

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 conference of the clergy of the Diocese of Ballinasloe was held in the cathedral house last week, the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, presiding. Present—Very Rev. Thomas Mulkenin, Clontarf; Very Rev. Father Hughes, Prior, Bonilla; Rev. Joseph Fahy, Fohena; Rev. Patrick Walsh, Lismagh; Rev. Daniel Coghlan, Aughrim; Rev. Joseph A. Pelly, Killmore; Rev. John Gormalty, New Inn; Rev. Thomas Bowes, Laurencetown; Rev. Cornelius Mahon, Malley; Rev. Martin Leahy, Eyrecourt; Rev. Joseph Coghlan, Taughmaconnell; Rev. John Bowes, Adm., Ballinasloe; Rev. James Flynn, Ballinasloe; Rev. J. Joyce, Ballinasloe; Rev. J. Kelly, Ballinasloe; Rev. John Fallon, Adm., Ballinasloe; Rev. John Heenan, Eyrecourt; Rev. Father Harney, Killmore; Rev. Father Lee, Killmore; Rev. Father Darnody, C. C., Kiltormer; Rev. Father Fulham, Portumna; Rev. Father Pelly, Killmore.

Thomas Mellody, of Carrara, died at the house of his brother-in-law lately, from injuries sustained by an accidental fall off a load of guano. Interment was in Abbey Knockmoy.

On March 13 a large and influential meeting was held in Kilkerrin to promote the interests of the United Irish League, established there by Father Dolan, parish priest. The meeting was a great success. The parish band played both before and after the meeting many lively airs.

A splendid public meeting was held at Clonmel March 12, in furtherance of the candidature of Mr. Peter Sweeney, for the Louth division of the County Galway Council. The Rev. Father O'Connell, P. P., Duniry, occupied the chair and addressed the people. Mr. John Roche, M. P., Thomas Mulkenin, Loughrea, and the candidate, Mr. P. Sweeney, strongly urged upon the people the duty of firmly supporting the National candidate. The following resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously and enthusiastically supported: "Resolved, That we the people of Clonmel and surrounding parishes, judge ourselves to support the candidature of Mr. Peter Sweeney, and to do all in our power to return him to the seat of the poll."

Mr. O'Connell, the traveling teacher of the Irish language, recently visited Tuam, and having called on the Archbishop and the priests, received from them promises of helping the work along. A preliminary meeting was held in the Town Hall. Died—March 11, at 48 Mountjoy square, Martin Francis O'Flaherty, M. P. of Lisdonn, Tuam and Lydcan. Interment at Donaghpatrick, near Headford.

LEITRIM.

The tenants on the Stepany estate, comprising the townlands of Gortine, Dromod, signed agreement forms before Dr. Fagan, for the purchase of their holdings, and have received notice from the Land Commission that the advance of the money has been sanctioned, and will be paid in fourteen days, unless any of the tenants elect to purchase their own holdings within that time. The tenants are giving eighteen years purchase, and when all is finally arranged, they intend to have one great entertainment in honor of their redemption from landlordism.

MAYO.

On March 14 the remains of the late Miss McGuire were removed from the residence of her uncle, Father Corbett, Partry, where she died, at the age of 76 years, for interment at Shrule. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Mayo for years. Mr. Conor O'Kelly, Chairman, South Mayo Executive, has been addressing large and enthusiastic meetings in the South of Ireland in support of the United Irish League. A great meeting of United Irish Leaguers was held last week in Lackan, near Killlaha. Father Hugh Conway presiding, when land grabbing was denounced. That is how the people will have their own again.

SILGO.

Twenty-six young ladies sailed from Queenstown recently, in charge of Sister St. Joseph of the Nazareth Convent, Rochester, N. Y. They are intended for the religious life. All are from the Diocese of Rt. Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin.

A meeting of the Highwood United Irish League branch was held on Sunday. Officers and a committee were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mr. Dominick Glavin; Vice-president, Michael McDonagh; Treasurer, Martin Simon; Secretaries, Michael T. Killoran and Thomas McDonagh; P. Colon, D. Lavin, P. Lavlin, P. Reynolds, M. Queenan, P. Higgins, J. Barry, J. Flynn, James Killoran. The delegate from this branch who attended the convention at Geeshagh, gave a satisfactory account of the proceedings, and the committee deputed Mr. the restoration of Patrick Kelly once more to his old home. The secretary was directed to apply for 150 acres of membership.

The death of one of Silgo's oldest and most respected citizens, Mr. John Kelly, happened lately. He died full of years, surrounded by his children and grandchildren, being fully fortified with the grace of the Holy Church,

of which he was a consistent member. His funeral was a proof of the great respect in which he was held. It was attended by all the citizens of Silgo. Around the graves were gathered not alone his personal relatives and friends but a large number of sympathizers. On March 3 died Miss Bridget Doherty, Tullyhaugh, at the early age of 13 years. She had been in bad health for some time past.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The death of Mr. Joseph O'Brien, Tullow street, Carlow, happened on March 9. After Office and High Mass in the Cathedral, interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Funeral cortege long. Rev. Father Hickey, Professor of Irish in Maynooth College, delivered a most instructive and interesting lecture on "The Tongue of the Gael" in Carlow, on March 13. The audience included all of the influence in the town and surrounding districts.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Robert Given, Clerk in the office of the Congested Districts Board, Dublin, was killed on the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway, near Grand Canal street, March 18. He was a native of Derry and resided at 7 Clifton Terrace, Ranelagh. The National Museum of Dublin lately received a number of ancient equipments lent by the South Kensington Museum. The equipments include the State carriage built in 1780 for the Lord Chancellor of Ireland. This you naturally suppose, would be in Ireland's National Museum, but no, the "sister" island grabbed everything.

The Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language has reported that there are now one hundred and sixty-one National school teachers qualified to teach Irish, and that there are this year one thousand and twelve school children learning Irish, compared with only twelve in 1881. This is an improvement, but nothing like what it should be. The Blue Bell Wolfe Tones held an entertainment on St. Patrick's night in the woolen factory. The President, Mr. Callaghan, and his committee, Messrs. Gorman, Clonon, O'Neill, Maycock, Downey, Cogan and Murphy, deserve great credit for their services. After supper and the rendering of songs the President and members of the club came together in the centre of the ball room, the ladies being seated around, and presented M. T. Kelly with an illuminated album, address and gold medal in token of his many services to the club and members in various ways from 1886. It was a handsome gift to a true Gael. In acknowledging the gift Mr. Kelly paid a tribute to the boys of the parish, whom he had been comrades of in all the various enterprises, social and political during the past fifteen years, and concluded his remarks by stating that no matter what politician came or went, the Wolfe Tones Club remained, and that his efforts always was to teach the boys "self reliance." After the presentation Mr. MacDonnell recited the "Pot of Shamrocks." On the inside cover of the album was engraved "Presented to M. T. Kelly by the Members of the Wolfe Tones Club." There was also a suitable inscription, signed on behalf of the members by T. Callaghan, President; W. Downey, Secretary, and J. Gorman, Treasurer.

Recent Deaths in Dublin—BAXTER—March 16, John Baxter, of Baggot street, funeral train from St. Kevin's Parochial Church. BRENNAN—March 17, John Brennan, at 16 Lower George's street, Kingstown. BYRNE—At 22 Tam Cottages, Inchicore, Andrew Byrne, formerly of Bootstown avenue. CAHILL—March 16, at Knockboyne, Navan, Mrs. Teresa Cahill. CASSIDY—March 17, at Marymount Cottage, Dalkey, Michael Cassidy. BROWN—March 14, at Jobstown, Tallaght, Richard Brown, aged 75 years. COLLINS—March 13, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Kate Collins. DYER—March 14, J. F. Dwyer, late of 43 Chapel street. GUIDEN—March 12, Andrew Guiden, of 72 North Strand road, aged 45 years. HOLTON—March 13, at St. Patrick's Northside, Tullow, Brother Augustine Holtan, aged 80 years. MORRISSEY—March 14, at Blue Bell, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrissey. O'CONNELL—March 14, at 73 Great Britain street, Maria Anna Theresa O'Connell, only daughter of the late James Doherty and niece of the late Prince White, George's street, Templemore, aged 62 years. PETT—At Our Lady's Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross, George Pett, SMYTH—March 15, at Lower Rutland street, Charles Smyth, late teacher Stonepark National School, Longford. TROY—March 14, Anne Troy, of Main Street, Arklow. DONNELLY—March 17, at Longwood, James Donnelly, aged 75. FINNERTY—March 16, at Our Lady's Hospital, Haroldscross, Annie Finnerty of 125 James street, aged 23. FLANAGAN—March 15, at 38 Dolphin's Barn lane, Patrick Flanagan, for 25 years an esteemed employe of Guinness's Brewery. REDMOND—March 16, at 3 Sandwith place, Patrick Redmond (late of Glenormack, Bray). SHEEHAN—March 17, at 4 Cook street, Peter Paul Sheehan, aged 82 years. SHERIDAN—March 17, at 20 Lower Gloucester street, Mrs. Mary Sheridan.

KILKENNY.

The County Kilkenny Grand Jury at last sitting awarded £500 to Constable Brady of the police force in Castlecomer, as compensation for injuries sustained while trying to arrest a person, who stabbed him in the thigh. Members of Callan Board of Guardians have given the following possession of cottages erected by the Board for Laborers: Francis Maher, No. 33, townland of Corbally, E. D. Callan; John Rowe, Castleveve, Earlistown; Patrick Keogh, Abenure; Thomas Bourke, Riverfield, Callan; and Daniel Connors, Alluvie, Callan.

KINGS.

Mrs. Clery, wife of manager of the National Bank in Parsonstown, died March 21. Died—March 6, at 3 Fleet street, Dublin, Mrs. Mary O'Connell, daughter of P. Carberry, Riverlyons, Philipstown. March 11, at Ballagh, Birr, Thomas Sullivan.

LONGFORD.

Mr. Charles Smyth, late National schoolmaster in Stonepark, died March 15 at his residence, Lower Rutland street, Dublin. Mr. Patrick Kenny, Solicitor, of Tullamore, died in Dublin, March 8. On March 15 the body of Peter Farrell of Carristrawley, between Killashee and Laneshoro, was found drowned in the Royal Canal, at Lynane.

LOUTH.

Rev. D. Gonnellan, administrator of the Catholic Church in Dundalk, was lately summoned by the police authorities for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk at Point Road, Dundalk. Sergeant Cadden, Quay Street Police Barrack, prosecuted. The sergeant admitted that the road where Father Donnellan ran on the sidewalk was in a disgraceful condition. The defense was that the priest was hurrying to a sick call, Mrs. Hearty, Point Road, was dying—in fact, died next day—and to save time the priest rode on the flat sidewalk and not on the uneven road. Case was dismissed. Under the conditions the priest was justified in doing so, and the policeman was not going beyond his duty in bringing up the case. A meeting of the supporters of Mr. John Hoey was held at Castlebellingham. Mr. Hoey said "I am glad to tell you that I have been well received by the voters in the outgoing district, and I am confident of having a large majority. The Castlebellingham district is almost unanimous in my favor, seven-eighths of the voters of Annagassan and Drumcar are for me. I will have a majority in Keenan's Cross and Salterstown and numbers will vote for me in Dunany and the surrounding districts."

MEATH.

Mr. James S. Killeen, John street, Kells, died March 18, deeply regretted. The funeral to the cemetery in Farna, Castlepollard, Westmeath, was numerously attended. Dr. Ryan has been elected dispensary medical officer for the Navan union.

WESTMEATH.

Mr. John N. Nugent, Ballinlough Castle, Clonmelon, was presented a few days ago with an address and handsome gold watch and chain in connection with his approaching marriage with Miss Ridley. Among the recent deaths in Mullingar were those of Mr. John Flood, Earl street, and Mrs. Barry, same street. Both were deeply regretted.

WEXFORD.

The death occurred recently at Poulpeasty of Mrs. Mary Henrick, aged 55 years. The Lord Bishop of Ferns recently made the following changes in the diocese: Rev. Aiden O'Brien, C. C., changed from Horsewood to Poulpeasty, vice Rev. Father Murphy, who has been promoted to the curacy of Taghmon, which was vacated by the promotion of Rev. Father Walsh to the pastorate of Ouleague. Rev. John Murphy, C. C., Poulpeasty, to Trinity.

WICKLOW.

On March 19, at his home, Knockafrumpa, died, Mr. Patrick Maher, aged 84 years, after a long illness, deeply regretted. Interment was in the cemetery of the Seven Churches. He was father of Maher Brothers, Camden street, Dublin. Gregory Cummin, aged 78 years, died March 17, at his residence, Ballycullen, Ashford, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to Killoomon was numerously attended.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A meeting of the Gaelic League branch in Broadford was held last week. Among those present were Denis Carroll, Thomas Gunning, Jas. Donnellan, Michael Moloney, John Broughton, Thomas Donnellan, Sr., Thomas Donnellan, Jr., Edward Barron, Michael Burke, Michael Haynes, John Mareh, and many others. Mr. Thomas Kelly was unanimously elected secretary in place of Mr. Thomas Donnellan, who resigned.

CORK.

The national festival was celebrated in Cork City by a procession in state of the Mayor and members of the Corporation to the Cathedral. After the High Mass, His Worship and colleagues were received by the Bishop, who delivered an important address in reply to the Mayor's congratulations. The Mayor subsequently entertained the members of the Council at the municipal buildings. The dead body of Mr. John Linehan, brother of Mr. William Linehan, stationer, Banteer, was found in the River Blackwater, March 11. The place where the body was found is named Long Hole. Deceased was well liked in Banteer and Kanturk. From the official returns published, it is known that out of the thirty-two districts into which the county is divided for County Council purposes, but seven are uncontested. These include divisions as near Cork as Ballincollig and the South Liberties, and as far off as Castletown Bere. For the first named of these Mr. Jeremiah J. Howard, vice-chairman of the Cork board of guardians, has been elected unopposed, while the representation of Bere has been conferred on Mr. James Francis Murphy, hotel proprietor and merchant, Bere. The other five divisions are Ballybooly, Mr. John Noonan, farmer, Boherboy, Mr. Patrick Moynihan, Church street, Kanturk, a gentleman, Kinsale, Mr. Jas. O'Neill, merchant, Newmarket, Mr. Michael Barry, merchant and farmer, and Watergrasshill, Mr. Thomas Linehan, Justice of the peace and farmer. Recent Deaths in Cork—SCRIVEN—On March 16, Denis Scriven, Charleville place, St. Lukes, aged 28. BUCKLEY—On March 16, at Ballinvoiskig, Mallow, Denis Buckley. O'KEEFE—March 17, at Kiltubarry, Cornelius O'Keefe. LONG—On March 17, at Peake, Hannah Maria Long. CONDON—On March 11, Mary Condon, Shandon street. O'HERLIHY—On March 12, Michael O'Herlihy, of Callis, Inniscarra. RYDER—On March 11, at No. 1 Patrick's Hill, Cork, Henry Lawrence Ryder, aged 87. MURPHY—On March 11, at 5 St. Joseph's Terrace, St. Luke's, Mary Murphy, aged 66. COGAN—On March 11, Crosshaven, Ellen Cogan. O'KEEFE—On March 11, at Church road, Blackrock, Bridget O'Keefe. DONOVAN—On March 13, Catherine Donovan 78 Douglas street. O'CALLAGHAN—On March 14, Hannah O'Callaghan Corran. BARRY—On March 13, at Skahanna, Watergrasshill, Mary Bridget Barry, aged 17 years. WARD—On March 11, at Blenheim House, Richmond, Emma Brownrigg Ward. LYNCH—On March 12, at Clounkeen Glenash, Denis Lynch. BURKE—March 15, at Convent of Mercy, Clonakilly, St. Mary Colmaun Burke. LEE—Ellen Lee. HEALY—On Jan 25, in Martinez, Daniel Healy, North Infirmery, Cork, and brother of Patrick and Abbie Healy, and cousin of Mary Desserich, of Port Costa, and Con Kelleher, of Crocket, a native of the city of Cork, Ireland. HYDE—On March 25, at 3 Thornhill Terrace, St. Luke's, William Francis Hyde, of Queenstown. RYAN—On March 14, at Glen South, Banteer, Michael Ryan, aged 70 years. PERRY—On March 14, at Clyda, Mallow, Robert Deane Perry. KEATING—On March 15, at Lower Janemount, Sunday's Well, James Francis Keating. COONEY—On March 15, Hannah Cooney. KERRY. The funeral of the Mr. Daniel O'Brien, Corkery, took place in Kenmare on March 10, and was numerously attended. Deceased was a native of Bantry, but had been in Kenmare during fifty years. LIMERICK. The tenants on the County Limerick estates at Cahirlisnab of the late Mr. Daniel Fitzgerald Gabbett have purchased their holdings under the Land Purchase act on a valuation made by Mr. E. Langley Hunt, court valuer, at twenty years' purchase in some instances the new rents will be less than half of what the tenants are paying, while in others the reductions are 40 per cent. under the old rents. Mr. John Duggan, of Thomondgate, Limerick, died rather suddenly March 14. The deceased was an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The corporation night watchmen of Limerick were paid the wages due to them from Jan. 23 last. The Mayor attended and addressed the men on the successful result of their agitation, advising them to justify the good opinions of those who had helped them in the struggle. TIPPERARY. The unveiling and solemn blessing of the Father Crowe memorial took place in St. Patrick's College, March 16. The memorial consists of a carved white marble statue of Our Blessed Lady, after Lourdes, over which is placed a canopy, supported by Doric columns. The death of Mr. James Ryan, a farmer in Gurtinella, happened last week. When coming home from Boreisleigh a young mule which he was driving took fright and the car capsize. The following morning his friends found him dead under the cart. Deceased was about 45 years old and was a strong and athletic man. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. WATERFORD. The house in the occupation of Mr. R. H. Kelly, Georgetown, near Kell,

was fired into recently. Some of those in the house had narrow escapes. A successful concert under the auspices of the Waterford Instrumental society, was held in the Theatre Royal, St. Patrick's night. C. Dowling, J. A. Higgins, W. J. Manning, J. Walsh, and M. F. Fitzgerald, Mrs. P. F. Reddy accompanied, and Mr. Malcolm conducted the instrumental class.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The six miles cross-country championship of Ulster was run off March 12 at Knockbreda, Belfast, before a few hundred spectators. Kilpatrick led till the last, followed close by Miller and Macauley. As the last lap was commenced these three had overlapped their men. There was some confusion at the finish as Macauley and Miller came away clear from Kilpatrick and passed through the crowd up straight for home, which was a diversion from the ordinary course. Miller sprinted gamely and finished in the very good time of thirty minutes and forty seconds. Kilpatrick went round again and claimed the race, but it was awarded to Miller. At the inquest March 7 on the remains of Richard Cameron Cooke, Belfast, a Provincial bank teller, whose body was found under a thicket of brambles in the outskirts of Belfast, the jury returned an open verdict. Medical evidence showed that there was an incised wound, three inches wide, on the left side of the abdomen, and an indication by bloodstains on deceased's clothing of a similar wound immediately under the left breast, while three inches of the second left rib were missing. The services at the now notorious St. Clement's Protestant church in Feersbridge road, Belfast, were conducted on Sunday, March 12, by Rev. Mr. Beaver, son of the Archbishop of Connor, popular with Orangemen, though young. Mr. Beaver's tendencies are regarded as "high." The services passed off quietly, the Rev. Mr. Peoples not putting in an appearance. In the afternoon, at 3.30, as soon as the church doors were opened, a rush was made, and the edifice was quickly filled, many members of the congregation being unable to gain admittance, long before the hour announced for the commencement of the service. Large numbers of police, drafted from all parts of the city, patrolled the streets near the church, and kept the crowds moving. At the afternoon service the Rev. Canon Stewart preached, Rev. Mr. Peoples giving out the hymn. On the appearance of the latter he was hooted and jeered, cat-calls and stamping of the feet being largely indulged in, and the service was abruptly brought to a close in great disorder. The City Commissioner was in attendance in charge of the police, but they were not called upon to clear the church. At 12 o'clock on Sunday, March 12, in St. Peter's church Belfast at which Very Rev. Father Hunt, O. S. A., preached, Most Rev. Dr. Henry Bishop of Down and Connor, administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to 500 school children and a number of working boys and girls and adults of St. Peter's and St. Paul's districts. After confirmation his lordship also administered the total abstinence pledge. He was assisted by Rev. Father Hill, E. I., Rev. Father H. Boyle, Adm., St. Paul's, and the priests of St. Peter's.

ARMAGH.

At a recent meeting of the Armagh Board of Guardians, Major Stronge presiding, a discussion took place regarding the recent circular letter of the Local Government Board, prescribing the qualifications necessary in future for trained nurses in Irish workhouses. Mr. James McMahon stated that the order of the Dublin Board was of such a nature that it would be almost impossible to procure nurses in his opinion any nurse should, on passing a proper examination, be qualified for appointment. He would ask the guardians to pass a resolution calling on the Local Government Board to reconsider their circular letter and not impose such stringent regulations. After some discussion a resolution embodying Mr. McMahon's remarks was unanimously adopted.

CAVAN.

Mr. William Daly, auctioneer, Carrickmacross, has failed a second time to dispose of the farm of Philip King at Nolagh. Since the execution of King many of the country people do not wish to pass the house when night comes on. Mr. Thomas McGovern, J. P., has been chosen as Nationalist candidate for the County Council district of Swallenbar. Rev. Ceslaus (Andrew) Goldrick, son of the late Thomas Goldrick, Esq., Royal Hotel, Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan, received the order of sub-deaconship recently at St. Clement's, Rome.

DERRY.

On March 12, one of the largest and most successful meetings ever held in Keenaght was held in support of the candidature of Mr. J. E. O'Neill, Maghera, for the County Council district of the Tobermore division, and that of Messrs. P. Gormley and James Breen for the District Council district of the Inniscarn electoral division. The meeting was held in the school room, which was crowded, many being unable to gain admittance. When Father Kearney, accompanied by the candidates, entered the school room he was received with loud applause. On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Devlin, the chair was taken by the Rev. J. Kearney. The influence and votes of all present were promised the candidates.

DONEGAL.

The result of the football match between Coolmore and Donegal Celtics, which was played on the grounds of the former recently, resulted in a victory for Donegal by 3 goals to 2. Both teams played a remarkably fine game and in every way gave satisfaction. Donegal Celtics have traveled an enormous lot for this season, not having a game on their own grounds. The committee of Emdoran branch of the United Irish League met recently, Very Rev. Canon McKenna in the chair. The gentlemen of the Rock branch who represent Rathglass, Higginstown, Rathmore, Finner and Tonny were present. Patrick Daly and John Doherty, who are the unanimously chosen candidates for the district council, were assured by the committee of the solid support of the whole Nationalist vote. Dr. J. D. Condon, J. P., having been selected at the convention as the Nationalist candidate for the County Council, was promised loyal support.

Died—March 8, at Market street, Magherafelt, James Harbison. The interment was in Milltown cemetery. Funeral cortege long and representative.

Saturday, March 11, Mr. Abraham J. H. Moody, the oldest merchant in Coleraine, died at Church street. The deceased was in his 90th year. He was born at Magilligan. For over sixty-five years he carried on the grocery, seed and provision business in the town. For over half a century he was secretary of the Coleraine Farming society.

DOWN.

Tenders have been invited for the erection of a new church in Killoco. The word "Killoco" is an Irish word, which signifies "the church of mourning." Tradition says it obtained this appellation from the legend about the people of Armagh resting for the night and weeping or mourning over the remains of St. Patrick when on their way home from Downpatrick to Armagh. The ruins of the ancient church of Killoco in pre-Reformation times are visible in the townland of Ballymoney. It was built with the altar end pointing due east. The church as stated by Father O'Laverty, in his history of Down and Connor, was one of several which were subject in some way to the jurisdiction of the rector of St. Coleman's of Mooreau. At what time it was reduced to its present ruinous state neither history nor tradition tells. Likely it shared the fate of the other Catholic churches in Ulster when O'Neill and the Northern chieftains fled to Southern Europe. From the destruction of the ancient church of Killoco until the beginning of this century, 200 years, the people had no house in which they could worship, unless under the blue sky of heaven. The present or modern church was erected in the year 1802, by the Rev. Hugh Smith. This clergyman, being in Paris in the days of the French revolution, pursuing his ecclesiastical studies, in order to save his life, registered himself for some time as a medical student. The knowledge of medicine which he then acquired he utilized in after years on the mission, particularly among the poor. He thus became the physician of the body, as well as of the soul. Returning to the diocese in 1794, he served as curate in Killoco for four years, and on the death of the Rev. John Fitzsimons succeeded in the eventful year of 1798 to the charge of the parish. He began to look around him, and, after much anxiety and labor, erected the modern church. It was dedicated by the Most Rev. Patrick McMillan, D. D., under the invocation of St. Malachy. The church was a substantial building, and well suited to the circumstances of the period. Time, however, has told its tale upon it. The Bishop of the diocese, the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, with pastor and people, are agreed that there is urgent need of a new church. This want is about to be supplied by the erection of what promises to be one of the finest parish churches.

FERMANAGH.

On February 6, the death of Mr. Martin, draper, Lisnaskea, occurred at a very early age. The deceased was married fourteen months ago, and leaves a young widow and a baby. On Tuesday the shops of Lisnaskea were shuttered, as well as several of those of Maghera, in which town the father of the deceased's widow, Mr. Bogue, resides and is respected. Miss Crawford, assistant in the post-office of Aughnacloy, has been appointed postmistress in Florencecourt.

MONAGHAN.

The death of Mrs. Maguire occurred on March 10, at her residence, Drenbure, Shots house. She had been in ill health for a considerable time previous to her demise, but none expected the end was so near. Her last moments were passed in prayer, and on her deathbed she was surrounded by her children. She passed peacefully away, fortified by the rites of the Catholic church. She had reached the patriarchal age of 82 years. The funeral took place on Saturday, and was one of the largest ever seen in the district.

TYRONE.

On March 2 Rate Collector Cuthbertson and assistant, named McKewen, when detaining for seed rate in Clogher, were set upon by a man and his sister and a few friends. They were knocked down, beaten on the heads with a skull cracker and hammer. Rate Collector Cuthbertson wrenched the weapon from McKenna, but not before a great deal of harm was done. His assistant, McKewen, was taken to Dr. Stewart Clogher.

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