OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELANI

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Considerable alarm was felt in the Clonfert district at the steady moving of the vast stretch of bog between the Grand Canal cutting and the Shannon The great bog had moved only thirty feet up to Dec. 15, gravitating towarc the Shannon. Owing to the levels it is not thought the bog will make much further progress toward the river, but should it the course of the Shannon wil be changed, In the same neighborhood but nearer to this, the great Esker Bog has risen considerably, and causes apprehension, as it stands at the head o a great inclined plane, separating it from the river.

Father York, Chancellor of the Diocese of San Francisco, Cal., and editor of the Monitor, visited the "City of the Tribes," of which he is a native When leaving he was presented with a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held.

LEITRIM.

Miss McCormack, daughter of Mr Thomas McCormack, Castlebar, who had been for many years a religieuse in the Ursuline Convent in Sligo, dier recently.

MAYO.

The priests of the diocese of Achonr, on Dec. 15, presented an address and testimonial to their Bishop, Right Rev Dr. Lyster, in the Abbey, Ballaghaderreen, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

Miss Mary Canavan, sister of Rev Richard Canavan, C. C., the Neale, and niece of the late Right Rev. Dr. Duggan, Bishop of Clonfert, was received into the Order of Mercy, in the Convent Ballinrole. Very Rev. Dean Ronayne officiated.

Candidates for the West Mayo districts under the new Local Government law were selected by the United Irish League; Achill, Mr. Anthony Murphy; Newport, Mr. John O'Donnell; Balla Mr. Thomas Walsh; Castlebar, Mr. James Daly; Louisburg, Mr. Walter McEvilly, vice-chairman of the Westport Union, and Westport, Mr. John Walsh. The candidates are drawn from the two Nationalist sections. Canon Greally proposed Mr. William O'Brien as a candidate for the councilorship, but Mr. O'Brien declined to stand.

ROSCOMMON.

The obsequies of the late Very Rev. Canon Nangle, P. P., Croghan, were celebrated at parish church, Dec. 20, in the presence of Most. Rev. Dr. Clancy, and 42 priests from the dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh. The church was crowded with an immense congregation people flocking from far and near to pay the last tribute of respect to their late pastor. Canon Nangle was close on 50 years a priest, having been ordained in 1849, in Maynooth. He was born in 1820, and was always in vigorous health until a short time ago. A pleasing feature at the obsequies was the presence of many Protestant gentry, headed by the rector, the Rev. Canon Courtney. Canon Nangle was selected for the sacred ministry by pastor of Riverstown, the late Dr. Feeney. Canon Nangle was administrator in Sligo for years, under the Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly, before he was appointed parish priest of Croghan. His excellent qualities were summed up by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, who described him as a most sterling priest, a true friend, and a patriot Irishman. He came of an old and respected family at Riverstown, County Sligo, that has given many distinguished members to the Church, including his brother, the late Father Henry Nangle; his cousin, Father William Whyte, P. P., Tarmonbarry, and the late Rev. Eugene Whyte, P. P., Canon Nangle's remains were removed to the church from the Presbytery, where he died.

On Dec. 14 occurred the death of Mr. E. R. McHugh, V. S., Strokestown which was widely and deeply regretted by his numerous friends.

SLIGO.

The men of Grange have fallen into line in the battle of the "land for the people." A great demonstration was held there Dec. 10. Rev. W. Crofton, parish priest, presided. Mr. Collery, M. P., addressed the people. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the United Irish League principles, the claim of a National Parliament, and the right of the Irish people to a system of university education truly Catholic.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Miss Katie Laffan of Dublin street Carlow, aged 20 years, died Dec. 15. John Kelly, Creerin, died Dec. 14. After requiem services in Ballyconnell, the burial took place in Creerin Cemetery, funeral cortege long.

DUBLIN.

The trustees of the Evicted Tenants' Fund have reported that the amount received now exceeds five thousand dollars. Subscriptions are being received and duly acknowledged.

Mr. Milner, traveler for Appleby & Co., Birmingham, England, during the Xmas time was in Dublin on business. This firm he represents is a famous cutlery house, and he had samples in one room in the Central Hotel valued [illegible] All were stolen. [illegible] received to com-

plete the chime in the Augustinian Church in Thomas street, Dublin, are now in their places. The bells in the tower of the church are ten in number, and poured out their joyous notes on Christmas night. The new bells are the realization of a long cherished hope on the part of the Catholics who frequent this beautiful church.

A terrible and shocking fatal occurrence took place at the Hibernian Bottle Works, Ringsend, lately resulting in the instantaneous death of Charles Campbell, aged 72 years, manager of the works, who resided at 50 Thorncastle street, Ringsend and John Healy, laborer, aged 24, who resided at Thomas street, Ringsend, and in injuries of serious nature to William Tobin, 83 Thorncastle street, and George Lamont, of the same address.

The annual grand office of the Blessed Virgin was solemnly chanted in the Church of the Immaculate Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, recently.

Recent deaths in Dublin.

BAKER—Dec. 16, at 135 Lower Gloucester street, James Baker.

BERMINGHAM—Dec. 15, Francis Bermingham of 63 Phibsborough road.

DELANY—Dec. 15, at Jervis Street Hospital, Peter John Delany.

KAVANAGH—Dec 16, James Kavanagh, aged 18 years.

LAWLER—Dec. 15, at 6 Carlingford terrace, Drumconda, George Francis.

MOLONEY—Dec 15, at 2 Sea View, Annesley Bridge road Dublin, Mary Teresa Moloney, aged 37 years.

PEAKE—Dec 16, Eleanor A. Peake.

PHELAN Dec 16, at 7 Seapoint terrace, Irishtown, Winifred Phelan, aged 26 years.

GLEESON—Dec. 15, at 8 Christchurch Place, Mrs. Jane Gleeson

HANLON—Dec. 14, at Rathgar road Miss Rosanna Hanlon, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Hanlon River lyons, Philipstown, King's County

KEANE—Dec. 14, Denis Keane of Rail Park, Maynooth, at an advanced age.

WILSON—Dec 14, at the Convent of the Holy Faith, Glasnevin, Chrissie (in religion Sister Mary Virgilius), aged 21 years, dearly beloved daughter of the late Mr. Peter Wilson, Drynam, Swords.

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

FARRELL—Nov. 21, at Grange Con, Bridget Farrell, Moone, County Kildare.

FINN—Nov 20 at 43 Harrington street, at an advanced age. Marinne Finn.

CANNING—Dec. 20, at Temple road Blackrock, Mr. James Canning, T. C., builder, aged 60 years.

HUGHES—Dec. 19, 10 North Great George's street, Dublin, James Wilson.

FLEMING—Dec 17, 113 Marlborough street, Michael Fleming, aged 52 years.

PHILLIPS—Dec. 17, at 13 Stradbrook, Winifred Phillips, aged 87 years.

TREACY—Dec. 17, at 38 Kirwan street, Luke Treacy, aged 73 years.

TYDD—Dec. 16, at Belgrave square, Monkstown, Bridget Tydd of Floraville, Inchicore, Dublin, aged 80 years.

SHEARMAN—Dec. 18, at 14 Mulgrave terrace, Kingstown, Capt Shearman.

BURKE—Dec. 19, at 20 North Cumberland street, Mrs. Mary Burke, formerly of Fassaroe, Bray, and Blackrock.

CLARKE—Dec. 19, at 10 Mountjoy place, Mrs Clarke, widow of the late James S. Clarke.

DELANY Dec. 18, at Castledillon, Straffan Ester Delany.

KELL—Dec. 14, at 40 North King street, James Patrick Kelly.

KILDARE.

Died.—FLANAGAN—Dec. 14, in the 33d year of his age, Christopher Flanagan, Ballymany.

TYNAN—Dec. 20, at Foxhill, Athy, Julianna Tynan.

CONDRON—Dec. 9, at Kilrush, Patrick Condron.

An address has been presented to the Rev. D. O'Rourke, Timahoe, by his former parishioners of Balyna. The presentation speaks highly of Father O'Rourke's services in the priesthood, and is a proof of the good feeling between the priesthood and all sections of people in North Kildare.

KILKENNY.

The Castlecomer teachers adopted the following resolution. "That, having taken into consideration the many letters of our illustrious hierarchy to the secretaries of various teachers' associations and the letter of Most Rev. Dr. Walsh to the central secretary, we, the teachers of the Castlecomer district, assure their Lordships that we have no support for or sympathy with any teachers, representative or otherwise, who feel dissatisfied with the Maynooth resolutions—a measure of security so generously and voluntarily granted to us; and we hereby call upon our Catholic fellow teachers in Ireland to avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to wipe out the stain of ingratitude which a late resolution of the Teachers' Executive Committee has cast upon us."

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, lately consecrated the new bell for the parish church of Doonane. The Rev. D. Gilligan, who up to a few months ago held pastoral charge of the parish, assisted by Mr. James Haugh, manager of the collieries, and an energetic local committee, carried out the good work, and on the transfer of Father Gilligan as parish priest of Raheen his successor, Rev. T. Monahan put all his energies to work to bring the work to a consummation. At a cost of £180 a new belfry was purchased, the designer being Mr. John Walker, contractor, Castlecomer, and the cut granite in connection with it was executed by Patrick Hughes & Sons, Tullow street, Carlow. The bell, which is large and massive, with the fittings, were turned out by the firm of Messrs. Thomas Byrne & Co., Dublin. This is highly creditable. The entire business is of Irish manufacture and work. Some assert that a great and most beneficial impetus could be given to Irish business were this example followed generally in church matters.

KINGS

At the fine old age of 77 years, on Dec 14, Mr. John Molloy, at Ballyduff House, Ballyduff Quarries, Tullamore. Interment was in Killeigh cemetery.

Mr. T. W. Wardrop, a new solicitor, has opened offices in Bar's Hotel, Edenderry, as also has Mr. Arthur R. O'Brien The latter is well known in the counties of King, Queen and Carlow

LONGFORD.

Mr George Campbell sold by public auction at Newtownforbes lately the licensed premises of Mrs Coulter, at present occupied by Mr John Matthews to Mr Burlage for £550 and auction fees

On Dec. 15 the death occurred at Toneen, Moydow, of Mrs. Bridget Higgins alias Savage, known as the "Little Woman in the Gipe" who had attained an age considerably over a century. She used to tell herself that she was eleven years at the time of the battle of Ballinamuck, so that she would have been 111 years of age at the time of her death. The people of the locality believe that she had reached the age of 113 years.

An influential meeting of the merchants, etc., of Langfordtown, was held lately under the presidency of Most. Rev Dr Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, to establish a local factory, and to carry out the intentions of the late Mr. James McGedy, who bequeathed £900 in trust to his lordship for the benefit of the poor Mr T W. Delany, solicitor, read an exhaustive report The Bishop said he was sure they all owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr Delany They proposed to establish an underclothing and shirt factory in the New Hall, until such time as they could get more suitable premises The nuns would manage the business without fee or reward though they had a great deal to do now with their own factory, and were opening a new convent in Edgeworths town In association with himself in carrying out the undertaking he would name as directors the following Peter Igoe, T. C. Maxwell, Thomas Plunkett, M Farrell, T W Delany P Kelly, and John Matthews; and if those gentlemen would insure the success of the project. Longford he said presented a strange contrast to former days, when it had a distillery, brewery, tannery, and other industries in the town, and it was quite evident the time had come when some move must be made to improve the condition of the poor

LOUTH

The town of Ardee, in this county, is only 34 miles from Dublin. Money order, saving bank, government stock, annuity and insurance business are conducted in the post-office.

MEATH.

With deep regret we record the death of Rev James O'Brien P P, on Dec. 20, in the Parochial House Lobinstown. He was esteemed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Died.—Dec. 15, Farren street, Kells, Mary Carty.

Dec 10 at The Mayne, Clonee, John P Campbell Edge lane Liverpool

The man named Doran of Keelogues, supposed to have been drowned at Carlow Graigue, on Dec 3, is still missing. A rumor was afloat in Carlow last week that the supposed drowned man had been seen in Liverpool, England

QUEEN'S

Mr E Vokes Mackey of Ballintubber Lodge, was received into the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by the Rev J Maher, C C., Luggacurran. Mr. Mackey is the youngest son of the late Mr. James Vokes Mackey, of Merrion square and Scripplestown House County Dublin. He was a member of a Limerick family, and his mother was a Miss Vokes, sister of the famous "Major" Tom Vokes (hero of the work, "Recollections of an Irish Police Magistrate," by Col Addison) A sketch of his life was given in the Illustrated London News at the time of his death, in which it was stated: "Mr. Vokes was at that period a country magistrate residing on his paternal estate, Rathbane (now belonging to the Vokes Mackey family). He was offered the post of Chief Magistrate on account of his daring courage and extraordinary exertions in putting down the rebellious attempts which threatened the South of Ireland in 1820 to 1822. The family came to Ireland and settled in Limerick in 1641. Edmond Vokes was High Sheriff of Limerick in 1741. Proclaimed by George I. Thomas Vokes grandfather of the hero of the book mentioned, served as High Sheriff in 1759. Proclaimed by George III. (see Ferrer's "History of Limerick"). Just about this time George Vokes married Catherine Evans, a daughter of the Earl of Carbery. Vokes was at one time spelt Vaux, the family having changed the name from de Vaux to Vokes before they settled in Ireland and is descended from the Lords o Gilsland. See Sir Walter Scott's "Talisman," where Sir Thomas de Vaux Baron of Gilsland in Cumberland was master of the horse of Richard I., and Hereditary Grand Falconer of England Mr. Mackey's mother was a Miss Bruere a grand niece of Count de Bruere, near of a French Catholic family.

WESTMEATH.

Mrs. Maggie O'Connell, Harbor street Mullingar, died recently. Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral Mullingar. Her death is deeply regretted. Interment was in Rathconrad Cemetery. The cortege was long.

Dec. 12 has come and gone, and the patriotic people of New Ross and district are to be congratulated on the second great centenial demonstration they have successfully carried through in the historic old town. Ross-Mac-Truin can boast of proud traditions. Among them is the battle of Ross. This battle was beyond any doubt the most important throughout the insurrection. The Three-Bullet-Gate, so named from Cromwell's exploit, was defended by two thousand soldiers and cannon, a strong fortification which the taking of by unarmed men was by the redcoats deemed impossible yet down on the gate like a turret and to death rushed ten thousand gallant pikemen, who carried all before them.

Unfurl their banner—true, 'tis gory,
But 'tis wreathed round with glory,
And 'twill live in song and story.

For thirteen long hours the poor, hungry rebels fought, and succeeded. Night came, they believed they had gained the day when they had cleared the town of its hirelings. Wearied and worn out after that dreadful day, and after thirteen hours' fighting, they lay down, failing to consider the chance of the return of the remnant of King George's infamous troops. The foundation stone (a block of granite taken from the famous Three-Bullet-Gate) was laid by the Very Rev. Thomas Meehan, P. P., Ballindaggin, the historic ceremonial being marked by cheering long and loud, which was followed by one of the bands striking up "The Memory of the Dead." The place selected to lay the foundation stone is the Tolsel square, or Market cross, and this area was decorated with flags and greenery. The platform outside the Tholsel was particularly well decorated, the ornamentation looking most effective Arches with flags with seasonable mottoes spanned Mary street, North street and Quay street. At 12 o'clock the country and outside contingents began to arrive. About a hundred came from Waterford by steamboat. The Wexford train steamed in, bringing the members of the Borough branch, two hundred in all, including bands. Soon afterwards the Dublin train arrived, bringing contingents from that city, Wicklow, Arklow, Gorey and other places along the route.

WICKLOW.

A meeting of the Arklow '98 Centenary committee was held in the hall on Sunday for the purpose of starting a fund to erect a suitable monument to commemorate the memory of Father Michael Murphy, who was killed at the battle of Arklow, in June, 1798. Mr. Edmund Walshe, president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members, who were enthusiastic over the project.

Dec. 15 an adjourned inquest was resumed touching the death of Bridget Hourihan, aged 50 years, a native of Tinhely, whose body was found floating in the local mill pond. The inquiry had been adjourned pending further evidence and a post mortem examination. Dr. Bolster deposed that he and Dr. King made a post mortem examination, and came to the conclusion that the characteristic signs of drowning were absent. It was their opinion that death took place before submersion in the water. They declined to express any opinion as to the real cause of death until the viscera had been analysed. Dr. King corroborated. Some other witnesses having been examined, Major Newton said it would be impossible for the jury to arrive at any verdict until the analyst's report would be received, and accordingly the inquest was further adjourned.

The Dominican Convent, Wicklow, was the scene of a very interesting function recently, viz.: the presentation to a young lady boarder, Miss Georgie Galvin, of the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for bravery displayed in saving life. The society was specially represented by Colonel Adye Curran, it being the desire of the committee of the society that the presentation should be made with all the eclat possible. The Very Rev. Canon O'Donnell, Wicklow, presided, and the Rev. Michael Clarke, Rev. B. Conroy, and a number of the parents of the pupils were present. Prior to the making of the presentation a very interesting programme of music and song was rendered by the pupils. In presenting Miss Galvin with the parchment certificate of the Royal Humane Society Colonel Adye Curran said that the act which the society desired to express their recognition and appreciation of was performed by the recipient of the certificate at Penmaenmawr, in North Wales. Miss Galvin, with her sisters and a friend, a Miss Drake Burleigh, had beeen bathing on August 17 last. The foreshore was dangerous by reason of its shifting sands and varying depth, and Miss Burleigh, who was but a weak swimmer, was carried out to sea. She called for help and Miss Galvin swam to her, caught her by the hair as she was sinking a third time, and with much difficulty succeeded in bringing her ashore. The certificate of the Royal Humane Society was a coveted prize and justly so, and he congratulated Miss Galvin on obtaining it. It would always be a source of pride and pleasure to her in after years, and he hoped it would be an incentive to others to "go and do likewise." Rev. M. Clarke, on behalf of Miss Galvin, acknowledged the presentation and expressed the thanks of the community to the Humane Society, and to Colonel Adye Curran.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Kilrush Workingmen's Association selected as candidates for office under the New Local Government law: Dr. William Sexton, M. J. Carmody, John Hollingsworth, Thomas Ryan, Michael Carey, Thomas Roughan, John O'Dwyer, John Foley, Charles Curtin, James Clancy.

Sister Mary Aquin of the Convent of Mercy, Killaloe, celebrated the silver jubilee of her religious life on December 15. She is sister of Rt. Rev. Dr. McRedmond, bishop of Killaloe.

The dead body of an aged fisherman named McCarthy was found on the seashore at Ballyconry, near Ballyvaughan, and a coroner's inquest was held on December 10th. The remains showed signs of a struggle, and bore many small wounds. It is expected that some one will be in trouble.

Father Vaughan, the newly-appointed P. P. of Ogonnollo, in his address to the parishioners, among other excellent things, said: "I am proud of you, and though you are not millionaires you are endowed with what is more precious than silver or gold—with truthfulness, honor and virtue." He concluded his address in Irish

CORK.

Cork City in 1878, according to recent statistics, imported commodities valued at $63,784; exported $21,570, and in 1898 the imports were $80,500, and exports $20,000. It is looked upon in Cork as a sign of prosperity, but in other places it would be considered as a sign of decay.

The people of Passage West recently presented an address to Rev. Christopher Murphy, on his removal to the City of Cork, where he is chaplain to the union.

Recent deaths in Cork —Burke—Dec. 3, at Douglas, Katherine Burke. Coughlan—Dec. 4, at Cork road, Fermoy, Molly Hegarty, daughter of Thomas Coughlan, Currin. Moloney—At 88 Barrack street, John Moloney. Sheehan—At Monard, Blarney, on Dec. 19, Daniel J Shehan. Hurley—Dec. 19, at Dundanion, Blackrock, Julia Hurley. Maury—On Dec 20, Charles Du'val Maury, professor of languages in this city. Walsh—On Dec 20, at 12 Angelesea street, Hugh Walsh, late of Younghal. O'Connell On Dec. 19, John O'Connell, undertaker, Kyrl's Quay. Lynch—At 91 Tower street, James Lynch, for many years huntsman of the Cork Southern Club Lawrence—On Dec. 16, at 59 Friar's walk, Mina Lawrence, aged 26 years O'Sullivan Dec. 15, at Blackrock, Patrick O'Sullivan. Murphy—Dec 15, at Main street, Doneraile, Robert Francis Murphy, aged 14 years. Olden—At 26 Corbett's lane, James Olden. Gillman—On Dec. 15, at Pouladuff road, Catherine Gillman. Vignoles—Mrs. Mary Vignoles, at 15 St. Finn Barr's street, on Dec 16, aged 61 years. Reall—On Dec. 17, at Glanworth, aged 71 years, Joseph Reall, Lismount, Kilworth. Clery—Dec. 17, at Sunnyside, Maryboro', John William Clery. O'Donoghue—At Henn street, Killarney, Dec. 17, Thomas O'Donoghue. Cooney—Dec. 17, at 4 Quaker road, Daniel Cooney, at an advanced age. Curtin—Dec 10, 1898, at Main street, Lismore, Helena Josephene (Lena) Daniel Curtin, victualler, aged 17 1-2 years. Coakley—At Inchigeela, Dec 17, Margaret Coakley, aged 67. Ahern—Dec. 8, at Meeleen, Knockraha, James Ahern, aged 75 years.

Mr. Thomas O'Donoghue, Henn street, Killarney, died Dec. 17, deeply regretted. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral for requiem services, and thence to the ancient burial place, Muckross abbey.

A moonlighting business occurred at Kilfinane, Castlemaine. Four armed, disguised men entered the house of Michael O'Neill, and carried off a gun. They next visited Charles O'Neill and demanded his gun. He refused and struck at them with a chair. One of the party pointed a gun at him. O'Neill raised his arm to snatch the gun and received the full charge in the arm and head. No arrests.

The Earl of Kenmore sent for the Rev. M. Murphy, P. P., fo Firies, and at the estate office in Killarney expressed to the reverend gentleman that it was his wish that the tenants evicted during the Plan of Campaign and the No Rent Manifesto should be restored to their holdings, most of whom belong to Firies, Farrenfore and one or two from Killarney The reverend gentleman conveyed the pleasing news to those evicted tenants and their friends living in that part of the estate.

Very Rev. Canon Brosnan, parish priest of Cahirciveen, died at the presbytery Dec. 21, at 2 p. m. His demise came unexpectedly, although he had suffered from fits peculiar to old age. He said mass on Sunday previous, but did not appear in his usual health or spirits. Despite all that medical skill could do for him he passed peacefully away shortly after the Rev. Michael McCarthy, C. C., had administered the last rites of the Church. The Very Rev. Canon Brosnan was born in the year 1820, at Tullig, near Castleisland. After receiving a good education in the classical schools of Kerry, he entered Maynooth college, where his career was marked with much ability, being a Dunboyne student and lecturer of Irish at the college.

LIMERICK.

Mr. Thomas O'Farrell was selected at a recent conference held at Patrick's Well as the candidate for councillor for the Patrick's Well division, resigned in favor of Lord Emily. Mr. O'Farrell, in a letter to his lordship, states that the latter's name was mentioned at the meeting at which Mr. O'Farrell was selected, and had Lord Emily's recently pronounced views on Home Rule been known he (Mr. O'Farrell) was persuaded that his lordship's name would have been the unanimous selection of the delegates. He knew Lord Emily's entire sympathies were with the laborer and artisan classes, and felt that in resigning in his favor he was only doing his duty to the electorate. Lord Emily, in his reply, stated that he takes Mr. O'Farrell's letter as a convincing proof that he really believes him to be a thoroughgoing and earnest Home Ruler. "If elected," he continues, "to the county council I will undoubtedly regard myself in a very great measure a labor representative. It may, however, be that, upon consideration, priests and people may come to prefer as their representative an older and more tried Nationalist than I am, such a one as yourself. Let it be distinctly understood that in this matter I am entirely in their and your hands. I come forward most willingly at their request. I would also retire at their request. My great desire is to be of use to the people, farmers and laborers, among whom I live, and who have always shown me the greatest kindness and even affection."

The number of voters on the new register for Limerick City under the Local Government law is 6,521, a great increase on the old list, which numbered 600 odd.

Among the recipients of the Royal Humane Society awards lately was Michael Hartigan, law clerk, Limerick City, for saving the life of Ellen Moloney, in the Shannon, last month.

Mr. Patrick Casey of Kilfinane, steward to Sir John Hopkins of the British navy, has been decorated by the Emperor of Germany. He now wears the royol Prussian Order of the Crown, my dear.

In the townland of Derrawlin dwells a highly respectable and remarkable old personage. Mr. William Howard rejoices in the wonderful age of 108 years and is active and intelligent in the soul-stirring narrative he recounts of scenes enacted in the closing years of the last and the dawn of the present century. The aged hero, with his own hands, cut last season's crop on his farm, and it is still further remarkable that on each day the County Limerick Hunt Club meets at Garryfin covert foremost among the onlookers is Mr Howard, who displays the most wonderful agility in keeping place with the lovers of the sport. He enjoys excellent health, is not bent with the weight of years and proudly declares that he will live well into the twentieth century.

TIPPERARY.

The death of Mr. Patrick Stokes Suir lodge, Kilsheeelan, happened on Dec 15, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, deeply regretted. One of his sons, Rev E. Stokes, was professor in St John's college, Waterford, and is now in South Africa for the benefit of his health. Another, Mr. William Stokes, is a Poor Law Guardian for Kilsheelan division of Clonmel Union. A third is Mr Patrick Stokes of Kilmore house and a fourth, Mr. Thomas Stokes lives at Kilsheeelan. The celebrant of the high mass was Rev. W. Burke, Waterford.

Mrs. John Mahony of Bansha died lately, at the age of 105 years. She maintained great vigor till within the past few years She possessed her mental faculties to the last She remembered Waterloo year, 1815, and many of the stirring incidents of the early portion of the century. She was a great grand-mother, and her coffin was borne by her grandsons to Bansha graveyard.

The death of Mr. John Flynn, T. C. Glenagaddy, an extensive farmer, occurred Dec. 14.

Mr William Murphy, brother of Mr Timothy Murphy, of the firm of Messrs P. & T. Murphy, died at O'Connell street, Clonmel, after a brief illness, in the sixty-first year of his age.

WATERFORD

Miss Elizabeth Attridge, daughter of Mr William Attridge, Coolagh, Ballydehob, County of Cork, was professed a recluse in the Convent of Mercy Cappoquin, Nov. 16 last. Religious title, Sister Mary Xavier. Right Rev Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, officiated.

Mr. John C. Jeffs of Christ church the Protestant Cathedral, Waterford died suddenly Dec 17, aged 56 years

"Billy Keane," for many years a well known meat dealer in Waterford City died recently at the great age of 96 years. For many years he had been an inmate of the Holy Ghost hospital. Interment was in Ballybricken cemetery

A fire broke out on the Milford mail steamship Pembroke, between the Smalls and Connybeg lightship. When the hatchways were opened in Waterford the flames burst up, and it was thought the steamer was on fire. The flames were overcome and it was discovered that the mails from Cardiff Swansea, Pembroke Docks, Chelsea Bristol, London and South Wales were totally burned.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

On Friday, Oct. 28, at the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers, Mount Zion Petersham, Australia, Brother Theodore McCreanor died. Deceased was a member of a fine old family in the County Antrim, where he was born in 1865. In 1896 he was sent to open a boarding school at the new college in Perth, West Australia. After spending some time in Perth he went to Goelong in Victoria, where he was charged with the important duties of Novitiate-Master of the province. On the removal of the Brothers' Novitiate to Petersham, Sydney, he was retained as Master of Novices till his death. On the day immediately preceding his decease he went through the usual routine of his ordinary duties—concluding the day's work with an earnest exhortation to his young people "on Filial Confidence in God." The immediate cause of death was failure of the heart' action.

TYRONE.

An old man, Peter Devlin, was found dead in his home, Orritor street, Cookstown, last week.

One day while drilling a squad of fresh recruits the officer in charge gave the following instructions:

"When I give the command, 'Halt!' you will bring the foot which is on the ground to the side of the one which is in the air, and remain motionless."