

FLOOD—Oct. 12, at Frankfort, Grandard, Rev. John Flood, C. C. Columbkillick.

HART—Oct. 14, at 2 North Great George's street, Dublin, Charles Henry Hart, aged 73 years.

KAVANAGH—Oct. 13, at the Hospice for the Dying, Jernie Kavanagh, of 1 John street, South.

KEHOE—Oct. 14, Patrick J. Kehoe, Bagenalstown.

KELLY—Oct. 14, at Banteer, Bridget Kelly, 35 Middle-Gardiner street, and sister of Mrs. Andrew and Mrs. Edward Lynch, Springfield, Elphin, County Roscommon.

O'NEIL—Oct. 10, at Leagh, Carlow, Patrick O'Neill, aged 80 years.

O'TOOLE—Oct. 14, at 7 Henry street, Bridget O'Toole of Wicklow.

SORDS—At the Convent of St. Augustine, Emily (in religion Sister Clementine) dearly loved daughter of James Sords, C. E., 48 Leinster road.

BONIFACE—Oct. 12, at Richmond Cottage, N. C. road, Charles Boniface, aged 87 years, late General Postoffice, Dublin.

CUMMINS—Oct. 13, Arrabeg, County Tipperary, Mary Cummins.

DUNNE—Oct. 11, at Ardagh, Kells, County Meath, Teresa Dunne.

HARNETT—Oct. 11, at 3 Fairview, Clontarf, Eddie Harnett, aged 15 years.

SHORT—Oct. 12, at Rathnew, Jane Short.

THORNBERRY—Oct. 13, at Cork Street, Hospital, Sarah Frances Thornberry, 48 Ranelagh road, aged 19 years.

### KILDARE.

Mr. William Coleman, merchant tailor Duke street, Athy, died Oct. 10. The funeral took place at St. Michael's Cemetery, and was numerously attended.

### KILKENNY.

A shocking fatality occurred at Grogan, near Glenmore, on Oct. 11. John Mullaly, farmer, descended into a well, 95 feet deep, to bring up the carcass of a pig. He got down successfully, and when coming up he worked his feet against the sides of the well to lift himself, when his boots displaced stones with the result that the masonry above fell down and entombed him. When the horror-stricken people fully realized what had happened, they lost no time in proceeding to the rescue. The unfortunate man could be heard moaning in a living tomb for several hours, but owing to the want of room, it was tedious and difficult to remove the debris, and not until twelve hours had elapsed was he taken out, when it was found that he was dead. The occurrence caused a painful sensation.

### KINGS.

On Monday, Oct. 8, Miss Anne Cullen (in religion Sister Mary John Evangelist) daughter of the late John Cullen, Garryvacuum, Portlinton, received the black veil from the Most Rev. Dr. Foley.

### LONGFORD.

On Oct. 12, a new Celtic cross was placed on the summit of the front wall at St. Mary's Edgeworthstown, to replace the one blown down and broken in a heavy gale two years ago. The work, which was attended with not a little danger and difficulty, was accomplished by erecting a scaffolding 80 feet high, and was in the hands of Mr. Kelly, contractor, Longford.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Father John Flood, C. C. Columbkillick, which occurred on Oct. 12. The death of Mr. George Armstrong, which occurred Oct. 14, at the age of 79 years, was generally regretted in Longford. He was for years a member of the Town Commissioners, a position which he held at the time of his

death. Interment took place at Newtownforbes, Oct. 14, the funeral starting from the residence of his daughter, Miss Armstrong. The cortege was large and respectable. His brother Commissioners marched in procession behind the hearse.

### LOUTH.

Miss Brennan, daughter of Mr. James Brennan, Haggardstown, took the habit of the Order of the Sisters of Nazareth in the convent, Hammersmith, London, on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Her religious name is Sister Helen of the Cross.

### QUEENS.

The quarterly meeting of Maryborough National Teachers' Association was held in Matthews' Hotel, Maryborough, Oct. 8. Present—Messrs. Curran, Jr., Kavanagh, Quinnivan, Bates and Murphy. Mr. O'Rourke was present as an honorary member.

Miss Mary A. Walsh, formerly employed in the Preston School, Abbey-leix, was killed by a mail train at the Maryrow station on the Kilkenny railway, Oct. 13. She was on her way to Dublin to take up a situation.

On Oct. 11, an incident of a very serious nature occurred at Castleclough by which two young men named Loughlin and William Moran, sons of Mr. Loughlin Moran, Morette, were very seriously injured. It appears that the young men were carrying out a pump boring contract which Mr. L. Moran had taken from the Mountmellick Board of Guardians, and as they were laying a charge to blast some rock 70 feet below the surface the charge suddenly exploded. A punch which was being used by Loughlin was driven into his face, breaking the lower jaw and carrying part of the palate. His brother had a hand blown off and his face was badly disfigured, one eye being destroyed. Both were promptly attended to and are progressing as favorably as could be expected. Much sympathy is felt in Mountmellick for the family.

### WESTMEATH.

Mary Beirne was found dead in her home at Ballinea, near Mullingar, last week. The remains bore signs of the deceased having been subjected to violence. The husband is a gauger on the railway. The couple were aged 60 years. Her death and the circumstances surrounding it are enveloped in mystery. A gruesome discovery was made lately at Lough Sheever, one mile from Mullingar. While a workman was digging near a bog hole he observed the body of a man in the water. Communication with the police was instituted and the remains were allowed to remain in the water, as they were in a very advanced stage of decomposition. The identity of the man is unknown. Identification of the body in its condition is impossible.

### WEXFORD.

On Sunday Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 150 children from the Christian Brothers' Convent of Mercy and the Presentation Convent schools in Enniscorthy. The boys were marshalled by Rev. Brother Leahy, and the girls by the nuns. The Bishop examined each candidate, assisted by Father Dunne, Mernagh, Fitzhenry and Father R. Fitzhenry, M. S. S. At the evening devotions Dr. Browne preached. The invention of the printing press, he said, had been attended with incalculable benefits for humanity but on the other hand, an enormous number of evil books and papers were disseminated through its means.

Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, O. S. F., author of "The History of the Insurrection of '98," will lay the foundation stone of the memorial to the heroes of that period. It will stand in the historic spot called the burning.

Died—Oct. 6, at Coolpuck, Ferns Edward Butler, aged 62. Oct. 12, at Rathnew, Jane Short, Sept. 24, at Brampton, Ont., Michael Whitty, Cambrian, New Ross, aged 65 years. Oct. 7, at 107 South Main street, Wexford, Ellen Murphy, aged 80 years.

The dead body of Marks Lawless of Moneybawn, was found in Savage's quarry, near Gorey, last week. Doctor Nolan said death was from natural causes. Deceased on the evening of his death had attended the October devotions, and after went to confession.

Died—Oct. 6, at Milltown House, Milltownparks, Maria Byrne. Office and high mass at Milltownparks church, interment Walshstown cemetery, Oct. 3, at Ballycan, Mount Nugent, W. Evans, son of the late W. Evans, Gaultstown, Collins-town, Sept. 27, at Aushabrack, Grandard, John Travers, aged 86 years. Interred in Grandard-Kill cemetery.

### WICKLOW.

How many propositions have been to make the "Union" between Great Britain and Ireland more compact? Tunnels innumerable have been suggested, points between the two countries have been mentioned as available. The Mull of Galloway has not escaped notice, and the Railway News, which has taken some pains to work out the possibilities of the thing, suggests that the South of Ireland might be utilized. Wicklow Head is looked upon as the most feasible means of communicating with the Welsh coasts, because the gradients in the bottom of the sea are supposed to be more susceptible to tunnelling than any other portion of the sea which divides the two countries.

### MUNSTER.

#### CLARE.

Mr. Thomas Doolan, Corofin National School, has, for his superior answering at the last July examinations, been promoted to first of First Class.

We deeply regret to announce the death on Oct. 13 of the Rev. Father Sheehan, the beloved parish priest of Kilkree. The sad event had been ex-

pected, for deceased had been ill for twelve months. Father Sheehan, who was a native of Killoe, was 53 years of age, 28 spent in the ministry. After being ordained, he was appointed to the curacy of Tullis, where he spent ten years of active service, and then he was sent to Clontarf, as parish priest, where he spent thirteen years. On the death of Father Michael Quinnivan, three years ago, Father Sheehan was appointed to the parish of Kilkree, and, notwithstanding the delicate state of his health even then, he at once identified himself with the closest interests of his flock, whose affections he won. Father Sheehan was remarkable for his eloquence. The remains will be interred in Kilkree parish church.

### CORK.

Bartholomew Hurley of Newsectown, was killed accidentally last week near Dunmanway. The back-band of the car tackling broke and the shafts falling on the road frightened the horse. It ran away and Mr. Hurley was thrown out, sustaining fatal injuries.

Nellie Kavanagh aged 11 years, of 124 Lower Glanville road, Cork, left her home for St. Patrick's Female School, Oct. 12, and was missing at last account from Ireland. Search was made for her in the city and surrounding districts.

Joseph Halpin, of Glountane, aged 103 years, died Oct. 13. The deceased was hale and hearty up to a few days before he died, and only ceased from work three days ago, since when he was in receipt of a small amount of outdoor relief from Mallow Guardians. Five months ago he looked in excellent health, and would pass for under 70 years of age. On the same occasion he told many interesting stories of by-gone days, and on the following morning he walked six miles to see a hurling match at Malow, of which game he was a devoted admirer. He was a great favorite in the locality where he resided. His children are all in America.

The many friends of Mr. John Edmond Moyle Mahony will bear of his death with unfeigned regret. He took part in every movement, great and small, having for its object the betterment of the condition of the Irish people. In the early eighties he was an earnest worker in the Land League cause and earned the attention of Dublin Castle. He wrote to Chief Secretary Foster, giving him wholesome advice and the Chief Secretary retaliated by persecuting Mr. Moyle Mahony. His chambers at Dublin were searched for arms, and none being discovered he was arrested on the ground of being "reasonably suspected" of distributing no rent manifestos at Naas fair. As a "suspect" he was hurried from jail to jail. Omagh jail was a nest of fever at the time he was cast in there, and his fellow suspects numbering thirty, felt very ill at ease indeed. He immediately set to work to deliver them and himself from danger and succeeded, prisoner though he was in forcing Mr. Foster to remove them in a body to Enniskillen jail. Later on, he directed his energies toward helping the Irish National League, and also assisted in starting the Young Ireland Society. He assisted to some extent in the bringing of the remains of Rev. Dr. Cahill home to Ireland for interment.

Recent deaths in Cork: LORIDAN—On Oct. 12, at Scarrane, Newsectown, suddenly, John Lordan, aged 47.

RYAN—On Oct. 12, at 5 North Abbey square, Hannah M. Ryan.

REGAN—Oct. 12, at Cregane, Glountane, suddenly, John Regan.

HIGGINS—On Oct. 10, at 2 Cove street, Mary Higgins.

O'REGAN—On Oct. 9, at 2 Balmoral Terrace, Patrick O'Regan, late of Julian solicitor.

MCDONAGH—On Oct. 14, at 4 College road, Katie McDonagh.

O'CALLAGHAN—Oct. 13, at North Infirmary, Hannah O'Callaghan.

MACAULIFFE—At Corbett's lane, John MacAuliffe. Funeral from Rathcooney.

O'CONNELL—On Oct. 11, at Lissavara, Margaret O'Connell.

SMITH—Oct. 11, at Glountane, Elizabeth (Beastie) Smith.

MURPHY—Oct. 10, at Ringskiddy, Margaret Murphy.

BURKE—At Duamanway, on Oct. 10, Julia Burke, Main street, aged 43 years.

KINIRY—Oct. 10, at Ballylusk, David Kiniry, aged 79.

CARROLL—On Oct. 10, at Ballyglubba, Killmallock, James Carroll.

TWOMEY—Oct. 11, at 90 Hibernian Buildings, Denis Twomey.

HURLEY—At Belrose, Enniskeane, on Oct. 10, Bat Hurley, Sr.

MAHONY—At Liverpool, in the 43rd year of his age, John Edmond Moyle Mahony, fourth son of the late William Mahony, C. E., of 3 Soho terrace, Sunday's Well, Cork.

LYNCH—Oct. 10, at 19 Albert road, William Lynch.

### KERRY.

At an elevated point at Mountlyn, near Killorglin, an assistant of the Astronomer Royal from Greenwich Observatory, London, England, is engaged in daily and nightly observations, fixing the exact longitudinal position of this spot and calculating the mean solar and side real time to be registered for this locality. A train on the Kenmare branch of the Great Southern and Western Railway was wrecked at Loo Bridge last week. The district being a remote one, the particulars are meagre. It appears the train which leaves Trillick at 7:30 reached Loo Bridge at 10 o'clock and on passing through a boggy district a couple of miles further on the engine left the rails and plunged into a flooded bog, carrying carriages with it. The driver, fireman, guard and seven passengers escaped by swimming and managed to grope their way to some houses. The train remains submerged and traffic has been suspended, but relief gangs have been despatched to the scene.

### LIMERICK.

John O'Driscoll, a student, residing at Ballymahon, was missing, and fears were entertained as to his safety, but he was found in Naas, in County Kildare. Coal was lately discovered near the city of Limerick in quantity to guarantee a fine return for working. In some district fifty years ago culm was raised in great quantities and of fine quality. The Knight of Glen owns the land.

### TIPPERARY.

Rev. M. B. Curry, pastor of Bournes, Roscrea, will celebrate his silver jubilee in his "Old Kentucky Home" on Dec. 17 next. Father Curry spent three years in the United States and has many friends there who will be glad to hear of the celebration. The proceeds will be devoted to any personal advantage of Father Curry, but to the paying of the expenses of erecting a new church in the parish. This is indeed a most praiseworthy object to which the funds will be devoted.

The funeral obsequies took place Oct. 11, at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Mary street, Limerick, of Elizabeth Meagher in religion Sister Mary Elizabeth of the Sisters of Mercy, whose death occurred on Saturday at the advanced age of 78 years. Requiem mass and office were celebrated in presence of Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, and Very Rev. Dean Flanagan. High mass was celebrated by Rev. R. Fitzgerald, St. John's; deacon, Rev. Father Fitzgerald, St. John's; sub-deacon, Rev. D. Carroll, St. Patrick's; master of ceremonies, Rev. G. O'Connor, St. Mary's. After mass a procession was formed and the remains removed to the Convent cemetery and interred. Sister Mary Elizabeth was a native of Clonera and celebrated the golden jubilee of her profession a few months previous to her demise.

On Friday, Oct. 7, at the Convent of Mercy, the religious profession took place of Sister Maiachi Finnigan of Belfast and Sister Martha Gibney of Dublin. The reception also took place of Miss Elsie Hayes of the Main street, Carrick, (in religion Sister Benedict). Very Rev. J. Power professed and received the vows of the young religious, assisted by Rev. T. Burke and Rev. J. Byrne, Rev. Martin Power, Rev. T. Ryan, Carrickbeg, Very Rev. C. O'Neill, O. S. F., Carrickbeg; Rev. Nicholas Baldwin, O. S. F., Waterford; Rev. Fathers Maher and Nugent. Among the friends of the young nuns present were Mrs. John Hayes, Waterford; the Misses Hayes, Waterford, Mrs. Cotter, Waterford, Miss Murphy, Templemore; Miss M. A. Hayes, Templemore, Miss Della Hayes Carrick; Mrs. P. Hayes, Tipperary; Mrs. Holcroft, Tipperary and Miss F. O'Brien.

### WATERFORD.

The marriage was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at St. Michael's church, Limerick, of Miss Frances Ryan, daughter of the late Mr. James T. Ryan of Limerick, and Mr. C. P. Redmond, son of the late Mr. C. Redmond, Rev. D. R. Shanahan, St. Mary's officiated, assisted by Rev. M. O'Donnell, administrator, St. Michael's, and Rev. William B. O'Donnell, administrator Waterford. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. George R. Ryan, Mr. Gerald Kelly, Waterford, was best man.

### ULSTER.

#### ANTRIM.

Fire caused loss to the extent of many thousands of dollars in the printing works of Messrs. McCaw, Stevenson & Orr, at Castlereagh road, Belfast, last week. A mechanic named Ellis first discovered the fire.

Mr. John Dillon, M. P., when speaking in Belfast lately said, "I confidently therefore, appeal to the Nationalists of Belfast to rally to the support of the Irish party on the platform of unity as they did in 1896. (Applause.) I appeal, also, from this platform to all our friends throughout Ulster, who so generously supported us in the winter of 1896 and 1897. I appeal to them to come to our aid, both by moral and financial support, because, after all, the test of earnestness is when a man is willing to put his hand in his pocket to back up his opinions."

#### ARMAGH.

A successful meeting of the Catholic ladies and gentlemen of Lurgan was held in St. Peter's National School lately to take steps for the formation of a musical society. Rev. M. B. McCann, parish priest, gave the use of St. Peter's School. Rev. George McCorry, president, and Mr. William A. O'Reilly was secretary of the meeting. The ladies and gentlemen present then signified to the honorable secretary their intention of becoming members and over eighty were enrolled. The following will act as a committee: John C. O'Reilly, David McGibbon, Felix McCann, John Keogh, Francis McCann, Joseph Filbin, J. McKenna O'Reilly, James O'Hanlon, John Hughes and Wm. A. D. O'Reilly as honorable secretary.

The funeral of Mrs. Devlin, Portadown, of Drumree cemetery lately was numerously attended.

#### CAVAN.

On Feast of St. Michael, Archangel, the ceremony of clothing and profession took place in the chapel of the Sisters of Nazareth, Hammersmith, London, Very Rev. Canon Tukey, Chiswick, assisted by Rev. J. Burns, chaplain, Nazareth House, and Rev. J. J. Hazell, Brookgreen, officiated and preached on the dignity of the religious state. The following postulants received the holy habit: Rosie, in religion Sister Philomena Joseph, youngest daughter of Mr. P. Clark, Farthredren, Cavan; Mary, in religion Sister Helen of the Cross, daughter of Mr. James Brennan, Haggardstown, County Louth; Kate, in religion Sister M. Dionysius, daughter

of the late Mr. James Woods, Coothill, Cavan. The novices who pronounced their vows were Sister St. Cecilia Hanson, London; Sister M. Congall Hanna, County Down; Sister M. Evangelist Graney, County Tyrone; sister M. Dolores McDermott, County Westmeath.

### DERRY.

Great interest has been taken in the discovery of a prehistoric lake village near Prehen, where the new Donegal Railway is making. The framework of a primitive loom was found under a mound of clay and the number of broken needles and bone splinters found in another mound leads to the belief that it was the site of an ancient textile factory. Some think it was a factory for the manufacture of bulleta at the time of the siege. It is visited daily by crowds of the citizens of Derry.

On Oct. 7, the late Mr. John Rodgers, pawnbroker, Market street, Ballyshannon, died. During his twenty-five years in Ballyshannon, Mr. Rodgers made many friends. He was a sterling Nationalist and upright citizen, a practical Catholic. The interment took place at Finlone and was numerously attended. The chief mourners were Michael Rodgers, brother, and Michael, John and Patrick Rodgers, sons. As a mark of respect the remains were borne on the shoulders of friends to the outskirts of the town, the hearse in front. Rev. J. Gavigan officiated at the grave.

Died—At Chapel street, on Sept. 24, William McGea, aged 25 years. Sept. 23, at Crossroads, Killygorden, Lavina Teresa McElainny, aged 26 years. Sept. 26, at Letterkenny, Jessie E. (Lily) McKinney, aged 4 1-2 years. Sept. 26, at Bundoran, Emily Ormsby, J. P., of Castledergan, County Sligo. Sept. 28, at Rockfort, Bundoran, Thomas Wm. Dickson.

### DOWN.

A sad affair occurred near Castlewellan. William McNeilly and his father-in-law, John Wilson, had an altercation about the custody of McNeilly's child. William McNeilly's father met them on the road, and it is alleged that Wm. McNeilly pushed Wilson and that he fell. Old McNeilly falling on him, but he died shortly afterward. Sergeant McCree has arrested McNeilly, who has been committed to jail pending the post-mortem examination.

### FERMANAGH.

Mrs. Mary McManus, Dame street, Enniskillen, died suddenly last week. The coroner's jury found that death was caused by heart failure.

Mr. John Atkinson, Q. C., the Irish Attorney General, addressed a meeting of his constituents of North Derry at Coleraine on Saturday. He made some very queer statements. Those who knew the very determined opposition of the Irish people to British misgovernment will smile at the childlike innocence displayed by the learned (Unionist) Attorney General for Ireland when he said: "At no time in her history has Ireland been in a state of such profound tranquility." This is a sample of the false statements. Now we give with pleasure a sample of the few true statements. Here it is: "People urged that the Local Government Act had killed Home Rule. I look upon that opinion as a most meretricious delusion. Home Rule was not dead. It had not passed out of the region of practical politics. It could not die; it could not pass out of that region while eighty Irish members were elected to the House of Commons pledged to support it had not formally repudiated it." Now no better statement of facts relating to Home Rule could be made by the most ardent Irish Nationalist.

The friends of Mrs. Francis Durnen, of Ederny, will learn with regret that she has died. Mrs. Durnen was a woman of sterling qualities, kind and considerate. She was only 38 years of age and leaves a large family to mourn her loss. She was an ardent and faithful member of the Catholic church. The funeral was one of the largest and most representative ever seen in the locality.

### MONAGHAN.

The United Irish League is spreading over the western counties of Ireland, and several branches have been established in other counties. Nationalists are making efforts to have some branches founded in Monaghan. In a short period of time the whole country will have branches and a hot time will be experienced by unreasonable landlords and rapacious land grabbers.

### TYRONE.

The foundation stone of the Church of St. Patrick, Gortin, was laid with all due solemnity by Right Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, on Oct. 9. The site of the new church was given generously by Mr. McCullagh, who in many other ways, has proved practically the deep interest he takes in the work of erecting a suitable place wherein the people can praise God with surroundings calculated to increase and stimulate their piety. Rev. M. Sheerin, pastor of Burt and Inch, preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon on the historic event.

An improved horsehoe has a continuous channel formed in the under surface of the tread, in which a number of curved plates are inserted having projections arranged radially around the center of the shoe to act as callus when the ground is slippery, the plates being replaced by smooth ones in summer.

An Englishman has invented a range finder for battleships, consisting of a graduated glass to be inserted in a telescope, a horizontal line at the top of the glass being adjusted to the horizon when the graduations on the level with the boat sighted will indicate its distance.