

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Right Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, during a sermon in the pro-Cathedral, Loughrea, Sunday, Feb. 19, said the beautiful Cathedral in course of erection was rapidly nearing a finish, and that all who helped the funds would be proud of the magnificent edifice.

Thomas Gannon, while fixing guy ropes on a signal pole in the railway station, Galway City, recently sustained fatal injuries. The pole fell when he was at the top.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Bessie Grehan of Salthill, which occurred at her residence on Feb. 11. A branch of the Gaelic League has been founded in Moycullen.

LEITRIM.

The Redemptorist Fathers have established a new foundation at Killykinn House, Carrick-on-Shannon. They are residing temporarily at Killykinn House, and hope soon to be able to begin the new Monastery. The Father General of the Order, who resides in Rome, has appointed Father Michael Somers, C. S. S. R., Superior of this new foundation.

Mr. William O'Brien having returned from a short vacation, resumed the war on those who would keep the lands of Ireland for fattening cattle, while the natives were in want and leaving their country through lack of a way of getting a living. Crossmolina, Feb. 25, was the scene of a great demonstration. There Mr. O'Brien plainly and in unmistakable language informed the graziers and brutal and conscienceless land-owners, that the lands must be restored to the rightful owners, the people. Too long has the dull ox been the lord of the fertile fields of Connaught.

On Feb. 23 the ceremony of the re-ception of a nun took place at the Mercy Convent, Ballinrobe. The young lady is Miss Sarah McEvilly, in religion Sister Mary Bernard.

MAYO.

A great meeting of the West Mayo Executive of the United Irish League was held at the League Rooms, James street, Westport, Mr. John McHale, president, in the chair. The following letter was read: "The Irish World, New York, Feb. 4, 1899. Mr. William Doris, honorary secretary, U. I. L., Westport, Mayo—Dear Sir: Be pleased to pardon my long delay in acknowledging your kindness in enrolling me a member of the Central Branch of the United Irish League of Westport. The United Irish League is a God-send to Ireland at this time. I esteem it an honor to be written down at headquarters as a member, and deem it my duty to do what lies in my power to uphold its principles and to advance its interests—which are the interests of Ireland—and of the universal Irish race. I shall have your card of membership to me framed in remembrance of the Westport Branch of the United Irish League and its distinguished founder, Mr. William O'Brien. Sincerely yours, PATRICK FORD." A considerable amount of routine business was transacted.

With regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Thomas Leydon, merchant, Drumkeeran, which took place at his residence on Feb. 15. The deceased, who had been in business for over twenty years, had endeared himself to the general public by his quiet and unobtrusive manner. He was secretary of the local branch of the United Irish League, and in a similar capacity in the Federation Branch, with credit to himself and the public. As a thorough working Nationalist, he was foremost in every movement, and his clear judgment on matters of political interest was received with the respect which his impartial character entitled him to.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. Patrick Regan, Crossna, is the Nationalist candidate for the Rockingham County Council District against the Earl of Kingston.

The teachers of the Castlereagh association attended at Mr. John Carabin's residence, Williamstown, lately, and presented him with an address and testimonial, consisting of a gold watch and a purse of sovereigns.

A most respected inhabitant of Boyle passed away in the person of Mrs. Mary McDermott, Chapel street, who died Feb. 23 after a rather protracted illness at the age of 73 years. The funeral on Feb. 25 was one of the largest seen in Boyle for several years past.

SLIGO.

A successful ball was held in Fivestown Courthouse lately. There were over one hundred and sixty guests. Mr. Lynch acted as master of ceremonies and general manager. The committee in charge, J. McDermott, P. Deignan, J. Smith, M. Flynn, T. J. Slater, T. W. Allen, T. O'Garra, R. Barlow, W. H. O'Hariton and J. Lynch, are to be congratulated on the manner in which the entertainment was conducted.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall, Carlow, Feb. 19, for the purpose of founding a workmen's club. Mr. Thomas Little presided, and Mr. R. Clifton was appointed secretary. Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and Father Cullen have

promised to give the movement all the support they are able.

There is hot work at Corrales, near Borris. People named Hanlon were evicted from a farm there, and it was grabbed by a person named Byrne. The Hanlons mustered in force and retook possession. The police then interfered and members of the Hanlon family were arrested. They were released on bail and will be tried in Borris soon.

A representative meeting of the Borris and Ballyellen electors was held in Borris, Feb. 20, to select suitable candidates as district councillors for the divisions of Borris and Ballyellen. Rev. James Byrne presided. The reverend chairman said their selection of candidates for such responsible positions should not be influenced in any way by common sense and choose for their representatives men of discernment, capacity and sound judgment. Mr. Patrick Murphy, Borris Mills, and Mr. John Kiwan, Ballyellen House, were proposed and unanimously selected as district councillors. Mr. Thomas Brennan, Currahe, proposed Mr. Michael Waters, the Kilcolony evicted tenant, as a district councillor for Ballyellen division. Mr. Thomas Tuite, Kilcolony, seconded Mr. Waters, who was unanimously and enthusiastically approved of. Mr. E. N. Nolan, Ballyfene, proposed Mr. Silvester Lennan, Oldtown, he also selected for Ballyellen Mr. John Whelan, Ballymartina, seconded Mr. Lennan. This was also unanimously agreed to. The men at the meeting were as a unit on all questions and on the results.

DUBLIN.

The O'Donoghue of the Glens presided at last meeting of the executive committee of the Feis Ceoil to be held in Dublin soon. The honorable secretary announced the receipt of an important letter from Mr. Alfred Moffat, London, with reference to the Loan Exhibition in connection with the festival. Mr. Moffat says: "Mr. John Glen (the celebrated Scotch bagpipe maker), Edinburgh, told me he would be willing to lend you two O'Farrells, two Burk Thermo's, Murphy's Irish Jigs, and some other books for the Feis exhibition of Old Irish Music Books. I can lend you the Carolan collection, two O'Farrells (different from Mr. Glen's copies), Mangan's Poets of Munster (the rather rare first edition, 1849) Coffey's Beggars' Wedding, 1728, a very rare work, with the music; and the original edition of O'Keefe's Poor Soldier, 1788."

Recent deaths in Dublin.—KENNEDY—Feb. 23, at Grand Hotel, Feydeau-sur-Leywin, Switzerland, Mary Kennedy, 127 and 128 Great Britain street, Dublin, aged 23 years.

LIDDELL—Feb. 25, John Liddell, in his 70th year, 28 Lower Mount street.

LITTLE—Feb. 25, 29 Molesworth street, Francis Henry Little.

HARTY—Feb. 25, at Talbot place, Teresa Harty, daughter of the late Patrick Harty, of Tullifolia Lodge, Blessington, Balilboys, County Wicklow.

HARNE—Feb. 26, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Miss Johanna Harne, late housekeeper, Presbytery, Arran quay.

MAGUIRE—Feb. 25, 19 Warren street, Annie Maria Maguire.

MEROE—Feb. 25, at the City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot street, Patrick Meroe.

MULDOON—Feb. 24, at 51 Patrick street, Kingstown, Mrs. Elizabeth Muldoon.

NEWMAN—Feb. 24, at Our Lady's Hospital for the Dying, Haroldcross, Edward Newman, 2 Fitzwilliam lane.

O'LOUGHLIN—Feb. 26, at 2 Frankford Cottages, Lower Gloucester street, Dublin, Mary O'Loughlin, formerly of Abbeyletz, Queen's County.

SPARKS—Feb. 25, at 126 Lower Gloucester street, Catherine Sparks.

THORP—Feb. 26, 39 Kildare street, Dublin, Caroline Thorp, aged 83.

THUNDER—Feb. 25, at the Hardwicke Hospital, Catherine Thunder.

MARTIN—Feb. 11, at 11 Portland street North, Mrs. Mary Martin, aged 67 years.

M'GAGUE—Feb. 10, at Railway Cottages, Royal Canal Basin, Terence McGague, formerly of Booterstown, County Dublin.

HANLON—Feb. 12, Mr. Mark Hanlon, tailor, 94 Lower Gardiner street, member of Branch O'Byrne, No. 1, Irish National Foresters' Benefit society.

ANDREWS—Feb. 11, John Andrews Great Connins, Lusk, aged 42 years.

LITTLE—Feb. 12, at 184 Philisteborough road, Dublin, Herbert (Bertie) Little, aged 7 years.

KILDARE.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Edward Kelly, Barrowhouse, Athy on Feb. 20. Deceased had reached the patriarchal age of 80.

KILKENNY.

Hanora Neary, aged 70, of Ballydovell, near Freshford, was found dead in her home lately. The premises gave evidence of foul play and the police have the matter in hand.

A public meeting of the electors of Leighlinbridge was held lately to select candidates as county and district councillors. The Rev. Father Coyne presided, and said the present time was not one to counsel an intolerant or bigoted course of action. With regard to the address of Col. Vigors, he (the chairman) didn't think that the fact of the Colonel being a Unionist was sufficient ground for opposing him. Mr. Edward Meany proposed and Mr. James Colman seconded the nomination of Mr. P. Hughes as candidate for county councillorship of Leighlinbridge. The motion was unanimously carried. On the motion of Mr. John Keogh, seconded by Mr. Ryan, Mr. M. Foley, J. P., was nominated county council candidate for the division of Old Leighlin. The following candidates were selected: Agha and Leighlinbridge, Messrs Byrne and Nevin; Old Leighlin, Messrs E. Nolan and Patrick Lyons; Rathfriland, Messrs. John Keogh and John

Connors, The Ridge, Messrs. E. Callan and P. Carpenter.

KINGS.

The people of Edenderry are taking steps to have the town properly lighted in the future. It is probable that the electric system will be adopted.

Miss O'Farrell, daughter of the late Mr. John Emmanuel O'Farrell, solicitor, Longford, was received into the Presentation Order at the Maryborough Convent, on Feb. 13. Her religious title is Sister M. Magdalen.

The death of Mr. John Flanagan of Killashee, which occurred on Feb. 16, caused widespread regret. Mr. Flanagan was always in the forefront of every National movement, and took a leading and prominent part in every struggle in which the people of the locality were engaged. He was also a prominent business man in that village and was very popular with all classes.

LOUTH.

The remains of Sister Mary Baptist, of the Presentation Order of Nuns, Drogheda, were interred in the vaults of the convent, Fern street, Feb. 20. The deceased was formerly known as Miss Murray, of Dundalk, daughter of the late Mr. John Murray, architect. She died in the 60th year of her age, and the 38th year of her religious profession.

MEATH.

At their auction rooms, Dublin, late-ly Messrs. O'Connor & Son, auctioneers, of Queen street, disposed of two farms near Drumree Station. There was a very numerous attendance. The competition was keen. Leshamstown farm was purchased for 1,200 pounds, by Sir Croker Barrington, of Ely place, in trust, and Augheraskea farm was disposed of to Mrs. Kennedy for 20 pounds.

QUEEN'S.

A meeting was held in the chapel hall at Ballyroan Sunday, Feb. 19, to nominate county and district councillors for the localities. Several hundred attended.

A successful concert was recently held in Maryborough Town Hall to raise funds for the Workmen's Brass Band, recently founded.

A public meeting was held in the Young Men's Society Hall, Clonsilla, to select representatives for county and district councils. Mr. Thomas Moloney presided. Candidates selected for Clonsilla electoral division: Mr. Edward Troy, Clonsilla, secretary of Land and National leagues, proposed by Mr. Jas. Malone, Brocca, seconded by Mr. Michael Dunne, Clonsilla. Mr. William Moran, Clonsilla, proposed by Dr. J. O'Brien, M. D., seconded by Mr. M. Kenny, Clonsilla. The selection was unanimous. The selection for Castlecuffe electoral division was next proceeded with. Mr. Frank Corbett, Ballykaneen House, was proposed by Mr. Michael Casey, Castlecuffe, and seconded by Mr. James Keegan, merchant, Clonsilla. Mr. Michael Scully, Castlecuffe, was absent through illness. Carried unanimously.

WESTMEATH.

A great public meeting was held in the Lecture Hall, Mullingar, Feb. 27, to consider the best means of having a memorial erected to the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath. Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly presided. Secretaries to the meeting were Rev. P. Daly and Mr. Thomas P. Shaw. Subscriptions aggregating 250 pounds were handed in. The committee to confer with the Bishops as to the time and place for the memorial consists of Mgr. Gaffney, Mgr. Gaughan, Very Revs. H. Hehan, P. Callery, Farrelly, Curry, Dooley and P. Cantwell, Messrs. James Tuite, James Doyle, P. J. Mooney, Francis Sheridan, William Curry, Navan, P. F. Maguire, James Hayes, Tullamore.

Died—Feb. 26, at Greenville street, Mullingar, Margaret Hughes.

The death occurred Feb. 23 at Marine House, Kingston, of Mrs. Cecelia Lyster, mother of the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, and of Mr. Joseph P. Lyster, Athlone. The great portion of her life was spent in Athlone. For some years past she resided in Dublin. She was a niece of the late Very Rev. Archdeacon O'Reilly, who for many years officiated as parish priest of St. Peter's, Athlone, and sister of Sister Aloysius, of the Sisters of Mercy, whose death occurred last year.

WEXFORD.

Very Rev. Canon Whitty, P. P. Lady's Island, presided at a recent meeting of the electors, when Mr. S. Rowe was selected as their candidate for the county councillorship of the districts, and Mr. F. Adams was selected as district councillor. He is a representative of labor.

With feelings of regret we chronicle the death of Mr. William Clancy, at Gurtanaclogue, Murrinstown, Feb. 23. The deceased, who had been confined to bed for the past thirteen years, had reached the age of 84 years, and retained his mental faculties. Mr. Clancy had endeared himself to all. As a sportsman, deceased was one of the good old sort, and was a familiar figure after the "hounds" in the forties. The Requiem Office and Mass for the repose of his soul were held in Murrinstown Church, after which the interment took place at Rathmacknac.

With regret the people of the County Wexford learned of the death of the Very Rev. Thomas Canon Hore, P. P., Oylegate, Feb. 18. Canon Hore, who sprung from a good old County Wexford stock, was born at Coldblow, Barony of Forth, fifty-four years ago. He commenced his studies for the priesthood in St. Peter's College, Westport, in 1853. In 1864 he went to Maynooth, and was ordained in 1871. By Most Rev. Dr. Furlong, Bishop of Ferns. His first appointment was in Clongeen, where he remained for three years; then to Screen, and soon after to Gorey. On the death of Father Cosgrave, in 1892, Father Hore was appointed to the pas-

toral charge of Oylegate. About two years ago he was raised to the dignity of Canon and Prebendary of Edermina.

WICKLOW.

The O'Tooles are still to the fore in Wicklow. The land in the county was robbed from that ancient sept, but the spirit of oppression to the British dominion is still strong in the O'Tooles. Thank God! Here is an interesting item of recent date: After a public meeting held in Rathvilly lately, Patrick O'Toole was approached by a policeman named English to arrest him. He was met by a kick which broke his leg at the shin. Medical aid was at once procured. O'Toole was arrested and will be prosecuted for the assault.

At the last meeting of the Ballinacree board of guardians, Mr. E. P. O'Kelly presiding, the local government board sent a sealed order altering the constructing of the Kiltegan and Rathvilly dispensary districts, and the board accepted the decision as final.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The residents of Lisdoonvarna on Feb. 23 gave an enthusiastic reception to Mr. Daniel O'Loughlin and his wife, on returning from their honeymoon trip. Mr. O'Loughlin was presented with a portrait of himself and wife, also a valuable tea service of silver, fully inscribed with the happy circumstances connected with the presentation.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. John O'Brien, which had event occurred in Ogonelloe on Feb. 17. She belonged to an old and highly respected family.

CORK.

The obsequies of Rev. Mother Anonla (Madden) took place at the convent chapel, Clonakilty. She was a sister of Rev. W. Madden and Messrs. D. and M. Madden, Cork, and was one of the first members of the community at the establishment of the Sisters of Mercy in Clonakilty.

Rev. Father Kavanagh, author of the "History of the Insurrection of '98," delivered an eloquent lecture in the interest of temperance in St. Francis' Total Abstinence Hall, Cork City, Feb. 15. Very Rev. Father Thomas presided. The hall was filled. A vote of thanks was passed to the reverend gentleman for his great and edifying lecture in so noble a cause.

We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. E. F. O'Connor, which happened Feb. 21, at 14 Raymond street, South Circular Road, Dublin. Edward Francis O'Connor was a native of Cork, where he was born on April 20, 1830, and was the oldest son of the late Mr. John Francis O'Connor, merchant tailor, who died on Jan. 10, 1889, at the advanced age of 89. He received his early education in his native city, taught by a learned philologist, John Gooding, who, as private tutor, had been the teacher of the Rev. Edmund O'Reilly, S. J., the famous professor of dogmatic theology at Maynooth, where Mr. Gooding had been a student when some of the professor's chairs were filled by exiled French ecclesiastics, including the Abbe Beaubogue and the Abbe Andre Darre. He afterward kept school at Cork, where Father O'Connor had among his fellow pupils Mr. Justin McCarthy, M. P. Originally intended for the secular ministry he passed the preliminary examination for entrance into Maynooth in 1847, but gave place to Canon Casey, P. P., who in that year commenced his ecclesiastical course in the great National seminary on the removal of the family to Dublin in 1848. He became acquainted with the late Very Rev. Fr. White, O. P., then Provincial of the Irish Dominicans, who induced him to enter the Dominican order, for which he was accepted, proceeding in October, 1852, to Italy, along with James A. Dwyer and several other Irishmen, who received their Irish welcome on their arrival in Rome from Father Moloney, then Prior of St. Clement's, now at West Convent, Galway. He made his novitiate at Santa Sabina de Urbe, the French house of the order in Rome, of which Pere Besson, one of Lacordaire's chosen band of co-workers, was Prior. In one of his letters home, Father O'Connor wrote of this salutary Dominican: "He is justly one of the most celebrated men in the order, and is under his care we are acquiring those virtues to qualify us for the profession of the monastic precepts." He remained at Santa Sabina one year, and then went to St. Clement's. He received the tonsure and four minor orders Saturday, 1854, after making his profession at Santa Sabina on Nov. 21, 1853, and was ordained priest at the Convent of La Quercia by Cardinal Pianetti on the Sunday before Christmas, 1855. The sermon on the occasion, one of great rejoicing in a religious community, was preached by Brother O'Dea, and was based on the text: "The lips of the priest keep knowledge and the people shall seek the law at his mouth."

Recent deaths in Cork.—NOGHLIN.—On Saturday, Feb. 25, at New York, Mrs. Mary Nugent, wife of the late Denis Nugent, and sister of the late Rev. William Cashman, and second daughter of the late Thomas Cashman, of Ballinahilla, Kiltiegh.

FORD—On Feb. 18, at Rochestown, Timothy Ford.

MURPHY—Feb. 19, at Cockanode, Timothy Murphy.

DENNY—On Feb. 20, at 28 King street, Lizzie Denney, 7 Dublin street, aged 22 years.

CURTIN—Feb. 20, at 68 Great Britain street, Julia Curtin, Ballynockin, Mourababbey.

DEVINE—At North Main street, Youghal, Margaret Devine.

CRONIN—Feb. 20, Main street, Macroom, Sonny (John) J. Cronin, aged 10 years.

SHEEHAN—Feb. 21, at Carluh, Iniscarra, Hanna Sheehan.

O'SULLIVAN—Feb. 20, at Granogreen, Clonakilty, Mrs. Hannah O'Sullivan, aged 87, mother of the late Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan, Minnesota, and John O'Sullivan, J. P., Carrigeo.

MILLERD—Feb. 18, at 31 Quaker road, Nora Millerd.

BURROW—Feb. 18, at Grattan Hill, John Beere Burrow.

CREEDON—Feb. 18, Mrs. Creedon, of Droumreague.

HAYES—At Knuckglass, Cornelius Hayes, aged 79 years.

HOGAN—Feb. 16, at Killeully, John Hogan.

LUCAS—On Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 83 Fiacar street, Cork, Leonard Lucas, ROCHE—At Doonawany, Castle-townroche, Feb. 14, Annie Roche, sister of Rev. J. J. Lane, P. P., Queensland.

BYRNE—Feb. 15, at Coolylough, St. Ann's Hill, Thomas Byrne.

GRIFFIN—On Feb. 22, at the Presbytery, Mill street, Very Rev. Arthur Canon S. Griffin.

MURPHY—On Feb. 25, at 57 Barrack street, Kate Murphy, of Ballinaberna. MULCAHY—Feb. 24, at Kilkcurr, Mary Mulcahy, R. I. P.

KERRY.

The Australian mail brings news of the death of the Rev. John Daly, of Melbourne, one of the most respected priests in the diocese. The Rev. Father Daly was a native of Kerry, was educated at All Hallows' College. He succeeded in his parish by the Rev. Father Ganley, a Galway man.

LIMERICK.—Mr. P. T. Hartigan, one of the side-street magistrates in Limerick, died at Clonagh, Rathkeale, Feb. 19. The deceased, who reached the ripe old age of 80 years, was one of the oldest magistrates in Limerick.

TIPPERARY.

With regret we chronicle the death of Rev. P. F. Hanly, which occurred at St. Michael's Rectory, George Leigh street, Manchester, Feb. 12. He was only 30 years of age. Five years ago he was ordained in St. Patrick's College, Thurles. His studies were made in Blackrock College, Dublin. On Feb. 15 the remains arrived at Thurles station from Kingsbridge, accompanied from Manchester by the Rev. F. Walsh, Mr. D. J. Hanly (brother), Mr. Thomas J. Kennedy (uncle), Messrs. T. F. Kennedy and Richard Murphy, and from Dublin by Mr. William M. Ryan and Mr. Timothy Murphy.

WATERFORD.

Mr. L. C. Strange, solicitor, was installed mayor of Waterford under the new Local Government law on Feb. 23. At the same time Mr. W. D. G. Goff of the Brewery, Mary street, Waterford, was installed High Sheriff. The mayor is a Nationalist; the High Sheriff is a true blue Unionist and Tory. Queer combination! They ought to have elected a Nationalist as High Sheriff.

On Feb. 10 two football contests were brought off on the beautiful and well laid out grounds of the Blackwater Ramblers' Football Club, between the representatives of Lismore and Cappoquin parishes, the Shamrock Football Club, Fermoy, and the Avonmore Rovers, Lismore. Both matches were hotly contested, that between Cappoquin and Lismore was not played under Gaelic rules. In both matches the Lismore men won.

Members of the Waterford Young Men's Society held a smoking concert at their rooms in Parnell street. There were twenty items more interesting than usual. Among those present were Alderman L. A. Ryan president of the society, Rev. D. Whelan, professor St. John's College, Rev. Father Mooker, chaplain, De la Salle College. The Rev. Thomas F. Furlong, spiritual director of the society, presided. The concert was opened by Mr. J. Larkin, who sang the "Wearing of the Green." Messrs. Phelan, Setton and Heilly also sang. Mr. A. E. Crane gave "Gimna Jane," and "The Lifeloat." Mr. Ryan sang "God Save Ireland." This brought the entertainment to a close.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Mr. James Brady presided at the first meeting of the Nelson Centenary Club, held at 52 Falls road, Belfast, Feb. 19. When the routine business had been finished a "social" was held, in which Patrick Maher, Francis Kelly, Henry Nichol, William Branagan, P. Branagan and Thomas Canavan took part.

One of the inhabitants of Crossbeg, near Busmills, is Martha McIntyre, whose claim to be a centenarian is unquestionable. She was born in 1795, is of medium height, well preserved and possesses all her mental faculties, and she can thread needles or read the smallest print without spectacles. Mrs. McIntyre has been the mother of a numerous family. Her descendants have reached the fifth generation. Any one paying a visit to her home beside Crossbeg Hill will be rewarded by a conversation with one whose birth dates from the eighteenth century, and who from appearances may connect it with the twentieth.

The weekly meeting of the Irish Patriotic Historical Society of Belfast was held Feb. 19. Mr. McEntee presided, and in a short address, regretted the non-attendance of Mr. McKenna, the lecturer for that day, owing to illness. On the motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Close, and supported by Mr. McKloskey, a resolution of condolence to the family of the late President Faure and the French people was passed. Mr. J. Clarke delivered an address on general Irish history and the work before the society. Being the anniversary of the death of the late Joseph Giles Biggar, the speaker paid a tribute to his memory. The chairman announced that the following Sunday a paper on

"Irish Scenery and Antiquities" would be read.

ARMAGH.

Mr. Peter McKee, a well-known horse dealer of Armagh, died suddenly Feb. 20, widely and deeply regretted.

CAVAN.

Members of the Francis Gavin '98 Club, in Agabog, at the meeting held recently, passed unanimously these resolutions: "Resolved, That the Agabog (Francis Gavin) '98 Club, welcome Mr. James Brady, vice-president, as candidate for Aghabog, Lisnavane and Caddagh, and confidently recommend him to the electors of the division as a fit and proper person to represent them on the Monaghan County Council. That our best thanks are tendered to Mr. James Timony for withdrawing his claim to the representation of the division in favor of Mr. Brady."

DERRY.

The Nationalist quarters of Derry were en fête in honor of the success achieved by the Nationalist candidate, Count Moore. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed. The Nationalist member for the city, with Father Mat. Ryan, Pinnerary; Father McMenamin, Adm.; Father Philip O'Doherty, P. P.; Rev. James Hassan, Adm.; Mr. William O'Doherty, solr.; Mr. W. J. Reynolds, Duggannon, addressed an enormous crowd in the Bogside prior to leaving for Dublin.

DONEGAL.

The Blues and the Senior Red Hand football teams played a fine game on the grounds of the Clones sportsmen. When full time was called the teams had secured one goal each.

John Williams, aged 55, of Goornavern, near Milford, was found dead in his home Feb. 18.

DOWN.

Feb. 19, immediately after Mass, a meeting of the Nationalist electors of the Ballynahinch Electoral Division was held in the grounds of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. On motion of Mr. J. Rogan, Ballynahinch, seconded by Mr. E. Mooney, Ballynahinch, Mr. J. Murray was moved to the chair. The following delegates were appointed to attend a convention in reference to the desirability of contesting the Ballynahinch Council in the Nationalist interest: J. Murray, B. Mooney, T. McAherty and T. Gordon. Mr. J. Rogan was chosen to act on the Advisory Committee in Downpatrick. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we call on the Nationalist electors of the Ballynahinch County Council Division to hold themselves unpledged to candidates until after the Nationalist convention."

Mrs. Carter, Rathfriland, was fatally injured by paraffin oil recently.

Mr. Hugh McCourt, aged 60, of Banbridge, who had been missing since Jan. 17, was found dead in the water near the bridge. He resided at Tully-orient.

The Land Commissioners have fixed the rents as under in the Downpatrick Union district: Representatives of Major Ballie, landlords; Jane McConeil, tenant, area 24 a. 1 r. 36 p.; old rent, 27 pounds.

FERMANAGH.

Robert Poeter, aged 28 years, of Lisraces, died suddenly lately. An inquest was held.

MONAGHAN.

On Feb. 19 a large representative meeting of the National electors of Drumratt Electoral Division was held at Three-Mile House chapel gate to select district and county councillors. The Rev. Father Moan presided, and explained the object of the meeting. The names of the five candidates submitted for Drumratt District Council are: John McArvill, B. Clerkin, Francis Kelly, H. G. Patterson, and B. Keirans. The following candidates were nominated by a very large majority: Mr. J. McArvill and Mr. B. Clerkin. On motion of Mr. M. Keirans, seconded by Mr. M. Lamb, Mr. Thomas Toal of Smithborough was unanimously selected as their representative on the county council for the division of Killevan, Drumhilla, Drumratt and Kilmore.

Delegates to select two district councillors for Anketell Grove and a county councillor for the division made up of Anketell Grove, Emyvale, Figular, Derrygory and Shanmullagh, met Feb. 19 at Knockconnon, N. S. Father Callan presided, Messrs. Flood, N. T., and McCann acted as secretaries. Besides the delegates there were present Rev. J. McCarty, Rev. B. Maguire and the Rev. J. Soraghan. The first business was to select two district councillors for Anketell Grove. Those prepared to act as district councillors gave their names, the selections to be by ballot. Five candidates; result: Mr. Loughran, 16; Mr. James McKenna, 16; Mr. P. McKenna, J. P., 8; Mr. P. McKenna, J. P., 2; Mr. Peter Skinnader, 25. Messrs. Skinnader and McKenna were selected. For county councillor Mr. Bernard McKenna, Annaha, proposed, and Mr. James McKenna seconded, "That Mr. John Delaney, Emyvale, be selected." Mr. McAree proposed Mr. Keenan, Mile-end House, Carrigans. No one seconded this. Mr. Delaney was elected unanimously. Father Callan, in declaring the result, congratulated the delegates on