

# 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.

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

The first meeting of the Gaelic Literary and Debating Society was held in their rooms, Davis street, Belfast, April 16. Mr. J. Henry, in a very able speech, delivered in Irish, explained the object for which the society was formed, namely, the preservation of our native language, customs and pastimes.

The remains of the late Mr. Andrew Dougal were removed on April 16 from 20 May street, Belfast, for interment in Milltown Cemetery, and were accompanied to their last resting place by an immense cortege, representative of all denominations.

### ARMAGH.

On April 17 a retreat for the members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary in connection with the convent of the Sacred Heart, Armagh, was brought to a close in presence of a large and devout congregation. The retreat, which was conducted by Very Rev. Father O'Keefe, S. J., Limerick, was well attended during the period.

Coroner Atkinson held an inquest April 22 at Corculentranore, near Portadown, on the body of Samuel McKee, 22 years of age, who succumbed to injuries sustained by falling off a tree, from which he was cutting branches.

On April 23, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, a Solemn Office was chanted and a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated for the repose of the souls of the deceased prelates and priests of the Archdiocese.

### CAVAN.

Members of the District Councils in Ballinborough have elected Mr. P. O'Reilly as chairman. He is also chairman of the Board of Guardians; vice-chairman, Messrs. M. T. Farrell and P. Clarke. The Home rule demand was affirmed.

Ballinborough District Councilors and localities they represent are: Bailinborough Division, Messrs. Carroll (N.), Farrelly (N.), Gilmore (U); Carhagary Division, Messrs. Clarke (N.), Carroll (N.); Crossbane Division, Messrs. Lynch (N.), Carolan (N.); Enniskillen Division, Messrs. Mealey (N.), Farrelly (N.); Kingscourt Division, Messrs. Gogarty (N.), Kearnan (N.).

### DERRY.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of the diocese, presided over a great citizens' meeting in St. Colomb's hall, Derry, April 4, to promote the project of completing the tower and spire of St. Eugene's, and placing therein a shrine of bells.

April 17 Dr. W. H. Caldwell, coroner, held an inquest in Craigs, Aghadowey, upon the body of Samuel Leslie, Jr., who died suddenly on April 15.

### DONEGAL.

A full meeting of the newly-elected District Council of Stranorlar was held April 15. Mr. Callaghan was elected chairman of the Guardians. Mr. Thomas McIntyre, National School Teacher, has retired from Ballyshannon National School on pension after 30 years' service. Mr. McIntyre is succeeded by Mr. James Doherty. Many of his students have made their mark in the professions and the priesthood.

For the Donegal District Council Mr. Jerome Boyce was unanimously elected chairman, and resolutions in favor of Home Rule, compulsory sale of land, a Catholic University for Ireland and the discontinuance of Ireland's overtaxation were passed by a large majority. A branch of the Gaelic League has been established in Lower Rosses. A football match between the Donegal Celtic and Strabane Rangers was played at Celtic Park, Donegal, lately. A great number of spectators turned out to see the match.

### DOWN.

Lady Rosa Mulholland Gilbert, who was elected unopposed for the Blackrock District Council, is a distinguished acquisition to the ranks of lady guardians. She is daughter of late Dr. Mulholland of Belfast and a sister to Lady Russell of Killowen.

She has considerable reputation as an authoress, her first effort being made under Dickens in "All the Year Round." She has published, in addition to two volumes of verse, many stories and articles in magazines. In 1881 she married the late Sir John Gilbert, historian of the city of Dublin. Lady Gilbert will bring to her position great experience and knowledge of human nature.

The annual conference of the clergy of the diocese of Down was held in the Cathedral, Newry, on April 12. Most Rev. Dr. McGivern, Bishop of Down, presided.

### FERMANAGH.

In the Fermanagh portion of Enniskillen Union, where the Unionists are in control, they co-opted six Nationalist members to the district in connection with the union. James Dundas, Jr. (N.), J. Jordan (N.), H. R. Lindsay (N.), Thomas Plunkett (N.), Wm. Wm. (N.), P. O'Connell (N.). Three are Nationalist and three are Unionist.

In the Enniskillen elections lately the following were elected as Poor Law guardians for the districts in connection with the union: James Dundas, Jr. (N.), J. Jordan (N.), H. R. Lindsay (N.), Thomas Plunkett (N.), Wm. Wm. (N.), P. O'Connell (N.). Three are Nationalist and three are Unionist.

April 20 the case of Edward Charles Thompson v. Charles F. Falls came on for hearing before the Lord Chief Baron and a special jury in Four Courts, Dublin. The plaintiff is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Surgeon of the Tyrone County Infirmary. The defendant is a solicitor practising in Enniskillen. The action was brought to recover damages laid at £2,000 for libel published in connection with the late Parliamentary election for North Fermanagh, the plaintiff being one of the candidates.

According to his case, he was examined in the month of July, 1896, as a medical witness in the case of the Queen v. James and Thomas Maguire, charged with killing William Fuston. The jury disagreed as to the guilt of the prisoners, and they were again put on trial at the Ulster Winter Assizes in Belfast, where the plaintiff was again examined as a witness for the prisoners, who were acquitted. The jury rendered a verdict for Dr. Thompson, which carried all costs and £50 as damages.

### MONAGHAN.

The first meeting of Clones Rural District Council No. 1 was held April 15 in boardroom Clones Workhouse. Died—April 15, at Altawalk, Brookborough, Thomas Mohan, father of the Rev. J. J. Mohan, Threemilehouse, Monaghan. Office and High Mass at St. Mary's, Brookborough. The funeral was numerously attended. The death of Mr. Mohan was widely and deeply regretted.

### TYRONE.

Died—April 20, at Stewartstown Robert Woods, aged 65 years. Viscount Charlemont, Vice-Lieutenant of County Tyrone, has appointed Major Arthur Richard Cole-Hamilton, of Beltrist, to be Deputy Lieutenant of the county.

The libel action by Dr. E. C. Thompson of Omagh, against Mr. Charles F. Falls, solicitor, Enniskillen, arising out of speeches made during the recent North Fermanagh elections, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for £30 damages.

The first meeting of Cookstown Rural District Council was held on April 15, in the boardroom of the workhouse. Mr. J. B. Gunning Moore presided.

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

Died April 16, at Dromelley, John Martyn, brother of Rev. Thomas Martyn, C. C., Cloughford. Mr. Michael Mascall has been elected Chairman of the Kilrush District Councilors.

Mr. P. F. Neelan was elected the Chairman of Gort District Council at meeting of that body on April 15. A mast of a vessel, seventy-five feet in length, was driven into Kilkree Bay on April 15. It is supposed to be that of a vessel wrecked about the Clare coast.

On Saturday, April 15, it is alleged, the house of John Linnae, a bogranger and farmer, Ballycotton north, near Lisacannon, was fired into, and the kitchen windows broken. Two bullets were found in the kitchen, and a threatening notice was posted near the dwelling.

Mr. William O'Brien addressed a large meeting in Scariff, Sunday, April 16, held under the auspices of the United Irish League. He discussed the County Council elections. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. John McInerney, Chairman of the Limerick Unity Committee.

### CORK.

Lord Ardilaun and others—called the trustees of the Bantry estate—at recent Quarter Sessions in Skibbereen obtained ejectment decrees against several tenants.

On April 4, at the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Skibbereen, County Cork, Cecilia M. Healy (in religion Sister M. Stanislaus), eldest daughter of Mr. John Healy, late of Ballonvalley, and niece to the Rev. James Lalor, Allen, had the happiness to receive her final vows.

The death of Mr. C. J. Collins, Bandon, which occurred April 19, has created a widespread feeling of regret. It came somewhat unexpectedly. The late Mr. Collins had been years prominently connected with local labor associations, and also the National Federation during its existence.

The esteem in which the late Miss O'Connor, Bantry, was held was amply testified by the numbers who attended the funeral on April 16. She was a daughter of late Mr. B. O'Connor, Bantry, and sister of Mr. B. O'Connor, chairman of the late Town Commissioners, and now D. C. and T. C. The interment took place in the Abbey.

The funeral of Capt. John Cardev took place lately and testified the respect in which he was held. He had been fortynine y-three years superintendent and manager of the important Barytes mines at Duneen, near Clonakilty.

Sunday, April 23, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, laid the foundation stone of a new church at Ballycotton.

### KERRY.

Died—April 20, 1899, at Ballybunion, Thomas Daniel O'Connor, aged 6 years, son of Thaddeus T. O'Connor, Killarney. April 12, at Biennerville, Mr. William Denny, aged 52 years. The fishing industry along the west coast of Kerry is being industriously prosecuted, and very satisfactory results are being secured by the men engaged in reaping the "harvest of the sea."

Lady Castlerosse met with a very severe accident while staying at the Viceroy Lodge, Dublin, lately, having been thrown on her head from a car, owing to the horse coming down with a crash. She fell on her head on to a

cobblestone, barely escaping breaking her neck. She sustained bad bruises and cuts, her arms and shoulders being wrenched. She is a member of the District Council.

Intelligence reached Tarlee recently of a singular alleged moonlighting at Gurrane, between Tarlee and Castlemaine on April 23. Two revolver bullets were fired into the bedroom of a farmer named Patrick Brick. One of the bullets lodged in the wall over the bed, and was found by the police. The other was not found. Residents say the affair was not of a serious character, and was a joke; but, of course, it will be put down as a crime in the police reports.

### LIMERICK.

The Redemptorist Fathers of Limerick commenced a retreat in Fadamore on April 30, and during the holy season great numbers attended the religious exercises, went to Confession and received Holy Communion.

Great numbers of country people principally from Clare and the Western districts, are leaving Limerick City for the United States. The emigrants are of both sexes, young and intelligent, and the leaving-taking, painful as it is, shows unmistakably that the resolve of trying fortune in the States is one not lightly made by those forced to quit kilt and kilt year after year.

The death of Mr. James O'Mara, J. P. Limerick City, who for many years took a prominent part in the public life of the city, happened recently. Mr. O'Mara had been ailing for months and his advanced age—eighty-two years—gave little hope of recovery. Mr. O'Mara gave his services to the local board and filled the office of High Sheriff some years ago. He was always a Nationalist.

The funeral of Mr. Michael Hogan, the late "Bard of Thomond," took place April 21, and was largely attended. The Mayor, the City High Sheriff and the majority of the Corporation joining in the procession from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. Several of the principal establishments along the route to the cemetery were closed. The officers of the Corporation and the members of the Fire Brigade also attended. Rev. F. O'Donnell, Adm. St. Michael's, and Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, C. C., officiated.

### TIPPERARY.

Rev. Tobias Bourke, recently appointed Parish Priest of Kilgobinet, has been transferred to Aghish, and Rev. Pierce Walsh, C. C. Newcastle, has been appointed P. P. of Kilgobinet.

On April 17 a great audience composed of the friends and well wishers of Rockwell College assembled in the spacious study hall of the College to witness the production of Shakespeare's "Richard II." The youthful artists and their indefatigable teacher the Rev. Father Evans, deserve the greatest credit. Every act and every scene of the great piece was excellently rendered.

On April 16 a meeting was held in the schoolroom of the Presentation Convent, Thules, to consider plans and specifications for the erection of a sodality hall for the Confraternity of the Holy Family in Thules. The Archbishop of Cashel contributed £500. At that time a public meeting was held, and further subscriptions were handed in amounting in all to £240.

We regret to record the demise at St. Joseph's Hospital of Mr. Michael Dillon, of Clonmel. On April 16 his remains were removed for interment to St. Patrick's cemetery.

### WATERFORD.

The remains of Mr. Cornelius Hackett, of Waterford, who died in Bourne-mouth, Edgland, on April 15, were conveyed from Bristol to Waterford for interment. On the arrival of the steamer at Waterford, great numbers assembled to attend the funeral.

The County Waterford did well in the recent County Council elections, with one exception the entire delegation is Nationalist, and the business of the people will be transacted by their true representative from now on.

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

Obed April 21, at Grange, Tullow, Michael Roche, aged 78 years. April 20, at Railway Hotel, Bagenalstown, Edward Fenelon.

### DUBLIN.

A sad event occurred April 18 at Fairview. Brother Philip, Superior of St. Joseph's Blind Asylum, Drumcondra, was walking with his brother, a member of the same community, when he was seized with sudden illness. His brother took him into the Fairview post office, where he expired in a few minutes. Dr. Joseph McGrath was summoned, and on examining brother Philip, pronounced him dead. The Rev. Father O'Brien was also in attendance. The remains were subsequently conveyed to St. Joseph's Asylum.

April 20 Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, blessed the foundation stone of the new wing of the Orphanage conducted by the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, North William street, Dublin.

The death of Sister Mary Laurence Barrett, which occurred on April 12, at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity, St. Joseph's, Mountjoy street, Dublin, in the eighty-first year of her age and the sixtieth year of her religious life, is deeply deplored. In Dublin her name was a familiar one owing to her almost life long connection with the National schools of King's Inn street.

The weekly meeting of the Sodality of the Sacred Thirst was held April 17 in Father Mathew Hall, Church street, Dublin. Very Rev. Father Nicholas presided.

### KILDARE.

On April 16 when eight soldiers of the Royal Fusiliers were returning from Suncroft, they were met by a number of civilians near Carna. A row took place, with the result that the soldiers were all locked.

Mr. John Sauls, assistant teacher Lellig National School, died in Mater Misericordiae Hospital, April 20. Death resulted from an accident. Interment was in Lara-Bryan Cemetery, from his residence in Maynooth.

At the meeting of the District Council of Athy Union, April 19, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. E. Hayden, County Councillor, seconded by Mr. S. Heydon, County Councillor: "That we avail of the occasion of this, our first business meeting, to place on record our conviction that the granting of a full and free measure of Home Rule is essential to the welfare and prosperity of our native land, and that nominal concessions will not satisfy the aspirations of the Irish people." Resolutions in favor of a Catholic University, redress for Ireland's over-taxation, and compulsory purchase, and the reinstatement of the evicted tenants, were also adopted.

### KILKENNY.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde, and Ladies Beatrice and Constance Butler, Lord and Lady Roberts, Sir Francis de Winton, Lady Eva Buggdale, Lord Ava, Mr. Mrs and Miss Signe and the Queeny in Waiting, visited Lady Louisa Tighe. The royal party had been the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde, and on their arrival in Instalodge they drove to beautiful Woodstock, where they were the guests of Lady Louisa Tighe.

The Rural District Council for the locality in Kilkenny immediately near the City of Waterford consists of the following: James Farrell, Narrabawn, South; Patrick Irish, Aghish, South; Ballinacree—Edmund Curran, Ballinacree; George Rigby, Jr., Ballinacree; David Kennally, Smartcastle; Killcullihen—Michael Maher, Ballyrobin; John Fleming, Ferrybane; Rathpatrick—Michael Rockett, Kilmurray; Andrew Irish, Rathpatrick; Rossinan—John Kinella, Ballykeoghans, James Costelloe, Bawnalogue.

### KINGS.

Patrick Moran, painter, of Newbridge street, Birr, left town April 14 to see his sick daughter in Maryborough on alighting from the train on the platform at Maryborough he fell under the footboards. The train passed over his body, causing instantaneous death. He deceased was 78 years of age.

### LONGFORD.

Mr. Robert V. Maxwell, County Longford, died in Dublin, April 17, aged 42 years. His remains were conveyed to Longford for interment in the family burial place.

April 4 being the 125th anniversary of the death of Oliver Goldsmith, that morning his tomb, close to the Temple Church, was decorated with a small bouquet of white blooms and laurel leaves. Attached to it was a card with the following inscription: "To the immortal memory of one of Ireland's most gifted sons, Oliver Goldsmith, who wrote like an angel." From an old admirer of "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Vicar of Wakefield," Temple, April 4, 1899." Goldsmith was born November 10, 1728, dying in his 46th year. During the morning and the early afternoon the tomb was visited by a large number of admirers, among them being a number of Americans.

### LOUTH.

RECENT DEATHS IN LOUTH. April 9, at King street, Drogheda, Mr. Peter Carr, April 19, at Sheephouse Quarry, Drogheda, Mrs. Jane Campbell, April 14, at 44 Mary street, Drogheda, Charles O'Callaghan, late E. A., H. M. Customs, Liverpool, aged 59 years. April 9, at Phoenixtown, Elizabeth Sheridan, April 9, at 30 Peter street, Drogheda, Michael Swift, aged 83 years. April 7, at Skerrymount, Beauparc, Catherine White.

April 22, at eleven o'clock, there was Solemn Office and Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk, for the deceased archbishops and clergy of the archdiocese. Cardinal Logue presided.

### MEATH.

Died April 10 at Lowtown, Summerhill, Patrick Flynn, April 4, at Alexander-aid, Navan, Nicholas McNally, aged 63 years. Captain E. F. Farrell, County Councillor, presided at first meeting of Kells Local Government Board. Mr. John Clarke, Possinstown, was elected chairman of the council for one year.

Members of the Trim Rural District Council held their first meeting in the boardroom of the union on April 15. First business of the meeting was the appointment of a temporary chairman. On the motion of Mr. Quirke, seconded by Mr. Bailey, Mr. Patrick John Dunne, was moved to the chair.

### WEXFORD.

Messrs. Owen Doyle and Thomas Apple have been elected members of the Buncinstown Rural Council for Ballyhogue District.

Mr. Denis Malone, Newtown, and Mr. Nicholas Scallan, Slaney Hill, have been elected members of the Wexford Rural Council for Wexford Division.

At Chevilly, Paris, on the Feast of St. Joseph, Mr. Patrick Stafford, late Supply Stores, Wexford, received the habit of the Order of the Holy Ghost, and will henceforth be known in religion as Brother Edgard. The ceremony, at which twenty postulants were received and ten novices profes-

sed, was performed by the Very Rev. Dr. Le Roy, C. S., Sp.

Phillip Pierce and Company, of the Mill Road Iron Works, Wexford, had one of the largest, handsomest and busiest stands in the show of Royal Dublin Society this spring. Mr. Martin Pierce was in the clutches of his customers, and took pride in showing what Wexfordmen and the Mill Road Works were able to do. Mr. Davidson, cycle engineer, was at the show, and in connection with the same branch of the firm's business Mr. Hugh McGuire, of the McGuire Cycle Agency, Wexford, was also on the stand. A prettier exhibition of machines was never made.

Great regret is felt in Wexford over the death of the Rev. Thomas Busher, C. C., Ballymitty. Up to a fortnight ago he had been in his usual health, and then caught a severe cold, which developed into lung troubles. He grew gradually worse, and passed away April 20. For some time after his ordination Father Busher was stationed in Wexford. He was then transferred to Kilrane, but he was obliged to retire from the mission for several years. About eighteen months ago he was appointed to the curacy of Ballymitty. Father Busher was educated at St. Peter's College, Wexford, and was at Louvain, Belgium. He was related to the Very Rev. Dean Busher, Vicar-General of Ferns.

### WESTMATH.

A sermon was preached in Drumraney Church, April 23, by the Very Rev. Monsignor Gaffney, Clara, and Vicar-Capitular of the diocese of Meath. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Byrne, has incurred financial liabilities by having made much needed improvements in the church, house and grounds, and the proceeds of the sermon will be devoted to the liquidating of the debts.

Delvin Rural District Council at first meeting passed this resolution: "Resolved. At this our first meeting of the Delvin District Council, that although we look on this Local Government Act as a concession to the wants and feelings of the people of this country, yet we warn the Government that we only look on it as the forerunner of the higher aspirations of the Irish people. A Home Rule legislature, in which they may enact laws best suited to their country, and of which they are the most capable judges. And we pledge ourselves never to cease our demand until we have obtained that most desirable object. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour."

### QUEEN'S.

Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick died April 1 at the residence of his brother at Moonbawn, Mountrath, aged 60 years. Previous to his coming to Moonbawn, he resided at 10 Sarsfield street, Dublin.

### ROSCOMMON.

Michael Kelly, of Rathmore, three miles from Strokestown, was found dead April 21 near the house of an ex-school teacher named Duffey.

Members of the Strokestown District Council have co-opted Mrs. Bernard Farrell, Bridge street; Miss McHugh and Miss Duffy members of the new Board of Guardians.

Members of the Corrigeenore branch of the United Irish League held a meeting April 16, at which Mr. M. McDermott presided. The other members present were: J. Nangle, P. McLoughlin, T. McDermott, J. Carty, R. Killalea, M. Kearns, Peter Conlon, Highwood, J. Partlan, P. Fallon. The business before the League was to decide whether any cattle should be sent out to grazing farms. The chairman said they had taken up the matter warmly in Ballinacree, Crossna and the surrounding parishes, and it was right to show that there was a U. I. L. in Corrigeenore that was able to suppress landlordism. The secretary said that if all the people about the place were prohibited from sending cattle to such places, the Nationalists themselves might be sustaining a loss. The chairman said he was willing to undergo any loss, and that we must make sacrifices to win a great cause. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "That we condemn any persons who will send cattle to a grazing farm belonging to a landlord or to an eleven months' take." "That we also congratulate Mr. Nangle on his success in being co-opted a member of the Boyle Union, as he had been a popular secretary of our branch for eleven years, and always foremost in the fight for National cause."

### SLIGO.

A meeting of the Carracastle and Kilbeagh National Teachers' Association was held at the Court House in Charlestown April 7. The following attended: T. Hunt (chairman), John Warren (treasurer), M. Casey, W. Vesey, J. J. Casidy, W. J. Brennan, J. Cahill, Mesdames Warren and Hunt and Miss O'Kelle, Mesdames Durcan and Phillips, Doherty, Vesey and Devins. Mrs. Phillips, Miss N. Devine and Miss Mary Doherty were unable to be present. J. Gavan is secretary to the association.

A grand concert was held in Ballinacree Schoolhouse on April 14 in aid of funds for charitable purposes. There was a large attendance, and the concert was an unqualified success. Rev. Father Dempsey, C. C., and the efficient committee were congratulated on the result.

At a meeting of the Magherow branch of the United Irish League, April 9, P. Nicholson, V. P., was in the chair. There was a good attendance. After enrolling new members the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Resolved. That we congratulate the candidates who were returned as District Councilors." "Resolved. That we call upon all the members of this branch to throw aside whatever differences have arisen, and keep the banner of the United Irish League unfurled on the historic hills of Magherow."—James Cullen and Dominick Geraghty, secretaries.

### CONNAUGHT.

### GALWAY.

The annual concert of the Tuam Catholic Temperance Society was held in the Town Hall on April 10 and 11. An excellent and varied programme of songs, duets, quartets and choruses was put before an appreciative audience each evening.

Rev. M. Farragher, P. P., is striving to raise funds for the completion of the modest Church of St. Kerin, in Sheriff, South Arran Island. Everybody knows that the people of South Arran Island, in common with their brethren of the other Western Islands, are unable to bear the expenses. Left to their own resources, it would be utterly impossible for them to make provision for the celebration of the various ceremonies of their religion as every Catholic desires. Hence Father Farragher feels himself obliged to appeal to his Catholic fellow-countrymen for money to meet the liabilities incurred in connection with the erection of St. Kerin's, and the further expenditure which the completion of the church necessarily entails.

On April 9 Patrick Healy, principal teacher Lettermullen National School, was drowned in a lake at Goranna Island. He had been presiding officer at Lettermullen on April 6, and was obliged to go to Oughterard with the ballot box next day. The deceased was of a very sensitive disposition, and fatigue, want of sleep, excitement and anxiety, associated with his position as presiding officer, disturbed him very much, for on his return home on Saturday he became very restless, and frequently expressed his fears that the ballot box was not all right. He insisted on going to Oughterard again to see the Clerk of the Union, but was persuaded against it. However, on Sunday morning at about 2 o'clock he left his residence. Three hours afterwards his hat was seen floating on the lake at Goranna, and later his body was found by the Carraroe police. An inquest was held on Tuesday, when a verdict of accidental drowning was rendered.

When the melancholy news of the recent death of the Rev. Father O'Donohoe, Gort, reached Galway, profound regret was felt by every one who knew the family. It was only a few weeks since he had been appointed to Gort. Ordained thirteen years ago, Father O'Donohoe had been C. C. in Ballyvaughan, and also spent some years on the foreign mission. Returning home for the benefit of his health, he had resided in his native city up to the time of his appointment to Gort. In addition to being an excellent clergyman, Father O'Donohoe was a

talented musician, and had been leader of the musical choir of Maynooth College. The remains were removed to Galway for interment. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Nicholas. Most Rev. Dr. McCormack presided. Rev. Father Nestor, celebrant; Very Rev. Father Dooley, deacon; Rev. Father Constansub-deacon; Rev. Father Corbett, master of ceremonies. The chief mourners were: Colman O'Donohoe, James O'Donohoe, brother, and also the youngest brother of the deceased. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Galway, and the interment took place at Rahoon Cemetery.

Lieutenant-Colonel Francis O'Beirne, of Jamestown, died in London April 18, aged 66. He was the second son of Mr. Francis O'Beirne, of Jamestown. In July, 1876, he was elected member of Parliament for the County of Leitrim as a Home Ruler, winning the seat from the Conservatives. At the general election of 1889 he was re-elected. No Irish home should be without the great historical picture "Limerick Avenged." It is a worthy memento of an event the most glorious for Ireland and the most shameful for England to be found in Anglo-Irish history.

On April 21 Longford was shocked by the intelligence of the sudden death of Patrick Reynolds, of Water street. The deceased was in his usual good health up to his death. He went up to his room, lay down on his bed and expired in a few minutes. Deceased was about 26 years of age and a native of Cluane.

MARY GIBBONS, aged 65 years, of Knappaghbeg, was found dead on the roadside near Westport on April 17. Heart disease caused her death.

Mr. Michael Gavan, Pleasant Hill, near Castlebar, died recently at the extraordinary age of one hundred years.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. T. Nally of Balla, which occurred at his home on April 16, after a short illness. Mr. Nally was well known in Irish racing circles, and had acquired a widespread popularity in his native province as a genuine sportsman. During the past forty years he figured in the Irish turf records as the owner of some of the best racing blood in the west of Ireland, and his colors were borne to victory in many important races in Galway, Roscommon, Mayo, and other parts of Ireland. His colors were in evidence in the Maiden Plate at Puncastown at last meeting. Among the horses which Mr. Nally owned were Ace of Hearts, Fontenoy, Wild Daisy, Vengeance, Joy Bells, Retreat, Spring Daisy and Advance.

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At a meeting of the Magherow branch of the United Irish League, April 9, P. Nicholson, V. P., was in the chair. There was a good attendance. After enrolling new members the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Resolved. That we congratulate the candidates who were returned as District Councilors." "Resolved. That we call upon all the members of this branch to throw aside whatever differences have arisen, and keep the banner of the United Irish League unfurled on the historic hills of Magherow."—James Cullen and Dominick Geraghty, secretaries.