

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.

We regret to chronicle the death of Very Rev. Anthony Romulo Blake, O. P. Born at Hollypark, County Galway, in 1815, he was nephew of the Right Hon. Anthony Richard Blake, the friend of Dr. Doyle. The Right Hon. A. R. Blake was the first Catholic since the Reformation to fill the office of Chief Remembrancer to the Exchequer and he was the first Catholic given a seat in the Irish Privy Council after Emancipation. He was consistent in using his credit with successive Irish administrations to further the well-being of his fellow Catholics. From early youth Father Blake was remarkable for his tender piety. It was his custom as a young boy to go from Hollypark to the Dominican Priory of Baker and join the friars in the recitation of the Divine Office. He studied Humanities in Clongowes, and was remembered there as the best Greek scholar of his time. His classical tastes remained with him to solace his declining years, and he ever showed in his words and manner the refinement of the gentleman. From Clongowes he proceeded to Paris, where in the College of San Sulpice he made his ecclesiastical studies, and at the end of five years was ordained priest. Soon after his return to Hollypark he made known to his family the desire that he had conceived in his youth, and that had never left him of becoming a son of St. Dominic. To effect this purpose he was now sent by the Provincial of the Irish Dominicans to Italy, where in 1844 he was received into the Dominican Order at the Convent of La Quercia, near Viterbo. All through his career he has been distinguished by unobtrusive and tender piety. Besides the Divine Office, it was his custom to recite every day the Office of the Blessed Virgin, to whom he was most devout; and it was a constant source of edification to his religious brethren, to behold him bent under the weight of four score years wending his way to the church several times every day to kneel in turn before each of the altars and pour out his heart in earnest prayer. On Nov. 15, fortified by all the rites of the Holy Church, peacefully and without the least indication of suffering, he passed to his reward.

DIED—Oct. 19, at Emlagh Mary McHale, only daughter of the late John Joyce Ashmount, Joyce County, County Galway, aged 74 years. Interment took place at Killesn, James McHale and Pat McHale (sons), Tobias Joyce, Waterford; Thomas F. Joyce, Mounterown; Tobias Joyce and Thomas Evans Joyce, Ashmount; Patrick Joyce, Carramore; T. W. Joyce, merchant, Westport (nephews), attended the funeral. Oct. 21, at Furmoyle, Louisburgh, Michael McHale, aged 90 years, to the inexpressible grief of his sister, children and friends. He was confined to his bed since the death of his wife, Annie, six months since. The interment was at Killesn on the 23d inst.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The tenants on the estate of Mr. E. H. Weld assembled in Myshall last week and agreed to purchase their holdings at the present annual rent multiplied eighteen times. This is what is generally known as eighteen years' purchase. A man named Tyrrell, boatman in the employment of the Grand Canal Company, while unloading wheat got seriously injured. A sack fell, striking his knee. The kneecap was knocked out of place and the poor fellow suffered intense pain.

DUBLIN.

At the meeting of the executive of the Irish National Amnesty Association in Dublin a few days ago, Mr. Lambert presiding, the secretary announced that £5 had been received from Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, for the Political Prisoners' Fund. On the motion of Mr. Hayland Burke, seconded by Mr. James F. Egan, it was resolved "That this committee offers its most sincere thanks to Most Rev. Dr. Croke for his generous response to the appeal on behalf of the political prisoners. Capt. David T. Copeland Jones, of 2 Novara Terrace, Bray, an old and respected resident, was found drowned at Shanganagh one day last week. Under the will of the late Mr. James Ward of the "Scotch House," Borough Quay, Dublin, the hospitals will receive legacies amounting to half a million dollars. "Sport" recently complained of the fact that the monument to Dan Donnelly, the famous Irish pugilist, which was erected some years ago at the Curragh, has been badly injured, and that the work is in a disgraceful condition. It is shipped on all parts, and the slab on which his various triumphs were recorded, very much disturbed. A wish is expressed that Colonel Forbes (a trustee) and other local gentlemen will try to prevent this vandalism on the part of a number of blackguards.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

BIRMINGHAM—At St. Ballycommog, William Patrick Bermingham. BOLDAN—Nov. 5, at 30 Rosemount road, N. U. K. Thomas Joseph Boldan, aged 30 years. BOWEN—Nov. 5, at 104 Tullinwillie road, Mrs. Jane Bryan, aged 70 years.

pital, Thomas Collins, of Dundrum, aged 30 years. COOGAN—At 4 Upper Baggott street, Margaret Coogan. MACMAHON—Nov. 6, at 10 Winton road, Leeson Park, Dublin, Frances MacMahon.

MINCH—Nov. 7, at Athy, Matthew Minch, T. C., aged 78 years. SHANNON—Nov. 8, at Doogra P. O., Killeshandra, Rose Shannon, mother of Very Rev. John Shannon, P. P., V. F. SLEMEN—Oct. 29, at the Station Hospital, Citadel, Cairo, on his way home from Soudan, Corp. Patrick Joseph Slemen, Royal Army Medical Corps, son of the late George and Mary Slemen, of Dublin. He was aged 29 years.

KIRWAN—Nov. 9, at Newfoundland street, Joseph Kirwan, aged 12 years. LARKIN—At Cobbs, Templemore, Annie Larkin. OWENS—Nov. 9, at 197 Clonilla road, Drumcondra, Mrs. Susan Owens, 21 Castle street.

SEXTON—Nov. 8, at 86 Harcourt street, Alfred R. Sexton. WHELAN—Nov. 8, at 6 Chancery street, Mary Whelan, aged 36 years. FLOOD—Michael Flood, of 119 Upper Abbey street, employe of Dixon & Hughes.

COSTELLOE—At 64 Meath street, Joseph (Joe) Costelloe, aged 39 years. HUGHES—Nov. 8, at 5 Charleville Mall, Mary Anne Clark Hughes.

KILDARE.

Mr. John Donohue, Main street, Naas, died Nov. 9 from an accident. Interment was in the local cemetery; funeral cortege long.

KILKENNY.

Honoraria Neary, widow of John Neary, of Ballydowel, has been murdered. Leary died lately, leaving his farm of seventy acres to his nephew named Neary, who lived with his brother, Richard Neary, and sister, some distance off. On Friday morning a neighbor named Banim, on entering the woman's house, found her lying dead in bed, her skull battered in. There was a hole in the thatched roof, over the sitting room, through which the murderer evidently made ingress. Particulars show that the crime was not only premeditated, but carried out with determination. Richard Neary was subsequently arrested on the charge of murder, and is at present on remand in Kilkenny goal.

At the recent great meeting in Cullinhill, Castlecomer was ably represented by Messrs. D. Barron and J. Forde.

A great meeting was held on Oct. 30 in Cullinhill to condemn a case of law-grabbing. The facts relative to this occurrence are that in April last a farmer named Downey was evicted for non-payment of what was considered a rack-rent, and, the place having been put up for sale, was bought by Edward Kenny, a cousin of the evicted tenant's wife. Since then, to render the case worse, poor Downey has died, his wife has become an inmate of Kilkenny Lunatic Asylum, while their family of five children have been left destitute. The rent, which during Downey's term of occupancy was £32, was reduced to £23 by the landlord when Kenny took up possession of the farm. Pat Downey, the brother of the deceased evicted tenant, claimed the farm as his right, and secured much sympathy from the people of the district. Before the meeting on Sunday Mr. Pat O'Brien, M. P., the patriotic representative of the city of Kilkenny, who was the only Member of Parliament that attended, held that the lessee should not give up possession of the land unless he got back the price he paid for it, and also if the farm was to be held in trust for the children of the deceased evicted tenant. It is understood that these terms were not accepted by Pat Downey. The meeting on Sunday was a large and representative one.

LONGFORD.

Mrs. Patrick O'Connor, late of Granard, died Nov. 9 at Middle Gardiner street, Dublin. Interment was in Glasnevin. One of the oldest, if not the oldest, inhabitant of the County Longford passed away lately. Born in 1791 in the month of September, Thomas Flynn, who died in the hospital of the Grand workhouse, was slightly over the age of 107 years at his demise. The centenarian belonged to the laboring class, and in early days witnessed some cruel and tragic deeds, which left an awful and lasting impression on his mind. When just seven years of age he was taken one day from his home, near Edgeworthstown, by his mother to Granard. That day was a memorable one, for at that town a desperate struggle was being waged by the peasantry to shake off the yoke of British misrule. His father was in the battle, and young Flynn and his mother saw him shot down. Pat Farrell, another valiant man, was also shot down. Such sights made an indelible impression on the boy, who, too young to appreciate the ghastly and awful spectacle, came afterwards to understand the grim tragedy, and became imbued with the very same spirit as animated his patriotic sire. Left an orphan, Thomas Flynn was supported by his mother. After the death of his mother he transferred his home to Edgeworthstown, where he worked as a laborer. As he always took a keen interest in the progress and advancement of the cause of Irish liberty—a sentiment wedded to his nature by blood—he saw it in its many phases for a long series of years, and watched its many changes and vicissitudes, and many a stirring and historical episode he could relate in connection with it. His fireside was a favorite rendezvous for conspirators to hear the tales which he told. In his declining years, and when beyond his labor he depended on the goodness of

his neighbors for subsistence, and truth to tell he was kindly treated, and this with a small dole of outdoor relief, kept the old man from actual starvation. However, his fair companion of many years died from it, might be said actual want, and a few days after that event Flynn was removed to the Grand workhouse hospital. He died fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, and his remains were interred in the new cemetery.

LOUTH.

At the meeting of the Board of Guardians Sister Mary Imilda Flynn and Sister Mary Gertrude McDonald were unanimously appointed schoolmistress and infirmary nurse. The salaries are £50 and £20 per annum respectively.

Nov. 13 the Funeral Office and High Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. E. O'Keefe St. Mary's Drogheda took place at Raharney Church, Killycuan. The ceremonies were attended by a large number of relatives and friends of deceased in addition to a large representation of the clergy of Meath. The celebrant of the Requiem High Mass was Rev. James Johnston English.

MEATH.

The Austrian Vice Consul in Dublin has thanked the Naven Board of Town Commissioners for a vote of condolence to the Emperor of Austria on the assassination of the empress.

The Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, has made the following clerical changes in his diocese: Rev. John Magee, C. C., Bohermeen, to be C. C. St. Mary's Drogheda; Rev. A. Flynn, C. C. Killybeggan, to be C. C. Bohermeen.

QUEENS.

On Nov. 3, at 72 Manor street, Dublin, died Mr. John Burke, of Borris-in-Ossy. During many years he was in the employment of A. Guinness & Sons, the famous brewers of Dublin. Interment was in Glasnevin; the funeral was well attended.

WESTMEATH.

Anna Maria Stafford, eldest daughter of Mr. Francis Stafford, died Nov. 10, at Stafford's Hotel, Patrick street, Mullingar, deeply and fully regretted. Interment was in Welishestown; attendance at the funeral was large.

WEXFORD.

New altars are being erected in the Catholic church of Castlebridge from the ten thousand pounds sterling bequeathed by the late Mr. William Clancy.

Mr. Thomas Stafford, Ballygrangane who died March, 1897, left his farm and house in Ballyharty as an industrial institution, wherein twelve young girls of the laboring class will be instructed in cooking, washing, making clothes and all kinds of household and dairy work. The institution is under the care of the nuns of the Order of St. John of God.

At the meeting of the Gorey Town Commissioners Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart., M. P., Ballynastagh, made an application which forcibly demonstrated the great desire he has to perpetuate the memory of the brave insurgents of '98, and to show to future generations that Gorey in 1898 was not backward in worthily commemorating the centennial of the insurrection. Sir Thomas asked that the Commissioners should name the new block of buildings which he is erecting between Grattan terrace and Castle street "98 Centenary Place." He also requested the Commissioners to confirm the name of "Grattan terrace," as up to the present it had not received the sanction of that body for the possession of such a name. The Town Commissioners unanimously agreed.

It is with feelings of regret that we record the death of Mr. William Meyer, which took place at Clearystown. The deceased had reached the grand old age of 78 years. His demise will be read with widespread regret by his friends. The Requiem Office for the repose of his soul was held at Clearystown church on Saturday. The Very Rev. Nicholas Canon Hore, Rathangan presided.

WICKLOW.

On Monday night the friends of Mr. Daniel Murphy took occasion of his marriage to present him with a valuable service of plate consisting of over fifty pieces. Mr. Patrick Cullen, who made the presentation, referred in eloquent terms to Mr. Murphy's record while resident in Blessington, and to the fact that he had earned the good wishes of rich and poor alike. The people of Blessington regretted his departure, but if the prayers and good wishes of the people brought him good luck, why Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy deserved all the blessings that this world affords. Other gentlemen having spoken, Mr. Murphy made a suitable reply.

On Sunday night the houses in the town of Rush were illuminated in honor of the Rev. Father O'Hea, late P. P. of Wicklow, appointed to the vacancy in Rush, occasioned by the death of the Very Rev. Father O'Carroll. An unusually large congregation attended the parochial Mass, at which the highly esteemed pastor made a most touching reference to the pleasure it gave him to return to the scene of his first ecclesiastical labors, where, as he said, he had the happiness to commence his sacred mission, and where he hoped he would end it.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Rt. Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe, has generously given £10 each to Sisters of Mercy, Killybeg, and to Rev. John Vaughan, pastor, Carrigrohilly, for acts, etc., for some needy fishermen.

It is said that a Liverpool company is making arrangements for establishing a line of steamers between that great centre of trade and Clarecastle. The night school lately opened in Tulla by Mr. John Tubridy is well attended. It is chiefly for young ladies preparing for clerkships and civil service appointments, and a brilliant career for many of the present fair attendants is anticipated.

Laurence Kelly, a cattle dealer, died at Ennis on Saturday evening as the result of an accident. He was returning from the fair of Kilmihill, and was thrown from his horse. He was brought home in an unconscious state, from which he never recovered.

At Mr. James Nagle's Church street, Enniscorthy, lately were shown some monstrous heads of cabbage and very large mangolds. Three heads of cabbage grown by Mr. James Blackwell weigh respectively 44 pounds, 37 pounds and 29 pounds. Two of the mangolds weigh 27 and 21 pounds each. Those were grown by Mr. Thomas McDonough, laborer's cottage, Lisconnor, and are of the "Yellow Globe" variety.

CORK.

Thomas Toomey, aged 24 years, of Mallon, while suffering from a fit of temporary insanity, attempted suicide last week by cutting his throat with a scythe. He had but come from the United States a short time, and was noticed as being somewhat unsettled in mind.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

WALSH—At Rathduff, Nov. 7, Michael Walsh, aged 22 years. BRENNER—Nov. 6, at Keelbeg, Valentia Island, County Kerry, Jessie Brenner, in her 85th year.

AMBROSE—On 8th November, Kate Ambrose, Carriganaw. LANE—Nov. 5, at Gurrane, Fermoy, Michael Lane.

DONNELLY—On the 6th of November, John Donnelly (painter), aged 35. ALLMAN—On the 9th of November, at Rathlee, Sunday's Well, Susan Dowdin Allman, aged 70 years.

GUERRINI—On 5th November, at North Terrace, Inchicore, Emma Guerrini, daughter of the late Samuel F. Horgan, Glanville road, Cork.

O'HANLON—On the 8th November, at Munster Hotel, Cork, Johann O'Hanlon, Coolmona, Donoughmore, aged 83 years.

LEAHY—9th November, at Wingfield Cottage, Newcastle, Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Leahy.

WALSH—Nov. 9, at Market Square, Youghal, James Walsh.

COLE—At the Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Sister M. Angela, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth Cole, Sydneyham.

HERLIHY—On 11th November, at Bandon road, Patrick John, eldest son of Patrick and Kate Herlihy.

MURPHY—Nov. 11, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington road, Joseph Francis Murphy, 51 Great Britain street, Blackpool.

HOWARD—At Sunday's Well, 10th November, Mrs. Mary Howard Brinny.

MOLONEY—On Nov. 11, at Gurtacree, Middleton, Maurice Moloney, aged 82 years.

HARTIGAN—On Nov. 10, at Clonane House, Croom, Miss Bridget Hartigan, at an advanced age.

COAKLEY—On Wednesday, the 9th November, at Lower Toames, Dunmanway, Cornelius Coakley, aged 72 years.

FIELD—On the 16th October, at Jhnd, India, Edward T. Field, C. E., fourth son of Mr. Field, Kilbeg House, Castlemartyr.

SCANLAN—On the 9th November, at Coolygoody, Martin Scanlan, aged 63 years.

O'SULLIVAN—On the 10th November, at Killeena, Mary O'Sullivan.

BLAKE—On the 6th November, Lizzie Blake, Knockbarry, Buttavant, and sister to Rev. William Blake, President St. Colman's College, Fermoy.

WHELAN—On the 6th November, Ellen Whelan.

BOURKE—Nov. 7, at The Lodge, Banteer, Ethel Bourke, aged 10½ years.

COURTNEY—On the 6th November, at No. 6 Albert Terrace, Queenstown, James Courtney, pilot.

KERRY.

The Kerry Weekly Reporter of November 12, says: "The Gap of Dunloe police hut has been discontinued, and all the men who were stationed there have been sent back to their respective stations. Acting Serg. Kehoe, who was in charge of the hut, has returned to Tralee much to the relief of the vendors of the 'mountain dew' in the neighborhood of the 'Gap.'"

LIMERICK.

On Sunday as the people were coming from prayers in Bruff Patrick Dawson, of Doonee, near Creora Chapel, had a narrow escape from death by coming into collision with a runaway horse, the property of Count de Salls. John Moloney was driving the horse, when it became ungovernable opposite the post office and Moloney was obliged to come off the sidewalk. When the horse came opposite Whelan's old Dawson made an attempt to stop him, and received a stroke of the left fall on the thigh, and was hurled against the road, where he lay unconscious for about an hour. The horse continued his flight until he reached the Protestant Church, where both the sidecar and himself were overturned. He would have probably started afresh were it not for Father Robert Ambrose, who with great danger to himself, held him until additional aid arrived. When Dawson became conscious he was brought to Dr. O'Flanagan's, where his wound was examined and dressed, after which he was permitted to go home.

TIPPERARY.

Father Thomas Long of Doves, near Thurles, died in New South Wales recently, deeply lacerated by all who

knew him. Cardinal Moran presided at the obsequies.

The Earl de Montalt sued Patrick Carroll, farmer, for trespass on the lands of Gortard, near Annacorney, but Pat gave the Earl a legal surprise. It was conclusively proved that a Mass path had been through the plantation during fifty years, and the Earl is now powerless to stop the good people from going through it to attend Mass in Annacorney Church. His Honor, indeed, wanted to have pheasants therein and put off Mass-going Irish farmers.

With feeling of regret we chronicle the demise of Mrs. M. Carroll, of Main street, Thurles, on Saturday, suddenly. Deceased was in perfect health all day on Saturday, and about 5:30 P. M. expressed a desire to go for a walk. Having made the necessary preparations, she stated that she felt rather faint and weary and retired to bed. Getting worse, Dr. M. Barry was soon in attendance and Rev. M. Bannon, but notwithstanding all she expired about 8 P. M. Deceased was 43 years of age, and the immediate cause of death is pronounced to be apoplexy.

WATERFORD.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, the remains of the late Mrs. Alice Doyle, wife of Mr. Edward Doyle, relieving officer, Tramore, were interred in the graveyard attached to the Tramore Catholic Church. DIED—Nov. 10, Church street, Dungan, William Ryan, at an advanced age. William Ryan, Church street, Dungan, died Nov. 10, at an advanced age, deeply regretted; funeral was numerous attended.

Archdeacon Sheehy, P. P., V. G., Dungan, waited on the Town Board at last meeting in reference to the Compulsory Education Act. The board had adopted the Act, but no steps had been taken to put it into operation. Archdeacon Sheehy asked to have the Act put into operation, and notice of motion was given to have the committee appointed. The Commissioners of National Education will then appoint half of the committee. Then a secretary and inspector will be appointed, and compulsory education will be an important factor in the life of the borough.

Mr. Edward Duggan of Ballybricken, Waterford city, died recently, deeply and widely regretted by the citizens. During his long and honorable life he held a foremost place in the ranks of the genuine patriots in the Urbs in Tacita. The cause of Ireland and the welfare of the people lay close to his heart. His was not a vacillating patriotism; it was true and constant. It is devoted to the Irish aspiration for freedom, and to have unwaveringly labored for it, be distinctive marks of patriotism, then, indeed, Ireland has lost a patriot, though it is but known in a limited district of the land he loved.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A young man named Daniel McIntyre, of Drummagegan, near Bushmills, was found dead in the moss near his residence on Saturday, with a gunshot wound in his head. Dr. Huey, Bushmills, said he found a gunshot wound in the right side of deceased's head, the charge having lodged in the brain, and concluded that the wound was accidental. The jury found "that Daniel McIntyre, Jr., was found dead in the townland of Drummagegan on Nov. 5, 1898, from a gunshot wound on the head, which the jury believe was the result of accidental discharge of his gun."

One of the saddest deaths that ever occurred in Larne was reported on Saturday. The deceased, Patrick (Mor) Magill, a large landowner, arose on Saturday morning in good health, and, after breakfast, put battens in the cart, and proceeded to Larne to get them sawed into boards. He left home about 10 o'clock, and his family knew nothing further until the sorrowful intelligence was conveyed them that he had been found dead in his cart on the Killyglen road, four miles from Larne.

At meeting of the Larne Guardians last week the guardians had again under consideration the allegations made by Mr. Robert Peden Lusk "that sheep, cattle and horses had free access over the old burying ground of Killyglaught, and that even pigs were allowed to delve and roam at pleasure." Mr. Lusk made this statement from information given by a number of farmers in the district having interests in the graveyard, and at last week's meeting the allegation was supported by James Peoples, Isaac Rainey, James Melharg and Mr. Vint. The chairman said the statements were exaggerated.

ARMAGH.

The parishioners of Lullybanna have given a generous donation of cash to Very Rev. Canon McCartan, pastor of Donaghmore, County Tyrone, to assist him in liquidating the debt incurred in erecting the fine new parish church. A successful concert was held last week in the Armagh Catholic Reading Room, before a large and appreciative audience. Rev. Michael Quinn presided. The first part of the programme was opened with a recitation by Mr. Hugh Wardle. Mr. McCarthy sang "The Dear, Old Land" and "Langues." Mr. John Houlaghan sang "Homeward Bound." The second part consisted of a Christy Minstrel entertainment by A. R. Wild (staff sergeant Royal Irish Fusiliers), Arthur Webb, Patrick Webb, Robert Baird, John Webb, John McGuinness, J. Lee, Joseph Webb, Vincent McMahon and Staff Sergeant Hanley, Royal Irish Fusiliers.

DERRY.

At Kilren Petty Sessions last week a summons was brought by the man-

ager of the Kilrea Branch of the Northern Bank against R. W. R. Forrester, J. P., of Maghera, for "that he did, on the 10th day of August, 1898, by false pretences, obtain from complainant a sum of £15 10s." Mr. Liddle applied for a warrant for his arrest. The Bench granted the application. Forrester represented that he had an account in the Ulster Bank and on a cheque obtained the money. He did not have an account in the bank, as stated.

From returns furnished lately by Mr. George Shott, emigration officer, Derry, seven vessels left Derry during October for the United States, carrying 628 passengers, an increase of 63 on same month last year. Six vessels left for Canada during the month, carrying 38 passengers, an increase of 34 on the same month of last year.

DONEGAL.

Patrick McLaughlin, Ballygorman, Malin Head, met with a tragic end by being burned in his own house on Saturday. It appears that the deceased, who was almost 80 years of age, resided in a house by himself on the top of a mountain, a spot rarely visited except by boys herding cattle. He was found on Saturday afternoon lying on the "rakings" of the fire. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased had died from burns accidentally received.

DOWN.

A fireman, name unknown, on the steamer Rosabelle, moored at James Neill's pier, Bangor, was drowned last week. A man named James Doran made a gallant attempt to save the man.

At the monthly meeting of the Newry Town Commissioners, Mr. J. C. Nicolson, chairman, presiding, and fourteen other Commissioners present, the clerk read a letter from the secretary of the Gaelic League, asking for the free use of the board room once a week. After discussion, the request was refused by the chairman's casting vote.

Mr. Andrew McBrien, Glifford, died at his residence Thursday. During his illness Father Campbell, Tullylish, and Father Byrne were daily in attendance. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the district. The remains were removed for interment at Tullylish on Sunday.

FERNANAGH.

The names of the barones in the county are: Clanawley, Clankelly, Coole, Knockninchy, Lurg, Magheraboy, Maghera-stephany, Turkeneddy.

MONAGHAN.

The dead body of Robert Irwin, railway lineaman, was found in a small stream near his home in Galina last week. He had been "dragging" the stream and fell in. One of his children made the startling discovery.

The remains of Mr. James Rafferty, merchant, Monaghan, were removed on Nov. 6 from his late residence for interment in Laturcan. By his death the Catholic community suffered a heavy loss, and Irish nationality a fearless, straightforward and indefatigable worker. The funeral was the largest witnessed in Monaghan for many years. The remains were in the first instance conveyed to the Cathedral of St. Macartin, where Mass was celebrated by Rev. F. J. Lynch.

TYRONE.

Miss Ellen Quinn, second daughter of Mr. Bernard Quinn, Beaghmore, Cookstown, was professed last week in the Convent of Mercy, Newry, County Down; religious title, Sister Aidan.

On Nov. 2 Patrick McCann, farmer, of Clogh, near Coalisland, died suddenly. He went to the bog in usual health, and remaining longer than usual, his brother went to see what was detaining him and found him dead. Deceased was about 60 years of age, unmarried, and resided with his brother.

On All Souls' Day Ballygawley was the scene of a big '98 demonstration. The St. Kieran's Temperance Brass Band attended 12 o'clock Mass, and after Mass a large contingent entered the town, and a demonstration—confined to local Nationalists—was held in the Diamond. Sympathetic references were made to the memory of Wolfe Tone and the men of '98. "The Dead March in Saul" was rendered, and not a few tea-bedimmed eyes were noticed on the occasion.

The Catholics of Cullyhanna, County Armagh, on Sunday, responded generously to the appeal for funds to liquidate the debt incurred in connection with the restoration of Donaghmore Church. The appeal was made by the Very Rev. Canon McCartan, P. P., to whom is due the carrying out of the work of restoration. The Church of Donaghmore is one of the oldest in Ireland, and clustering around it are many glorious traditions. It was at Donaghmore St. Patrick rested on his way to Armagh, and preached to our pagan forefathers, and founded the church which the Catholics of the North are now called upon to support. Since that time the sacred edifice has undergone many vicissitudes. Successive periods of strife in Ireland saw it destroyed and afterward rebuilt, and it did not escape the general devastation which followed on the rebellion of 1641. To preserve such a relic of the glorious past should be regarded almost in the light of a duty by the faithful.

"Your paper this morning reported me as being dead," said the caller. "I don't know you, sir," replied the editor with dignity. "How do I know you are not?"—Philadelphia North American.

"Henry, don't you feel well enough to cut the grass this afternoon?" "No, dear; but if you say so, I'll take a hose and weed awhile among the flowers on the lawn."