OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Died, July 11, 1899, at Liverpool (suddenly), Jennie O'Neill, aged 19, granddaughter of late Thomas Hynes Fahy, Eyrecourt.

While fishing in Gregory Sound, Aran Islands, lately, Mr. P. J. Gould, of the Claddagh, captured a shark measuring 8 feet 3 inches in length and 4 feet 6 inches around the body.

There was in the window of Mr. Dillon, Williamsgate street, Galway recently, an excellent work of art, the presentation of the Galway Gaelic League to Father Newell. The frame was 3 feet by 2, with Father Newell's photo at the top; the tracery and ornamentation show the Galway arms, and the harp and the shamrock. The address in the centre is in Gaelic characters. Taking it as a work of art it is equal to anything of the same kind from Dublin. Mr. J. Kavanagh, the artist, is entitled to credit.

LEITRIM.

On July 3 Mr. Patrick Muldowney, of Johnstonsbridge and Miss Annie McGarry, of Clooncarn, were married in Bornacoola, by the Rev. Father Cahill. Mr. Muldowney spent some years in the land of the Southern Cross. The bride, a very handsome young lady is daughter of John McGarry, Clooncarn, and niece to Mr. Patrick McGarry, merchant, Longford. The party drove via Clooneagh, Currycramp, Dereen, Dromod, arriving at "The Beeches," Roosky, at 2 P. M. Mr. Cox, the proprietor is a personal friend to the groom and a relative to the bride. Dancing was carried on in the pavilion attached to "The Beeches."

MAYO.

The death of Mr. James Fox, of Gappaviear, Castlebar, occurred on August 1, aged 26 years, deeply regretted. The interment was in Keelogue Cemetery; funeral numerously attended.

Members of the Killavalla branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on August 6, when the question of membership of Mr. P. Lyons was discussed. Mr. Lyons produced his card of membership given to him by Mr. Thomas Walsh, vice-president. Mr. Martin Walsh (brother of vice-president), certified that he was a member and the committee were unanimous that the mistake be corrected and that Mr. Lyons' name be inserted on the League books, as his card bears date October 14, 1898. Therefore we, the undersigned, certify that Mr. Lyons is a member of the League since October 14, 1898, and we recommend him to the County Council for the position of Rate Collector for the Ballyhean and Cloonkeen divisions. Signed—(Rev.) Patrick J. Forde, president; Richard Fitzpatrick, Thomas Tushy; Martin Kirby, Michael Fadden, Patrick Horan, Michael Murphy, John Conway, James Walsh, Patrick McGing, hon. sec.

ROSCOMMON.

The death of Mrs. Feely, Deerpark, Boyle, occurred August 1, at the age of 72 years. The funeral, which took place to Assylynn, was large and representative.

Members of the Kilronan branch of the United Irish League had a good meeting in Arigna on Sunday, July 30. Mr. John Keaveny presided. Also present—J. Flynn, T. Lynch, M. Lehany, T. Cullan, J. Laydon, J. Keaveny, C. Brady, H. Byrne, T. Flynn, P. Gaffney, F. Gaffney, M. Bohan, T. McManus, T. Christy, Keadue; T. Christy, Arigna; J. Guihen, T. Tansy, J. Walsh, H. Kelly. It was proposed, seconded and carried unaminously—"That all who have violated the rules of the U. I. L., be expunged from membership. That we call upon all shopkeepers for the last time to join the U. I. L. at once." The date of holding a public meeting in Kilronan was fully settled on, viz., the 3d of September, when J. J. O'Kelly, M. P., Wm. O'Brien, Jasper Tully M. P.; P. R. McHugh, M. P.; are invited to attend. Next meeting in Keadue. Thos. McGowan, sec.

A meeting of the Executive of the U. I. L. was held in the chapel yard at Ballinaheglish, August 6. Contingents attended from Deoramie, Ballintobber, Kilmurray, and Donamon, and an imposing meeting was held.

On the motion of Mr. Belton, seconded by Mr. Grady, the chair was taken by Rev. Father Convy. The secretary read a series of resolutions unanimously adopted, advocating unity; renewing their determination to use every legitimate means to extend the influence of the United Irish League in South Roscommon; bringing under the notice of the Congested Districts Board the farm of Highlake or Ardlahan situated in the parish of Ballinaheglish, which is advertised for sale at an early date; and pledging the members of the South Roscommon Executive to respond to the appeal for funds made by Mr. Wm. O'Brien.

SLIGO.

Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., has resigned the chairmanship of the Sligo County Council and Mr. John O'Dowd, vice-chairman of the Council, and Mr. B. Collery, M. P., are candidates for the vacant office.

A Nationalist meeting was held in Mullinabreena on July 30. There attended Thomas Moran (chairman); James Gillespie, John Finan, John O'Donnell, D. C., Dominick Feury, D. C., David Eastleden, Patrick Doherty, Patrick Gormley, James Mullen, Michael Marren. It was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss an important matter. It was decided to hold a public meeting in the chapel yard for the purpose of fixing a date to hold a convention at the chapel gate, in response to William O'Brien's appeal. Neil O'Donnell, secretary.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Died.—July 30, at Mill street, Tullow, James McDonald, aged 46 years.

The Rev. Mother and community of the Presentation Convent, Bagnalstown, are to be congratulated on the success of Miss A. M. Wynne, Leighlinbridge, at the recent examination for monitresses. Miss Wynne scored a very high percentage at the examination.

DUBLIN.

On August 9 the Archbishop of Dublin left town for some weeks. During his absence the Vicars-General will attend at the Vicariate, Westland row for the transaction of diocesan business.

Information reached Balbriggan, Aug 8 that the thunderstorm of Sunday morning was the most serious for many years past. At Oldtown the cottage of Patrick Halpin was struck by the lightning, the chimney knocked down and the roof damaged. Halpin, his wife and children were in bed, but escaped injury. In the same neighborhood two horses and bullocks were killed by the lightning, while hay in the fields was set on fire and was burned.

On Aug. 1, while a number of young men from Miltown, Malbay County Clare, were bathing at Spanish Point, Mr. John Murphy was seized with cramp, and was about to sink when his dangerous position was observed by Mr. Thomas Hayes, a Dublin teacher. Mr. Hayes plunged in and seized the drowning man as he was about to sink and after vigorous exertion succeeded in lifting him on to the Black Rock.

Recent deaths in Dublin—FITZSIMONS—Aug. 1 at 30 Findlater street, Annie Fitzsomons, aged 24 years.

HURLEY—Aug. 2, at 4 Rathdown terrace, North Circular road, Joseph Ernst Hurley.

MALONE—Aug 3, at Moate, James Malone, ex-sergeant R. I. C., aged 82 years.

MERRIMAN—Aug. 2, at 16 Mabbot street, John Merriman.

SCULLY—Aug. 3, Paul Scully, of Roscrea, result of an accident.

WALSH—Aug. 2, at Rathcoffey, Clongowes Wood, County Kildare, James Walsh.

WOODLEY—Aug. 3, at Horse and Jockey, Inchicore, John Thomas Woodley.

HUGHES—Aug. 8, at Mina terrace, Island Bridge, Mary Jane Hughes.

KENNY—Aug. 7, at Simmons Court Lodge, Donnybrook, Mary Margaret Kenny.

BECKETT—At 93 Amiens street, George Thomas Beckett, for over forty years employee of Messrs. Arnott & Co.

BYRNE—Aug. 4, at Kilsallaghan, Patrick Byrne, at an advanced age.

COLES—Aug. 2, at the Hospice for the Dying, Harolds cross, Elizabeth Coles, of 6 Aungier street.

DOYLE—Aug. 4, at 37 Upper Gardiner street, Bride Doyle, daughter of the late John Doyle, Craddoxtown, Nass, County Kildare.

KENNEDY—Aug. 4, at 2 Rathdown road, North Circular road, Anne Kennedy, Fleenstown House, Ashbourne County Meath.

MACKEY—Aug. 4, at 14 South Richmond street, Teresa Mackey (Tess), daughter of the late Martin Mackey of High street.

MURTAGH—Aug. 4, at 16 Clarendon street, Esther Murtagh.

MULLIGAN—At Rosanna Cottage, Glasthule, John Mulligan.

MURDOCK—Aug. 2, at Killiney, Andrew Murdock, caretaker, Killiney Park.

PURTILL—July 29, at Smyllum Orphanage, Lanark, Scottland, Sister Benerict Purtill, formerly of Nenagh.

STACEY—Aug. 2, at 11 Bow lane West, Robert Stacey, an old member of the Amalgamated Society of Tailors.

KILDARE.

Died, August 1, at Narraghmore Michael Cradden. August 7, at Cork, Annie Hogan, Halverstown, Kilcullen.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, recently visited Monasterevan to confirm the children. He examined the children himself to the number of 270, including the pupils from the Christian Brothers Schools, the Sisters of Mercy and the National Schools of Nurney and Kildangan. The clergymen present were: Very Rev. E. Kavanagh; Very Rev. P. Bourke, Portarlington; Rev. J. Delaney; Rev. G. Gowing, Rathin, Queen's County; Rev. M. Hanrick, Monasterevan; Rev. J. Donovan, Monasterevan.

On July 29, before the Lord Chancellor, in Four Courts, Dublin, Dempsey Minors opposed an application on behalf of the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, and Rev. Martin Walsh, parish priest of Castledermott, for an order that out of so much of the funds in Court as represented the assets of Michael Dempsey, deceased, the applicants should receive £1,000, representing a legacy bequeathed by Michael Dempsey, by a codicil of his will dated 8th December, 1883, to the trustees therein named; the said legacy of £1,000 to be paid to the Archbishop of Dublin and the Parish Priest for the time being of Castledermott for the purpose of building a convent in the town of Castledermott.

The Lord Chancellor decided that the legacy was a charitable bequest. He therefore held the bequest failed as regards the lands of which Michael Dempsey was possessed at the time of his death, but that it was good as regards the pure personal estate of which he was possessed. He directed an inquiry as to the personality of the testator, that he might pay the legacy pro rata out of it.

KILKENNY.

Mr. Jerome G. Fitzpatrick, Coolcashin, was lately coopted a member of the Urlingford Rural District Council.

The marriage of Miss Ellie Maher Grangemockler, to Mr. J. Dunne, Kilkenny, was celebrated by the Rev. M. Power.

KINGS.

On Oct. 8 Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg Bishop of Ossory, assisted by several Bishops and dignitaries, will lay the foundation-stone of the new church of St. Kieran, in Seir-Kieran, near Birr. The ceremony will be of great interest and carried out on a grand scale. The Parish of Seir-Kieran holds a unique position among Irish parishes. It is not only distant by many miles from the Diocese of Ossory, to which it belongs, but it is also cut up into three separate districts by the Dioceses of Killaoe and Meath. Though remote it is a cherished post of the Diocese of Ossory, and loved by priests and people. In olden times Seir-Kieran was the mother Church of Ossory. In Seir-Kieran St. Kieran, the Patron of Ossory and the first-born of the Saints of Ireland, preached the gospel of Christ and founded a church before the arrival of St. Patrick, and its annals record a meeting at a subsequent period, of these two great saints, under its hospitable roof. Until the eleventh century it was the resident of the Spiritual Ruled of Ossory, and until the fifteenth century held an honored place among the religious establishments of Ireland. After a thousand years of existence it was razed to the ground by the fury of the Reformers and nothing now remains to indicate its ancient greatness but a few ivy-clad ruins, a holy well, a round tower and fertile fields. The present energetic pastor, the Rev. Thomas Phelan warned by Mr. Wm. H. Byrne, architect, of the very unsafe condition of the present church, built 105 years ago has undertaken the task of building a new church. This is a great work for any parish, but the smaller the parish the greater does that work become. For the Parish of Seir-Kieran, cut away from its diocese and divided as its posts are from one another, with a total Catholic population of only 430 souls, the work would appear insuperable but for the fact that no Catholic church in this land has ever been left unfinished, and we bespeak for Seir Kieran and its pastor, Father Phelan a kindly sympathy and generous support from Irishmen in all climes, and particularly from those who are connected in any way with the grand old historic diocese of Ossory.

LONGFORD.

On Aug. 3, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in St. Mel's Cathedral Longford, on the occasion of the late Bishop Conry's anniversary.

On Aug. 3 Mr. John R. Pettit, Longford, started on his journey for Capetown, South Africa. Mr. Pettit for years had managed the boot store of Mr. Boyers in Main street. An address and a splendid silver-mounted cased pipe, cigar case and tobacco pouch were presented to him. The address was framed and finished in a most artistic manner by Mr. Thomas J. Boyle and was read by Mr. P. J. O'Malley who also made the presentation.

LOUTH.

On July 29 and following day a severe thunderstorm, accompanied by flashes of lightning and heavy showers of rain, passed over Drogheda and district. The Boyne overflowed its banks. Reports from the country districts say that serious damage has been done to hay, barley, oats and potatoes.

The death of Captain L. Morgan of the Nora Crenia Drogheda Steam Packet Company, occurred in Liverpool lately. There was none of the masters belonging to the steamer owned by the Drogheda Steam Packet Company who won more friends among the public than the late Captain Morgan.

The annual meeting of the Oliver Plunkett Total Abstinence Society Drogheda, was held in the Hall, Fair street, lately. Dr. Bradley, presiding. Present—The Rev. Father Breagy, Mr. James Gray, and a very large number of the members. Mr. Gray, secretary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Vice-presidents, Messrs. Peter Lennon, E. Gargan and C. Donagh; treasurer, Mr. J. Guilfoyle; librarian, Mr. P. Flynn; Committee, Messrs. M. Leech, W. Farrell, P. Boden, M. Boylan, P. M'Carthy, P. Flynn, Clarke, J. Leonard, P. M'Kenna, M. Donegan, R. Reilly, and J. M'Ginn. Assistant secretary, Mr. E. M'Kenna.

MEATH.

Died, at Galtrim Lodge, Summerhill, George Buchanan.

A sad accident occurred July 31 at Westpallstown, near Oldtown, by which a farmer named Monaghan lost his life. Monaghan was returning from Balbriggan with a loaded cart, and close to his own house the cart was overturned into the ditch at the side of the road, killing himself and the horse.

QUEEN'S.

A mission, conducted by Fathers Rossiter and Kinsella of the House of Missions, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, was commenced at St. Brigid's Church, Rosenallis after last Mass on Sunday, July 30.

On August 6 the High Alter in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Shadbally was consecrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The sermon was preached by Very Rev. W. Burke, of the Redemptorist Order. The Church is of Gothic architecture and occupies a commanding position in the centre of the picturesque town of Stradbally. It is provided with every requisite and reflects great credit on all concerned.

WESTMEATH.

In the parish of Mullingar in 1893 were Rev. Thomas Drum, Rev. William P. Kearney, Rev. Edward O'Reilly, and Rev. Patrick Flanagan. It is generally known as the Bishop's parish, and Navan is called the same.

WEXFORD.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand, is now on a visit to the historic County of Wexford during the past few weeks he was in the quaint old town by the sea. He was guest at the Episcopal House, Wexford.

On August 5 a heavy thunder and lightning storm swept over Wexford and great losses and damage are reported. A woman named Kinsella of Screen near Wexford town was receiving articles from a Mrs. Quirke when she was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Mrs. Quirke had a very narrow escape, as she had part of her clothing burned, and the donkey under the cart was killed and the car broken up.

On Aug. 5 the impressive ceremony of Profession took place in the Presentation Convent, Wexford. The young lady professed is Miss Curran daughter of late Mr. Charles Curran Clashmore, County Waterford and sister to Mr. Charles Curran, Ballinmuck Dungarvan. Her name in religion is Sister M. Philomena. The ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns assisted by Rev. P. O'Connor, rector of the Church of the Assumption. Also present—The Most Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, Rev. P. O'Gorman (cousin of the young lady), Rev. J. Hayden, Rev. M. Hayden, Wexford, Rev. J. Cloney, Wexford, Rev. J. Rossiter, Wexford, and Rev. W. Codd, St. Peter's College, Wexford.

With feelings of sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mrs. Catherine Kavanagh, mother of the Very Rev. M. Canon Kavanagh, New Ross, which took place July 30, at her residence, Scar. The deceased lady had attained the grand old age of 86 years.

WICKLOW.

The death of Rev. Father O'Donnell, pastor, Wicklow, happened August 5. Though aged, he had not been complaining of any serious sickness. His death is deeply and widely regretted by all who knew him.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A meeting of Labasheeda Branch, United Irish League, was held July 30, Mr. John O'Gill, chairman, presided.

The Clareman of Aug 8 printed this: "The address delivered at the meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians on Wednesday by Mr. Concannon, organizer of the Gaelic League, and the resolution adopted by the guardians will, we trust, have the effect of rousing the people of Ennis to take a more active part in reviving and preserving the Gaelic tongue. It wants only some initiative that Ennis may have one of the most flourishing branches of the Gaelic League in Ireland.

CORK.

The transfer of Rev. John O'Donoghue, C. C. from Clondrohid to Cloghroe lately evoked in the parish a sincere feeling of regret.

Changes here mentioned were lately made in the diocese of Cloyne. Rev. John O'Keeffe to be P. P., Lisgoold; Rev. Daniel O'Keeffe, P. P., Rockcapel and Meelin; Rev. T. Lenihan, C. C., Coachford, Rev. Lawrence Murphy, C. C., Clonmeen; Rev. J. B. O'Donnell, C. C., Conna; Rev. J. O'Donoghue, C. C., Cloghroe; Rev. J. Brown, C. C., Castlemagner; Rev. Patrick Murphy, C. C., Donoghmore; Rev. T. Shinkwin, C. C., Banteer; Rev. John McCarthy, C. C., Ballyhea; Rev. David Barrett, C. C., Carriganimma.

The ceremony of the consecration of St. Joseph's Oratory, South Infirmary, Cork, was performed Aug. 3 by Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Lord Bishop of Cork, in presence of a large assemblage of clergy, laity and officials of the institution.

On Aug. 1 a musical entertainment was given in the new Convent School, Kanturk, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience.

Recent deaths in Cork.—Long—On Aug. 2 at Lough road John Long.

MAHONNEY—Aug. 3, at Convent road, Blackrock, Mary Mahonney mother of Miss Mahonney, teacher in the Workhouse school, Cork.

DONOVAN—Aug. 4, at Ahilnane Ballineen, Kate Donovan.

DILWORTH—Aug. 4, Margaet Dilworth, Ballycraheen.

RIORDAN—Aug. 3, at 50 '98 street, off Gillabbey street, Timothy Riordan, late at Cecilstown, Coachford.

O'Mahoney—Aug. 1 at Cecilstown Mallow, Robert, father of the Rev. Cornelius O'Mahoney, O. S. H., Watertown, U. S. A.

COLLINS—Aug. 2, at 51 Grattan street, Julia Collins, of Lehenagh, late night watchman of the North Main street.

O'Hanlon—Aug. 1, at Pallas Kanturk Mrs. John O'Hanlon.

LEE—Aug. 2 at 87 Evergreen road, Mary Francis Lee.

BROWN—Aug. 1, at Castlemagner Mary Brown.

DOWNING—On July 24, Agnes Downing, Merchant, Crookhaven, aged 18 years.

CREED—At Carrigaguila, Ballingarry, Margaret Creed.

SHEEHAN—Aug. 1, Ellen Sheehan Tawestown. General Communion Courtbrack Church for Clougmeen District.

RICE—July 31, at 91 Friar's street, Margaret (Maggie) Rice.

ROCHE—Aug. 1, at Ballincurrig, Killavullen, Michael Roche.

GUERIN—Aug 1, at Eden Hill, Mallow, County Cork, Mrs. M. A. Guerin.

GEARY—July 30, at Fernshaw, Lucien road, Tooting Common, London, David J. Geary.

TWOMEY—July 30, at Ughtehera Rylane, Margaret Twomey.

CROWLEY—June 1, at Kalgoorlin, W. Australia, Dennis Crowley (late of Ovens).

KERRY.

Mrs. Rourke, Oakville, Tralee, died July 28, after a very short illness. She was aged 80 years. The funeral and requiem services were numerously attended. Though far over the allotted span of life, yet her death was deeply and widely regretted.

Death of Mr. John Casey, Lispole.—After a brief illness, the death occurred on July 27 of Mr. John Casey of Churchfield, Lispole. Deceased was aged 60 years, and the district in which he lived and throughout the barony of Corkaguiny and Tarlee, had, by strict adherence to upright and manly principles, secured a large number of friends, who learned of his death with sincere sorrow.

The Feast of Portiuncula was celebrated in the Franciscan Church, Killarney, Aug. 2 with all solemnity, and was one of the best atended since the Franciscians came to Killarney, thirty-nine years ago. People flocked from the remotest parts of Kerry, and over 2,100 persons received Holy Communion.

On July 28 the closing exercises of the year in the Presentation Convent Listnaw, were held. The exercises opened with a hymn to the Sacred Heart, sweetly rendered by the singing class; then came an address, very nicely and distinctly spoken by Miss Katty Grady. The Angels of the counties, each claiming a crown for her land, was the next item on the program. Miss Debbie Kissane represented the archangel, to bestow the crowns. Italy was represented by Miss Nora Keane; Spain, by Miss Katie Neilan, France, by Miss Mary Kate Dowling, Scotland, by Miss Madge Lynch, England by Miss Hanna O'Connell, America, by Miss Mollie O'Connell, Ireland by Miss Hannah Trant; Poland, by Miss Katty Ferris. "Erin" calmly reminded the audience that "Tho' foreign rulers used threat and brand to crush the faith in my island home, still it closely clings to the Church of Rome," and wound up by declaring that there dwelt not on earth a nobler band than the "high-souled sons of the shamrock land."

LIMERICK.

The Feast of St. Alphonsus de Liguori was celebrated at the Redemptorist Church on Aug 2 with due solemnity. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 12 o'clock, at which Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick presided. The following officiated. Rev Father Collins, celebrant, Rev Father Cleare deacon; Rev. Father Cagney, sub-deacon; Rev Father Barry, master of ceremonies; Rev. Fathers Langley and Murray, deacons at the throne. A choir of over fifty male voices sang the accompaniment to the Mass.

TIPPERARY.

July 28 Coronor Ambrose Mandeville and a jury held an inquest in the Court House, Cahir, on the death of Mr. Peter Doherty, who was the caretaker of the house and grounds of the Swiss Swiss Cottage, Cahir, the property of Lady Margaret Charters, who accidentally shot himself through the heart the previous day. When taking the loaded gun through a wire fence one barrel was discharged, killing him instantly. A verdict of accidental death was found.

The nationalist newspaper, Clonmel, is doing good work for the Irish people. The manager was hauled up in the courts, Dublin, last week and an injunction was obtained to prevent him writting in his paper and exposing the land grabbers and cruel hearted landlords. To his honor and the honor of the paper he controls he point blank refused to give guarantees as to his future conduct, and courageously left himself free to score the enemies of "the land for the people." No apology from "The Nationalist" is on the records of the British legal court in Dublin.

On Aug. 3 William Kavanagh, A cooper, Carrick-on-Suir, in the employment of Messrs. Freehan & Son, died suddenly at his residence. The deceased seemed in his usual health during the day, but it was noticed by the other employes that he drank large amounts of water, which he was unable to retain on his stomach. At dinner hour he complained of not feeling well, and stopped work. He stretched himself on the bed, and toward 7 o'clock began to groan as if in great pain. Before medical assistence could reach him he expired. An inquest was held on Friday, and the jury, after hearing the medical evidence, returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

We regret to chronicle the demise of Sister Mary Josephine O'Reilly, almost at the threshold of her religious vocation. She was only 28 years of age, and had been seven years a nun. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. O'Reilly, Grange, Kilcash.

WATERFORD.

Latest information about the sad drowning accident lately says that the young men, Patrick Forristal and Patrick Cannolly were not from the city of Waterford, but from Glenmore County Kilkenny. The father of Forristal is a farmer and miller. It appears that the steamer with which their boat collided was the Lady Annette, taking home a great number of excursionists from Duncannon to Graiguenamanagh.

A very amiable member of one of the oldest families of the County Wexford passed away in the person of Mrs. Mary Quinn of Ballinacourty, Villierstown, on July 26. She was in her 78th year. The funeral passed by Kereen, Whitechurch, Modeligo, Mill street into the burial ground of Tourneena.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

There was a meeting of the Brothers Sheares Commemoration Club on July 29 in the Irish Historical Patriotic Society's Hall, the president, Mr. Peter King, in the chair.

On Saturday evening, July 29, a schoolboy named Frederick Moffett aged nine years, of 29 Charlotte street Belfast, was drowned while bathing in the Lagan.

A meeting of the Central Committee of the Catholic Association was held in St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, lately, Rev James K. O'Neill, Adm. presiding.

ARMAGH.

Hugh Jones, engineer on the Great Northern Railway line, lost a leg while oiling his engine at the Managhan station. He slipped off the footplate, and the wheel so injured his leg that it had to be amputated. He lives at Portadown.

At the last meeting of Armagh Board of Guardians, Mr. Jas. Hobson, presiding, Mr. Wm. Simpson proposed that Mr Barclay, Lisburn, be appointed analyst. Mr. Charles O'Toole proposed that Sir Charles Cameron be appointed. On a vote being taken, Sir Charles Cameron was appointed by 17 votes to 15.

The members of the Society of St. Cecilia, Lurgan, held their first annual excursion July 31 in delightful weather, the place selected for the day's outing being Warrenpoint. Three hundred were on the outing. Mr. O'Reilly was assisted by the following members of the Excursion Committee: Miss B. Lavery, Miss M. Campbell, Miss E. Tipping, Mr. John Lavery, Mr. John Lyons and Mr. Wm. A. D. O'Reilly, the honorary secretary of the society.

CAVAN.

Several parishes are now making preparations to found branches of that most useful patriotic organization the United Irish League.

DERRY.

The Coleraine guardians met July 29, the Rt. Hon. Sir H. H. Bruce, Bart. presiding. The only applicant for the situation of medical officer of Portstewart dispensary district was Dr John A. Kennedy, who submited excellent testimonials and certificates. Dr. Kennedy was unanimously appointed.

On July 29 the members of the Derry Branch celebrated the jubilee of the Typographical Association by an excursion to Castlerock. Mr. Bernard McCann, president of the branch, who occupied the chair, at the banquet at the hotel toasted "The Typographical Association," and congratulated the members on the flourishing state in which its golden jubilee found the association.

At the quarterly meeting of the Derry County Council, July 29, Councillor Millar proposed steps should be taken to appeal against the decision of the master of the rolls in the action by the Attorney General at the relation of the Rev. John Johnston against the London Companies for misappropriation of funds derived from their Irish estates.

DONEGAL.

On July 31 there was a great popular demonstration in Letterkenny in honor of the Very Rev. James McFadden, of Gweedore, who has returned from the United States, where he was engaged in raising funds for the new cathedral in Letterkenny. He arrived on Saturday at Queenstown, reaching Letterkenny on Sunday. The reverend address by the Urban Council of which Mr. E. McFadden, solicitor, is chairman.

DOWN.

William Kelly, porter, well known in Newtownards, died suddenly, July 31, on the premises of Mr. T. J. Shanks Francis street.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Daniel O'Flaherty, father of the Rev. J. O'Flaherty, C. C., Holywood. The sad event took place unexpectedly on July 29 at Mr. O'Flaherty's residence, 230 Duncairn Gardens.

A meeting was held in the Hall, Mayobridge, on July 23, to take up the work of revision for the district. The hall was crowded. Mr. John Doyle presided.

On Aug. 1 the children attending the schools of the Convent of Mercy, Mt. St. Patrick, Downpatrick, had their excursion to Newcastle.

MONAGHAN.

Patrick Daly, Rosker, near Ballybay, was found dead in a bog hole near his home July 28. Deceased was 65 years of age, and had only returned from Scotland a short time.

TYRONE.

Mary McKeown, of North street, Stewartstown, aged 80 years, somehow got her clothes ignited in her home recently and was so seriously burned about face, arms and body that her life was endangered.

"Evidently," replied the milkman, as a peculiar smile chased itself across his countenance, "you have been sweetening your coffee with the same kind of sugar you sold my wife yesterday."—Chicago News.