

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.

A deputation from the Clifden teachers, Messrs. O'Toole, McHale and McLoughlin, arrived at Dunmore, Dec. 23, to present an address to Very Rev. Canon Lynskey, their late manager.

The visitors were hospitably received by the Very Rev. Canon, assisted by Messrs. Murray, Heneghan, Marrion and Staunton, representing the Dunmore teachers, and Mr. Charles Kelly, representing the town.

Mr. Thomas Rice Henn, the Recorder of Galway, has resigned. He will be succeeded by County Court Judge of Tipperary, Mr. Anderson.

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Mrs. Sergeant Merriman, of the 8th Hussars, Curragh Camp, was fatally and accidentally shot by her brother, Sergt. Pepper, of the Connaught Rangers, who was spending Christmas with Sergt. Merriman, his brother-in-law. He was handling a revolver when it went off and the bullet lodged in his sister's breast.

Mrs. Merriman was a daughter of Mr. Pepper of Kilmoghney, near Rosbercon. Her husband and she had recently returned from India.

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Thomas Sullivan, Nicholas town, while having a quarrel with a woman with a serious accident, as the pony and trap in which he was sitting were upset and fell into Charlesown quarry. His thigh bone was broken.

On December 27 the remains of Mrs. Donegan, of Castlejohn, Nine-Mile-House, were laid to rest at Windgap. Her daughter, Mrs. Coady, of Dunaanagham, attended the wake and funeral in her usual health, but on her return to Castlejohn after the funeral, began to grieve for her mother and became unconscious and died in a short time.

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Mary Manning, of Meelick, near Banagher, died Dec. 28, at the age of 108 years. She possessed all her senses to the last. She distinctly remembered the old but near Meelick, where the pikes were forged in 1798.

On Sunday a meeting of the Nationalist electors was held in Birr, to select candidates and organize the electoral districts. Very Rev. Thomas Phelan presided. There was a very large and representative attendance.

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On December 25 the dead body of Jas. Fallon was found lying on the bank of the canal, near his home, in Carrickmond.

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During Christmas week the magnificent peal of bells erected at St. Joseph's Redemption Church, Dundalk, was rung out. The peal, which is the gift of Mrs. Hamill, Dundalk, consists of twelve bells, the tenor bell weighing twenty-two cwt., and they were cast by Mr. Matthew Byrne, of Fountain Head Bell Foundry, James Street, Dublin.

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The town of Bandon was the scene of an enthusiastic demonstration on Monday (St. Stephen's Day), when the foundation stone of a monument to the patriots of '98, '49 and '67 was laid on Bandon Bridge. Seven thousand persons participated. It had been the intention of the association early in the year to lay the foundation stone in the Summer, but many difficulties stood in the way, chiefly the securing of a site on Bandon Bridge, not far from which, it is alleged, once appeared the famous motto "Turk, Jew or Atheist may enter, but not a Papist."

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On St. Stephen's Day the world-famed new granite tunnel was visited by prominent Irish antiquarians, members of the Royal Academy, and they noticed the defacement of markings, caused by thoughtless persons scribbling and scrawling their initials, etc., but were particularly grieved to find the name in full of a local Goth, chiselled in letters an inch long, across the face of the most precious stone in the cavern, with the date—Xmas, 1893, the "careful" execution—the very name itself indicating that it was no "junior" hand that did it.

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Mr. James Tuitt presided at a meeting of the Oldcastle Board of Guardians on Dec. 26, when this resolution was adopted unanimously: "That the Board of Guardians of this union having learned with deep and heartfelt sorrow of the lamented death of the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas McNulty, Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Meath, do hereby adjourn this meeting until Jan. 3, 1894, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. William McNulty of Pennor Upper, brother of the deceased Bishop, sympathizing with him and his family in their said bereavement." The meeting then adjourned.

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Henry Sythes, a hndgraber on the Luggacurren property, died recently in Maryborough Asylum.

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The Mullgar Board of Guardians at a meeting held Dec. 20, passed this resolution and ordered it inserted in the minutes: "Resolved, That we, the Mullgar Board of Guardians, in meeting assembled, do hereby deplore the demise of the Most Rev. Dr. McNulty, the illustrious and revered Bishop of Meath, and tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the clergy who have lost by his death a true

and trusted guide, and to the members of his late flock on the loss of a devoted shepherd and unflinching advocate of the people's rights. The meeting separated without transacting business.

Four houses were destroyed by fire at Cross Quays, Mullingar, Dec. 24, and unhappily one woman lost her life. Name not reported.

Three months ago Mr. Matthew J. Connell, Harbor Street, Mullingar, died, and on Dec. 21, died Mrs. Connell, deeply and widely regretted. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Fagan, Dublin Bridge. The funeral on Friday after office and high Mass in the Cathedral, Mullingar, was very numerous and attended and the remains were interred in St. Michael's graveyard.

WEXFORD.

A few months ago Rev. Gregory Pettit was raised to the dignity of subdeaconship by the Most Rev. Dr. Camara, Bishop of Salamanca. At the ordinations, on Dec. 17, he received the dignity of deaconship. He is a son of Mr. William Pettit, Rathmore, Lady's Island.

Mr. Thomas Fitzgibbon, St. Gabriel's School, Aughrim street, Dublin, having been appointed principal of a school in his native parish, Wexford, was lately presented with a fine and costly gold Albert chain by the manager, teachers and pupils of St. Gabriel's school. Very Rev. I. A. Burke, P. P., made the presentation.

Wexford fishermen are up in arms against the invasion of their fishing grounds by British steam trawlers. The Government Fishery Commissioner last June recommended that this class of fishing boat should not be allowed inside the harbor, but the invaders are British, and the Government that misgoverns Ireland is British, therefore the murderous injustice is permitted. This course is murderous, as families will be robbed of their means of existence and die from want of food.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Catherine Donohy, mother of Mr. James (J. Donohy, Hoodagrove, and Mr. Patrick Donohy, at the advanced age of 61 years. During all her life she enjoyed excellent health up to the very day of her death. She was held in the highest esteem by friends and neighbors, and was regarded as an authority on matters that occurred antecedent to the remembrances of all around her. The funeral took place Dec. 24, after Office and High Mass in Rosbercon Chapel, and was largely attended.

WICKLOW.

DIED—December 28, at Rahewood, Rathvilly, Mrs. Catherine Finnegan, Office and High Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

Carlow Town Commissioners passed a vote of condolence to Mr. Edward T. Mulhall on the death of his brother, Mr. Joseph Mulhall, solicitor, Wicklow.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

During recent terrible storm experienced at Killybegh a coastguardman named Hartly killed. The station house was much injured.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Ellen Meenan, at Newmarket-on-Fergus lately, at the age of 101 years. Deceased was in the best of health and in the possession of all her faculties on Sunday and was making arrangements to spend Christmas with one of her nephews but was suddenly taken ill. The interment took place on Wednesday at the burial place, Drumlyon, and was largely attended.

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Miss Mary Collins, Maryvill, Victoria Road, Cork, was received into the Ursuline Order of Religions, on Dec. 29, at the convent in Hythe, Kent.

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RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

—ON Dec. 30, at Ballyhandra, Frank A. Hunt, at an advanced age, —O'KEEFE, —ON Dec. 29, at Ballyvoolane, Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, —O'CONNELL—ON Dec. 29, at Upper Panoramia Terrace, Sunday's Well, Cork, William O'Connell, late of Harborside—CROBIN—ON Dec. 30, at Killohane, Mrs. Johanna Cronin, at an advanced age, —COUGHLIN—ON Dec. 28, at 35 Cove street, Mary (Mollie) Coughlan, aged 19 years, —EUNWORTH—ON Dec. 28, at 35 York street, Blackpool, Mrs. Dunworth, —TWOMEY—ON Dec. 27, at Ballinamona, Mallow, Michael Twomey, aged 70 years, —O'MAHONEY—ON Dec. 27, at Square, Bantry, Margaret O'Mahoney, late of Bantry, —MURPHY—ON Dec. 28, at Barrack street, Wil-

liam Murphy, of Ballinaberna. —McGRATH—ON Dec. 28, at Blossomgrove, John McGrath, aged 73 years.—SULLIVAN—ON Dec. 15, in Caselstown Bera, Abigail, widow of Daniel Sullivan; formerly of Cork, aged 86 years.—LYNCH—ON Dec. 22, at 23 Roman street, Margaret Lynch.—CAHILL—ON Dec. 20, at Charleville, Anne Maria Cahill, Kilmallock.

The tenants on the Herbert estate, Killarney, have agreed to purchase their holdings at 18 years' total of the present annual rent.

M. Daly, Killarney, was found dead on the street, opposite the postoffice, Killarney, Christmas night. An inquest will be held.

Two young men, named O'Connell and Cooper, were drowned while crossing the ferry from Portmagee to Valentia, Dec. 28.

Late Very Rev. Canon Timothy Brosnan was born in January, 1823, and was educated for the priesthood in Maynooth College and promoted to the Dunboyne Vicarage in the year 1852. The following year he was placed in charge of the Irish Class. In 1854 he got his first mission as curate in Killyginn, and subsequently was curate in Lixnaw, Millstreet and Ballyterrier, on the shores of the Atlantic, west of Dingle. Here Father Brosnan was with the sanction of Most Rev. Dr. Moriarty, Bishop of Kerry, celebrated Mass in St. Brendan's Oratory on the summit of Brandon Mountain, one of the highest mountains in Ireland. The Mass which was attended by large numbers of the faithful in that romantic district, was followed by similar celebrations the three following years, the pious pilgrims increasing in vast numbers, especially on June 30, 1868, when the most Rev. Dr. Moriarty and three other priests, of whom were Franciscans and one a Dominican, celebrated Masses on the holy mountain; while Father Brosnan celebrated High Mass on the very summit, the number attending on this occasion being upwards of 15,000. The Bishop preached on the occasion. In 1868 Father Brosnan was appointed to the pastoral charge of Bally McElligott, Tralee, where he labored for eleven years, until 1879, when he was appointed parish priest of Cahrliveen, and at the same time the dignity of V. F. and Canon was conferred upon him by the Most Rev. Dr. McCarthy, Bishop of Kerry. We have pleasure in referring to his successful erections in promoting the construction of the railway from Killyginn to Cahrliveen and Valentia Harbor. Besides the great Memorial Church Canon Brosnan completed one of the neatest and most commodious chapels in Kerry, at Fynmore, four miles from Cahrliveen, and built several beautiful schools, and had in course of building new residences for teachers.

LIMERICK.

Miss Ellen Cahill (in religion Sister M. Willie), daughter of Mr. Patrick Cahill, Callow, Rathkeale, sister of Rev. Edward Cahill, S. J., and of Sister M. Benjamin, of the Mercy Order, Castlestone, was received recently into the Order of Mercy of the convent in Ghent, Belgium.

The death of Major Aubrey Stephen Vere O'Brien occurred at Curragh Chase on Dec. 18. The deceased was in his 61st year. He was the nephew of Aubrey de Vere and Sir Stephen E. de Vere, to whose estates he was the heir. He was married to a daughter of the late Gen. Wynne, Royal Engineers, and his son a barrister in London, becomes by Major O'Brien's death heir to Sir Stephen E. de Vere, who is in his 87th year.

Joseph Gilligan and Patrick Punch were out fowling at Parteen, Dec. 26. They met a number of small boys, including Michael McNamara, carrying a wren bush. The boys invited Gilligan and Punch to take a shot at the wren, and Punch said he would. He was about making ready to fire when Gilligan said he would take the shot, and laid his hand on the gun. While doing so the weapon accidentally went off and the entire charge lodged in Michael McNamara's neck, under the boy's right ear, killing him on the spot. McNamara was a native of Parteen, and the young men Punch and Gilligan are from Limerick City.

The foundation stone of a Celtic cross in memory of the men of '98, and those who died later on in the struggle to assert the cause of Ireland, was laid today with befitting ceremony in the Catholic cemetery at Rathkeale. There was a large gathering present. Mr. Terrence Moran of Askerton performed the ceremony of laying the stone, and in the procession which followed through the town the Ardagh contingent carried their banner, and the contingent from Coolcappa furnished a number of green-painted pikes, the heads tipped with yellow, which were borne by men walking four deep in the demonstration. Rathkeale, from the closing of the great uprising in '98 into the closing century, was the theatre of the time war, and an agrarian disturbance which kept King George's troops engaged in the endeavor to suppress it. The Croppys' hole just outside the town, where many of the unhappy peasantry were interred after being shot down mercilessly by the Crown forces, was visited. An allusion to this event was made by Mr. William Hayes, Rathkeale, who stated that the bridge which crosses the Deel in the immediate vicinity would be known in future as Croppy Bridge. He stated that three men buried in the place—John Hayes, O'Callaghan Garvey and John Fitzgerald—were martyrs as good as ever shed their blood for Ireland, and their example should be followed by all. Mr. John Daly, who was received with enthusiasm, said Rathkeale, with the rest of Ireland, had taken its place in marking with approval the men who had the courage and tenacity of purpose to die or suffer for country. He was not there as the representative of any league. He knew none. Nor was he there in defense of any Parliamentarism; but as one who had suffered for Ireland. To-day it was not possible that Ireland, with her four millions and a half of population, could fight thirty millions of Englishmen; but if Irishmen could not work out their freedom now, English's difficulty might come soon, and with it regret that her policy had not been fair and honest.

Mrs. Mary Purcell of Armae, near Cashel, died Dec. 18 in Brookly, N. Y. Mrs. Johanna Mahony, of Banaha, died lately at the age of 106 years. She was a fine type of woman, who maintained great vigor till within the past few years, but preserved her mental faculties to

last. She was a great-grandmother, and her coffin was borne by her grandsons to Banaha graveyard.

TIPPERARY.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Smithwick, Ballylalten, which occurred recently, deeply regretted by the poor. Interment took place at Lagganstown Christmas Day. The funeral cortege was the largest and most representative seen in the district for many years. Very Rev. N. J. Brennan, C. S. Sp., president Rockwell College; Rev. P. Ryan, New Inn; Rev. J. Cotter, C. S. Sp.; Rev. E. A. Crehan, Rev. C. Schmidt, Rev. N. Muller, Rev. M. O'Shea were present.

Mr. Pierre Power, Priorstown, died on Dec. 23, aged 74 years, and was buried on Dec. 25 at Gammonsfield. He was a thorough Nationalist, having been imprisoned with Smith O'Brien, and the 48 men. Two daughters of his are nuns, one at Pittsburg, U. S. A., another in Lismore, New South Wales, while a third is married in San Francisco. Two sons and two other daughters are living at home.

WATERFORD.

On Nov. 24, at the Presidential Convention, Lismore in the 63d year of her age, and 36th of her religious profession, died Sister Aloysius, daughter of the late Jeremiah O'Brien, of Old Parish, County Waterford. Of the deceased it may be truly said that she was a faithful follower of Nano Nagle, the sainted founder of the order, and that in this generation she was a member of the community at Lismore which with her to the grave more affectionate remembrance of unpretending piety and devotion to the duties of her holy calling.

Mr. Edmund V. Dren's appointment as school teacher in the Waterford Union by the Board of Guardians has been sanctioned by the Local Government. Board at last.

On Dec. 17, was laid to rest in green earth the remains of Miss Ellen Colender, one of the last of an old and widely respected family. The deceased carried on business in Cappoquin for many years as a publican, and kept a bankers' establishment also. She was 65 years of age.

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On Dec. 27, Mr. John S. Trotter, a poor law guardian, residing near Derryquinn, became suddenly insane, and seizing a loaded revolver, rushed out of the house saying he would shoot the first man he would meet. He had not proceeded far when he encountered John Dolan, of Blacklion, and shot him dead. Trotter was arrested and lodged in Enniskillen Jail.

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Terrence Flanagan, tailor, Carrickboy, Ballyshannon, was found dead in his home Dec. 22 last. He was aged 75 years.

DIED.—Mrs. Moy, sister of Rev. Peter McDevitt, P. P., Clencolumbkille, and aunt of Rev. Edward McDevitt, C. C., Stranorlar. Interment on Thursday at Stranorlar, Dec. 21, at Stranorlar, Joseph Kerrigan.

WATERFORD.

The services were held in St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Downpatrick, on Christmas Day, which was especially decorated for the occasion, under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy. The first Mass, at 7 o'clock, was celebrated by Rev. J. F. McCauley, the sacred edifice being filled to overflowing. The Masses that followed were also well attended. After the last Mass Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament was given. The choir of the church was hospitably entertained by the Sisters of Mercy in St. Patrick's Convent.

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