

DUR 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.

An important meeting was held at Claran on 20th November, to form a branch of the League. The meeting was held in the chapel field. Mr. J. D'Arcy presided. Present: E. J. Conroy, vice-president Headford branch; Augustus F. O'Reilly and Wm. Quinn, honorary secretaries; Jos. Morris, treasurer. Officers of the Headford branch—Patrick Walsh, P. D. Arcey, P. Molloy, J. Walsh, P. Murphy, P. O'Donnell, P. Grogan, J. Dunne, J. Reilly, M. Toher, P. Cunningham and J. Lyons. The chairman delivered a stirring address, in which he advised the people to be cautious how they would treat grabbers. He said they should not be spoken to, or walked with or worked for and they would then be very soon brought to their knees, and once they were got on their knees they could be easily dealt with. He told the people to shun crime and outrage of every sort, and carry on the work of their organization in a straightforward manner. Mr. E. J. Conroy called on the people to join the League and organize themselves against the people's enemies, the grazier and the grabber. Messrs. Quinn, O'Reilly, MacDonagh and Walsh also addressed the meeting.

William Flaherty, publican, Derry, was found dead in his home. Rev. Walter Conway, pastor, Glenties, has obtained a loan of £250 from the Board of Works to erect a national school in the town. On Nov. 23 a man named Wallace, 82 years of age, was passing along the Claddagh Basin, Galway, when he accidentally fell into the water. Two men named Lydon and Flaherty, Claddagh fishermen, hearing screaming, made in the direction and found Wallace struggling in the water. After much trouble and risk they got a boat and saved the old man of 82 from a watery grave. Much credit is due to the two young men.

A largely attended meeting of the people of the parish of Caheristrane, held Nov. 13 in the chapel field, to establish a branch of the United Irish League. Rev. Canon Heany, presiding. The proceedings throughout were most enthusiastic.

LEITRIM.

Dr. Mulcahy, I. P., Ballinamore, has received an honorable certificate from the Royal Humane Society for John Reynolds, awarded him for saving the life of John O'Donnell, who was in imminent danger of drowning at Greenagh Lake, near Mohill, in July last. O'Donnell died some hours after the gallant rescue.

MAYO.

Mr. A. F. Crean, Claremorris, has been elected Master of the local union. On Sunday, Nov. 20, two monster meetings were held—one at Belcarra, the scene of the proclaimed meeting of three weeks ago, at which Messrs. Gills, M. P.; Conroy O'Kelly, Claremorris; John McHale, president of the West Mayo U. I. L.; John O'Donnell, organizer; Thomas Conway, Balla; Thomas Walsh, Balla, spoke. There were several large contingents, with fife and drum bands, from Castlebar, Balla, Ballinacorney, Ballinacorney, Carracoon, Brea, with vast assemblages of people from Ballinacorney, Manulla, Ballinacorney and all the surrounding districts. There was very little announcement of the meeting, owing to the recent proclamations. The police were put on the wrong scent. At an early hour about 600 police, under command of Mr. Dowling, D. I., were marched to Brea, where they were expecting the meeting to be held, for the building of a house for the children of Mrs. Brennan, in jail by order of the Lord Chancellor because she resumed possession of a house from which she was evicted by Mr. Browne. In order to draw the police more successfully from the Belcarra meeting, Mr. James Daly, who was under police surveillance, accompanied by the Castlebar band, proceeded to Park where, after Mass, Mr. Daly and Mr. Joe Conroy held a successful meeting. Rev. Thomas Walsh presiding. Over 250 members joined the United Irish League, while one solitary policeman only attended.

While Mr. James Rogers was returning from Carrick-on-Shannon to Hill street, Sligo, Nov. 11, the horse he was driving became restive and he was thrown off the car to pacify the animal, but he became so excited that he dropped dead from heart disease. He was a native of Ballinacorney, and belonged to an old respected family; he leaves a wife and three young children. The funeral took place Nov. 13, attended by the leading people of Carrick-on-Shannon and Hill street. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen in the locality for many years. The Very Rev. Father Flanagan, after Mass, spoke of the deceased's many good qualities of heart and mind.

At a recent convention of the United Irish League in Claremorris, Augustinore was represented by Michael Healy, M. P.; P. L. G.; Donnick Byrne, Timothy Kenny, Anthony Kilkenny, Patrick Watson, Richard Curley, etc. On Nov. 21 an "infidential" meeting was held at Foxford. Mr. J. E. Boland presided. Resolutions were passed establishing a branch of the League and securing every support. Mr. John Boland addressed the meeting.

Knockmore, Ballina, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. John Durkan presided, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. John O'Donnell (West Mayo Executive), John McNulty, president North Mayo U. I. L.; J. Hegarty, president Kilmurphy branch officers, and a committee were elected, and six delegates to attend the meeting of the Executive at Crossmolina.

ROSCOMMON.

An injunction has been granted at the suit of the landlord, Mr. Urquhart, against Mrs. Coory, Drumlin, Elphin, and her relatives, who are holding possession of her evicted holding. Mr. O'Saughnessy, Q. C., for the landlord attacked Mr. William O'Brien and the other speakers at the Elphin meeting, and the Vice-Chancellors granted the injunction. We hardly think that this will be the last heard of the case. The law of the United Irish League will soon be far more powerful than the law propounded in Dublin by British officials. And the reason will be that the whole Irish race will be behind the mandates issued by it. Besides it will be Irish law, and not law, made and exercised for the benefit of aliens, landowners and grabbers.

The remains of Thomas McGrath, Drumane, were found in Lough Gara, Nov. 17. For some time past Mr. McGrath was considered to be rather peculiar in his ways. On November 15 a meeting of the principal inhabitants of Ballinacorney was held in the Boys' School to make arrangements for the reception of Canon Loftus, on his return from Rome. Rev. Father Gallagher presided.

SLIGO.

When it became known on Nov. 19 that Canon Loftus had returned to Ballinacorney, after a visit to Rome, the population of the town and country turned out en masse, and gave him a great ovation. Not a household in Ballinacorney is a day's distance from the great fire blazed on the surrounding hills. At 7 o'clock a vast procession, under the presidency of Father Gallagher, accompanied by the Ballinacorney band, proceeded to the Canon's residence, and conveyed him, with thunders of acclamation, to the spacious schoolhouse, where an address of welcome was read to him by Mr. M. Doyle. The Nationalists of Ballinacorney are determined to put the people in possession of their own lands once more. Bullocks for British bellies have had possession of the good soil too long. The proper kind of ring is in the notice here given: "A special meeting of the provisional committee will be held on Sunday next, the 27th inst., in the League room, Ballinacorney, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers, so that the branch will be fully established. All Nationalists are requested to attend. Let there be no falling away. The battle of the land for the people must be fought, and a notice to quit served as bullocks, and bullock tracts. The chair will be taken sharp at 1 o'clock.—J. Gilmartin, secretary pro tem.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The High Sheriffs for County Clare during 1899 will be Major Stopford Hickman, Fenloe, Newmarket-on-Fergus; William Hawkins Ball Port Fergus, Ballinacorney; R. H. Moreland, Raheen, Scariff. John Griffin, farmer, of Dysart, was found near his home Nov. 21. The funeral of late W. H. Taggart, manager National Bank, Scariff, took place Nov. 19. The remains were interred in the Cathedral cemetery, Killaloe. The funeral was numerously attended.

The Sub-Sheriff for Clare, Major Fred Cullinan, wound up a seizing expedition in West Clare last week by paying a surprise visit to the Kilrush workhouse, where he ordered his bailiffs to seize the ambulance cart and horses under foot of a county court decree for rent due by the guardians on the dispensary at Carrigrohilly. The car was going for a patient, but the route was changed and all lodged in the pound. There was some excitement among the officials at the workhouse when it became known that the Sheriff had impounded the ambulance, and the clerk Mr. Warren, was immediately apprised of the seizure. He lost no time in securing an interview with the Sheriff, the result of which was that after an hour's detention the car and horse were released.

CORK.

Mr. Kennedy, known as Featherstone political prisoner, lately liberated from the grasp of his brutal British keepers, received a most enthusiastic welcome on arriving in Kildorrery his native place, Nov. 13. He is one of "Red Inn's" victims. During fifteen years his life dragged along within English prison walls, suffering every indignity and punishment that the brutal and at the same time ingenious minds of his British keepers could devise or inflict.

Thomas McDonnell, aged 58 years, gardener of Upper Henry street, Cork, was found drowned in the River Lee lately, by Martin Cosgrove, dock laborer. An inquest was held, and a verdict of "found drowned" was rendered. A big demonstration and torchlight procession was held in Passage, Nov. 25, in honor of the '67 men who are buried in the old church. Beautiful wreaths and crosses were laid upon the graves of four Passage men, who were identified with the '67 movement. It is well known that the remains of these four staunch patriots rest in the cemetery near Passage, the names are John Ring, Jeremiah Fitzgerald, John Ahern and Jeremiah Cullinan. At 8:30 p.m. a procession was formed on the "Cross." The fife and drum band played national airs. A huge crowd joined in the procession, and lighted torches

ed by not only the inhabitants of the Caherivreen district, but also from Valentia, Portmagee, Waterville, Ballinacorney, and several other places, took place on Nov. 18 from the parish church, where his remains were laid the previous night to his family burial place at Killovarnagh graveyard.

LIMERICK.

The death of Mr. George Liston, collector, occurred in Kilmallock, Nov. 13, at the age of 43 years. After Office and High Mass in St. Peter and Paul's Church, the funeral proceeded to Creora Cemetery, and was numerously attended.

At the recent competition for sorterships in the General Post Office, London, prominent places were obtained by Master D. Danaher, D. O'Connor and M. Power.

William Bourke, Broad street, Limerick, was received into Barrington's Hospital Nov. 20 suffering from a compound fracture of the arm, the result of a stroke of a hurley, received accidentally during a hurling match at Tulla.

TIPPERARY.

With sincere regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Tierney, Nov. 14, aged 60 years. Deceased was clerk of the Roman Catholic Church. The funeral took place on Tuesday, when the remains of deceased were interred in the Rock of Cashel Cemetery. The funeral was attended by the Very Rev. Dean Kinane, Rev. P. W. Ryan, and a large concourse of the general public.

Mrs. Daniel Scott of Boullick Gortmahoe News, Birmingham, has just attained the age of 101 years. She is in perfect health and capable of walking a long distance. She is the niece of the Right Rev. John Ryan, Bishop of Limerick, and first cousin of the late Rev. John Bourke, Moyarkey, near Thurles, and mother of the late highly respected Rev. Edward Scott, Fethard. She is a representative of one of the oldest and most respectable families in Tipperary.

Mr. E. V. Drea, who was assistant schoolmaster in the Waterford Union, was last week appointed head master, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Mr. Moss. Mr. Drea, from many standpoints, was worthy of the position first of course, being proficient, and, next, his long and honorable term of eighteen years' service.

WATERFORD.

The Manchester Martyrs Anniversary was celebrated in Waterford City with a torchlight procession, banners and bands. On Nov. 15 the solemn ceremony of the profession of a nun took place in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Dungarvan. The young lady is Miss Ellie Murphy (in religion Sister Mary Anthony) daughter of Mr. Daniel Murphy, teacher, Kibonane, Aherlow, County Cork. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, who performed the ceremony, celebrated Mass and preached an eloquent sermon in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the young religious, as well as a number of the clergy of the district. Present: The Venerable Archdeacon Sheehan, Dungarvan; Rev. Father C. J. A. O'Driscoll, Kilmurphy, County Cork; the Rev. Father Murphy, Liverpool; the Rev. Father Casey, Dungarvan; the Rev. Father Prendergast, Dungarvan, and many others. Among the friends present were: Mr. Daniel Murphy (father), Mrs. E. Murphy (mother), Miss Margaret Mary Murphy (sister), Mr. John Murphy (brother), and Miss K. Spillane, Newgrove.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Six months ago a farm occupied by a family named Burgess, at Coolnamara, Borris, was taken possession of by McMurrugh Kavanagh for arrears of rent, and the occupiers were evicted. It remained derelict until John Joyce, a neighbor, took it. Since Joyce took this action the people regard it with strong disfavor. The members of the Burgess family have displayed feeling to such an extent that the crown took proceedings against them. At the recent sessions in Borris John and Ellen Burgess were charged with having assaulted Patrick Joyce, by pulling his beard at Ballymurray. The magistrates then retired, and after a short absence Mr. Kennedy announced the decision of the court as follows: "In this case we have decided on binding both defendants to the peace for twelve months in the amount of £40 each and two sureties of £20 each, or default one month's imprisonment. Mr. Byrne—My clients have no means of getting that amount or bail. The defendants were then taken into custody.

DUBLIN.

The funeral of Mrs. O'Neill, wife of Mr. Hugh O'Neill, Town Clerk, Dalky, took place Nov. 23 when the remains were removed from Marymount for interment in Dean's Grange Cemetery. Nationalists in the Rounda Ward of Dublin have selected Alderman McAuley, Peter O'Hara, T. C.; J. P. Nannetta, T. C. and William Doyle as their candidates for corporators at coming election under new local government bill.

A resolution that Alderman O'Reilly, Mr. Hutchinson, T. C.; Mr. James O'Donovan, and Mr. Patrick Shelly be selected as candidates for municipal honors was declared carried at a meeting of the voters in Merriam's Quay Ward city, under the new local government bill. There is at present in Dublin a Mr. Kenist, said the Freeman's Journal, who is, like Mr. Samuel Smith, a strong supporter of Protestantism, and uses his soul as an advertisement for certain literature that is anything but pure. It is satisfactory to find that this new reformer, who has had a considerable

success of a kind on the other side of the Channel, has been cold-shouldered by respectable Protestants here. The committee running Mr. Kenist had the impudence to invite the patronage of the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin and of the Dean of Christ Church, and received in reply letters of strong repudiation.

Recent deaths in Dublin.

DOWDALL—Nov. 15, at 1 Coleraine street, Luke Dowdall.

PURFIELD—Nov. 24, at 61 Townsend street, Sarah Purfield.

CRIMMINS—Nov. 25, at 10 Northcote avenue, Kilmacree, Catherine Crimmins.

DOWNEY—Nov. 24, at Sallynoggin, Bryan Downey.

LACY—Nov. 25, at 37 Rosborough avenue, Margaret Mary Lacy, aged 11 years.

MORAN—Nov. 25, at 13 North George's place, Mrs. Possanna Moran.

TOMMINS—Nov. 25, Mrs. Jane Tommings, late of Ryder's row.

HENDRICK—Nov. 27, at 24 Wexford street, Thomas Hendrick.

KENNA—Nov. 20, at 114 Great Britain street, Anne Kenna, aged 75 years.

KEHOE—Nov. 21, suddenly, at Ballybitt, Rathvilly, James Kehoe.

LEONARD—Nov. 18, at 10 Henrietta street, Kate Leonard.

O'NEILL—Nov. 21, Marymount street, Kate O'Neill.

FORD—Nov. 21, at 9 St. Columba's road, Drumcondra, Elizabeth Ford.

BRISCOE—Nov. 20, at Summer hill, Brigid Briscoe.

KILDARE.

An unprecedented downfall of rain in Naas Nov. 24 has had the effect of swamping large tracts of land around and flooding the town. Many houses were swamped and much damage done. The floods in the streets being too deep, people were obliged to requisition cars to carry them from one part to another.

Died—Nov. 22, at Moone Abbey, Patrick Kelly, Nov. 20, at 32 Reginald street, James Maher, Ladycastle, Star-fan.

KILKENNY.

Mrs. Fallon the organist of the Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny, has been appointed organist and conductor of the choir of Tramore Church, in County Waterford.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Foley, Ballinacorney. One year ago the deceased returned from America in failing health. All that medical aid could do, combined with the fresh and pure air of her native land, were unable to eradicate the disease from which she at last died.

KINGS.

Mother Mary Gabriel Egan of the Convent of Mercy, Tuamore, died in the Mater Hospital, Dublin, Nov. 23. She was aged 51 years, 32 of which were spent in the religious life of the Order of Mercy. Office and High Mass were held in Fullamore Friday, Nov. 25.

Died—Nov. 23, at Gorteen, Philipstown, Mrs. Catherine Ryan, Oakley Park. Interment in Durrrow, Queen's County. Funeral numerously attended.

LONGFORD.

Miss Reid, Kilkenny, has been appointed night nurse in the Longford Union.

LOUTH.

Mr. Francis Chadwick of Drogheda died Nov. 23. He belonged to one of the oldest and most Catholic families in town—a brother of the late Most Rev. Dr. Chadwick, late Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. In conjunction with the late Most Rev. Dr. Dixon the saintly primate, he established the Order of the Good Sisters of Charity, and since that period has acted as trustee with the various prelates of Armagh including his Eminence Cardinal Logue in the commercial life of Drogheda and County Meath the Chadwick family held a pre-eminent position. His brother, the late Mr. John Chadwick, was for several years chairman of one of the remaining industries of the old town, the Drogheda Steam-packet Company. The deceased was chairman of the well known firm of millers and corn merchants, Messrs. J. and F. Chadwick, of Drogheda and Navan.

MEATH.

Mr. John Farrelly, Flower Hill, Navan, died Nov. 29, to the deep regret of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The funeral to Donaghmore was numerously attended.

Died—Nov. 20, at Frefans, Trim, Francis Duff. The interment was in Laraghbryan. Funeral cortege long.

QUEBENS.

Died—Oct. 31, Bawnacorra, Borris-in-Ossory, John Butler, formerly of Doon, Nov. 24, at Deerpark, Mountrath, Margaret Delaney aged 80 years. Mr. Patrick Boylan of Main street, Maryborough, died, Nov. 13, deeply regretted. He was aged 26 years. Some years previous he had been engaged in business in Dublin, but was in poor health. The funeral to the New Cemetery was one of the largest seen in the town for many years. The interment took place in front of "The Calvary."

WESTMEATH.

DIED—Nov. 23, at Rockford Bridge, Anne Connell, Nov. 25, at Crookedwood, Mullingar, Patrick Torney, aged 90 years. Nov. 25, at Mullingar, Mary McCormack.

WEXFORD.

The centenary celebrations have naturally invited attention to the resting places of the men of '98. Throughout the country pious hands have renovated broken tombs or erected memorials over graves hitherto unmarked. There is one in Annacorney churchyard which bears the following inscription: "Erected by Patrick Doyle of Annacorney, in

memory of his beloved father, John Doyle, who died March 5, 1868, aged 100 years; also his mother, Elizabeth Doyle, who died June 8, 1865, aged 85 years." The simple inscription would never suggest that the flagstone covers the remains of two of the rebels of '98, but it does. In that fateful year John Doyle, then 36 years of age, lived with his father at Coolbawn. He was an active, muscular man, six feet high, of great courage and endurance. He was one of the first to take the field, and was followed by several of his neighbors, who, recognizing his ability, placed themselves under him. He took part in all the engagements in which the Wicklow men fought, and was present at the battle of Tara. After this he was on his keeping for months, but when the troublous time had passed he succeeded in regaining his home. One of his comrades at Tara was named Tutty, whose house had been burned, and whose family were scattered among neighbors and relations, but one of the children, a daughter named Bessy, and who was a very pretty girl, contrived frequently to visit her father. He had gone through all the fighting without a scratch until the affair at Tara Hill, but there toward evening he was killed. Doyle and some others guarded the poor fellow's remains until the following day, when his daughter Bessy, having heard of his fate, arrived. She took the remains home that her mother and the other members of the family might have a last view of the dead husband and father. He was interred in Annacorney. Bessy Tutty lost a father at Tara Hill, and also found her future husband. Her beauty, her courage, and her devotion to the National cause, won the heart of John Doyle, and some time after he had returned to his home in Coolbawn they were married. They lived together for sixty years. He predeceased her, but she followed him to the grave in little more than a year.

WICKLOW.

Recent deaths in the county: Nov. 24, at Cork Street Hospital, Dublin, Owen Byrne of Knockatoomoyle.

Oct. 9, at Killybeg, Orange, N. S. W., Australia, Bridget Dunne, daughter of the late Edward Dunne Baringlass.

Nov. 21 at Dunlavin, James Nolan (late of Tober).

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Joseph Hall was walking on the historic Cave Hill, lately, and determined to explore the caves. While so doing he slipped and fell from the second cave, and was seriously injured.

The inaugural address of the Session of the Ballymena Catholic Literary and Debating Society was delivered by Rev. Daniel McAlister on Monday, Nov. 21. Rev. P. Scally presided. Attendance was numerous. The subject was a most interesting one, "Our Countrymen Abroad," and was treated in a masterly manner.

ARMAGH.

The beautiful chapel attached to the Convent of Mercy, Edward street, Lurgan, Nov. 15 was the scene of a most impressive ceremony, being the profession of Sister Mary Breridan (in the world Miss Frances Breridan of Maynooth). The sacred functions were performed by Most Rev. Dr. McGovern, Lord Bishop of the diocese, at half-past eight, in the presence of a very large number of clergy and laity of the town.

The bazaar for St. Peter's Church, Lurgan, closed on Nov. 18, when a grand concert was given in the museum room, at which the following contributed: Mrs. Campbell, Miss R. McNeill, Miss B. Lyons, Mr. Thomas A. O'Reilly, Mr. Frank English, Mr. John McKenna O'Reilly, and Mr. W. A. D. O'Reilly. The undertaking was a decided success, and Rev. B. M. McConville, pastor, is pleased.

CAVAN.

The County Cavan is divided into 8 baronies, 36 parishes and 1,986 townlands, and in 1891, when last census was taken the population was 111,917 of which 90,508 were Catholics.

DOWN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas M. Boyd, Needham Place, Newry which occurred Nov. 2. He was senior member of one of the oldest and most respected Newry families, a warm supporter of all the charities in connection with the Catholic Church. He was a most successful wine and spirit merchant.

FERMANAGH.

Many were and are under the impression that the penal laws had been abolished in Ireland, but the conduct of landlords in Fermanagh is in direct conflict with the idea. Father George McMeel, Whitehill, Ballinasmallards, a few years ago, required a site for a national schoolhouse, and naturally applied to those who had large areas of land, and could, therefore, spare as much as would do for education purposes, but they emphatically refused. Had not a farmer who purchased under the Land Act given a site for the school the children of the district would have continued to want the means of instruction so much needed to get on in the world nowadays.

Nov. 20 was another red letter day in the ecclesiastical history of Monaghan, the occasion being the reception of Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, on a short visit to the Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Lord Bishop of the diocese of Clogher.

TYRONE.

Richard Dickson, Moymore, formerly of Benagh, attempted to commit suicide by drowning, near Pomeroy, Nov. 17. The police subsequently lodged him in the Omagh Insane Asylum.