

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.

The inaugural meeting of the Gaelic League branch founded in Kilkenny, Kinvara, was entirely conducted in the Irish language.

Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, on Dec. 11, in the Cathedral, Ballinasloe, ordained as priest, Rev. Father Kelly of Ballymacward.

Miss Mary Canavan, daughter of late Mr. B. Canavan of Beldara, Tuam, was received into the convent of Mercy, Ballinroole, Dec. 12, taking the religious title of Sister Anthony.

The death of Mr. Thomas McGinness, school master, Ballinasloe, workhouse, occurred Dec. 10, after a brief illness. The interment took place in Killeeney graveyard. Funeral numerously attended.

Very Rev. Father York, Chancellor of the diocese of San Francisco, Cal., arrived in Tuam on Dec. 15 on a visit to Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly. He is a Galway man and was educated in St. Jarlath's College. He spent Christmas in Tuam.

Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, Australia, was on Dec. 11 presented by the Galway branch of the Gaelic League with a beautiful illuminated address in Irish, to which he replied in eloquent terms. He, the Most Rev. Dr. McCormick and the members had an interesting conversation, entirely in the Gaelic tongue.

The Tuam Herald of Dec. 16, writing on the progress made and being made by the United Irish League, said: "The United Irish League is making headway in the county. North Galway has taken it up; South and East Galway are falling into line, so the spirit of the old Land League is coming to the front again with great force and power. At Monivea, on Sunday, a very large meeting was held, presided over by the patriotic parish priest, Rev. James Curran, who addressed the people in eloquent terms. Mr. John Roche, M. P., also spoke earnestly and well. William O'Brien was of course, the hero of the hour. With language vehement and impassioned, he denounced Dublin Castle and its rulers. Judge Gibson came in for some hard hitting from Mr. O'Brien."

LEITRIM.

Mr. James Lynam, provincial organizer of the United Irish League, visited Carrick-on-Shannon district recently, and founded a branch of the United Irish League in Kilmora.

Died.—At the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, John, aged 42 years, fourth son of Felix Monahan, Edendawson, formerly of 103 and 104 Great Britain street, Dublin.

MAYO.

Mr. Thomas Hughes has been selected as candidate for County Councillor for the district of Cong; Mr. O'Connor-Kelly for Claremorris district, and Mr. Michael Ferrick for Ballinrobe portion.

D. More O'Ferrall of Kildangan Castle, Monasteraven, County Kildare, through his agent, E. More O'Ferrall, of Lisard, gave unsolicited a reduction of 20 to 30 per cent. to his Mayco tenants on the year's rent.

The Inspector general of Constabulary, commonly known as the "Peelers," has awarded five dollars, and two and a half dollars to "Peelers" who ride the "bike" in the County of Mayo, Ireland, and who use their machines to spy after the movements of members of the United Irish League.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. James Lynam, provincial organizer of the United Irish League, was in Stokestown last week and did good work in organizing the surrounding districts.

Mr. John Neary, Crescent, Boyle, died Dec. 12, at the residence of his daughter. Deceased was 64 years of age. He held a responsible position in the Post Office, London, for thirty years, and had consequently a good pension.

On Dec. 10 a game of football took place between the Roscommon Stars and the Stokestown St. Patricks, in O'Farrell's field, Stokestown. When the final whistle sounded the result was Stokestown, 2 goals, 4 points; Roscommon, 1 goal, 4 points.

SLIGO.

The young men of Ballymote have founded a football club and the name will be "Wanderers." Early in January the club will meet the Men of Tulceherurry.

Twelve labor candidates have been selected by the Trades Council to represent the workers in the Town Council under the new Local Government law. The example of the people of Sligo, is a good example for the labor men in other places. It is hoped they follow it. The candidates selected are: Patrick Melly (laborer), Michael Kelly (painter), Edward Harts (painter), Charles Conway (slater), Michael McGowan (carpenter), Michael Mullin (carpenter), William Byrne (printer), Thomas Higgins (plasterer) and John Fox (mason). Should these conditions prevail in Ireland generally, the form of local government she world ever know.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The extraordinary loss of 110 years ago was commemorated by the Carlow branch of the Gaelic League on Dec. 14 at Ballyduff House, Ballyduff Quarries, Tuillamore, John

Browne's Hill, near Carlow. She was born in Arles, Queen's County, a few miles outside Carlow, and had been a widow since 1846. She distinctly recollected the awful scenes in Carlow streets in May, 1798—the massacres and house burnings, and the other horrible incidents of that dreadful time. One of her clearest recollections was that of seeing the head of Sir Edward Crosbie hanging from the tree outside the present Shamrock Hotel, Carlow. The hotel was then the residence of the Sovereigns of Carlow, as the head of the Council of Free Burgesses was styled.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, recently consecrated a fine new bell in the church of Doonane. Mrs. Catherine Walsh of Carlow died Dec. 7, aged 94 years. Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral, attendance numerous, and immediately after the funeral left for Killishluh Cemetery. The husband of deceased, late Mr. Michael Walsh, for many years conducted successfully a good business in Carlow-Graigue. She was sister-in-law of the late Most Rev. Dr. Walshe, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

DUBLIN.

Lord Iveagh (Guinness) intends to expend \$1,250,000 in improving a locality in Dublin City known as Bull alley.

A conference of Parnellites was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, Dec. 13, under presidency of the Lord Mayor, to inaugurate a Home Rule Fund for 1899. On the motion of Mr. John Fitzgibbon, Castlereagh, seconded by Mr. Governor, chairman of the Carlow Town Commissioners, the following resolution was adopted: "That this conference of Parnellites desires to see Ireland reunited on independent principles, and approved of the attitude taken by Mr. John Redmond on this question in declining to enter into any conference unless both sections of the anti-Parnellite party are represented therein."

At the meeting of the All Ireland Committee of the Irish Financial Reform League at Mansion House, Dublin, Dec. 10, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the All-Ireland Committee strongly approves of the suggestion made by Mr. J. E. Redmond, M. P., that a conference of the Irish members of the Houses of Lords and Commons be held in Dublin to consider the present position and prospects of the financial relations question and the necessity for taking prompt and practical steps on the subject, and that such meeting be followed by a convention of the Irish Financial Reform League from the towns and constituencies of Ireland."

Recent Deaths in Dublin.

BARDON—Dec. 13, at Killeallen, Nicholas Bardon, aged 62 years.

BOYLE—Dec. 13, at 2 Martyn's terrace, Hanover street, East, William Boyle, aged 62 years.

CRIBBY—Dec. 12, at 19 Synnot place, Rosanna Creely.

HANNON—Dec. 13, at 129 Cork street, William Hannon.

McGrath—Dec. 12, at 6 Talbot street, Cornelius McGrath, aged 40 years.

SCANLAN—Dec. 13, at the Richmond Hospital, North Brunswick street, Mr. James Scanlan (late Registry of Deeds Office).

TODD—Dec. 13, at 2 Dileen villas, Whitworth road, Drumconera, Dublin, Emily Ruby.

CONLIN—Dec. 11, at 31 Lower Stephen street, Kate Conlin, formerly of Edmondstown, Killea.

COX—Dec. 10, at St. Bernard's, Breewood avenue, Mrs. Cox.

Tomey—Dec. 10, at Balbriggan, Bridget Tomey.

CASEY—Dec. 13, at 25 Ranelagh, Anna Maria Casey.

DONNELLY—Dec. 10 at the Rotunda Hospital, Miss Eliza Donnelly, faithful servant for thirty years in Rotunda Hospital.

JORDAN—Dec. 12, at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Patrick E., late of 2 Chelmsford avenue, Ronelagh, of phthisis, late French teacher, Technical Schools, Kevin street.

KILDARE.

The late Paul Cardinal Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin, and Delegate Apostolic in Ireland, was born in Ballymore, April 29, 1803. His ecclesiastical studies were finished in the College of the Propaganda, Rome, wherein he was appointed a professor of Hebrew and Oriental Languages. Afterward he became rector of the Irish College of St. Agatha, Rome. In 1848, during Pope IX's exile in Gaeta, he saved the College of the Propaganda by raising over it the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. Thomas Plevman of Woodstock House, Athy, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for County Kildare.

KILKENNY.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Denis Maher, Ballyvaring, which took place at his residence on Dec. 11. On Tuesday High Mass was celebrated at Slievrua for the repose of his soul, the Rev. Father Brennan celebrant; deacon, Father Frery; sub-deacon, Father Brophy. After High Mass the remains were conveyed to the churchyard attached to the chapel. The funeral was large and representative. Chief mourners: Michael, William, James and Thomas (sons); Michael and Matt Murphy and William Barron (nephews); James and John Walsh and Jeremiah Donovan (brothers-in-law); Patrick and Harry Donovan (nephews); Thomas Kelly, Phil Murray, T. J. Mullins, W. Dower, M. Maher, M. Sullivan, M. Barron (cousins).

KINGS.

The United Irish League is spreading rapidly all over Ireland. In many parishes in this county there are signs of activity in the national cause, and in a few days several branches of the revived Land League will be established.

Died—Dec. 14 at Ballyduff House, Ballyduff Quarries, Tuillamore, John

Molloy, aged 77 years. Dec. 14, at Rathgar road, Dublin, Miss Rosanna Hanton daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Hanton, Riverlyons, Phillipstown, LONGFORD.

A practical move has been made by the Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, and those associated with him, to establish a labor-giving industry for the benefit of the poor of Longford—an underclothing factory, to which the New Hall is to be devoted. He has announced his intentions to place the whole of the McGee bequest in the business. The business is to be carried on under the management of the nuns, with himself and Messrs. T. C. Maxwell, P. Igoe, T. W. Delany, M. Farrell, T. Plunkett, P. Kelly and J. Matthews as a board of directors.

LOUTH.

The Drogheda Board of Guardians at last meeting Mr. P. J. Duine presiding, passed this resolution: "That at our first meeting since the death of Mrs. Montgomery, mother of our respected chairman, Major Montgomery, we desire to place on record our sincere sympathy with him."

The death of Mr. James Clarke, secretary of the Drogheda branch of the Dock Laborers' Association, happened Dec. 13, deeply regretted.

Members of the Drogheda Commercial Reading Rooms have elected officers as follows: President, Mr. J. P. Kelly; vice-president, Mr. P. Donagh; treasurer, Mr. P. Caffrey; secretary, Mr. T. Fox; Messrs. H. Moss, T. Dowling, P. Dwyer, J. Flanagan, E. Downes, P. Corcoran and J. Donagan.

MEATH.

Mr. William Harmon presided at a recent meeting of the Oldcastle Board of Guardians when the following were present: James Gibney, J. A. Battersby, P. Glynn, M. Owens and M. Murphy. The clerk reported a balance against the Union of £750 at the bank.

Mr. Coyle, cattle dealer of Dunganon, near Oldcastle last week obtained from the Hibernian bank £50 as damages for refusing to honor his checks at the branch office in Navin, thereby causing him considerable pecuniary loss and trouble and trouble in his business dealings that day.

Mother Mary Joseph Atkinson of the Convent of Mercy Navan, died Dec. 10, after a long period of illness borne with due Christian resignation. On Dec. 12 the solemn office and high mass were celebrated in the convent chapel.

QUEEN'S.

"The land for the people!" This is the war cry in Ireland to-day, and the patriotic men of this country are, as usual, in the forefront of the struggle. Many parishes are preparing to make war on those who hold large areas of grazing lands while the people are in a condition of semi-starvation. The people must once more enter into their lawful inheritance and cultivate the land for their benefit, not for the advantage of aliens and oppressors.

WESTMEATH.

As Rt. Rev. Monsignor Gaffney was walking into Clare from Lubber recent, a cart coming in the opposite direction, laden with timber, struck Father Gaffney in the face breaking his teeth and knocking him down. The shock was terrific, and for some time the monsignor was very faint. After some minutes he regained sufficient strength to enable him to walk into Clara, and Dr. Fitzpatrick being promptly in attendance, he was immediately examined, when, with the exception of the shock to his nerves and the bad cuts on his face and the loss of his teeth nothing more serious was discovered. Monsignor Gaffney was to have preached on Sunday for the Rev. Charles Byrnes of Drumraney, but of course was unable.

WEXFORD.

Samuel Browne of Kilmore was proceeding home from Kiltanne when he accidentally fell out of the cart. When he was taken up by his son he was unconscious, and died soon after.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Edward Murphy, Brittas Tagoat, who passed away after a tedious illness at the age of 68 years. The interment took place on Thursday, at the family burial ground, Churchtown, Tagoat, the funeral cortege being the largest in the district for some time. The funeral office and high mass took place at Tagoat church.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Rev. T. Vaughan, Miltoan, Malbay, whose great services in the interest of the Gaelic language revival endeared him to the people of Kiltarboy, is about leaving the parish. Through his advice the people took a deeper interest in the revival. They commenced to speak the Irish language, and he spoke and preached in it. He speaks highly of the individual services rendered by Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick, National teacher, in the work of teaching the old tongue to those who desire it.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Redmond, Bishop of Killaloe, recently made these changes: Rev. R. Fitzgerald, P. P. Clondegad, to be P. P. Killee; Rev. John Vaughan, P. P. Carrigaholt, to be P. P. Clondegad; Rev. P. Glynn, P. P. Ogonnellloe, to be P. P. Carrigaholt; Rev. Thomas Vaughan, C. C. Miltoan Malbay, to be P. P. Ogonnellloe; Rev. James J. Hogan, C. C. Carrigaholt, to be C. C. Miltoan Malbay; Rev. M. Dinan, C. C. Killanena, to be C. C. Carrigaholt; Rev. M. O'Flanagan, to be C. C. Killanena.

Mr. Pat Garry, Shanagha, died Dec. 4, aged 86 years. The remains were taken to the Kildyart church, where solemn high mass was offered, Rev. Father Garry, Kilrush, celebrant.

A great United Irish League demonstration was held in Doonbeg, Dec. 15. Anti-Parnellites and Parnellites were well represented. Mr. McInerney, a leading Parnellite and Chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians, attended and made a strong appeal for unity, as also did Mr. John Dillon, M. P., and Major Jameson, M. P., for the division of West Clare.

CORK.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was observed as a day of special devotion in the Passage. The nuns attached to the Convent of Mercy are never lacking in their efforts to foster religious zeal. And their efforts have been rewarded, for the Children of Mary Society is a thriving society in honor of the Immaculate Conception. A procession took place forming in the convent grounds, it marched three times to the church. The children of Mary, wearing white cloaks and veils, came first, preceded by the banner of the Society. Then came a hundred children, wearing blue, green and red sashes. A lecture was delivered by Father McDonnell, after which benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given.

The Rev. Father Keenan, O. P. St. Mary's, Popes Quay, Cork, has been designated to the Limerick branch of the community.

Mr. William J. O'Brien, Justice of the peace, Mountangle house, Mitchelstown has been requested to become a candidate in the national interest for the district of Mitchelstown under the new local government law.

Mr. Stephen A. Kennech of the hospital corps of the United States army, of St. Bernberg hospital, Chickamauga, died lately. He was a member of a well known Cork family, resident in Columbus and was a nephew of Mr. J. B. Kennech of Cork.

On Dec. 3 the first anniversary high mass was celebrated in Clonakilly parish church for the repose of the soul of the gifted scholar and patriot, Mr. Eugene Davis (Owen Roe) Celebrant, Rev. P. Hennessy, Clonakilly, deacon, Rev. J. O'Sullivan, sub-deacon, Rev. T. O'Brien, Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Leary was in the sanctuary. Mr. Davis was a native of Clonakilly, and of a family remarkable for talents and patriotism.

Recent deaths in Cork. Lynch at 91 Tower street, James Lynch, huntsman of the Cork Southern Hunt Club. Lawrence—On Dec. 16, at 39 Friar's walk, Mina Lawrence, aged 26 years.

O'Sullivan—Dec. 15 at Blackrock, Patrick O'Sullivan, Murphy Dec. 15 at Main street, Donerale, Robert Francis Murphy, aged 14 years. Olden—At 26 Corbett's lane, James Olden, Gillman.

On Dec. 15, at Pouladuff road, Catherine Gillman, R. P. Vignoles.

Mrs. Mary Vignoles, at 15 St. Flun Barr's street, on Dec. 16, aged 61 years.

O'Sullivan—On Dec. 14, at 29 Dublin street, Peter O'Sullivan, McNamara.

At Rockhill, Grenagh, Roger McNamara, Cantillon—On Dec. 11, at Greenwich, London, Charles (Charlie), son of the late James Cantillon, Courtstown house, Little Island, Cowhig.

On Dec. 13, at Market quay, Kinsale, Mary Cowhig Hartnett—Dec. 12, at Mogeely, Michael John Hartnett, aged 20 years.

Clarke—On Dec. 7, at Young-hall, Katie Clarke Kelleher—On Dec. 7, at Carrigane, Carrigrohilly, John Kelleher Kelleher—On Dec. 13 at 83 Barrack street, Nora Kelleher Allen.

On Dec. 13, at 3 Upper John street, James Allen, Moynihan—Dec. 13, at 89 Dillon's cross, Maggie Moynihan.

KERRY.

St. Brendan's branch of the Gaelic League, in Tralee, has sixty-four members, twenty juveniles, and fine work is being done in the good cause.

Tralee board of guardians recently elected Mr. Lawlor as master of the union. The votes of the justices of peace predominated in his court.

LIMERICK.

The death of Mr. Daniel Curry, Glin, recently, was deeply and widely regretted in the town and surrounding parishes. Deceased was aged 71 years. Mr. Curry's funeral to Kilsergus on Dec. 3 was largely attended.

Mr. William McDonald has been asked by the people of Kiltinne and other places to place himself in nomination for county council under new local government law.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Cornelius McGrath, who was prominently connected with the Dublin drapery trade, died Dec. 5, from pneumonia. The deceased, who was a native of Tipperary, had a large circle of friends in Dublin.

Dec. 4 in St. Nicholas church, Carrick-on-Suir, at 8 o'clock mass, a number of children received their first communion. About fifty girls from the Presentation convent schools, wearing wreaths and veils, and seventy boys from the Christian Brothers' school were among the number. The boys were neatly dressed, wearing blue and white rosettes, with first communion medals suspended, and each holding a lighted candle. The boys were in charge of the Rev. Brother M. A. Nolan, superior, and Brother J. P. Hickey. In the afternoon the boys were given amusement, consisting of music, recreations, songs, etc., various games and a lottery of prizes, after which they were plentifully supplied with cakes, fruit and sweets.

Mr. Frank Dunne, son of Mr. Thomas Dunne, ex-master of the Carrick union, has left for Australia, after enjoying a three months' vacation in the "Old Land."

The Town Commissioners of Carrick-on-Suir, have requested Mr. J. E. Grub to become a candidate for the position of County Councillor for the district.

On Dec. 11 a great football contest took place at Deer Park Grounds between the Erin's Hope Football Club, Dunganarvan, and Limerick Commercial

Football Club. The match was in conjunction with the Croke Challenge Cup and was regarded with the greatest interest. The Limerick men were victorious.

WATERFORD.

Mr. H. C. Villiers Stuart, Dromana, Cappoquin, has declared himself in favor of granting the Catholics a university system of education akin to that enjoyed by the Protestants in Trinity college, Dublin. Just imagine millions of Catholics depending upon the consent of the Protestant minority as to whether they shall have a Catholic university or not! Reverse the condition and imagine how the Protestants would like it!

Two men, each over one hundred years of age, are in Killorensey. One is the postmaster, Mr. Whelan, who is 102. The other is a Mr. Punch, who is 106.

The Policeman Carmichael who was sentenced to death for killing a furniture dealer named O'Neil by shooting him as he stood outside the door of the Police Barracks, Freshford, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. No doubt about the man's insanity at the time of the awful crime now remains in the public mind.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A meeting of the committee of the Belfast Amnesty association was held Dec. 13 in the National club, Stephen street. Cards were distributed to different collectors with instructions to push the collection. The committee understand that instructions have been received by others in the city from the Central Amnesty association to work, collecting for the above object, and do not expect to raise a very large sum.

But as the work on hand is a national duty they should perform their part, and forward the amount received to the Central Amnesty association, Dublin, at the earliest possible moment.

ARMAGH.

A convention to select the six Catholic candidates for St. Bridget's ward, Armagh, was held in the Catholic reading room Dec. 11. Rev. John Quinn, Adm., presided. James McLaughlin, John Gillen and John McCreesh, three of the members for St. Bridget's ward on the present board, intimated that they would not seek re-election. The following candidates were nominated: H. J. McKee, Patrick Corr, James Lennon, John Conway, Joseph Cassidy, Patrick McKenna, Patrick Hughes (republican), James McMahon, P. L. G., Michael Donnelly, T. C., James Donnelly and George Willis.

The election resulted in the selection of H. J. McKee, Patrick Corr, James Lennon, John Conway, Joseph Cassidy and Patrick McKenna.

CAVAN.

Philip King, of Nolagh, near Bailieborough, was found guilty of having killed his mother-in-law, Mary Reilly, at Nolagh, on Jan. 30, 1897. He was tried at the assizes in Belfast on Dec. 13. The death sentence will be executed on Jan. 13. His wife and two children were also found dead in the house, it is said.

On Dec. 12 occurred the death of Mr. Peter Maguire, brother of Very Rev. Dr. Maguire, vicar-general of Manorbhamilton, county Leitrim. Funeral was from Corevan, near Glenfarmer railway station.

The trial of Thomas Kelly, charged with killing his father, Bernard Kelly, on Oct. 8 last, at Ballyconnell, county Cavan, took place in Belfast Dec. 8. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 10. The man was insane when he committed the deed.

DERRY.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Dougherty, bishop of Derry, has generously subscribed £5 to the fund for the relief of the families of the three fishermen lost in Lough Foyle by the sinking of their craft lately.

Mr. Vesey Knox, M. P. for Derry, has delivered his valedictory address to the people of the city. He said: "For nine years, first in Cavan and then in Derry, I, an Irish Protestant, have been honored with the confidence of Irish Catholic electors." Find a parallel for this on the side of the Protestant in Belfast and other places.

DONEGAL.

Mr. Patrick McGrath has announced his intention to contest the Mountcharles division as candidate for the new district council. He, with his supporters, including Mr. Patrick McGroarty, addressed several meetings in the peninsula of Dooran. Much interest is centred in the election, as it is rumored that he will be opposed by Mr. Bennet Mulreany.

The Donegal Vindicator in a recent issue said: "The gallant deed of Neil Sweeney of Dungle, in risking his life to save his fellow men, is meeting with reward. The subscription to purchase a new boat and gear for these brave hearts, who have daily to risk the loss of life to earn a living, promises to reach a goodly sum. With many of the contributions come letters of praise. This is as it should be, prosaic though our days are, bravery such as this should not go unrewarded, though we believe that many noble deeds are done in the class which Neil Sweeney belongs which meet with little glory or commendation outside their own immediate circle of toilers of the deep who seem to have uncomplainingly accepted as the decree of fate—

"Men must work and women must weep, And there's little to earn and many to keep; Though the harbor bar be moaning."

DOWN.

A meeting of the Killea branch of the I. N. F. was held on Dec. 11, Rev. Father Magee in the chair. The meeting included Rev. Father O'Neil, Killea; James McGreevy, Patrick Devlin, Peter McPolin, honorary secretary; John Devlin, Peter Maginn, Owen Maginn, Michael Rafferty, Latalloan; Michael Greenan, The Square; Francis P. O'Neill, P. F. Rush, P. McCarthy, Dremena; P. Rodgers, Dremena; Francis Ward, Hugh Grant, Edward Doyle, Hugh McClean, Tullyree; Daniel McPolin, Cloduff. A resolution condemning the land commissioners for the most inadequate reductions made in the rents was adopted.

On Dec. 10 a preliminary meeting was held in John Street hall in connection with the elections for county councillor for Downpatrick and district councils for the union of Downpatrick. Rev. C. McConnell presided. Present: Rev. J. F. McCauley, William Russell, collector; Daniel McCarty, solicitor; John Devlin, John Gilmore, John Maguire, Robert Hunter, Robert Devlin, Hugh McGlennan, Henry McGrath, Bernard McAuffield, Matthew King, James Dougherty, Patrick Devlin, William Devlin, Edward Crangle, Peter Fitzsimons, James Croskey, and many others. Mr. John Bohill acted as secretary. It was arranged that a meeting should be held on Jan. 6, at 3 o'clock, at which the present Nationalist poor-law guardians in the union, together with the clergy resident in the respective districts, should be asked to attend and a committee consisting of Messrs Russell, McCarty, Devlin, Maguire, Gilmore, and McGrath was appointed to make arrangements.

FERMANAGH. Mr. Thomas Plunkett presided at the last meeting of the Enniskillen board of guardians. Several matters of vital importance to the people were fully discussed. The books in which the rates are entered having not been received from the contractor, Mr. Moonex, Ballyshannon, the clerk was instructed to wire for them.

Rev. Father S.W. Graughnam, P. P., presided at a recent meeting of the Arney branch of the United Irish League, when these offices were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. S. W. Graughnam, president; James Curran, vice-president; Francis Keenan, treasurer; Philip McGivney, secretary; Thomas Owens, assistant secretary. Committee—Francis Quigley, John Corrigan, Felix McCann, Hugh Sunny, Owen McCaffrey, Thomas McElgun and Patrick Duffy. After a long discussion the following resolutions were adopted: (1) "That we are delighted to hear that the Nationalists of Derry-lester have chosen P. C. Doogan, M. P., as their representative in the county council, and we trust it will be brought to successful issue." (2) "That as a new National newspaper is about to be established in Enniskillen, we promise it our heartiest support."

In the first annual report of Newry branch of the Gaelic League the honorary secretary states: "The formation of the Newry branch dates from Sept. 20, 1897, and has sixty-two on its roll. During the past year five county districts have been visited, viz.: Killeen, Killeavy, Crossmaglen, Omearh and Camlough, with gratifying results. At Omearh many of the older inhabitants speak Irish fluently; at Meigh and Killeavy the same, though to a less extent. Many pious families in Meigh parish still offered up their evening prayers in the ancient tongue. At Camlough, thanks to the earnest and patriotic parish priest, Rev. C. Quinn an open-air meeting was held on Sept. 11, when speeches in Irish and English were delivered urging the importance of establishing a branch of the Gaelic League. A deputation from this branch attended the meeting at Camlough, which was met on the journey by the Beasbrook Catholic Band, and escorted to the place of meeting by a vast and enthusiastic multitude. The establishment of a branch of the Gaelic League at Camlough has given unbounded satisfaction; it has supplied a long-felt want, and there are now two classes there, with a membership of fifty-four."

MONAGHAN. A branch of the Gaelic League has been founded in Enniskineen. Miss Louisa Christina Keelan of Carrickmacross died Dec. 11, in Duhill Mater Hospital, deeply regretted.

TYRONE.

A meeting of the Central Council of the National Registration and Electoral Association was held in the Anne Street Reading Rooms, Dunganannon, J. M. Doyle, presiding. A remittance from Coagh parish, through Rev. P. McMullan, was acknowledged, and it was reported that the annual collection was being made in Killyman. On the motion of Mr. James Corr, seconded by Mr. James Harken, it was decided to communicate with some districts. The proposed conference in Omagh on the question of the County Council was approved.

During the Year. Be always on time. Be thoroughly in earnest. Be loyal to your friends. Be patient in the presence of great difficulties. Consider carefully before acting. Have definite aims and work steadily toward their attainment. Remember that those now in need of your assistance may some day be in a position to assist you. Remember that but few sons of great men achieve greatness. Remember that home happiness is true happiness. Don't be selfish in your family and a benefactor outside. Don't be a scold at home and an affable companion to others. Don't be in too much of a hurry. Don't succumb too readily to advertisements.

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