

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Members of the Menloagh Co-operative Agricultural Society met recently and commenced operations for the coming year in fine condition.

Right Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway, left Rome, Nov. 21 for Florence, with the Very Rev. Father Fahy, D. D., Vicar-General.

A special meeting of St. Colman's Church Committee in Gort was held at the sacristy for the purpose of presenting an address of welcome to the Very Rev. Dr. Fahy on his return from a visit to Rome.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, a great '98 demonstration was held in Loughrea in honor of Peter Finerty, a '98 patriot, who was editor of The Press, the organ of the United Irishmen, and who suffered a severe sentence for refusing to divulge the name of an anonymous writer who published a letter in the Press condemning the trial of William Orr.

An imposing procession, headed by the Killeenacoma Pipe and Drum Band, proceeded from the Abbey Convent through the town to Barrack street, where the unveiling of the memorial took place at an old castle made famous by a great battle fought round it in 569.

Among the good men and true who are making the Ballymote branch of the United Irish League a success are: Matt Hannon, B. Kelly, M. O'Connell, T. Hunt, D. Mullin, M. Quigley, D. Healy, A. Walsh, Tom Duddy, Patrick McGee, Patrick Dacey, Patrick Muldoon, J. Dacey, A. Curley, J. McGinnis, John Sheeran, M. Rogers, Patrick Duddy, J. Scanton, Edward McManus, Patrick Burke, Patrick Curley, Hugh Markey, Thomas Keelagher, A. Carroll, J. Walsh, Thomas Gallagher, John Clarke, John Hill, Martin, secretary.

A meeting of the members of the Greagh branch of the Irish National Federation was held Nov. 21, Mr. Patrick McLoughlin, vice-president, in the chair. Also present: Michael Conlon, James Waters, Patrick McGarr, John Conlon, John J. Curran, Patrick Cullen, Patrick Conlon, James McDonogh, Edward M. Loughlin, John Tivernan, Edward McDonogh, John Keaney, Patrick Kelly, the evicted tenant on the Hewton estate, made a statement before the meeting that he was evicted from his farm of land 14 years ago, and that two men in the locality grabbed the farm from which he was unjustly evicted.

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this season, and Mr. Gallagher of Carrick-on-Shannon, has disposed of a large number throughout Ireland.

MAYO.

On Nov. 1 Robert Glennon and Martin Hyland, Townsena, were released from Castlebar jail after two months' imprisonment, having refused to give bail in connection with a charge brought by the Horan family.

A magnificent United Irish League meeting was held in Leenane and Killmilkin on Sunday, Nov. 27. Rev. John Waldron, parish priest, presided. Messrs. David Sheehy, M. P., John Mahle, president of the United Irish League, and Mr. James Lynam, among others, made spirit-stirring addresses. Localities were numerously represented among them being Leenane, Naam, Tiernakill, Burricariff, Fenag, Cornamona, Killelangan, Killmilkin, Mounteroun, Derrynaclough, Roig, Derrag, Mannegowna, Garrofin, Bundorrighara, Corsoilagh, Letterrack, Tawnleem, etc. The people must have the land.

ROSCOMMON.

The annual fair of Boyle, one of the most important in these counties, was held Dec. 2, when there was an abnormally large attendance in all departments, every class of stock being fully represented.

Sub-Land Commissioners were in Boyle last week hearing evidence in several cases of applications to fix rents on the estates of Phibbs, Popham, Howley, etc.

Banks and contingents from the Strokestown and Elphin districts went to Boyle Nov. 8 and welcomed the Corporation prisoners, Messrs. Kelly and Lennon, who arrived by train after their liberation from Sligo jail.

SILGO.

Mr. Frank Follis, who was related to the editor of the Sligo Independent, died lately. He gave promise of a brilliant future.

On Nov. 27 after last Mass a mission was opened in St. Joseph's Church, Boyle, by Father Hardy and Father Jones of the Vincentian Order. The mission is intended to continue for two weeks.

The solemn Devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was celebrated in the Pro-Cathedral. The ceaseless throng of devout worshippers, the generous profusion of lights, the abounding wreath of the seasons' best flowers, all contributed to deeply impress religious minds.

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A pikehead of the '98 period was discovered, a few days since, by a man in the employment of Mr. P. W. Finn, Dromond, near St. Mullin's. He was removing an old fence when the iron came to view. It measures two feet, the blade is eleven inches, point rounded and sides sharp, and fitted with a long handle. A downward stroke of it would assuredly cut the head off a horse. There are five chops, like sabre cuts in the head. If it could speak what a tale of Irish valor it could relate!

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At the last meeting of the New Ross Board of Guardians, the chairman, Mr. Walter McMorrowh Kavanagh (Booris) presiding, a resolution passed by the Limerick Board of Guardians calling for unity among the Nationalists came

up for consideration. The chairman said that, as a Unionist, he could take no part, one way or the other, on this resolution; but he was glad to see that it was about to be proposed because, from the Nationalist point of view, unity was badly needed just now. But from his point of view he would go further than that resolution. He would say: "For God's sake, let there be unity among all Irishmen, Unionists and Nationalists, Protestants and Catholics, and especially at the present time, when they had before them one of the most important questions that had arisen in Ireland during the present century. He referred to the Financial Relations question. If ever there was a necessity for unity he would say it was now, and in his opinion if the resolution was extended to all political parties in Ireland he believed it would find an echo in the hearts of all Irishmen." The question of unity was ultimately adjourned. In order that the members of the Board could be noticed to consider it.

DUBLIN.

Last week the solemn and impressive ceremony of religious profession was solemnized by Most Rev. Dr. Brown, Bishop of Cloyne, assisted by the Rev. M. Higgins, Administrator, the Rev. D. O'Connor, Rev. J. Madigan, Rev. M. Norris and the Rev. P. Murphy. The young novice who received the black veil is Miss Monica (Carolann) in religion Sister Mary Philomena, youngest daughter of the late Mr. James (Carolann) Manor street, Dublin, and grand daughter of the late Mr. William Morgan, Tullamore, King's County.

The candidature of Miss Mary A. Rathbone for the Arran Quay Division of the North Dublin Union is an interesting incident. Miss Rathbone is a Catholic and has been nominated by Father Hoey and Nolan, and as there is a Protestant lady guardian, Mrs. McDowell Cogswa, who represents Drumcondra, Miss Rathbone has a good claim upon the voters of the division.

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Cousins and other witnesses gave evidence of the unprotected state of the canal where the children were found. The night was dark and foggy, and it is supposed that they missed their way and fell into the water. The jury returned a verdict of death from drowning, and added a rider that in their opinion the accident was due to the totally neglected and unprotected condition of the public road from the railway station for a distance of 232 yards.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, after 12 o'clock Mass, a meeting was held in Michael's Hall Athy, to establish a branch of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul for the parish. The Very Rev. Canon Germaine presided.

At the early age of 19 years died lately Richard Landy of Cuesane, brother of Mr. J. J. Landy of the Blackbogga Cousing club, and honorary secretary of the Windgap Co-operative Creamery Society.

The thirty-first anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs was celebrated in Piltown on Nov. 23. Upwards of 500 men marched in procession with as much earnestness as the men who fought and fell 100 years ago, headed by the Piltown Pipe and Drum Band. The scene was a most inspiring one. Notwithstanding the great inclemency of the weather, and though Nationalists who have been estranged by the unhappy differences of the past few years rubbed shoulders, no note of discord was heard, and the most enthusiastic unanimity prevailed.

The mission conducted by Rev. Father Lavery and Rossiter, of the Saint Vincent de Paul Order, Dublin, in Tullamore for two weeks was brought to a close on Sunday. Ever mindful of its spiritual and temporal wants of its parishioners, Very Rev. Hugh Moran, Tullamore, was the initiator of the mission. Father Behan, is to be congratulated on the manner in which his flock evinced their appreciation of his zeal.

Energetic Nationalists in several parishes of the county are making arrangements for establishing active branches of the United Irish League. Motto of the League: "The Land for the people, and not for bullocks and a few sheep."

A meeting of the factory committee was held on Sunday, under the presidency of the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare after Mass. Considerable correspondence was read which had reference to the proposed underground railway. The consensus of opinion appeared to be in favor of an underground railway. Mr. T. C. Maxwell undertook to correspond with directors of factories in Derry, etc., on the subject.

An old and highly respected resident of Kenegh died Nov. 27 in the person of Mrs. Geresty. She was aged 85 years. Over two hundred vehicles were in the funeral cortege.

The death of Mr. Joseph Kenny of Main street, Longford, occurred Nov. 27, at the early age of 20 years. A long and representative cortege attended his removal for interment in Ballymacormack Cemetery.

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A sad drowning accident occurred last week in Monasterevan, Catherine Josephine Cousins, aged 10, and Susan Allen, aged 11, lost their lives. On Friday when Mrs. Cousins, Monasterevan, sent her little daughter and the other girl, a nurserymaid, to a shop in the town to purchase bread. They did not return. The police were then informed and turned out to seek them. On the banks of the canal leading to the railway station a boat was discovered. The canal at the spot was dragged and the dead bodies of the two children were found. An inquest was held and Mr.

enthusiastic meeting in Athlone to raise a fund for the Irish party. He said that the Irishmen of Glasgow, the Nationalists of Belfast, and the priests of Achony had given substantial aid, and he called on Athlone to fall into line. Very good subscriptions were handed in.

Mrs. Frances Roden, Derry Cottage Drumcree, died Nov. 24. The death of Mr. Daniel Tracy, Streamstown, occurred, Nov. 22, deeply regretted. Deceased was a member of a very old and esteemed family.

Mr. Patrick Buckley and his sister, Catherine Buckley, at Ballymore Petty Sessions, Cathy, were charged with having taken forcible possession of their old home from which they had been evicted. One of the defendants admitted the alleged offenses against the humane law of Great Britain in these very pathetic words: "I admit, sir, that I broke the law. The night we were evicted was dreadfully cold. The children were in a most pitiable condition, and to save them from death we carried the beds into the house to enable them to keep the heat in their little bodies." The case was adjourned. This is how the Irish people have been treated during the many centuries of British domination in Ireland.

WEXFORD.

The tenants on the Howlin estate have at last reached an agreement to purchase their holdings on the basis of eighteen times the present annual rent in each case. The purchase money will be £32,000.

The chapel of Teumshane has been greatly improved. The funds by which it was effected were bequeathed to the Very Rev. Canon Waddy, British Priest of the Lady's Island, by Mr. Jasper Pierce, Main street Wexford.

Miss Eliza Gertrude Magee of New Ross, sister of Mr. James A. Magee, Ireland Revenue Officer, Keylmore Cottage, County Wick, died lately at the home of his brother deeply and widely regretted. Deceased was sister of Mrs. Clara Magee, Main street, Columbus, Mississippi, and niece of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Joseph Power, of New Ross, who was Bishop of Newfoundland.

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WICKLOW. A young man named Behan, at Keenan's Hotel, Roundwood, while taking hay off a stable loft, accidentally fell into the manger and sustained a fracture of the neck. He died instantly.

Nov. 29, at The Grange, Newcastle Edward Sherlock, aged 88 years. DENNEHY—On Nov. 26, at Gurraneilly, Burnfort, Mallow, Mary Dennehy aged 67. THORNTON—On Nov. 26, at 1 Waterloo Terrace, William Thornton, aged 81. CROWLEY—On Nov. 25, at Maft street, Kinsdale, Willie Crowley, aged 24 years. STONE—On Nov. 30, at South Infirmary, Albert T. Stone (Lito. Printer Guy's) aged 35. O'CONNOR—On Nov. 30, Augustine D. O'Connor, M. D., Medical Officer of Blackrock Dispensary. O'CONNELL—At 13 Leitrim street, Annie O'Connell. KERRY.

Not since dissenation began to enter the ranks of the National party was there such a demonstration in Tralee on the anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs. A special train from Killybeg brought a contingent of three hundred including the installation branch of the Irish National Foresters, wearing their regalia. They and the members of the Tralee branch similarly attired, formed a very striking feature of the procession. Lettow was also represented by a big contingent, while the districts for ten miles round Tralee were well represented. The music appropriate to the occasion was supplied by the 90th (Shropshire) and Strand Street Pipe and Drum Bands, Tralee and the Listowel Brass Band. Shortly after 10 o'clock the procession, composed of the members of the various public and trade and labor bodies, formed in Prince's street, and marched slowly to the sound of music to Rath Cemetery, where stands a handsome memorial to the martyrs erected by the Nationalists of Tralee some years ago. When the procession reached Rath the annual anniversary demonstration was held. Mr. James Moynihan delivered the oration.

John Francis, farmer, Ballybunnion, died under painfully sudden circumstances in Tralee Nov. 26. He entered the Hibernian Hotel in apparently the best of health, ordered dinner, which he partook of, and a few minutes after he suddenly dropped from his chair and expired.

During a terrific rainstorm lately a serious accident occurred at Lispolo, on the Tralee and Dingle Light Railway. A train from Dingle to Tralee was blown off by a powerful gust of wind, and three carriages were thrown into a trench. Of four passengers two were injured. The guard was slightly hurt.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Doctor Francis B. Counihan, son of Dr. Joan F. Counihan, Medical Officer, Kilrush Union, has been appointed resident physician to the Hardwicke and Richmond hospitals, Dublin.

Four hundred and sixty acres of fine land owned by R. R. Hean, situated at Cahermacnaughteen, are now open for rent, and will not be given to any person except a grazer. This area of excellent land at twenty acres to the farm would keep about twenty-three families, and these on an average would consist of 120 persons; instead bullocks and sheep will fatten on it. The United Irish League is fighting against this system, and small wonder.