

# 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.

## CONAUGHT.

### GALWAY.

Doctor Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic League, delivered an eloquent and instructive lecture on the Irish language movement in the Court House, Gort, July 27. Mr. W. B. Yeates also addressed the meeting. Rev. Lawrence Ansbro, Parish Priest of Annadown, intends to erect a new church, and, having obtained the approbation of Most Rev. Dr. John McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, has issued an appeal for funds to assist him in the work.

### LEITRIM.

On July 24 Mr. Patrick Muldowney Ballygeeh, Dromod, was married to Miss Annie McGarry, daughter of Mr. John McGarry, of Clooncaine. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Father Cahill, at the parish chapel of Borfadacoala.

### MAYO.

With regret we record the death of Master Bernard, youngest son of Mr. Timothy Glavey, Aughamere, and brother of Mrs. Francis Keane, Dublin Road, Tuam, which occurred after a few days' illness, at the early age of 16 years.

Rev. M. Henry, P. P. Attymas, and Rev. P. Cawley, C. C. Collooney, will soon proceed to the United States to collect funds to complete the Cathedral at Ballaghaderreen, which has remained in an unfinished state during the past half a century.

A Solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Franciscan chapel, Achill, July 17 for the repose of the soul of Brother Dominick O'Connor, Celebrant, Rev. J. P. Connelly, deacon, Rev. C. White, sub-deacon, Rev. N. Lavelle, master of ceremonies, Very Rev. P. Corcoran, S. J. A very large congregation attended.

A numerously attended meeting of the Meelig branch of the United Irish League was held July 16, Mr. A. J. Gallagher in the chair. After the usual business was transacted the following resolution was proposed by Mr. L. J. Sheridan, condemning the action of Mr. T. Ryan, D. C., for his opposition to the National party in the Swinford Boardroom. Proposed by Mr. L. J. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. A. J. Gallagher: "That we, the Nationalists of Meelig, call upon all the members of the United Irish League in the surrounding parishes to strongly condemn the action of T. Ryan, D. C., the chosen candidate of the United Irish League, in the parish of Bohola, for the upper part of the electoral division of Meelig, for not redeeming his pledge, and by his opposition to the national issues, and his assertion that he did not care a jot for the United Irish League, as he was not a member or a sympathizer; we repudiate the remark, and brand it as false as the man that gave it birth, as it was by the influence of the United Irish League he was elected. Yet he does the work of the landlord and ascendancy by voting with the Unionist party, and we call upon him to at once resign."

### ROSCOMMON.

A meeting of the members of the Killonean branch of the United Irish League was held in Keadee, July 23. Mr. John Keaveny, D. C., presiding. Others present: T. McGowan, T. Cullen, J. Keaveny, C. Brady, H. Byrne, L. Eardly, T. Flynn, F. Gaffney, J. Flynn, T. Quinn, D. C. J. Smyth, M. Guilhem, D. C. P. Tansey, D. C. J. Tansey, F. Lenehan, J. Gaffney, M. McNamara. Twenty new members were enrolled. The meeting expressed its indignation at those parts of the parish remaining aloof from the ranks of the U. I. L., as their acts prove they are on the border of funkism. If the U. I. L. accomplishes the ends for which it was established, these parties, although unaiding, will share the reward.

### SILIGO.

The annual excursion of the members of Siligo Temperance League came off on July 22. The members assembled at Temperance Hall, Temple street, where they entered seven waggons, and start was made for Bundoran. The day was gloriously fine, and all along the route, from Ballyvaughan to Tulaghan, the party were greeted with welcoming cheers and kindly salutations. The splendid brass and band of the League discoursed sweet music, and along was mirth, music, happy conversation and gleeful comment.

The Sligo Champion of July 29 said: "We are much pleased to learn that the Ballisodare case, discussed at the last meeting of the North Sligo Executive of the United Irish League, has been settled. Mr. Savage, who took the grazing of Johnston's farm not knowing of the arrangement with Mr. May, has, on hearing the facts, agreed to pay Mr. May the money he advanced on Johnston's reinstatement. Coming after the signal victory which attended that famous case, this final arrangement is all that could be commended, and it is to be hoped that the all-prevailing power in the land of the people's organization, the United Irish League."

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

The County Carlow is divided into seven districts named Carlow, Forth, Moyne, Ballynagane, Rathfriland, and Rathfriland.

### DUBLIN.

The distinguished and eloquent Dr. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Pa., was lately the guest of the Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon, Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount. His Grace visited many religious institutions in the city and expressed himself extremely gratified with the industrial, educational, and religious workings of the establishments. He has also visited several public buildings, museums and libraries. On Aug. 1 he left for Ladouvarna.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Pierce Mahony, wife of Mr. Pierce Mahoney, ex-M. P., which occurred at Mr. Mahony's residence, Sutton, July 27, after a brief illness.

Sunday, July 30, Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, ordained several priests of the Society of Jesus in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner street.

The solemn ceremony was witnessed by a very large congregation among whom were friends and relatives of the newly ordained priests. The Archbishop arrived at 8 o'clock and a procession having been formed he was conducted to the sanctuary where he celebrated Mass.

The election of Mr. J. J. Reilly to the vice-chairmanship of County Dublin County Council and to the vice-chair of Rathdown Union was a well-deserved tribute to his worth as an Irish Nationalist, and recognition of the sacrifices he made for the National movement when its advocacy was not fashionable with men of influence in Dublin.

of the Drogheda Waterworks Company and Drogheda Casey's Brewery Company.

The solemn ceremony of the Forty Hours' Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which commenced on Sunday in Drogheda, terminated on Tuesday, July 25, High Mass was celebrated on Sunday, as also on Monday and Tuesday. At High Mass each morning the following officiated: Rev. O. Breagy, Rev. James P. Maguire, Rev. J. Clarke and Rev. Peter Johnston. The Blessed Sacrament was borne in procession through the church.

After a sojourn of half a century under the Stars and Stripes, Mr. M. Soran recently visited the place of his birth and the scenes and associations of his boyhood. He has a vivid recollection of "Black Forty-seven," and the terrible plague that followed in '48 and '49. In this latter year he sailed for America and after thirteen weeks and two days arrived. He is a prominent citizen of Pipe County, Illinois. He will claim the privilege of revisiting the place of his nativity and the golden jubilee of his departure from Drogheda harbor. Mr. Soran is visiting his cousin Mr. M. J. Swan, Galbarlagh House, Duleek, and other friends.

## MEATH.

Died July 26, at Hall's Hotel, Charleville, aged 65, July 30, at Mount Charles Lodge, Slane, Peter Shaw, July 30 at Ballynash Cottage, Oban, the Joseph H. Tynan, M. D., eldest son of the late Peter Tynan, Edgeworthstown, County Longford, aged 43 years, July 30 at Ratoath, Mary (Clarke) (Baby), Monahan.

## QUEEN'S.

Died July 30, at Rosenthal, Mr. John Poole, merchant, aged 77 years. Few towns have suffered more than Maryborough from the greed of the landlord. In some cases rents have been raised by 50 per cent and valuable property created by individuals has been remorselessly confiscated by the landlords.

A boy named Brooke was drowned in the reservoir of the Maryborough water works at Knock's Ballyfin, July 27. It is not stated how he got into the water.

## WESTMEATH.

Died July 31 at Plodstown, Mullingar, Bessie Carey, aged 69 years, July 30 at Mullingar, Dr. Eugene Smith. On July 30 a fire broke out in the establishment of the People's Boot Company, Athlone and caused a great damage. The company's premises recently opened in Athlone adjoin the Royal Hotel and the licensed premises of Mr. Timothy Gilhooly Keane. Nothing remained of the establishment but the walls.

## WEXFORD.

The people of Gorey welcomed recently the return of a native in the person of the Hon. John W. Goff, Recorder of New York.

Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns has appointed Rev. Mortimer O'Sullivan, P. P. Clongeen to the parish of Rannow, vacant by the death of venerable Archdeacon Sheridan.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Bridget Walsh Maylerspark on July 26. The very large and representative funeral cortege which accompanied her remains to Terenure Cemetery testified to the respect and esteem in which she was held.

In ideal weather the County Wexford football championships were resumed on Sunday, July 23, in Wexford Park, before a large number of spectators.

The New Ross '98 Memorial Committee (Mr. J. H. Cummins chairman) presided on July 22 to consider tenders for the erection of the monument to the memory of the heroes of '98.

## WICKLOW.

Mr. Goff, Recorder of New York was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Billy Byrne Memorial in Wicklow on July 23. He accompanied the Gorey contingent.

The first quarterly meeting of the Ballinglass, No. 1, District Council was held in the Court House, Ballinglass, July 22. Mr. J. H. Coleman presided.

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

During the great thunder storm on July 22 a woman named Reilly, near Newmarket-on-Fergus, was milking a cow, when the beast was struck by the lightning and killed. Mrs. Reilly was rendered unconscious. Her head was burned, but she recovered soon.

A mural slab to the memory of the late Father O'Flanagan has been erected in the church, Killanena. Father O'Flanagan was a native of Co. Linn, and was ordained in 1895 the greater part of his missionary career being spent in Ballinacloe, County Galway, where a recognition of his qualities gained for him the good wishes of all. From Ballinacloe he was transferred to Killanena in his native diocese, and within a few weeks, after his appointment death ensued. The slab, decidedly a pretty one, has a frontage of white ceccilian marble, with a black background of cruciform shape, and bears the inscription: "Erected to the memory of the Rev. M. O'Flanagan, C. C., Killanena, died the 7th day of January, 1899, in the 29th year of his age and the 4th of his sacred ministry, R. I. P." The entire is the work of Mr. Wall, marble works, Killalea.

On July 24 the funeral took place at Drumcliffe of Mrs. Delahunty, of Balfortia. Deceased was deservedly popular, as was testified by the large numbers who assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to her memory.

## CORK.

On July 23 while John Carey, aged 35, coachman of Mr. E. Stoker, Curlew Grange, Douglas, was eating his dinner, some food stuck in his throat and he was suffocated.

Miss Ellen Mu phy, of Cork City, on July 29 obtained a verdict of \$3,750 as damages for breach of promise to marry from Mr. Daniel O'Callaghan of Barrackton.

On July 23 the Feast of St. Vincent was celebrated at the Church of the Vincentian Fathers, Sunday Well, Cork City, with all the pomp and circumstance befitting the memory of a great saint. A congregation which filled the church to its utmost capacity attended the ceremonies which began with High Mass. Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, and Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, were present. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Willy, Clonkeock College, County Dublin, deacon, Father Donovan, sub-deacon, Father Walsh, Maynooth College, master of ceremonies, Father Gilhooly.

The remains of the Rev. Denis E. O'Sullivan, late P. P. Clonkeock, were removed July 26 from St. Finbar's church, Douglas, Street, Cork City to the Great St. Stephen and West End Railway to be buried at Killybegs for interment. He died at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Hannah O'Sullivan, 3 Elizabeth place. He had been in ill health for several years past and as he was 87 years of age, he could no longer combat the attacks of sickness. Ordained in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, Madras, India, Father O'Sullivan after some years of hard laboring returned home in delicate health. He was appointed curate in Kenmare and then in Ballymacelligott, and afterward parish priest of Cahidaniel. In a well-remembered poor district, where, as he often said, he had not a place to lay his head, he had to do much uphill work in building schools and a presbytery, but succeeded in getting four schools and residences built. At the ceremonies Right Rev. Mgr. Maguire officiated and was assisted by Rev. Father Barrett, St. Finbar's, and Rev. Father Reilly, St. Finbar's. The following relatives and friends of the deceased were present: Mr. T. G. O'Sullivan, nephew, Miss Hannah O'Sullivan, niece, Mr. Henry O'Shea, Mr. J. T. O'Connell and Mr. Lehane.

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of an active worker by the death of Mr. John K. McMahon. For years he was a prominent member of the committee of the Irish Literary Society, and was foremost in the promotion of the entertainments and social functions. A member of a well-known position in the Chancery Pay Office, a branch of the Civil Service attached to the law courts. He was a lieutenant in the Volunteer. At a meeting of the Irish Literary Society the committee adjourned the consideration of business and passed votes of condolence to Mr. Alfred Percival Graves (whose father, the Bishop of Limerick, died early in the week), the honorable secretary, and Miss McMahon, assistant secretary, in their bereavement.

## LIMERICK.

The novelty of giving a representation in the open air of "As You Like It" July 28, by Mr. Benson and his Shakespearean company, proved a great success in Limerick. It was given on the Richmond Grounds, South Circular Road, at 7 o'clock.

At Fynes, July 26 the eighty-first birthday of St. Stephen E. De Vere Barré, the highly venerated teacher of Fynes Island, the people congregated to make preparations for paying the annual visit to this highly venerated gentleman.

## TIPPERARY.

On July 22 a farmer's son named Maher 30 years of age living at Killinane near Thurles while crossing his bull, knocked down and goaded from under the right eye to the jugular vein under the ear. The infuriated animal then retreated a few paces when Maher attempted to escape, but the bull made a furious lunge at him which he avoided. Fortunately his brother Thomas was in an adjacent field, and perceiving the dangerous situation of his brother rushed to his rescue and succeeded in beating off the bull when both brothers effected their escape. The injuries necessitated the putting of six stitches in the wound from the right eye to the ear.

On July 29 the death was announced of the Rev. John Hennessy, Holy Cross. He had labored for six years on the American Mission and had several missions in the archdiocese of Cashel. Requiem Office and Mass were celebrated at Holy Cross and were attended by Rev. J. O'Brien, Holy Cross; Rev. Father Fennelly, Moycarkey; Rev. P. O'Keefe, Cleahane, Rev. N. Rafferty, Banteer, Rev. J. Hickey, Thurles; Rev. W. McGrath, Holy Cross. The remains were interred at the High Altar. Rev. J. O'Brien officiated.

Members of Cashel National Teachers' Association held their quarterly meeting in the Town Hall July 22.

Mr. Fogarty, esteemed vice chairman of the Northern county of gallant Tipperary, is a sturdy member of a patriotic class of farmers, and all through his life has manifested the strong Nationalist principles that animate him for the bettering of his native land. He was born near Neigh in 1851, and was educated at the Christian Brothers' Schools, Nenagh. He early took up the avocation of his sire and pursued the farming industry with the energy that characterizes him. He was early in the fight against felonious landlordism and his tact and general capacity induced his election as secretary to the local branches of the Land League, the Irish National League, and the National Federation, respectively. Mr. Fogarty has always been recognized as a champion of tenant farmers' interests, and the Co. Tipperary landless and emergency fund. The Rev. D. Fogarty, P. P. Thomastown, and the Rev. Dr. Fogarty, M. P. north, are brothers of the popular and efficient vice chairman of North Tipperary County Council.

The thunderstorm which broke over East Tipperary and County Waterford on July 22 was the most severe in years, and while it lasted, was truly awe-inspiring.

## WATERFORD.

On July 8 a very imposing demonstration took place in St. Anne's field, near Manchester, Egan and being the golden jubilee of the opening of the mission and the silver jubilee of the parterre of Rev. R. A. Power. Father Power is a member of the well-known family of Furrallagh.

On July 30 Patrick Connolly and William Forristal of Waterford City were drowned in the River Suir, between Cheek Point and the city. They were in a boat and tried to make fast to the steamed Lady Annette, which was returning with excursionists from Graigne, their boat was upset and the two were drowned.

The enemies of the people are feeling the power of the United Irish League. This is a proof that boycotting is a most effective weapon and should be used unsparingly.

The remains of the late Mrs. Wall, formerly of the Square, Dungrovan, were conveyed by rail from Dublin for interment lately, and were received at the station by a large number of friends. For many years past Mrs. Wall has resided with her daughters, Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Miss Wall, in Dublin. The deceased lady passed away on July 22.

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

On July 24 a great meeting of the Belfast National Federation was held in the National Hall, Mill street, where a branch of the United Irish League was found. The chair was taken by Mr. Michael McCartan, solicitor, M. P. Having explained the objects of the meeting, he said the United Irish League proposed to do all that which had been proposed to be done by the

### TYRONE.

The nationalists in South Tyrone are determined that the Tories and Orangemen won't find them napping when the time for the general elections shall come. Mr. John Donnelly and his aides are already looking after those who are entitled to vote on their side, and also after those who are not entitled to vote on the Tory and Orange side.

### FERMANAGH.

There are five great landlords in the county, viz: Marquis of Ely, who holds 34,879 acres; Earl of Erne, 31,339; Earl of Enniskillen, 29,625; Mervyn Archdall, 27,410; Sir V. Brooke, 27,994. Here are five persons with half the good land of this county in their possession, while the rightful owners are starving at home in exile.

### DERRY.

At recent sessions held in Dungliver James H. Kerr and William John and Samuel Kerr were returned for trial, charged with having seriously assaulted William Brown at Adairville on June 13. The case arose out of a dispute relating to land.

### DONEGAL.

Fathers Joseph Boyle and Patrick Blake were the priests in the parish of Cloudaharky in 1894. The post town is Dunfanaghy.

### DOWN.

On July 22 the portion of the British Navy known as the channel fleet entered Belfast Lough and anchored off Bangor. This fleet was the strongest ever seen in Belfast Lough, and comprised thirty battleships and cruisers besides twenty-four torpedo boats and several gunboats. A large squadron of coal transports were with the fleet.

### KERRY.

The fishing industry in and around Fenit, in Kerry, is increasing in value each year, but strangers and others not directly connected with Kerry are reaping the most benefit. If the Irish had a native Parliament, almost all the money that now goes out of the county would remain in it. The tonnage of the fish in a few years has run up from 350 to 1,500 tons in last year.

The announcement of the death of the Rev. Denis Francis O'Sullivan, O. S. F., was received with general regret throughout the diocese of Kerry. Here the deceased gentleman labored long and zealously in the discharge of his sacred duties, and prior to his entry into the Franciscan Order he was pastor of the parish of Cahidaniel, where his many good offices are still remembered with affection. The reverend gentleman had been ailing for a considerable time. His death happened at 3 Elizabeth place, Cork at the patriarchal age of 85 years.

The Irish in London regret the loss

Irish National Federation, and even more. The United Irish League had been before the public for some time, and there was no persons more interested in its working than the toilers of the town and the farmers. Both suffered from the wholesale uprooting of the people from the soil and their being then compelled to go into the towns seeking work.

A meeting of the Irish Patriotic Historical Society of Belfast was held July 23 at 117 Donegall street. Mr. J. McClaron presided. He said: "We are assembled for the purpose of recalling and keeping in mind continually the struggle which culminated in the martyrdom of Robert Emmet and the sacrifice of his staunch friend Thomas Russell, at Downpatrick in the same year. Throughout the world Emmet's name is honored, and he stands out as a determined apostle of liberty, beside Kosciuszko, Hofer, Tell, Washington and Wolfe Tone. The day of every Irishman should be to follow closely the teachings of the man who strove so zealously to win for Ireland national independence."

A meeting of the Darragh '67 Memorial Committee was held at 117 Donegall street on July 19. The attendance was good. Mr. L. McKenna presided. On July 21 the remains of Mr. Arthur Phillips of Larne were removed from Halliwellan for interment in Ballygowan Cemetery.

Mr. W. Kealey A. Atkinson of Portlaoine, resident student in Sir Patrick Dun's hospital, Dublin for the past couple of years, met with a gun accident while at home on his holidays. He was accidentally shot by a cousin of his whose gun went off while he was crossing a hedge. The matter was not regarded as serious at first, but eventually tatanus set in. Mr. Atkinson went to Dublin and entered Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, where, notwithstanding all that medical aid could do he expired on Saturday, July 22, aged 23 years.

Protestant Liberty! The intolerant spirit toward Catholics for which the Protestants of all sects are now over the world is as active and as bitter in Ireland to-day as it was in the days past, all that is required to prove it is an opportunity. The Catholics, however, are gradually killing the devilishly brutal thing. The Irish Weekly, Belfast, of July 29 gives a sample of what these people did, and will continue to do until they are knocked out of power completely. A meeting of the governors of the Charles Shields Charity Institution at Armagh was held July 27 under the presidency of Rev. Mr. King Irwin Protestant Archbishop of Armagh. The business was the election of two governors to fill vacancies. Dr. Kerr, Armagh (Catholic), was nominated by Rev. John Quinn, and seconded by Mr. Gallagher. On the vote of three Catholic governors present voted for Dr. Kerr and the seven non-Catholic governors voted for Rev. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Nelson, who were elected. This action, which will receive the sanction of the Board of Governors in Dublin, is highly instructive, and is another example of the toleration which Catholic minorities in the North of Ireland the Archbishop of Armagh was held in the residence of Cardinal Logue, July 24. It was resolved to open a bazaar in Armagh on July 15, 1900, the proceeds to complete the Cathedral.

The two largest estates in the county are possessed by Lord Farnham and the Earl of Annesley. Farnham holds 29,455 acres and the other 22,100. These broad acres are the property of the Irish people from whom they were robbed, but the day is not remote when