

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.

On Oct. 30 a large and representative meeting of farmers was held at Abbey...

The members of the Aran Branch of the Gaelic League are doing good work in assisting in reviving the Irish language...

LEITRIM.

Carrick-on-Shannon Teachers' Association held a meeting lately, Mr. Meenan presiding...

Mr. J. H. Caine, on behalf of a company formed to make a light railway from Drumkerran to Arigna...

MAYO.

Mr. Francis D. MacDonnell, assistant secretary to the Mayo Grand Jury, has been appointed by the Local Government Board...

The great United Irish League demonstration in Castlebar lately was one of the largest held in Ireland since the fighting days of the Land League...

ROSCOMMON.

The victim of the Elphin coroner magistrates, Messrs. Kelly and Lennon, were visited in Sligo jail during the week by a gentleman from Carrick and another from Mantua...

A meeting of the Defense Committee was held in Elphin Tuesday. Among those present were: Patrick Connor, P. J. McKee, H. McGrath, P. Byrne, J. E. Neary, E. Lennon, E. Casserly...

SLIGO.

A beautiful ornamented silver trowel was presented to Very Rev. Father Flynn O. P., Sligo, in connection with his laying the foundation stone of the additions to the Dominican Church, Sligo...

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Nationalists in Carlow have always done their duty, and the fine memorial erected to the memory of the men who died for Ireland in '98...

In several parishes in this county arrangements are being made to fall in line for unity, and branches of the United Irish League will be founded...

The funeral of the late Father McKean took place on Nov. 2 after Office and High Mass in St. Patrick's Church. The cortege was exceedingly large and representative...

DUBLIN.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin has made these appointments: Rev. Francis O'Neill, C. C. Roletown; to be parish priest of Naui; Very Rev. William Dunphy, transferred to Barnardrigg, County Wicklow...

The parishioners of the Church of the Holy Family, Anghrim street, Dublin, will raise a monument over the grave of the late Father Murphy...

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Gerald Shalvey, who for years represented the Merchants' Quay Ward in the Dublin Corporation. The sad event occurred at 3 High street, the residence of the deceased, and was rather unexpected...

A window cleaner named McCarthy, employed by Dockrell & Co., was engaged in cleaning windows in the quadrangle in the Royal Barracks, Kilmalham. The unfortunate man missed his footing and fell to the ground, a considerable distance. He was taken at once to Steven's Hospital, and on examination Dr. McLaughlin pronounced life extinct...

Mr. Patrick J. Boylan, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, and son of Mr. Patrick Boylan, N. T. Barrow House, Athy has obtained the degree of B. A., at the annual meeting of the Royal University of Ireland. He also carried off a 2nd exhibition. He gained second-class honors in mental and manual science. Mr. Boylan is yet quite a young man, being only 19 years of age...

The Dominican Fathers, Dublin have consented to give the use of their church in Dominick street once a week for the recitation of the Rosary in Irish. This is the first time that a move of the kind has been started in Dublin, although for some time the Rosary has been said in Irish in a few of the provincial towns. It behooves the Catholics of Dublin who are Irish-speakers as well as those who take an interest in matters Irish, to go regularly to the Rosary and induce their friends to go likewise...

A meeting of Ness School Attendance Committee was held in the Town Hall Naas, on Wednesday. Present—The Rev. Father Morris, Mr. William Staples, Mr. Dennis Donohoe, Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Mr. P. A. Maguire and Mr. Gogarty, honorable secretary Mr. Lacy, school attendance officer, was also in attendance. The annual report was submitted, and showed that a satisfactory condition of affairs existed during the year, owing to the operations of the act. The attendance at the schools was shown and compared favorably with last year...

KILDARE.

Michael Moore, the accused in the Kildare murder case, has been removed to Kilkenny prison, after having spent a month in Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. From the time of his admission he behaved quietly, and conversed in a rational way, and the asylum authorities considered he was fit for removal. His term of remand having expired a magistrate attended at the prison, and he was further remanded for eight days. If able to plead he will be sent back to his trial, but if not he will be sent back to the asylum as a government case...

Slater Mary Peter Hanrahan passed peacefully away on the 26th of October. Office and High Mass took place at the Parish Church, St. Coe's, celebrant, Rev. M. Carron, Kilkcock; deacon, Rev. Father Harris, Maryborough; subdeacon, Rev. Father Tierman, Kilkcloon; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. Dr. O'Loan, Maynooth College...

The Most Rev. Dr. Lysak, Bishop of Achonry, puts the case for the Irish Parliamentary Fund with force and clearness in his letter enclosing £5. He recognizes the vital necessity of a large attendance of Irish National representatives at the next sitting of Parliament, and the impossibility of such attendance except by the people's support. He touches on a variety of national questions which will be discussed if not decided, during the next session of Parliament. Of these he lays special stress on the Catholic University question, wherein the justice and moderation of the Irish demands has been over and over again acknowledged by the Irish Government. "The Catholic University question," he writes, "will probably take a prominent place in the work of the next session and surely this is a measure which invites the cordial co-operation and the practical sympathy of the Irish Nationalists..."

KILKENNY.

Mr. James Hill, Petty Sessions Clerk, Kilmacoon, died recently. For several months he has been in the County Infirmary. It is said he died worth £20,000.

KING'S.

Josephine Agnes, daughter of Thomas O. K. White died October 18th, at White Lodge, Eldersarry, age 15 years.

LONGFORD.

On October 18th the annual exhibition of work and distribution of prizes took place in the Mayne Industrial School for cottage industry. Many persons in Granard received invitation cards and attended. It is pleasing to note the success of this institution since its establishment, as the quality of the work exhibited testified, one set of chairs, some of which were particularly attractive...

CORK.

Mr. Richard Downing has been elected Chairman of the Harbor Board Cork City. A man aged 80 years, from Ballymallo, Shanagarry, arrived in Middleton potato market last week, and died suddenly. Father O'Donoghue and Foley, and Dr. F. J. O'Brien were in attendance a few moments before he died...

The Rev. J. Flood, who died recently in Columbkille spent the earlier years of his education in France in company with present Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, and Rev. J. Kelly, Drumshambo. At the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, he left France, and just one year after the college where the foundation to his learning had been laid, was burned to the ground by Prussian soldiers. He was appointed Professor in St. Mel's College, Longford, and fulfilled the duties of that office for a number of years...

LOUTH.

The bazaar organized by Very Rev. Thomas Cassidy, Monasterboice, and Rev. Arthur Byrne was opened lately at Fieldstown by the Right Worshipful Tavern Fogarty, Mayor of Drogheda. The object of the bazaar was to clear of a debt in connection with the building of the new church. The attendance proved that the people are not unmindful of the labors of the priests...

QUEENS.

The marriage of Mr. Frank Stinson, Linstear Leader, Maryborough, and Miss Izelle O'Neill, was celebrated in the parish chapel Maryborough, Oct. 21. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. O'Neill, while her sister, Miss Kate O'Neill, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. M. J. Duggan, Linstear Leader as best man. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many hearty congratulations while a large party of friends were entertained to a sumptuous dejeuner, provided at the bride's residence. The happy couple subsequently left Maryborough by the 9.55 A. M. train for Dublin en route for the north of Ireland, where the honeymoon will be spent...

WESTMEATH.

An inquest was held on the remains of the man found in a boghole at Cloonshreever, near Mullingar, lately, and no person identified them, "found drowned" was the verdict.

The new technical school at Turbotown Coole, was opened recently. The ceremony marked a commencement of an important era in the industrial history of the county. The locality has long been identified with the beautiful embroideries which bear its name, and needs little introduction to the public. Since the year 1885, when the Coole School of Turbotown was opened to teach the girls artistic embroidery adapted for decorative purposes, the social status and general well-being of the cottagers have made continuous and marked progress. Quick to learn, eager to work, and exhibiting a rare discrimination in the subtle art of "coloring and shading," their embroidery is as famous...

WEXFORD.

The Community of Loreto Convent Wexford, have just purchased the magnificent mansion Summerhill House from Mr. John E. Barry. They will remove their convent and schools when necessary alterations have been made. Both the site and the buildings are the finest that could possibly be desired. A magnificent view of the town and harbor is afforded from all parts of the grounds...

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Very Rev. William Dunphy is now parish priest of Barnardrigg. He was formerly curate in Naui. In the chapel of the Convent of Mercy Arklow, lately took place the profession of Miss Butler Darriglew, Waterford. Rev. James Dunphy, P. P. officiated.

MUNSTER.

CLAIRE.

A few weeks ago John Murphy, farmer, Leadmore near Kilmish, was severely attacked by a three-year-old bull, which he was driving to the fair at Kilmihil. The brute butted the unfortunate man about the body, and it would have gone badly with him had not his lusty cries for help brought to the scene Bernard Grogan, who, with the assistance of others pluckily succeeded in driving off the infuriated beast. Mr. Murphy was unconscious and was at once conveyed to his residence, and messengers dispatched for clergyman and doctor. Rev. Father Hogan and Dr. Randal Counihan soon arrived, when everything possible was done for the injured man, who has a marvelous escape from a terrible death...

LIMERICK.

Miss Bridget Moloney, daughter of Mr. James Moloney, Carronghmarra, Doon, was lately professed into the Presentation Order at the Middleton Convent, County of Cork. Her religious title is Sister St. Anne. Right Rev. Dr. Browne officiated.

TIPPERARY.

A farmer named Madden proceeding home from a fair with his wife and son, was swept down a mountain glen near Nenagh by the storm and killed.

WATERFORD.

The formal transfer of the Waterford, Dungarvan & Lismore Railway to the Great Southern & Western Company took place lately, and the rolling stock of the latter company replaced the engines and carriages of the old line. Mr. Pell attended at Fermoy and met Mr. O'Malley, the secretary of the Waterford & Dungarvan Company, who formally handed over the line to him. The carriages and engines of the latter company, which are all fitted with the latest appliances, including electric light and vacuum brakes, superseded the old stock of the Dungarvan & Lismore line...

Patrick Kelter of Mayor's Walk, City of Waterford, age thirty-six, was found drowned in a small stream of water at Lisduggan Big lately. Coroner's Jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. Deceased was subject to fits.

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On Nov. 1 the solemn profession of two young nuns took place in the Convent of Mercy, Blackrock, Dublin. The young ladies are Miss Mary Ann Russell (in religion Sister Mary Pauline), youngest daughter of Mr. John Russell, Kilkross, Tipperary, and Miss Annie O'Meara (in religion Sister Mary Rosalie), daughter of Mr. O'Meara, Nenagh. Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, officiated.

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Rev. Brother I. M. Spillane, Superior of the Greenpark Christian Brothers' Schools, Armagh, has been transferred to Dublin. During nine years he had labored with zeal for the educational advancement of the rising generation in the Primatial City, this without any desire for future worldly reward of any kind. But the people and pupils were not unmindful of the good Christian Brother's great and unselfish labors; therefore, when his removal was made public their regrets were deep and universal. Then, in some way to express their appreciation of him, they on his departure presented a most artistically engrossed address and a number of handsome presents, including a beautiful silver snuff box, inlaid with gold, gold-mounted umbrella, silver-mounted walking stick, rosy beads, with silver cross and connections, toilet set, and a number of silk handkerchiefs richly embroidered. Rev. Brother Spillane, who appeared deeply affected at this mark of regard and esteem by the boys, in thanking them, said they had taken him by surprise, and his feeling of regret at having to sever his connection with them was so great that he found it difficult to reply as he would wish. He would treasure their valuable presents as mementoes of the happy days he had spent at Greenpark, and the remembrance of the boys and their kind parents would ever continue green in his thoughts. The boys then rendered a farewell song, and Rev. Brother Spillane left for Dublin.

At the extraordinary age of 107 years has lately died Mrs. Mary Bradley of Inlustrus, Tamlight O'Crilly. Mrs. Bradley was a sister of the late Rev. Father McNamee, P. P. of Greenlough. She was one of the very few Irish-speaking people to be met in this part of the country. She had full possession of her mental faculties up to the last, and was in the habit of conversing intelligently of the stirring times of 1798. Her remains were interred on Tuesday, the 25th ult., in Greenlough Catholic churchyard. Funeral was numerous attended.

Members of Watty Graham '88 Club held a meeting in National Hall, Maghera a few Sundays ago. On motion of James McEldowney, the chair was taken by Patrick McKenna, Maghera. The chairman referred to passing events particularly with the progress made by the United Irish League, stimulated by the cowardly action of the authorities. Mr. James McKenna proposed a resolution condemning the brutal and cowardly action of the authorities towards the people of Ballinrobe, and expressing their pleasure at the successful effort to establish unity. Mr. Joseph Logue seconded the resolution which was spoken to by a number present and passed unanimously. Songs readings and recitations were then given by P. McQuillan, Jas. McKenna, H. Henry, J. Gallagher, C. O'Kane, J. McGuigan and James McEldowney, a highly successful meeting being brought to a close by the singing of "The Boys of Wexford." Mr. H. Henry will lecture at the next meeting.

Rev. E. Cassidy, C. C., Donegal, has been presented with a first-class bicycle by his friends.

To assist in raising funds to liquidate the debt incurred in the erection of the Great Cathedral in Letterkenny and