

# OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

## CONNAUGHT.

### GALWAY.

On June 3 a very smart wedding took place at the University Church, Stephen's Green, Dublin, when Miss Kathleen Lynch, of Petersburg Castle, County Galway, was married to Mr. Denis Daly, of Rafor, in the same county.

Sunday, within the octave of Corpus Christi, was celebrated with special devotion in the Dominican Church, Cladagh, Galway. High mass chanted by Very Rev. Father O'Mahony, O. P., deacon; Father Murphy, O. P., sub-deacon.

The Tuam Herald of June 17 stated: "An example of a mother's love for her child was witnessed in Galway, June 13, when a little boy named Delaney fell into the river at Mill street. The mother, hearing of the occurrence, forgotful of every danger in her love for her child, jumped into the river, and bravely succeeded in rescuing her child, whom she held high above the water until she reached the bank, where she placed him in safety and then scrambled up herself. To her surprise she found a track of blood in her wake, and then realized the fact that her foot had been cut when she had jumped into the water. It is believed the wound was caused by a broken bottle. The injury was so serious that she had to be removed to the County Hospital for treatment."

### LEITRIM.

Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to eighty children in Dramana lately. He expressed himself very pleased with the intelligent answering of the boys and girls. In speaking of the religious examinations of the schools of the parish he gave first place to the Assanduff Male for the very creditable and highly satisfactory manner in which they acquitted themselves. It is an old "heirloom" in 1895 at the competitive diocesan religious examination it returned a boy to St. Peter's, and he is the only boy who has since retained his place in the college, having won his spurs at every competitive and intermediate examination.

### MAYO.

At a special meeting of the Newport F. B. L. Patrick's Gaelic League, June 4, in the Father Manus Sweeney Memorial Hall, Mr. P. O'Donnell presiding, the following resolution was passed in silence, and a copy thereof ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Casey: "With sincere sorrow we tender our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Casey and friends in their sad bereavement on the death of her loving husband, Mr. John Casey, our esteemed vice-president, and as a mark of respect we adjourn all classes."

Mr. John Hughes presided at a recent meeting of the Mayo Abbey branch of the United Irish League when arrangements were made to provide the branch with a new banner. Michael Brown of Brownaball was elected a member. A donation of five dollars was given the Henaghan Aetiological Fund. Michael P. Murphy is the active secretary of this branch.

### ROSCOMMON.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Agnes Noon, Caglefortycree, Brookstown, which occurred June 8 at the age of 28 years, deeply and widely regretted.

June 8 the sad intelligence reached Castlerea of the accidental drowning of the Rev. Cornelius O'Dwyer, Loughlynny, while bathing in Achill. The deceased gentleman, who was very young in years, and who was a native of the County Tipperary, has been officiating at Loughlynny for a couple of years, and only left Castlerea the day before for Achill on a holiday.

A special meeting of the members of the Brookstown Teachers' Association was held June 10 to consider the first three resolutions passed at the last meeting of the C. E. C. There were present Messrs. Carlos (chairman), O'Dowd, Mulfooy, Cox, McHugh, Farrell, Mrs. Cox and Miss Fogarty. The first two resolutions were approved unanimously, subject to certain modifications, which the secretary was directed to intimate to the C. E. C. No opinion was, however, expressed on the third resolution, as the members did not consider the information sufficient to justify them in approving or disapproving of it.

### SILGO.

The death of Mr. Edward Keane, Drumfin, Ballymote, at the age of 89 years, occurred June 7. Deceased, who had been a remarkably robust man, passed quietly away after a few weeks' painful illness. The recent death of his son, Mr. John Keane, and his daughter, Mrs. Gallagher, had a great effect on him, and he gradually sank into them. Forty years ago Edward Keane played a prominent part in the politics of the country. After the county elections of '68 his rent was almost doubled, and he was subjected to such harsh treatment by his agent for the year he had taken supporting the Nationalist candidate against the Tory candidate, and later on, when the late Mr. Gwynne contested the guardianship of Dr. Keane, Mr. Keane was his warm adherent. It was he who started the first branch of the Land League in the county. He was the zeal of his generation, and loved by his fellow countrymen.

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

Mr. Edward J. Byrne, auctioneer, Carlow, recently sold the interest in the farm of Mr. John Kelly, Castledermot, for \$2,000. Mr. Patrick Dwyer, Castledermot, is the purchaser.

St. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare, and Leitghlin, in recent pastoral, called attention to the great need of better homes for the workers, and now that the local government is in the hands of Carlow men, improved dwellings will be provided.

Much regret was expressed in Carlow at the unexpected death of Archdeacon Jameson, Greenbak. He had reached the age of 71, but was in his usual health up to a few days before his death. He never recovered consciousness, and died on June 7. The interment was in Killeslin.

On June 10 Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of the Diocese of Kildare and Leitghlin, held a special ordination at the Carlow College Chapel. The following were ordained priests: Rev. John Hennessey, San Francisco; Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, Dubuque; Rev. Edward Masterson, Dubuque; Rev. Thomas Sheehy, Davenport; Rev. James Kennedy, Birmingham; Rev. Michael Taylor, St. Louis. The president, fathers of the college, and Very Rev. Father Taylor, O. P., were present. His Lordship was assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Ingres. Afterward there was solemn high mass, followed by Benediction and "Te Deum."

### DUBLIN.

The Irish classes in 180 Townsend street, Dublin, are held on Monday. Instructions from O'Growney's books are given. Mr. J. O'Killy, H. J. Courtney, J. Burke, J. O'Carolan, J. F. Pottrel attend the lessons. R. J. Maher, P. J. Fagan give addresses in Irish. Mr. Courtney is going as a "travelling teacher" to Munster.

One June 13 the Feast of the great Franciscan Theologian, St. Antony of Padua, was the occasion of an elaborate religious ceremonial in the Capuchin Church of St. Mary of Angels, Church street. Masses were celebrated from an early hour in the morning, immense numbers of the faithful approaching Holy Communion. At 10 o'clock Solemn High Mass was sung by the Rev. Fr. O. S. P. O. celebrant; Father Nicholas, deacon; Father Francis, sub-deacon; Father Peter, master of ceremonies. Father Verdor, S. J., preached an eloquent sermon on St. Antony of Padua. In the evening there were solemn vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Not only was the edifice packed, but great numbers were gathered round all approaches. Father Verdor again preached the panegyric of the saint.

The committee of the Central Branch of the Gaelic League met at 24 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin lately. Mr. J. Hogan, M. A., in the chair. The Freeman's Journal, June 12, said: "The beautiful college chapel of St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, was yesterday solemnly opened for divine worship by a High Mass, at which the Archbishop of Dublin presided."

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.  
BONNER—June 12, at 6 Geradine street, Mary Elizabeth Bonner, aged 20.  
OLEARY—June 9, Kathleen, wife of A. Cleary, Esq., Q. C.  
DUNNE—June 11, at 13 North Portland row, Thomas Dunne, for 44 years in the service of the M. G. W. R.  
HIGGINS—June 11, 1899, Anne Higgins, Chapelizod, at an advanced age.  
McCANN—June 12, Thomas Staunian McCann, of 46 Northumberland road, Dublin.  
MANNION—June 11, Greenfield, Donnybrook, Julia Mannion, daughter of Patrick Blake, Warrenstown, Meath, aged 27 years.  
MULVANY—June 11 (late of 4 British terrace, Rathgar, Dublin), at Oake, John, Tara, Michael Mulvany.  
BYRNE—June 15, 1899, at Thomastown Lodge, Glengearry, Kingstown, Patrick Byrne, aged 24 years.  
COLGAN—June 15, at St. Vincent's hospital, Michael Colgan, 57 Chapel street, aged 22 years.  
MACKEN—June 15, at 10 Raymond street, South Circular road, Daniel Matthew Macken, aged 27 years.  
O'GRADY—June 15, James O'Grady, 22 and 29 Middle Gardiner street.  
QUINN—Ester Quinn, Seixlip.  
RYAN—At 21 Great Western square, Michael Ryan, many years engine driver on the M. G. W. R.  
FARRELL—At 45 Bayview avenue, Peter Farrell, shipsmith, Commons street.  
FLOOD—June 14, at 111 Great Brunswick street, Dora Flood.  
LAWLESS—June 14, at 52 Cork street, Michael Lawless, member of the Operative Plasterers' Society.

### KILDARE.

Mr. Manning, clerk of the Cellbridge Board of Guardians, has retired on a pension, after many years' faithful service.

Kilnessan (St. Patrick's) played a friendly match in Gaelic football with Rathmoynan on June 10, and, after some splendid football kicking by Curtis, Conady and Boyle for the St. Patrick's and a similar exhibition by Fagan, McLoughlin and Brady for Rathmoynan, the game ended in a draw, each side scoring 1 goal and 4 points.

### KILKENNY.

The Kilkenny Guardians have under their care another discarded and deserted British hero. At their last meeting a discharged navy man applied for relief. He was dressed in the uniform of the Royal Navy and wore a Crimean medal. He was deaf, dumb and blind, and from papers found in his possession it appears he lost his faculties through the bursting of a gun. He was connected in connection with the

Egyptian war. His name on the paper was given as H. E. Clarke, N. Preston, Lancashire. The police conveyed him to the workhouse. The guardians expressed surprise as to how he could have come to Kilkenny. The hero was probably shipped to Ireland under the English law of settlement. The sooner an Irish law of settlement is passed the better.

On June 12 Mr. M. M. Murphy, solicitor, Kilkenny, was presented by the Kilkenny County and City Agricultural society with an illuminated address and mahogany case of table silver of seventy-five pieces, in recognition of his services as honorary secretary to the society since its formation. Lord Ormonde made the presentation, and said all the trouble Mr. Murphy had taken about the show had been wholly conducive in making the society a great success. Mr. Murphy acknowledged the compliment. On the same occasion a presentation was made by the society to Mrs. Murphy of a handsome diamond brooch. This society has been very successful, and now boasts of an income of £1,000 a year. In addition to other permanent improvements in their grounds, they have laid down a splendid cycling track.

### KINGS.

The Edenderry Guardians have decided to become contributory to the joint school established in Trim for the industrial training of children. The decision is looked askance by the other boards which have supported the derry board was requested to join. At school since its establishment. At the time the project was on foot the Edenderry first they announced their willingness to contribute, but subsequently recanted, and the more progressive and humane bodies concerned in the establishment of the school went on without them.

### LONGFORD.

A successful entertainment was given in the Mostrim National school, Edgeworthstown, lately. A capital night's amusement was afforded to the company, including magic lantern and cinematograph slides and a selection of popular songs, airs and marches, on the famous graphophone, conducted by Mr. Fleming.

### LOUTH.

The redemptionist Fathers held a good mission in Colton, where Rev. Thomas Murray is the parish priest.

### MEATH.

Cl. Torney, aged 34 years, was found dead at Rathany, six miles from Oldcastle, June 12. For some time past he was in a melancholy condition of mind. The following formed the coroner's jury that investigated the cause of death and who rendered a verdict in accordance with the testimony: Messrs. James Gray (foreman), John Tully, Thomas Kenny, John Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Thomas McCabe, John Gromney, Connor Kelly, David Walsh, Michael Hussey, Thomas Flanagan, Thomas Grill and Edward Corrigan.

The impressive ceremonies connected with the feast of Corpus Christi in Dublin were repeated this year before a congregation equaling in fervor the religious enthusiasm that has marked the annual recurrence of the holiday. At three o'clock the devotions were on, and, following an eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Magee, St. Mary's, Drogheda. The procession round the church grounds, the course of this latter being marked out with evergreens and flowers strewn along the way. Mr. P. M. acted as cross bearer, the Blessed Sacrament being borne by Rev. T. Martin, under a canopy supported by Messrs. Clarke, Fogarty, Meath and Mooney. The very taking part in the ceremonies were: Rev. M. Gullfoyle, Duleek; Rev. H. McEntee, Donore; Rev. Father Conannon, diocesan inspector; Rev. J. L. McGee, St. Mary's, Drogheda; Rev. J. Ballast, Duleek; Rev. T. Martin, Duleek; Rev. Father Walsh, Dublin. All the schools of the extensive parishes were thoroughly represented, the white costumes of the girls and the sashes of the boys making a very pretty picture in the glorious sunshine.

### QUEEN'S.

A great meeting of the members and those interested in the Mountrath branch, Irish Land and Labor association, was held recently to discuss the best means of forwarding and extending the influence of the society, and also to elect officers for the ensuing year. Among those present were: Rev. Father Kane, John Dowling, William Delaney, J. P. Moore, Michael Phelan, John Phelan, Michael Moloney, John Phelan (Knockanla), Daniel Lalor, Joseph Deegan, Owen Reilly, etc. On the motion of Mr. John Dowling, seconded by Mr. John Phelan, Rev. Father Kane was elected president; Mr. John Dowling, vice-president and treasurer; Mr. John P. Moore, honorable secretary; and Mr. John Humphon, assistant secretary, with the following committee, remainder to be appointed at first general meeting: John Phelan, Joseph Deegan, Daniel Lalor, Owen Reilly and William Delaney. Father Kane having delivered a brief address, the meeting adjourned.

### WESTMEATH.

Among the deaths recently reported from the ancient and historic town of Mullingar was that of Mrs. Garry, Greenville street, on June 14, at the age of 77 years. After Office and High Mass in the cathedral, the funeral left for the family burial place, Meelin, great numbers attending the funeral.

On June 10 occurred the death of Mr. Patrick Lynam of Marlinstown, Mullingar, deeply and deservedly regretted. The funeral took place on Monday to Kilkenny, after Requiem High Mass in the cathedral. The funeral cortege was one of large dimensions.

## WEXFORD.

The death of Mr. Edward Byrne of Green street, Wexford, at an advanced age, occurred on June 11, deeply regretted.

On Sunday, June 10, the retreat held in the parish church, Tagoa, came to a happy close. In announcing the retreat, Father Doyle said he had in view not only the spiritual revival in the parish that invariably attends a well-made retreat, but the particular object was the more perfect organization of the Sacred Heart Confraternity. Father Rossiter, M. S. S., conducted the retreat.

The Free Press of June 17 has this interesting item relating to the preservation of the Irish language: "Last week we had the pleasure of chronicling the success of a Wexford man, Mr. T. Rowsome, at the Oireachtas, or Irish Literary and Musical festival at the Rotunda, Dublin, June 7. We were not then aware that it is a resident of Wexford, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, who was highly commended for his singing of Irish songs—viz: Songs in the Irish language—in the competition for male voices."

### WICKLOW.

The death of Mr. Patrick Lawlor happened on June 14, at Lacken, Blessington, and was deeply regretted. The funeral to Bugeage was very numerously attended.

A Gaelic tournament was held in Annacura, June 11, to raise funds to erect a memorial to the patriot, Billy Byrne, of Ballymanus, who gave his life for Ireland in '88. The most interesting game of the day was the contest between the Wexford Young Ireland and the Dublin Geraldines, the latter winning a hard-fought battle by only two points. A good sum of money was placed to the credit of the fund.

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

Mrs. Bridget O'Connor's saloon, in Kildysart, was entirely destroyed by fire on June 9; also the dwelling of John Moloney, which adjoined Mrs. O'Connor's house.

Michael Doyle, aged 17 years, of Ennis, was drowned near Clarecastle while bathing June 9. Deceased was employed in the postoffice and the only support of his family, his father being an invalid for some time past.

Daniel Neylon, of Annesfield, Kilsenny, has been reinstated in his old home. He had been evicted some years ago. His rent has been reduced by the sum of £100 a year, too. All his neighbors are delighted at his restoration, the credit for which Neylon and they give to Mr. William Redmond, M. P.

### CORK.

The Munster and Leinster bank has given a donation of £500 to the fund being raised to liquidate the debt on the cathedral of Queenstown.

A fire broke out on the farm premises of the Condensed Milk company, Messrs. Cleve Brothers, at Mallow, lately sixty tons of best hay was totally destroyed. Successful efforts were made to save the adjoining dwelling house and outbuildings.

### RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

HAPPY at Kilmastatra, Rev. Daniel J. Heaphy, Kilmastatra.  
LORDE on the 14th June at 11 o'clock, William Forde, aged 19 years.  
MURPHY June 15 at 11 o'clock, Michael Murphy, aged 64 years.  
HANNIGAN at Brooke Lodge, Edward O'Leary Hannigan.  
AHERN on the 16th June at the South Infirmary, the result of an accident, John Ahern, late Fountainstown.  
CAREY on June 16 at Grand Parade, John Carey, aged 62 years.  
STAPLETON June 16, at 53 Cornmarket street, Ellen Stapleton.  
MURPHY on June 16 at 6 Channel Hill, Mrs. Margaret Murphy, at an advanced age.  
AHERN on the 16th June, at Park passage West, Matthew Ahern, Fountainstown, aged 35 years.  
DONOVAN at 1 Shandon View, Maria Donovan, aged 19 years.  
DONOVAN June 16, Timothy O'Donovan (mason).  
KEYES June 11, at the Convent of Mercy, St. Marie's of the Isle, Cork, Mother Mary Paul Keyes, in the 38th year of her religious profession.  
BUCKLEY June 11, at Grenagh, Maurice Geaney.  
LYREANE, Ann Buckley.  
GEANEY June 11, at Fair Hill, PIERCE at 8 Margaret street, Matthew Field.  
CRONIN on June 10, at Munnigave, Coppen, Denis Cronin.  
DWANE on June 11, at Fermoy, James Dwane, sheriff's officer.

### WALSH—June 8, at Kilmacelline, Robert Christopher Walsh.

WOOD—On June 11, at Dromkeen, Macroom, Edward Wood, in his 75th year.

### KERRY.

Mr. Patrick O'Carroll, of Ballybunion, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for Kerry.

Rev. D. O'Keefe, late C. C. Ardfer, has now assumed the pastoral duties of the important parish of Ballytergne.

On the 12th of June, at the Convent of Notre Dame, Birkdale, Lancashire, England, died Nellie (in religion Siens, sœurs du Sacre Coeur), daughter of the late J. Fitzgerald Windle, solicitor, Tarbert.

Died—On June 4, at Knockataglimore, Kilmunmin, Kilmunmin, on the feast of Corpus Christi, Agnes Mary Gertrude (Aggie) Fleming, aged 18 years.

The mission conducted in the united parishes of Ballybunion and Ballydoonogue for a month by Fathers Bapstist, Marks and Athignatus, of the Passionist Order, Dublin, was brought to a solemn close on Sunday, June 11. The mission was the most successful ever held in the parishes. The closing

sermon was preached by Father Bapstist, and was an earnest exhortation to the people to remain loyal to the pledges made during the mission. A renewal of the baptismal vows having taken place the Papal blessing was imparted. Benediction was then given by the Very Rev. Canon Moynoux. The choir was under the control of Miss O'Connor and Miss McCarthy, Ballybunion, and Mrs. O'Connor, Lis'owel.

### LIMERICK.

During the recent thunder storm experienced in Wilfinane the parochial residence was struck by lightning. The fluid entered the study and destroyed the tables, writing materials and other contents of the apartment. The pastor, Very Rev. Father Carrick, was not in when the accident happened.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Denis M. O'Leary, son of Mr. Jas. J. O'Leary, Feenagh. The deceased was only twenty years of age. The funeral took place on June 7, and was numerously attended. The chief mourners were: James J. O'Leary, father; James P. F. O'Leary, Patrick O'Leary, sons; James Hickey, John Hickey, Denis Hickey, T. O'Dea, cousins. The interment took place at Ballynahilly, county Limerick. Rev. Father O'Leary officiated at the interment.

### TIPPERARY.

During a recent terrific storm in and around the town of Tipperary the people were frightened almost to death by thunder and lightning. At Shrone a farmer named Looby, who had six milch cows, saw three of them killed by lightning. The bodies were turned to a crisp. Around where they lay the ground was perforated with small circular holes.

The feast of St. Anthony of Padua was celebrated in the Catholic church, Cashel, June 13, with all the religious ceremonial befitting the great saint, not only of Padua, but of the world. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up by the Very Rev. Dean Kilmine, an immense number of the faithful clients of St. Anthony approaching Holy Communion.

### WATERFORD.

There is likely to be a busy summer on the Blackwater between Cappoquin and Youghal. The steamship Ness Queen commenced the season by plying from Youghal on June 18.

We regret to chronicle the death at an advanced age of John Keane, Cappoquin. The deceased was for a considerable time in Dublin, where he became sick and came home, thinking that the change would do him good, but he did not improve. The remains were conveyed to Afane, where he was interred. The funeral was large and showed by the numbers attending the esteem in which he was held.

From the Waterford Citizen of June 16: "A 'bull in a china shop' was bad enough, but when it comes to two bulls it is a bit 'thick.' This (Friday) afternoon, two young bulls, which were being driven along the Quay, burst into Mrs. Campton's china and dehb establishment, the Quay and forced their way right through the premises and out by the back entrance. Considerable damage was done, and the occurrence caused much excitement."

A boy named Lynch, aged 14 years, from Ballynor, Mooncoin, was killed at Belberry Rock, Waterford City, on June 12, while bathing. When a grandfather, named Dunphy, heard the news he died suddenly. The two were walking some time in Ballynor, and Father Ferrell, Mooncoin, was celebrating Mass in the house, when the room in which the bodies were laid somehow took fire, and with great difficulty the remains were rescued. The dwelling was soon a mass of smouldering ruins.

A very successful entertainment by the boys of St. Stephen's school, Waterford, under the auspices of the Brothers of the De la Salle Order, took place in the Theatre Royal lately. The house was filled to overflowing by an audience, comprising all creeds and classes. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of the diocese, and a large number of the local clergy, were present. There was a full orchestra of twenty performers, and songs and recitations were rendered by Messrs. C. Baldwin, W. Frampton, T. Murphy, and others. Among the local amateurs who rendered valuable assistance were Messrs. J. Walsh and W. J. Manning. Mr. Percy Rogers conducted in his usual capable manner, and Mrs. Rogers presided at the piano.

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

Rev. James Hamill, P. P., Whitehouse, recently £13 for damages done to the church by a Protestant named Waters, who broke into it January 17 last and did considerably more than £100 (\$50) worth of destruction to the sacred vessels and church furniture generally. It was held that what was stolen could not be claimed, as Waters had been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for the crime.

Speaking on June 15 at the laying of a memorial stone of a convent and home of St. Paul of the Cross in Ballymacarrett, Belfast, Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, said: "Ladies and gentlemen, it has given me much pleasure to have blessed and laid the cornerstone of an institution destined to effect much good in the parish of St. Mathew. The building in which we are assembled is being erected as a home for the Sisters of the Congregation of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord. These sisters, like all the other sisterhoods which have the approval of the Church, leave father and mother, brothers and sisters, and voluntarily devote their lives to the good of their fellow creatures."

In the custody court, Belfast, June 12, a young man named Jamieson was charged with riotous conduct at St. Malachy's chapel, Belfast on Saturday afternoon. When opposite the church the defendant cursed the Pope and shook an emblem furiously at the chapel. Father Heffernan went out, and two policemen came around Duval's corner and took Jamieson into custody. The witness added that he should not have thought of coming to the court, but he and other priests had been subjected to a series of outrages and insults of late, and their windows had been broken. The stipendiary magistrate said the heaviest penalty he could impose was a fine of 10s., and he would impose it, and in addition he would order the accused to find bail in a surety of £5 to keep the peace for twelve months, or in default to be imprisoned for two months.

### ARMAGH.

An alarming fire occurred along the railway banks in Armagh at about 100 yards distance from the Armagh railway station. It spread very rapidly, owing to the dry nature of the ground and the heat of the weather, so that in a short time five hundred yards of the banks were enveloped in flames. Had it not been for the promptness of the permanent way men and some willing helpers the fire might have ended very seriously, owing to the proximity of the station.

### CAVAN.

Mr. Horan presided at a recent meeting of the Cooehill Board of Guardians, when a letter was read from the local government board stating that they had received the half-yearly report of their inspector (Mr. Kelly) on the Union. The report was satisfactory. There was also a letter from the local government board acknowledging receipt of minutes of meeting on the 5th May, containing an entry of the poor-rate collector's claim for payments by way of bonus. The board trusted that the guardians would act fairly toward the collectors in granting their claim, which was reasonable. The collectors were granted a bonus.

### DERRY.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. John O'Kane, which took place at Rainey street, Magherfelt, June 12. Mr. O'Kane was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in County Derry. He was in ordinary good health up till Monday, the 5th of June, when he was taken unwell. His demise will be generally regretted. He passed peacefully away in the hands of his brother, Rev. P. O'Kane, P. P., Leavey, and surrounded by his sorrowing wife, family and relatives.

### DONEGAL.

At a largely attended meeting held in the court house at Duglicoe recently the traders of the Rosses presented Mr. J. Herdman with an address on the occasion of the arrival of the new steamer, Burtonport. Mr. James Sweeney, in a few well-chosen words referred to Mr. Herdman's numerous philanthropic acts to the Rosses people, extending over twenty years.

### DOWN.

On Sunday, June 11, the Newry (John Mitchell) branch of the Irish National Forerresters, held their annual excursion to Rostrevor. The members, wearing their regalia, marched through the town, preceded by their splendid flag and St. Joseph's band. When the excursionists had gone a short distance out of town brakes were entered and the journey to Rostrevor was most delightful.

### FERMANAGH.

William Brady, a native of Ennis-Killen, while walking along Queen's Quay, Belfast, tripped over some obstacle, fell into the water and was drowned. The deceased was about 28 years of age, and employed as a clerk to Mr. Peter Byrne, commission agent, 14 Marlborough street. When found deceased had a silver watch and a sum of money in his possession.

### MONAGHAN.

On Sunday, June 11, the Solemn Tribunal, ordered throughout the world by our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., was brought to a close in the Cathedral of St. Macarath, Monaghan. A theatrical entertainment was given in the Town Hall, Clones, recently, by the Clones Amateur Dramatic club in aid of the teaching of the Irish language.

### TYRONE.

A singular incident has come to light in connection with the Orange riots at Belfast. Robert Bond, the porter at the Omagh Union workhouse, was in Belfast on some business of the board of guardians, and while there received severe treatment. Bond, who was walking quietly along the streets, was set upon by Orange rowdies and terribly maltreated. He was also kicked on the chest by a dragoon's horse, and is being attended by Drs. Stone and Flemming. Bond is an Orangeman. Perhaps he was among the Orangemen. What brought him to Belfast?

The details of a shocking gun accident was lately received in Fintona. Patrick Murphy, a resident of Taaty-moyle, (Upper) was on a visit to a brother-in-law, Francis McCarny, and while there he noticed a loaded following piece. Lifting the gun with the intention of examining it, he put the muzzle to his mouth and discharged his jaw. Surgical aid was at once summoned and the wounds, which were of an extensive and jagged nature, having been attended to by Dr. J. Chambers, J. P., the man was conveyed to the County Hospital at Omagh, where he now lies in a critical condition.