

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Mr. Richard T. King, Killery Cottage, Leenane, has been sworn in as Justice of the Peace for the County of Galway.

DIED—On the 10th May, Agnes Hanly, Barnaderg. The funeral was largely attended. The Rev. Father Hanly, of Panrassagh, Wales, her brother, officiated at the grave. There were also present the Rev. John Keaveney (Killieran); Rev. Father Curran, Abbeey; Rev. Father W. Waters, Abbeey.

The Midland Great Western Railway Company has issued a most attractive tourist programme for 1899 dealing with Connemara and the West of Ireland.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the City of Galway Woollen Factory was held at the factory premises, Newtonsmith, May 22.

LEITRIM.

DIED—May 18, at Hill street Drumina, Mrs. Anne Kelly. Also at Drumina, May 18, Mr. James Kelly, husband of Mrs. Anne Kelly. May 19 at Inchigella, Patrick Geelan, R. L. C., son of Michael Geelan, Mohill, aged 30 years.

Drumshambo National Teachers' Association held a meeting in the town of May 18. Mr. Nangle presided. Other present: Messrs. Lindsay, Drumshambo (honorary member), Hyland, Boyle, McNeice, Lee, Murray and Moran. Messames Nangle and Moran several resolutions of importance were adopted.

MAYO.

At the last meeting of the Ballinacorney District Council, Mr. J. Dooley, in the chair, Mr. Peter Egan proposed that the official stamp of the Ballinacorney Union have the impression upon it of the Harp and the Shamrock, instead of the Crown. This was unanimously agreed to. In future the Harp and Shamrock will appear on official documents, instead of the British Crown.

On May 20 an enormous demonstration in support of the United Irish League, was held at Knock. It was the largest ever held in the county and the largest in the same place last year, when 100,000 people were present.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. Patrick O'Byrne died in Castlebar on May 22 at a very advanced age. He was the oldest priest in the diocese of Limerick. Father Pat, as the people called him, was a man of many attainments, and was a member of the Sodagh Aroon. His literary gifts, even in his old age, and his fund of amusing anecdotes which he possessed, were well known to the clergy of the diocese, amongst whom he was a general favorite. He had been in retirement for many years, owing to advanced age.

James Kirrane of Dunmore, County Galway, met with a shocking accident at Castlerose railway station. He was on his way to England by the harvesters' special from Mayo, and on arriving in Castlerose he got out for a few minutes. Before Kirrane got in again the train began to move, and pushing for a carriage, he slipped between it and the platform. Some people on the platform shouted to the engine-driver to pull up, and this he did as quickly as possible. Before this could be done Kirrane received very bad injuries about the hip and groin. He was afterwards conveyed to the Castlerose Union Hospital, where he lies in a very precarious state, no hopes being entertained for his recovery.

A largely attended meeting was held at Duffy's Hotel for the purpose of starting athletic sports here. At the meeting Mr. John Flanagan was unanimously elected to the chair.

SLIGO.

DIED—May 10, suddenly, James Fleming Harper, of Forthill, Sligo. On May 10, Seanfeld, Baskay, Jane McManis. On May 11, at Larkhill, Balfour; William McDonagh, at Carr Abbey, on May 12, George Brett, aged 23 years.

Arrangements have been completed for the establishment of an auxiliary creamery at Geevagh, in connection with the Socy Creamery.

The Irish Glass established in connection with the Sligo branch of the Gaelic League held its first meeting in the Quay street School.

A very successful public meeting of the United Irishmen of Sligo was held in the chapel yard on May 21, after last mass, for the purpose of electing the officers and committee for the ensuing year. Mr. Patrick Clerk, president, opened the proceedings with an appropriate address.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

We regret to chronicle the death at Blackstown of Mrs. O'Reilly, wife of Mr. Garrett O'Reilly, merchant, which occurred on May 17. The funeral, to which thousands of people attended, was held at 11 Montpelier Hill, at 11 o'clock on May 19.

BOYDSTON—May 23, at 4 Vernon terrace, Clontarf, Mrs. Marian Boydston.

Sheehy, Davenport; Rev. William Shanahan, Dubuque; Rev. Michael Taylor, St. Louis; Rev. James Kennedy, Birmingham; Rev. Denis Healy, To Deacons—Rev. Barnaby Cantillon, Rev. Francis Creedon, Leeds; Rev. William Riordan, Leeds; Rev. Thomas Mullins, Gouldbourne; Rev. John O'Brien, Wichita; Rev. Denis Leen, Christchurch; Rev. Bernard McKiernan, Mattland; Rev. John Sheehy, Los Angeles; Rev. Cornelius Cremin, Rev. Nicholas Codd, Ferns. To Sub-Deacons—Mr. Edward Buckley Aukland; Mr. O'Donovan, Pitts burgh; Mr. Richard Collins, San Francisco; Mr. Martin Concannon, San Francisco; Mr. John Moran, Wilcania; Mr. Patrick Leahy, Plymouth; Mr. William Slattery, St. Louis; Mr. Timothy Moynihan, Mr. Thomas Dowling, Dubuque; Mr. James McGuinness Aukland. To minor orders—Mr. John Slattery, New Orleans; Mr. Reynolds Dubuque; Mr. Luke Murphy, Wilcania; Mr. Thomas Fennessy, Mr. Michael Farrell, Kansas; Mr. Patrick Shanahan, St. Louis; Mr. Patrick Maloney, Wichita; Mr. John Shanahan, Dubuque. To Lectorate—Mr. James O'Connor, Christchurch; Mr. John Kilian, Kildare; Mr. Patrick Flynn, Mr. Patrick Fleming, Mr. Bernard Moran, To Tonsure—Mr. Bernard Flanagan, Mr. P. O'Reilly, Mr. E. Hefferman, Mr. J. O'Brien.

DUBLIN.

A Dublin man, John Fortune, was found dead in Crotha, near Neneagh County Tipperary, on May 22. It appears he was going to visit his brother Rev. F. J. Watters, S. M. D. D., the distinguished rector of St. Patrick's College, New Zealand, arrived in Dublin May 20, after an absence of four years. Father Watters into the 80s was a member of the Marist Order, in charge of the Catholic University schools, Lesson street, Dublin, where he did excellent work.

We deeply regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Michael Kernan, T. C., which occurred May 22, at 87 Harcourt street, Dublin. He was a prominent figure in the national and commercial life of Dublin for many years. On several occasions he refused the honor of being Lord Mayor of Dublin, which on each occasion was offered to him unanimously by the Corporation members.

Mr. Frederick MacCoy, Professor of Natural Science in Melbourne University, died lately. He was son of Dr. Simon MacCoy, of Dublin, and was born in that city in 1828. Mr. F. MacCoy received the Order of the Crown of Italy from King Victor Emanuel the Emperor of Austria's great gold medal for arts and sciences, the Murchison medal of the Geological Society of London, and many similar distinctions. His wife, who was a daughter of Mr. Harrison, a Dublin solicitor died in 1886.

Everything promised that the Oratorical of the Gaelic League would be a triumphant success. The sub-committee, consisting of Miss Norma Borwick, secretary of the Oratorical; Miss M. O'Reilly and P. J. Keawell, S. J. Barrett and P. H. Pearse pushed on the arrangements with the greatest energy. It is pleasing to note that the entries showed a marked increase on preceding years.

On May 22 a grand concert was given in the Moleworth Hall, in aid of a fund to erect St. Teresa's New Temperance Hall, under the Carmelite Fathers, Clarendon street, Dublin. The sum required is £4,000. The entertainment consisted of a concert, which was enjoyed by the audience.

On May 25 the annual grand office was recited in St. Catherine's church Meath street, Dublin, by the Christian Doctrine and Immaculate Heart Confraternities, assisted by the following Confraternities: SS. Augustine and John, Thomas street; Knights of the Shrine, SS. Augustine and John; Immaculate Conception, Rathmines; St. Andrew's, Westland row; St. Nicholas, Francis street; St. Laurence O'Toole's, Seville place; St. Paul of the Cross, Mount Argus; St. Audeon's, High street; SS. Michael and John Exchange street; Sacred Heart, Gardiner street; St. Joseph's Berkeley road; St. James', James street; St. Saviour's, Dominick street; St. Patrick's, Ringsend; St. Agatha's, North William street; Our Lady of the Dolour's, Dolphin's Barn. The Very Rev. Canon McManus, P. P., presided. At the conclusion of the office an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. P. O'Riordan on "The Eternal Mission of the Holy Ghost." He congratulated the members of the Christian Doctrine Confraternity, St. Catherine's, upon the splendid success which had rewarded their efforts to celebrate their first centennial festival, and on their behalf returned sincere thanks to the different confraternities present.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

MURRAY—May 25, at 100 Townsend street, Catherine Murray (formerly 41 Sandwich street) aged 70 years, daughter of Patrick O'Brien, Cornaan, County Wicklow.

REILLY—May 26, at the Hospice, F. Holdcross, Sarah Reilly, of 18 Great Ship street.

RYAN—May 27, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldcross, John Ryan, formerly of Francis street.

KEOGH—May 21, at 41 East Essex street, Mary Anne Keogh, late of Blessington, County Wicklow.

KILLSEAN—May 20, at 84 North Brunswick street, Eugene (Owen) Killsean, late of Cardenstown, County Meath.

MURPHY—May 23, at 11 Montpelier Hill, Kate Murphy.

BOYSTON—May 23, at 4 Vernon terrace, Clontarf, Mrs. Marian Boydston.

BOY—May 23, at Dr. Stevens Hospital, Mary Tron, Manchester; aged 20 years.

O'CARROLL—May 24, at No. 1A, Mary street, Mrs. Martha O'Carroll, relict of the late Peter O'Carroll, cattle dealer.

BRIEGS—May 28, at 5 Norman Villias, Jones' road, John Joseph Briggs aged 28 years.

CURRAN—May 25, at 10 Sullivan street, Bernard Curran (member Dublin Operative Coopers).

MURPHY—May 30, at 44 St. Paul street, James Murphy, aged 82 years.

SHERIDAN—May 30, at 2 Vale terrace, Dargle road, Fray, James Sheridan, late of Glashtule, Kingstown.

ASH—May 23, at 1 Nursery terrace, Donnybrook, Edward S. Ash, surgeon dentist, aged 61 years.

KILDARE.

A meeting was held at the Cottage, Jobbrook, on May 21. Mr. Joe Fitzpatrick in the chair. Other members present: T. Delaney, J. Cass, T. Phelan, J. Byrne and James Flynn, hon. sec. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we call upon our parliamentary representatives to take immediate steps to press on the government the necessity of giving increased facilities to Urban and District Councils to acquire land to be parceled out into allotments up to four acres for the working classes and give effect to the unanimous resolution of the House of Commons passed in 1892."

KILKENNY.

The death of Mr. Andrew Tobin, Rathbeane, occurred May 26, and was deeply regretted. The funeral to Galway cemetery was numerously attended.

The annual general meeting of the Castlecomer Gaelic Athletic Association was held May 21 for the purpose of electing officers and committees for the ensuing year. Mr. John Quinn, V. P., took the chair. Messrs. Quinn and Brennan audited the accounts, and their report showed a balance to the credit of the association of £23 14s 5d. All the outgoing officers were re-elected, and a warm vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James M. Hayden, which took place at Inch cottage, Leighlinabridge, May 20 at the early age of 23 years. His funeral, by the number who followed him, remains to the burial ground at Ballyknockan, testified to the popularity of the deceased. Chief mourners: Ower Hayden (father), John Doran (uncle), Ambrose Doran, Michael Hoey, Masters James and John Doran (cousins), Thomas Doran and James Doyle. Among those present: Thomas Farrell, John Doran, J. Byrne, John Brennan, John Wynne, Edward Whelan, P. Coleman, William Connolly, James Costelloe, Dr. Fisher, Thomas Noonan, G. Donohoe, John Connolly, John Kelly, J. Meaney and others.

KINGS.

The Earl of Rosse contemplates re-afforesting on an elaborate scale. Few other counties in Ireland, it is said, are better suited for tree growth, having over 125,000 acres of waste bog and mountain land.

County Council Judge Curran, in opening the courts at Birr May 25, said to the grand jury that he had great pleasure in being able to inform them that their duties would be very light, as they had but one case to try. These are the people who were declared as unfit for self-government.

The sudden death of the Very Rev. Hugh Behan, P. P. V. F., occurred in Tullamore, in the house of one of his parishioners, discharging his priestly duties. It caused great consternation and will be received with deep regret by his friends. He had risen early spent the morning in prayer and had finished Mass when the seizure laid hold of him. The priests of the parish Sisters of Mercy, and Mr. Gaffney vicar capitular, were present. Father Behan was in the 42d year of his priesthood and the 65th year of his age, a more devoted priest was not in the sacred ministry. God gave him his dearest wish that he might die in the discharge of his parochial duties. During the long term of his priesthood he ministered as curate in Athboy, Enfield and Navan, and as parish priest of Rathkenny, Enfield, Trim and Tullamore. Wherever he labored lasting memorials bear testimony to the desire for the beauty of God's house and the salvation of souls, which alone occupied all his thoughts and inspired all his actions.

LONGFORD.

The second meeting of the County Council was held at Longford, May 29 in the Court House. There was a large attendance.

The Longford races were held May 24, and were successful, though the weather was to a certain extent unfavorable.

LOUTH.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Joseph Mooney, only son of Mr. William Mooney, Shop street, on May 22. There were few young men of his age in Drogheda that were held in higher esteem. This was evidenced by the very long funeral cortege that followed his remains to their last resting place.

After a race at Dundalk had been decided, May 23, consternation was created owing to a man suddenly falling or the stand. Dr. Liston of Balbriggan was at once called to his assistance but that gentleman pronounced life to be extinct. The name of the deceased was stated to be Connor, residing near Drogheda, and it appears that he some time ago returned from America, and from that country recently inherited a large sum of money by the death of a near relative. It was a striking coincidence that the man should have

dropped immediately after the American bred Erase Querry won.

The old story, but a pleasant one The Trinity Sessions for Drogheda were opened in the Court House, Drogheda, May 22, by Judge Kilsby. The Mayor, Mr. Luke J. Elcock, occupied a seat on the bench, as did the high sheriff, Dr. Kelly. There being no criminal business, the high sheriff presented the judge with white gloves. In honor, in thanking the high sheriff said in Drogheda probably more than any town in Ireland of the same population, the presentation of white gloves was a more frequent occurrence. Yet the enemies of the Irish people say they are not fit to govern themselves.

MEATH.

Mrs. Eliza Brady of NewDowngrilly Kells, died May 23, at the age of 88 years, deeply regretted by her numerous friends.

The gorgeous mansion of Woodford House, with its elaborate gates, nunting grounds and demesne, interspersed with ornamental and forest trees was intended to be a residence for the late Empress of Austria during the hunting season. It is all that one could desire, having squares of solid and massive buildings like Holywood Palace. It is situated in the most romantic part of Royal Meath, surrounded with castles, woods, rivers, lakes and glens; while from the windows can be seen a part of four counties and a glimpse of the Wicklow mountains. It is near the best markets, and close to the Dublin rail. There is shooting and fishing on the lakes, and a church and school on the grounds. It is adapted for training of hunters. Visitors to Ireland should not fail to visit this ideal spot.

QUEEN'S.

The Freeman's Journal of May 20 said: "The Mountmellick Guardians have given a god lead to the country in their protest against the plunder of the church fund for the benefit of the landlords. To refuse £200,000 of the fund for the settlement of the evicted tenants, and then immediately to propose the donation of £2,000,000 to the landlords, is entirely worthy of the landlord cabinet."

Bridget Lalor was killed on a crossing on the Waterford & Central Ireland railway at Clonadadoran, near Maryborough. She attempted to cross the line, leading an ass and cart. The train caught all, and instantaneously killed both. The train was stopped as quickly as possible, and the driver got the body into his van and took it to Maryborough railway station.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. E. Burke, Market square, Maryborough, at the early age of 26 years, on May 21. On Tuesday the remains were taken to the parish church where the Office for the Dead and Solemn Requiem High Mass were chanted. Very Rev. Mr. Phelan presiding; Rev. J. J. Kearney, celebrant; Rev. J. Kane, Mountrath, deacon; Rev. P. Campton, sub-deacon, and Rev. J. Harris, Maryborough, master of ceremonies. In the choir were Rev. E. Brennan, Mountrath; Rev. M. Brennan, Stradbally; Rev. J. Kelly, Ballylinn; Rev. L. Hovey, Ballylinn; and Rev. C. Coyne, Maryborough. The funeral took place immediately after tea to the family burial place at Churchtown, Mountrath.

WESTMATH.

The Papal Brief appointing Right Rev. Mgr. Gaffney bishop of Meath which bears the date April 28, has been received. Arrangements for his consecration are making. It will take place in the Cathedral, Mullingar.

Mrs. Mary Ryan, of Carron, Mullingar, died May 22, aged 52 years. After Solemn Requiem services in Gantstown chapel the interment was in Griffinstown; funeral cortege long and representative.

Very Rev. Hugh Behan, P. P., Tullamore, who died suddenly lately, was a member of an old Catholic Westmeath family. He was born near Delvin, in 1833. His studies were made at Navan and Maynooth. He was ordained in 1858, and officiated as curate in Enfield and Navan, and as parish priest of Rathkenny, Enfield, Trim and Tullamore. Wherever he labored lasting memorials bear testimony to the desire for the beauty of God's house and the salvation of souls, which alone occupied all his thoughts and inspired all his actions.

WEXFORD.

Anastasia Curran, servant of Mr. Peter Doyle, Cathedral street, Ennis-corthy, was found dead in her bedroom lately. She was 66 years old.

The "outfit" of the "Free Press" had what the reporter called "our first annual waygoose" lately. The scene of the excursion was the picturesque way from Wexford to Newtownberry. The "outfit" did justice to all the good things provided, and sung patriotic songs, interlarded with toasts. They had a good time, and we hope they will have the same each year for many years.

On May 18, the Bishop of the diocese assisted by Very Rev. Canon William Synott, P. P. and many other priests, solemnly dedicated the church of Hook. It cost £4,000, and was erected by Mr. Michael Power, Trillick. The foundation stone was laid in 1896 and blessed by the bishop. At the back of the altar is a stained glass window, which cost £300. In the cinquefoil is the coronation and four evangelists. The centre figure in the lower part of the window is the Crucifixion, sur-

rounded by the Nativity, the Ascension, the Last Supper, St. Patrick and St. Brigid (the patron saints of Ireland), St. Helen, St. Alden of Ferns, St. Peter and St. Paul.

The May Procession at the Presentation convent Wexford, took place on May 14. The procession, which started after 12 o'clock, was an imposing sight. The school children and the different sodalities passed along the winding paths. The procession having concluded, all the sodalities returned to the oratory of the Children of Mary, where the Rev. Father Mackesy, O. S. F. C., Birmingham, delivered an impressive address on the devotion to our Blessed Lady, and the efficacy of prayer. The ceremony concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by the Rev. M. C. Hayden, C. C., director of the Children of Mary's Sodality. The following clergy were present: Revs. P. Doyle, Adm., P. O'Connor, rector of the Church of the Assumption; J. Hartley, M. C. Hayden, T. Clooney, C. C.; J. W. O'Byrne, J. Rosetter, and T. Murphy, chaplain, St. John of God Convent.

On Sunday the remains of Mrs. P. Meehan, New Ross, were interred in the Augustinian graveyard, a very large concourse of laity and clergy attending the funeral Solemn Office was chanted and High Mass celebrated in the parish church, Right Rev. Dr. Brown presiding.

WICKLOW.

DIED May 23, at the Hospice, Haroldcross, Dublin, Katherine Leary, youngest daughter of Michael Byrmine, Knockree.

Mr. Michael McDonnell, farmer, was accidentally killed in Blessington on May 21 by falling down a few steps in the yard of a business house.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The remains of the late Mr. John Sheehy, Ballinalaken were conveyed from the parish chapel, Ennis, on May 20 to Kilsheeny cemetery. To testify the high esteem in which he was held his remains were followed by a large concourse of sympathizers. The clergy in attendance were: Rev. Father Crowe, Kilsheena; Rev. Father McGurrin, Kilsheena; Rev. Father Cassidy, Lisdoonvarna, and Rev. Father White, O. M. F., Ennis.

The weekly meeting of the Ennistymon district council and the board of guardians was held. The O'Donnellan-Blake Forster presided. Very Rev. Father Bean, C. M., and Rev. M. Nolan, C. M., conducted a retreat for the parishioners of Quils lately.

CORK.

Jeremiah Keohane made a gallant rescue from drowning in Courtmasherry recently. Somehow a woman fell into the water and would have perished but for the noble and unselfish conduct of Keohane. His act deserves recognition.

On May 21 a preliminary meeting was held in the Town Hall, Mitchelstown, to establish a branch of the League for the Preservation and Cultivation of the Irish Language.

The death of Master Joseph Sheehy, son of Mr. Timothy Sheehy, chairman of the Skibbereen town commissioners, took place on Tuesday May 23.

On May 18, the sheriff, accompanied by police, visited the farm of Mrs. O'Connell, a widow, Ballymolot, between Monkstown and Rochestown and evicted her, at the instance of Lord De Vesli.

An eviction took place lately on the lands of Gurrane, when possession of the farm of Timothy McCarthy was taken over by the sheriff.

The Cork papers report continued emigration from Queenstown. One of them in recent issue stated: "Emigration from Queenstown to the United States for the week ended Sunday May 21, 1899: Wednesday, Pavnis (Cunard), for Boston, 182; Thursday, Majestic (White Star), for New York 604; Thursday, Weisland (American) Philadelphia) 60; Saturday, New England (Dominion), Boston, 251; Sunday, Lucania (Cunard), New York 340; total, 1,437; for the corresponding week of 1896, 745; difference, 692. The figures given show a remarkable increase, and, as will be remembered every week for many weeks past records a noticeable increase over the corresponding week of the previous year and thus the exodus goes on and on without cessation.

A meeting of the Catholic school teachers of the city was held May 26 evening, in SS. Peter and Paul's schools, Cork.

At the great unity convention held in Limerick on Sunday, May 21, the county of Cork was well and ably represented.

On May 24 the obsequies of Mr. E. D. Murphy took place at Coachford, in presence of a large number of clergy and friends. Solemn Requiem Office commenced at 11 o'clock, the Very Rev. J. Canon Murphy, Macroom, presiding.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

MCCLENAHAN—On May 21, at No. 8 Charlemont terrace, Agnes McCleNAHAN, only daughter of the late Wm. Foley T. C., Bandon, aged 23 years.

LYNCH—On May 23, —oh Lynch Briar Hill, Ballinacurra, Bandon.

O'CALLAGHAN—At 1 Military road, Cork, Julia O'Callaghan.

BUCKLEY—On May 20, at 87 Shandon street, John Buckley, late of Carlingaline, aged 66 years.

MURPHY—May 20, at Turner's Cross, Kate Murphy.

MURPHY—May 22 at Aheria Crookstown, Edmund Murphy, of Clonmoyle, Coachford, aged 63 years, father of Rev. Philip M. Murphy, Queenstown; Rev. Francis Murphy,

tuttevant, and Rev. Paul Murphy, Laganalstown, County Carlow.

RIDGE—May 22, at 13 Lower rd. pneumonia, Eileen Frances Ridge, aged 6 years and 6 months.

RUMLEY—On May 22 (Whit Monday), at Saleen, William John Rumley, an advanced age.

CASEY—On May 20, at 9 Ferneliffe Villa, Military road, Cork, Edmund Casey, Broona County Kerry.

SAVAGE—At Clonmel, Kanturk, on May 21, Patrick Savage, aged 71 years.

FORAN—On May 24, at 169 Lower Hamire road, Kate Foran.

DALY—At Broomeville, Kanturk, on May 24, Margaret Teresa Daly aged 30 years.

BOWEN—On May 15, James Bowen, 13 Tyrone place, Cork, died at San Francisco.

O'CALLAGHAN—On May 21, at the O'Callaghan, Killflem.

M'CARTHY—May 23 at Ballinacorney, Catherine McCarthy.

LOVELL—At Gardiner's Hill, Emma Jeanette Lovell.

KENEFICK—May 25, at residence of Mrs. Riordan, Rock Cottage, Ballinacorney, Middleton, Frances Kenefick (formerly of Ballycattoo, Cloyne).

CURTIN—May 20, at Rockchapel, Jerry Curtin shopkeeper.

O'SI. A—May 25, Nellie O'Shea, of Carrigafoka, at an advanced age.

PENNEY—May 25, at Ballymorney, Ballinacorney, Susan, wife of Nicholas Penney.

KERRY.

Mrs. John McCarthy, Castleisland died May 25, aged 20 years. Deeply regretted.

Mr. Thomas Esagar, Killarney, was found dead in his home May 23. He was sitting on a form. For many years he had been connected with the press.

Rev. Florence McCarthy, P. P., Ballyheigue, has been promoted to the pastoral charge of Causeway, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. M. McCarthy.

Mr. David Doran, chairman of the Kenmare Rural District Council, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace, through his position on the Council, not through any act of Dublin Castle. Some time ago a meeting, presided over by the Rev. P. Garvey, was held at Kenmare to start a branch of the Gaelic League. There was a good attendance, and much practical business transacted. It is to be hoped that the energetic secretary, Mr. James O'Shea, will take the necessary steps to further the interests of the Gaelic League.

Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, Lord Bishop of Kerry, has appointed Rev. John Cunnihan, Ballybunion to be parish priest of Kingwilliamstown, in succession to the Rev. Denis O'Riordan, now Canon O'Riordan, Cahirciveen. The newly appointed pastor of Kingwilliamstown is brother to the patriotic pastor of Castlemaine, Rev. James Cunnihan.

Mr. D. Mahoney, who had been evicted from his farm at Ballybrack in 1880 has arranged with his landlord for reinstatement on favorable terms. The farm which has been a tobe landlord's hands since, was occupied by a caretaker, protected by police. Intimidation has been sent to the police at Ballybrack station that their services will be no longer required.

In the House of Commons recently Mr. Lecky inquired whether the works undertaken in the summer of 1897 had been carried out under proper supervision at the ancient ruin of St. Michael's church on Skellig, Kerry. Mr. Anstruther, the secretary of the treasury, stated that all the repairs promised in 1897 had been effected. The remainder would be executed during the summer.

LIMERICK.

Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, May 22 administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a great number of boys in the Church of St. Munchin, Limerick.

Lord and Lady Emily entertained a great number of the farmers and laborers of Patrickswell on May 22, to celebrate his election to the county council. Lord Emily said since he declared for Home Rule for Ireland all the Tory friends had abandoned him and boycotted him. They left nothing undone to have him defeated but the people, he said, stuck to him like wax, and he won.

We regret to report the death of a respected citizen in the person of Mr. Michael Griffin, Patrick street, Limerick, at the age of 72 years. He was an unwavering Nationalist, whose advice and assistance were ever at the service of those who espoused the cause. He was the type of a good old Catholic Irishman, and by his kindly influence did much to heal the wound which, locally, caused so much trouble.

The Limerick County Council, at its meeting May 20, adopted a resolution unanimously calling on Parliament to introduce at once a compulsory land purchase bill to enable Irish farmers to become proprietors of their holdings on equitable terms. Earl of Dunraven supported the resolution and said the present land act was an altogether imperfect one. The purchase clauses of the act were exceedingly complicated, and to complete a purchase took too much time and money. In one case, where he sold one townland, it took him six years to complete the sale.

TIPPERARY.

The Sisters of Mercy, Caher, have appealed for funds to assist them in making much needed improvements in their new hosiery factory, which will give employment to many persons.

The Rev. M. Hourigan, whose promotion from Cashel to the pastoral charge of the parish of Knockaney, near Hospital, is to be the recipient of a very handsome presentation from the people of his old parish of Cashel, where he was so beloved and esteemed.