

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.

These ecclesiastical changes were lately made: Rev. Fr. Newell, from Galway to be B. C. in Ennistymon; Rev. Fr. Conidine, C. C., Oranmore to be C. C. in Galway; Rev. Fr. Daveron, C. C., Moycullen, to be C. C., Lettermore; Rev. Fr. Francis, C. C., Lettermore, to be C. C. in Oranmore; Rev. Fr. Kearns, C. C., Ennistymon, to be C. C. in Lettermore; Rev. Fr. McHugh, C. C., Lettermore, to be administrator in Ballyvaughan.

Rev. Mother Bernard Walsh, Superior General of the order of the Sisters in Australia, died at the convent Lithgow, New South Wales. She was the daughter of Mr. Walsh, barrister, and was born in Galway, Ireland, in 1838. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph thirty-one years ago and prior to her death had been fourteen years Mother General of the order. She had two sisters in Victoria, and three nephews in South Australia, one of whom is Mr. J. McMahon Glynn, the eminent barrister, and Federal Convention delegate.

A meeting of the people of the town and parish of Headford was held lately for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. MacHale and Mr. E. Regan (organizers) were in attendance. The Very Rev. Canon Barrett was unanimously elected president. The following officers were elected, viz: Mr. W. Kyne, vice-president; Mr. Joseph Morris, treasurer; and Mr. W. J. Quinn, secretary. Mr. MacHale, in an able and eloquent speech, explained the principles of the League. Mr. Regan and some local men also addressed the meeting. Several subscriptions were received, and a committee formed to organize the association.

LEITRIM.

Branches of the United Irish League are being established in this and other counties.

The report of the Parliamentary committee, appointed to inquire into the condition of the poor of Ireland in 1823, spoke as follows of the people of Leitrim: "The cottiers live in poetical hovels of the most wretched character. Human beings to live in, and disgraceful to civilization. Their condition is wretched and calamitous in the highest degree. Their cabins scarcely contain an article that can be called furniture, and in some families there are no such things as bedclothes; the peasant strews some straw upon which they sleep in their working clothes." And yet the British government did nothing to alleviate the distress. They "inquired," and thus the matter stood as it stands to-day.

MAYO.

A preliminary meeting held at Cong on Monday, Mr. Mark O'Brien in the chair, it was proposed by Mr. Martin O'Grady, seconded by Mr. Andrew Moran: "That we form a branch of the United Irish League in this parish, to be called Parish of Cong Branch. That Mr. Thomas Hughes be our president, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Michael Commons, Mr. Martin Carney, Mr. Wm. McGuire, Sr., Mr. Wm. McGuire, Jr., form a committee, and that Mr. T. Killen and Mr. Martin Jennings act as honorary secretaries." It was agreed that Mr. Killen and Mr. Jennings communicate with Mr. Doris and Mr. O'Donnell, organizer, with a view to have Mr. O'Donnell establish the branch and get 200 cards for membership. Mr. O'Brien, Thomas Hughes and Martin Carney were appointed a committee to call on the Rev. Canon Hennelly to ask his co-operation in the matter.

"The Land Reform in the West of Ireland" was the appropriate name of a lecture lately delivered by Mr. Michael Davitt in Ballinrobe Town Hall. We regret having to chronicle the sad death of Wm. Meade, which took place at his residence, Roadville, Swinford, on last Thursday morning, at the mature age of 86 years. Interment was in Loch Lannach Cemetery; funeral cortege long.

ROSCOMMON.

The pupils attending Ardcarne National School were entertained by Mr. A. Barclay-Walker of Rockingham last week. Mrs. Patrick Haré, Shanough, Ballinlough, died lately at the early age of 32 years. Interment was in Baselic Cemetery; a great number attended.

The Royal Humane Society has awarded medals to Alexander G. Crichton (12) and Brain D. Crichton (11), schoolboys, for their gallant conduct on Sept. 3, when they rescued Miss E. O. Bull from drowning in Sligo Bay.

SLIGO.

A new Irish writer is soon to bring out a volume of poems. The author is Miss Eva Gore-Booth of Lisadill. Mr. Andrew Lang contributes a preface, Miss Gore-Booth has been an occasional contributor to "The Yellow Book" and other periodicals, and her poems are said to be full of Celtic dreaminess to be expected of a Celtic's daughter. They are overshadowed by the poems of John Donne, the most perfect of our own, in the English tongue.

The mission in Tubbercurry conducted by two of the Holy Spirit Order was brought to a close on Sunday.

Mission, and although the priests of the parish, Father Staunton and Father Doyle, were assisted by clergy from neighboring parishes, the throng was so great that many were unable to be attended to and had to wait till the succeeding day. Nor did the lapse of days lessen their numbers or abate their enthusiasm, for at the close of the Mission the throng was larger than at the beginning. The climax was reached on Sunday night when the closing sermon was preached. The church was crowded and many had to content themselves with standing room about the door. The Most Rev. Dr. Lyster was present, and the scene was a most impressive one. On Monday morning a crowd assembled at the railway station because of their departure.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Mr. James Lennon, teacher of Newtown National School, has retired on full pension. The people of the districts have decided to present him with a memento as a mark of their appreciation of his work, during a long and most useful career as teacher.

Miss Annie Lawlor, daughter of Mrs. Bridget Lawlor, Tallow street, Carlow, was professed a member of the Order of Mercy in the Convent, Callan, County of Kilkenny, Oct. 26. Religious title, Sister Mary Domhnica Joseph. Rt. Rev. Dr. Browning, Bishop of Ossory, officiated.

DUBLIN.

Medals have been awarded to John Sweeney and Terence Horan, laborers, Dublin, for their heroism on Sept. 19 in saving the life of Stephen Lyons, a butcher who was bathing opposite Wharf road, north wall, when he became exhausted and the strong ebb tide carried him out two hundred yards from the shore into fifteen feet of water.

A historic landmark in the city of Dublin, "The Ship," one of the most notable taverns in the kingdom, is for sale. Since its establishment, soon after the Union, it has remained in possession of the Cunningham family and has been noted as the rendezvous of the literary, artistic, and witty Bohemian talent of the Irish capital. Its "log-book" is a singular medley of autobiographies, for nearly all the well-known Dublin men of the century have been in "The Ship."

Mr. Patrick Greaves, 76 Rathgar road, Dublin, Nov. 2, was the recipient of an address and presentation from Nationalist friends in Rathmines and district on the occasion of his marriage. The address, which was handsomely illuminated, in Celtic style, by Miss Fitzpatrick, Clonliffe road, contained portraits of the newly wedded couple, and devices showing the old Parliament House and an Irish round tower. Speeches were delivered by J. Murray, P. Hayden, A. Hanlon, H. Doyle, T. C., Thomas Baker and Wm. Field, M. P. Mr. and Mrs. Greaves afterward entertained their friends.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

BYRNE—Oct. 25, 67 Bellvue Buildings, Mrs. Byrne.

CONNOR—Oct. 26, at 17 Upper Buckingham street, Michael Connor.

COONEY—Oct. 25, at the City of Dublin Hospital, Edward Cooney, aged 61 years.

DELAMERE—Oct. 24, at 8 South Cumberland street, Peter Delamere.

HOBBS—Oct. 25, at Stevens' Hospital, Alfred J. Hobbs.

CUMMINS—Oct. 23, at the Rotunda Hospital, Mary Cummins (late of 196 Great Britain street).

POLEY—Oct. 24, at 128 Cork street, Dora Foley.

GERAGHTY—Oct. 23, at Moyrove, Westmeath, Mrs. John Geraghty, aged 50 years.

KELLY—At Beaver street, Elizabeth Kelly.

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MCCAUL—Oct. 24, at 54 Dublin street, Carlou, John McCaul, aged 90 years.

O'RORDAN—Oct. 25, at Eastwood, Templemore, Michael O'Rordan of Tullybarney, Bruin, in his 86th year.

TALLON—Oct. 24, at High street, Trim, Maria Tallon.

CUNNINGHAM—Oct. 25, at Dunlavin, Sarah Cunningham.

KILDARE.

At the Naas Convent of Mercy last week was received into the community Miss Maggie O'Gorman, who took in religion the title of Sister Agatha. She is daughter of Mr. Patrick O'Gorman, Cappaghmore, Limerick, Miss Lizzie Early, daughter of late Mr. P. Early, Ballistrane, Lusk, County Dublin, was also received; religious title, Sister Philomena Joseph. Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, officiated.

KILKENNY.

The solemn ceremony of religious profession took place at the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Mary's Callan, on Oct. 26. The young lady who made her final vows was Miss Annie Lawlor, in religion Sister Mary Domhnica Joseph, eldest daughter of Mrs. Bridget Lawlor, Tallow street, Carlow. The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Browning, Bishop of Ossory. Rev. J. Costigan, Callan, was celebrant of the Mass. Present: Very Rev. Canon Howley, Callan; Rev. J. Cullen, Adm., Carlow; Rev. W. Casan, Adm., Kilkenny; Rev. J. Costigan, Callan; Rev. J. Corrigan, Callan; Rev. T. Bowe, Callan; Rev. M. O'Halloran, Callan; Rev. P. O'Brien, O. S. A., Callan; Rev. F. O'Brien, O. S. A., Callan; Mrs. Bridget Lawlor (mother of Sister Mary Domhnica Joseph), Callan; Miss Elizabeth Lawlor (Sister); The Misses Graham, Callan; Misses Saunders, Wellington square, Kilkenny, etc.

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29 in the 44th year of her age and the twenty-first of her religious life. A fine memorial has been erected in the new Catholic Cemetery, St. Mary's Tullamore, over the grave of the late Mr. Patrick Egan, Town Councillor.

LOUTH.

DIED—Oct. 24, at Haggardstown, Dundalk, Bridget McGeough, aged 35 years. Oct. 24, at 56 Lower Kevin street, Thomas Monahan, aged 60 years. Catherine Brennan, aged 60 years, of Bridge street, Dundalk, was burned to death recently. The inquest by the coroner showed that somehow Miss Brennan was burned to death by blazing lamp oil, which she kept for sale.

MEATH.

Mrs. Maria Tallon, High street, Trim, died Oct. 24, deeply regretted.

Mr. J. J. Coghlan, aged 24 years of Corn Market, Navan, died suddenly lately.

On Oct. 19 there passed out of this world, in her 80th year, Mother Stanislaus Gerson. She was youngest daughter of the late James Gerson, J. P., of Aherne Castle, in 1847, and in the very heyday of her youth, she abandoned all in order to devote her life to the poor. She joined the Community of the Presentation Order, in Clane, Kildare, and there for half a century she worked with extraordinary earnestness in the work of educating the poor—a work to her a labor of love. On three occasions Mother Stanislaus was chosen by the Community of Clane as their Superioress, and when, in the month of June of the present year, she was relieved from an office which to her was one of anxiety and responsibility, she was unbounded by her joy and thankfulness at resigning the wand of office to her present worthy successor.

QUERNS.

Local Government Board are making inquiries as to the necessity of closing the graveyard in Castlestown. The officials assert that the place is filled, and that sanitary reasons prohibit any more interments.

WESTMEATH.

Mr. Peter Bailey of Palace View, Mullingar, died recently, deeply and widely regretted. For several years he traveled for the well-known firm of Dowell & Bailey. After some years' services in Mullingar Cathedral funeral took place to Scarloggs road. Attendance numerous.

Christopher Duffy, farmer, aged 70 years, who formerly lived at Grange, near Mullingar, was found dead, sitting in a chair, on Saturday evening, Belvedere Terrace, Mullingar.

WEXFORD.

One of the most solemn and impressive ceremonies ever witnessed in New Ross was that which took place in the parochial Catholic church, Nov. 2, when a centenary anniversary. Requiem Office and Mass were offered up for the irreverent who died fighting for liberty in 1798. There was a large attendance of clergy. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, was unavoidably absent. The ceremonies commenced at 11 o'clock, the church being crowded. The Very Rev. Canon Kavanagh, New Ross, presided.

Mr. John Barry, Kirkcaldy, Scotland, and Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., have given £10 and £2 to the Bull Ring Memorial Fund. The memorial is to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who died for Ireland and liberty in 1798.

WICKLOW.

Miss Teresa Doherty, daughter of Mr. John Doherty, Dublin, was professed a member to the Carmelite Order in the convent, Delganey, Oct. 31.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

At an examination (limited competition) held in London, Oct. 13, for a clerkship in the Army and Navy Stores, Mr. John Lysaght, Christian Brothers' school, Kilmush, obtained first place. "To those interested in the welfare of Crusheen, it will be pleasing news to learn that it is now a telegraphic station as well as postal depot. The tenants on the Fitzgeralds estate have concluded negotiations for the purchase of their holdings, situate in Scariff. Seventeen years' total of the annual rent is the basis of the agreement.

The death of Mr. Joseph Sheahan, teacher of Rathbane national school, Lisdoonvara, occurred lately. He had all those qualities that go to make a good Christian; as a son he had not many equals. The large and respectable cortege that followed his remains to the cemetery was proof of his popularity. Among the general public, the following teachers attended: Mr. and Mrs. McGrath and Messrs. Sexton, Russell, Sheedy, Chambers and Flanagan. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of his companions and schoolmates to the Killiney burying ground, a distance of over a mile. The burial services were read by the Rev. F. Sweeney, Lisdoonvara.

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Rev. Redmond Newell, P. P., Ballyvaughan, died Oct. 27, deeply regretted. Office and High Mass were celebrated on Saturday. Very Rev. Canon Lynskey, Dunmore, celebrant; Fathers Newell and Burke, Ennistymon, deacon and sub-deacon, and Father Burke, Ballinaderreen, master of ceremonies.

CORK.

Rt. Rev. Robert Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, has publicly acknowledged the receipt of £138 from the people of Cloyne for the fund to liquidate the debt on the Cloyne cathedral in Queenstown. He recently honored the Cloyne people with a visit. He was accompanied by the Rev. F. Sweeney, Lisdoonvara.

Mr. Patrick D. Murphy, an excise officer in Chester, England, and a native of Ballyroo, while sick, fell over a rail guarding steps leading from the ancient way to the level, and sustaining fatal injuries. All the day deceased had complained of illness and a dizziness in the head. The falling over which he fell was only two and a half feet in height, while he was six feet two inches tall. All who knew him bear testimony to his steadiness and integrity. His brother, Mr. William Murphy, lives at Juckoo Hill, Courtnaccharry.

The funeral of Mrs. J. M. Noland, National Bank, Mitchelstown, took place last week. The remains were removed to the parish church, where Requiem High Mass and Office were celebrated in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. C. S. O'Connor officiated, assisted by Rev. D. Barry, deacon; Rev. Fr. O'Donoghue, sub-deacon. The sanctuary was draped with black for the occasion by rail to Kanturk for interment. As the remains were subsequently removed to the railway station, all the shops were closed as mark of respect and sympathy.

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ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Mr. John Ross, Mount Clifton, Belfast has been appointed magistrate for the city. The new justice is a well known and most esteemed Catholic.

We regret to announce, at an advanced age, the death of Mr. Joseph Keenan, 46 New Lodge road, Belfast, president of the St. Patrick's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Deceased, though burdened with years, was until the last one of the most active workers of that most useful organization, and his death means a serious loss to the cause of charity. For a long time he had entirely devoted himself to the society, and particularly distinguished himself by his untiring zeal in the rescue work for which the Boy's Home was established. He was perhaps the oldest member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Belfast, having been in the St. Patrick's Conference for forty-two years, thirty-four of which he was president, and previously in St. Malachy's Conference. He was also vice-president of the Particular Council of Belfast. Mr. Keenan was a native of the town of Antrim.

Mr. Thomas Brogan, postmaster of Killybegs, has been changed to Portadown. Mr. Brogan is a native of Portadown, and was commenced as a telegraph learner in the city 26 years ago. He was afterwards attached to the offices of Eniskillen and Portadown, and held the position of chief clerk in both. He was promoted from Portadown to the postmastership of Cavan, and thence to Killybegs. In every one of these places Mr. Brogan gave the highest satisfaction to the postoffice authorities, and at the same time was remarkable for his obliging disposition towards the public. We understand that Mr. Brogan is a Catholic.

CAVAN.