

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.

Mr. Farrell McDonnell returned to Dunmore on Feb. 6, after an absence of ten months. He was given an enthusiastic welcome. Two hundred men marched in procession with torches, and the Foresters' Band from Tuam discoursed patriotic and other music.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Mr. John Nestor, eldest son of the late Mr. Martin Nestor, which happened at Carrantanas, Tuam, on Feb. 1, at the early age of 37 years.

With sincere regret we record the death of Mrs. M. Duffy, Loughrea, which occurred at Main street, Jan. 26. She was a member of one of the oldest families of Loughrea, and well known for her good and charitable nature, and her loss will be deeply mourned.

The Sisters of Mercy, Kinvarras, are organizing a Bazaar to help raise funds for the organizing of new schools much needed, and they appeal to their friends for prizes. Most Rev. Dr. McCormick, during his recent visit to Rome, got a beautiful silver medal as a prize.

Sir H. G. Bellow, Bart, and his agent E. Browne, visited the lands of Kinclear, and commenced the agreeable and important work of dividing the well known fattening farm of Garryduff, in the possession of a big grazier. One man got 14 acres, another ten, another four acres, according to means and requirements.

MAYO.

Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, lately presided over a meeting at which it was decided to complete the tower and spire of the Cathedral Ballaghaderreen. The sum of \$2,000, including a contribution of \$1,000 from the Bishop, was subscribed at the meeting.

ROSCOMMON.

Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, has offered \$25 as a prize to the most successful teacher of Irish in each deanery of his diocese.

A branch of the United Irish League has been formed in Tourlestrane. At the meeting when the branch was launched were Revs. B. Quinn and E. J. Doherty, both of whom spoke in support of the National organization. "The land for the people" is the rallying cry of the Irish nation to-day.

Mr. Eugene Cogan died on Feb. 1, at Carlinbeg. He had just completed his 20th year and was but one day ill. He was the son of Mr. Edward Cooper Cogan, and nephew of Mr. A. O'D. Cogan, of Heapstown, and was popular both with young and old. Over 200 young men wearing white hat bands tied with green ribbon marched in procession immediately after the hearse to Ballinakill Cemetery, followed by the chief mourners and the general public.

SLIGO.

The death of Mr. Thomas Scully, Killyville, occurred on Jan. 27, aged 48 years. Funeral was numerously attended.

The national cause in this country sustained a serious loss lately by the death of Mr. Patrick O'Brien of Kingsfort, which happened lately, after a short illness. Rev. Canon Loftus, P. P., officiated at the grave side, assisted by Father Scully and Father O'Grady.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. William Bolger, Carlow. He was an ex-member of the Town Commissioners and chairman of the gas company. Funeral to Killeslin was numerously attended.

Mrs. Mary Brennan, mother of Mr. John Brennan, Moyadd, died Jan. 27, at the fine old age of 94 years. Interment was in Wolfhill, and attendance of clergy and laity was very great.

The death of the Right Hon. Christopher Talbot Redington, which took place at his residence, Mount Mapas, Killiney, Feb. 4, was widely regretted. The late Mr. Redington was born Sept. 30, 1847, and was the eldest son of Sir Thomas Redington, K. C. B., Kilcooran Castle, Oranmore, County Galway, formerly Under Secretary for Ireland, who was married to Eliza, eldest daughter of the late John H. Talbot, of Talbot Hall, County Wexford. The deceased was first cousin of Mr. James Talbot Power, D. L., and was educated at Oscott College, Birmingham, and had a most distinguished literary career. For many years after his return to Ireland he resided at Kilcooran Castle, which is one of the most magnificent mansions in the West of Ireland. He was a member of the Privy Council, and a justice of the peace and Deputy Lieutenant of the County Galway, and was High Sheriff in 1873. In 1894 he became vice-chancellor of the Royal University, and on the death of Sir Patrick Keenan was appointed Resident Commissioner of National Education for Ireland.

DUBLIN.

An estate estimated at \$1,500, it is reported, has been left by Miss Lillie ...

bishop of Dublin—\$50 to be given for masses, \$400 for the Irish language and literature.

A singular accident happened lately in 49 Royal Canal Bank, Dublin, when Laurence Byrne, aged 3 years, somehow got his head in a noose of cord made fast to the door knob, and was strangled.

Rev. W. Phelan, Diocesan Examiner of Schools, has just presented to Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, the sixth annual report on the condition of the educational establishments under his charge. On the whole it may be considered satisfactory. He has pointed out some things that need improvement, but that must be always looked for in a report of this nature.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, the magnificent new organ in the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathfarnham, was solemnly opened, in presence of a very large congregation, including the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and many other distinguished Catholic citizens.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

HOOPER—Feb. 9, at the Industrial School, Carriglea Park, Monkstown, Rev. Brother T. A. Hooper, in the 21st year of his age.

KEARNS—Feb. 9, at Richmond Asylum, Patrick Kearns, aged 43 years, deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and daughter, was 24 years a member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (No. 1 Branch).

MGLEW—Feb. 8, at Folkstown, Ballybrigan, Jane McGlew.

MOONEY—Feb. 8, at St. Patrick's P. M. S. C. road, Catherine Moore, of Tyrrellville, Tennessee, last surviving daughter of the late And. Jessop, of Glen of Inall, County Wicklow.

O'NEILL—Feb. 8, at 14 Thomas Davis street, Charles O'Neill.

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BURNS—Feb. 10, Mary Burns, aged 74 years.

DOYLE—Feb. 10, at Lusk, Mrs. Bridget Doyle.

FLOOD—At Creevagh, Kilskeary, Kella, Meath, Byran Flood, aged 73 years.

M'DONAGH—At 1 Ardfield road, Rathgar (formerly Dolphin's Barn), John McDonagh, aged 80 years.

MURPHY—Feb. 2, at 70 New Canal street, Birmingham, John Murphy, skin merchant, aged 91 years.

O'SULLIVAN—Feb. 8, at Kilmallock, Kate O'Sullivan.

KILDARE.

On Feb. 5 a man named Harrington, returning in the train from Dublin after the Gaelic march, fell out of the train near Straffan station. The communication cord failed to bring the train to a stop, but on arrival at the next station the matter was reported to the stationmaster who sent two policemen out. They came across the man, Harrington, who stated that he had fallen out of the train, and had narrowly escaped being struck by a train which immediately followed that out of which he had fallen. He was not injured in the slightest degree.

The death of Mr. Joseph McGee, Monasterevan, happened on Jan. 17, in 18 Hume street, Dublin, at the age of 23 years.

At the Intermediate Commission the Rev. M. Devitt, S. J., rector Congues Wood College, entirely agreed with the witnesses who advocated the study of Irish. Further, he puts in on behalf of the Kildare Archaeological Society, a letter from the president, Lord Mayo, who said if Irish were ever forgotten in Ireland, Irish archeology would suffer a great loss. When Dr. O'Donovan was in the County Kildare surveying he found it impossible to identify places on account of the ignorance of Irish displayed by the people. It was important that the language should be preserved, and the best way to preserve it was to have it taught in Ireland. Father M. Devitt stated that eminent members of the Kildare Archaeological Society found that ignorance of the language was a serious inconvenience.

KILKENNY.

Ex-Head Constable Keating, Slieveve, died Feb. 6. As far as it was possible for a policeman to be popular, he was.

Mr. T. Bowers, Gragavine, has been selected as the candidate for the County Councilship of Eldown district. Before accepting he recommended the meeting to consider the name of Lord Duncannon, son of the Earl of Bessborough, but it failed to take.

KINGS.

Members of the Portlarrington National Teachers' Association held their quarterly meeting a few days since and attendance was up to the standard. The following resolutions were passed: "1. That we strongly condemn the conduct of the Central Committee, as we consider they could have more usefully employed themselves than in carrying on a war of personalities and recriminations in the public press and that we believe it would be for the good of the organization if they resigned. 2. That we think the Commissioners should not enforce the new rule regarding the purchase of requisites, because they are not able to supply promptly, and because some of their exercise books are no better than those we can get from local shops." Specimens of readers by various publishers were submitted by the secretary and were approved of.

LONGFORD.

A circular has been issued by the honorable secretaries of the Longford Agricultural and Home Industries Exhibition, stating that the date of the exhibition is fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, August 2 and 3 next. It states that the scope and resulting usefulness of the exhibition will depend on the financial support the committee can obtain. Unless further subscriptions

are forthcoming it will be impossible to realize the hopes entertained. Great credit is due to the honorable secretaries, T. W. Delany and D. E. Ferguson.

The quarterly meeting of the Ballymahon National Teachers' Association was held lately, Mr. J. P. McNally presiding.

LOUTH.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. James J. Bourke, a well known Drogheda journalist, which took place at Scarlat street on Jan. 31, after a rather lengthened illness. His remains were interred at Ballymahon, the funeral cortege being large and representative.

DIED Jan. 19, at Breslanstown House, Ardee, Patrick J. Doherty, Esq. Funeral to Drimnagh on Sunday at 2 o'clock R. I. P. At his residence, Dubek street, on Jan. 15, Laurence Collins, contractor, in his 31st year, to the regret of his sorrowing family. American papers please copy.

MAYO.

Mr. Edward Carolan, Rathbawn, Mayo, died Feb. 3, deeply and widely regretted. Funeral was numerously attended.

At the recent examination of candidates seeking to become apprentices or collectors held by the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, Michael J. Johnson, of St. Finian's Seminary, Navan, obtained first place. Master Johnston won a Junior Grade Intermediate Exhibition for the seminary last September.

QUINN'S.

The death of Mrs. Kenna, of Ballinakill, happened on Feb. 1, after many years' illness. The funeral to Killoonan was numerously attended.

WESTMATH.

Three candidates are in the field for the County Councilship of Belvidere Division of the county. They are Mr. Robert Downes, Russelstown, Mr. James Doyle, Mullingar, and Mr. L. Gavin, Dalystown.

WEXFORD.

A great number of persons assembled in Monamolin lately to witness the ploughing match and horse race which have been looked forward to for years as the events of the season. The day was beautifully fine. The president, Mr. J. Rath, entertained all comers, and threw open his extensive stabling and commodious premises for all comers. The officers and committee, notably Mr. Pierce Lacy, Monamolin, the honorable secretary, worked most assiduously for the success of the proceedings.

On Feb. 5 a meeting was held at Horsewood to select two candidates as district Councillors for Kilmokea Electoral Division. Rev. A. Kavanagh presided, and there was a large attendance of electors. Father Kavanagh having explained the object of the meeting Mr. P. R. Barron, Campile, and Mr. John Murphy, Kilmokea, were unanimously chosen.

WICKLOW.

A great meeting was held in Bray Town Hall lately at which Father O'Brien presided to assist in the movement now so popular of reviving and making national the almost lost Irish language. It was a most successful gathering. In 1798 many of the people in this county spoke Irish and the patriot outpost often gleaned important information from being able to understand the Gaelic spoken by the Scotch Highlanders.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Little, Bodvick, at the advanced age of 79 years. The interment took place at the Tuilla Cemetery, and the funeral was numerously attended.

Very Rev. Dr. McInerney, pastor Kilmish, lately received a letter from Mr. Vandeleur, stating he was in favor of having a Catholic university established by the Government. Mr. Vandeleur wants to be County Councillor for the district in which he resides.

At the Pastoralist Monastery, Mary's Mount, Gullinure, Australia, on Jan. 21, Rev. Father Francis Clune was raised to the priesthood by the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher. Father Francis is a native of Clare, and like many of his countrymen, emigrated to America. Spending some years in Chicago, he finished his education at Power's Business College. Then going to Australia, seven years ago, Father Francis joined the Pastoralists, and finally after a successful philosophical and theological course he was ordained.

CORK.

On Feb. 9 an inmate of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Cork, died, aged 108. Johanna Hoogan was a remarkable woman. She had been married five times, the last time when she was 90 years old. She preserved her faculties to the last. Her hair and teeth were perfect, but her sight had failed. She had a good appetite and ate heartily to her last days.

Mr. William Cotter, candidate for the Bantry district of the Cork County Council, spoke in Irish at Gleggariffe, Dr. Lynch, of Ballyvourney, during his canvass, spoke thirty times in Irish to twice in English.

On Feb. 8 a fatal accident happened at the Anglo-Irish condensed milk factory, Middletown, to Ellen Horrigan, aged 17 years, one of the employes. While at work close to a revolving shaft, the hair of her head was caught in the machinery, and she sustained injuries resulting in her death.

At Clondrohid, near Macroom, where a teacher has lately taken out a certificate in Irish, forty girls and thirty boys are being taught the language. The young people of Clondrohid show

a consciousness of the value of their mother tongue, and all promised to ask their parents to speak to them in Irish, and also to learn them their prayers in it.

For many a year no death occurred in Kanturk that caused such a profound and widespread feeling of the keenest sorrow as that which attended the sad demise of the popular and beloved young Gael, Patrick Conway. He organized the Kanturk Tournament in '85, which led to the revival of the G. A. A. in this district, and in other places. To his zeal is to be mainly attributed the reputation achieved by the Kanturk Wolfe Tones, of whom he was one of the best players. The news of his death, though not unexpected, came as a great shock, and it was difficult to realize that his pure young spirit had fled for ever. The deepest sympathy is everywhere felt for his parents and family. Deceased was a member of the Kanturk Young Men's Society, and was this year elected on its committee. The funeral, which came off on Feb. 3, was of immense dimensions.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

TIVY—On Feb. 7, at Barnstead, Blackrock, Frederick Chas. Lawrence Tivy, aged 17 years.

SULLIVAN—On Feb. 7, at Dean street, James Sullivan (carrier).

CRONIN—Feb. 7, at 4 Knockree Terrace, Mary Ellen Cronin, daughter of the late Jeremiah McCarthy, Great Britain street.

O'SULLIVAN—At Campaign House, Mitchelstown, Catherine O'Sullivan.

CRONIN—On Feb. 7, at the Incurable Hospital, Cork, Ellen Cronin, Boherscrub.

BURKE—Feb. 7, at 6 Great George's street, Mary Ellen Bourke, daughter of the late James Fermoy, of the Watercourse Distillery.

HAYES—Feb. 7, at Abbeyfeale, County Limerick, Daniel Hayes, late of Buenos Ayres, nephew of the late William Hayes, of Clarence Place in the City of Cork, and formerly an officer in the Honorable East Indian Military Service, 38th Madras Native Infantry, born in 1805.

KENEFFICK—Feb. 9, John Keneffick, late of Margaret street, aged 55 years.

MURPHY—On Feb. 8, at 33 Great Britain street, Mrs. Eleneza Murphy, daughter of the late Patrick Treacy.

BROWNE—Feb. 5, at 123 Shandon street, Helena (Helen) Browne, aged 2 years.

O'DONOGHUE—On Feb. 10, at 67 Dominic street, Ellen O'Donoghue, Killarney.

BOWEN—On Feb. 10, at Killaney, Kinsale, in his 78th year, Patrick Bowen, father of the late Rev. Cornelius Bowen.

FALVEY—On Feb. 10, at Stravanh, Inishannon, Denis Falvey, aged 55 years.

RING—On Feb. 1, at Knockraha Hill, Ring, Coolowen, Blarney, aged 70 years.

BARRY—Feb. 1st, at Whitepoint, Queenstown, John Barry, engine driver.

MACDONNELL—On Feb. 2, Margaret Macdonnell, carpenter.

O'BRIEN—On Feb. 1, Eliza O'Brien, Rallymartin, Dungourney, aged 80 years.

KERRY.

A largely attended meeting was held on Feb. 4 at Killarney for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the County Council. The chairman of the Urban District Council presided. There were two candidates nominated, Mr. J. D. Sheehan, ex M. P., and Mr. David Moriarty, solicitor. The presiding chairman declared the show of hands to be in favor of the latter, who in the course of his speech, said that he had sacrificed over \$5,000 in rendering professional services gratuitously to the National Party in Kerry and in other parts of the county.

An old man named Cussen, who lived at Poulisodda, near Fermoy's Bridge, was found burned to death in his dwelling lately.

The funeral of late Mr. Michael Sheehan of Wroughkerry, near Kilmacminin, on Feb. 2, was the greatest seen in that part of the county for 25 years. He was brother to Mr. J. D. Sheehan, ex M. P., for East Kerry, and from his boyhood was identified with every movement for the improvement of the Irish people.

On Feb. 4 a gloom was cast over Abbeystead, when it became known that Mr. James Leahy (Smith) had passed away. The deceased who was only 45 years of age, was a favorite among all creeds and classes, and leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. His long connection with the Trade Coursing Club won for him numerous friends among the lovers of sport. His funeral cortege was the longest seen in the district for many years.

LIMERICK.

The new local authorities elected in Limerick City under the Local Government law, have continued the old-time watchmen in the city. The old corporate body, before it died, passed a resolution abolishing the watchmen, but the veterans stoutly refused to be abolished. They held the keys of the premises and went on duty as regularly as if the corporation had not voted them out of business, and are now in office while those who voted them out are out of office themselves. Limerick watchmen die hard, you bet.

Martin Neville, aged 50 years, died suddenly Feb. 4 in his house at Morneane while sitting on a chair.

An accident of a very serious nature occurred to the highly esteemed and popular parish priest of Ballygran, Rev. Father Hurley, whereby his arm was broken and the elbow joint displaced. He was returning to the parochial residence on horseback after being engaged on duties in his parish. On entering the gateway the horse stumbled and in endeavoring to avoid

coming under the animal Father Hurley met with the accident referred to.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Thomas Fahy, son of Mr. John Fahy, carpenter, of the Cashel Union, died recently, aged 26 years. His funeral was attended by a large circle of friends and citizens. After the hearse came the Doherty Fife and Drum Band, of which deceased was a member. The members of the band marched four deep, with all the instruments draped. The remains were interred in the cemetery adjoining the Park of Ash.

Deep regret has been occasioned in Nenagh district by the death of Mrs. Bridget Kelly, wife of Mr. Wm. Kelly, of Killinaneve, Killeen, and mother of Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross. The deceased had attained the age of 75 years, and up to shortly before her demise was in the enjoyment of excellent health. The interment took place Feb. 19 in the family vault at ground in Killeen Cemetery. The funeral cortege was immensely large and included representatives of all classes and creeds, many of whom came long distances to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a most worthy Irish woman.

WATERFORD.

On Feb. 3 the remains of Stokes, late of Youghal, Albert Medalist, were interred at Monastrea, where interred were naval honors at Kinsalebeg. Churchyard.

About thirty coast guards from Youghal, Knockadoon, Helvie, and Ballycourtly stations, and under the command of Divisional Officer Feast, Youghal Station, attended, having received instructions from the Admiralty authorities to accord the deceased the all possible honor. A beautiful oak coffin inclosed the remains which were borne on an open bier, followed by the coast guards. Then came the general public who attended in large numbers. A posse of policemen under Head Constable Tierney were also present from Youghal. At the cemetery volleys were fired by the coast guards, after which the coffin was lowered into the grave. The inscription on the coffin "Edward Lynch, Stoker, Royal Navy, aged 26 years, died Feb. 2, 1899. R. I. P." Deceased's brother Stoker Patrick Lynch, H. M. S. Vivid, was present at the funeral, having arrived from Devonport via Milford. Deceased's mother and five sisters were also present.

Members of the Dungarvan Urban Council at last meeting passed a vote of condolence to the relatives of late Captain Veale, who was a most respected inhabitant of the town, whose death happened lately.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

In Belfast the progress being made by the West End branch of the Gaelic League is wonderful. At last meeting one hundred members were present. Messrs. O'Shea, Nolan, Barry and Faulkner had charge of the classes. Seven hundred children are being cared for by the St. Patrick's Catholic Orphan Society in Belfast. This is noble work.

Miss Cassie McMullen, who had been connected with the Larne post office for the past sixteen years as first assistant, died recently, widely and deeply regretted. Her funeral to McGee's Cemetery was numerously attended.

Orange ruffianism is causing serious annoyance to Catholic Clergymen in Belfast when attending to religious duties and sick calls. Here are two instances. In the Custody Court on Thursday a youth named Thomas Skinner was charged with assaulting the Rev. Hugh Liddy, Sacred Heart Church, in Linwood street. Mr. D. F. Spiller prosecuted. Father Liddy stated that on Wednesday he was passing through the street mentioned, when he was struck with a missile on the head. He reported the matter to the police, with the result that the prisoner was arrested. He said he would not have brought the prosecution, but that assaults of this kind had been so frequent. Their Worshipships decided to send the prisoner to jail for seven days, but on the application of Father Liddy that the sentence should be mitigated, a fine of 10s. was imposed. Mr. Hodder expressed himself strongly regarding offenses of this kind and commended the action of Father Liddy in intervening on behalf of the accused.

In the Belfast Custody Court a boy of Canmore street was charged with assaulting Brother Michael Byen of Arjoine Monastery. Constable Egan deposed that while on duty the previous evening on the Crumlin road, opposite Ewart's Mill, he saw Brother Byen walking alone. Just as he came opposite the mill the prisoner lifted a stone and threw it at him. It did not reach his mark, and the accused stooped to get another stone, when witness arrested him. Brother Byen, who is over 70 years of age, declined to prosecute, as the father of the prisoner had apologized to him. The prisoner was ordered to find two sureties in £5 each for his future good behavior, or in default to be imprisoned for one month.

Cardinal Logue, in the course of an eloquent and powerful sermon delivered in St. Patrick's Cathedral Feb. 5, condemned in the strongest terms the bad literature now so widely circulated, and so disastrous in its evil effects.

ARMAGH.

Rev. P. O'Connell, who died in the Convent of the Gray Nuns, Montreal, Canada, Jan. 6, aged 97 years, was a native of Lough. When the poor Irish emigrants were dying in hundreds of the ship fever in 1846, 1847 and 1848 he made himself conspicuous by his heroic attentions to his stricken country people. He was then pastor of

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TYRONE.

The Nationalists of Clonoe held a meeting in Aughamullin Hall, Feb. 5, to select candidates for Mounjoey and Meenagh Divisions on the district council. Rev. John Rock presiding. Joseph Magennis, Derrytresh, was proposed by Father Rock, and seconded by Mr. Patrick Corr, Aughamullin. Mr. James O'Hagan, Coole, was proposed by Father Brennan, and seconded by Mr. Thos. Fee, Aughrimberg. Both were unanimously selected for Mounjoey. Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Annaghmore, was proposed by Mr. Patrick Kilpatrick, Drummur, and seconded by Mr. James Quinn, Aughamullin; and Mr. Thomas Eccles, Annagher, was proposed by Mr. Peter Corr, Ballybeg, and seconded by Mr. John McKee, Aughamullin, for Meenagh Division. Ninety per cent. of the electors are Nationalists. The candidates chosen are not the nominees of a class, a section, or a faction. They will be, when elected, the representatives of Irish Nationalists. The candidate for the County Council for Moy Division, Mr. James Corr, Coalsland, is a sterling Irishman, and he will have the hearty support of the Clonoe men.

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St. Peter's Church, Richmond, Ontario. At the time of his demise he was supposed to have been the oldest priest in America.

DONEGAL.

Mr. T. McFadden succeeds Mr. S. Holt as permanent way inspector in the Buncrana line. He has been attached for years to the staff at Enniskillen.

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The County Down has an electorate of 45,134. There are 1,059 electors registered who will vote. In Ballybot, County Armagh, 60; Lisburn, County Antrim, 560, and in Belfast County Borough, 439.

On Feb. 5 the remains of Mr. Valentine McConvey, Tollamrange, brother of the late Very Rev. P. McConvey, P. P. Newtonards, were removed for interment in Dunsford. The cortege was the largest seen in the neighborhood for years.

MONAGHAN.

The church attached to the Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan, was the scene of a most edifying ceremony on Feb. 8. The occasion was the religious profession of three young ladies. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, assisted by the Rev. P. McDonnell, Adm., and the Rev. P. Lynch, celebrated Mass, after which the solemn vows of the young ladies were made. The young ladies are Miss Elizabeth Smith, in religion Sister Mary Magdalen, eldest daughter of Thos. Smith, Monaghan; Miss Maggie McLorinan, in religion Sister Mary Aquinas, third daughter of Charles McLorinan, Belfast, and Miss Lizzie Ledwith, in religion Sister Mary Josephine, daughter of Matthew Ledwith, late of Enniscorthy, County Westmeath, and sister of the Rev. Peter Ledwith, Adm., Orristown, Kells.

The fourth annual meeting of the Altar Society, Sacred Heart Church, Clones, was held on Feb. 1 in the vestry. Rev. Father McKenna presided. Mrs. Henry Murphy, Miss Owens, Mrs. William McKenna, Mrs. McKown, Mrs. John Black were present. On the conclusion of business the reverend chairman referred to the ladies, whose devotional zeal and ability produced effective results, shown on the altars and sanctuary at all seasons. He also praised the artistic manner in which Miss Owens and her assistants carried out the Christmas decoration of the church, and the gift of the rare exotic flowers by Mrs. Philip Maguire, concluding by appointing the first Friday succeeding the Feast of Corpus Christi for the celebration of the Divine