

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.

A fine meeting in support of the cause of the evicted tenants was held at the Abbey, on Aug. 13. Mr. John Roche, M. P., delivered a stirring address. Many attended from Loughrea, which is near the place where the meeting was held.

St. Francis' College, Mount Bellew, conducted by the Franciscan Brothers, is an institution which should appeal strongly to parents anxious to confer upon their sons the blessings of a sound education and excellent training. The college is one of the leading educational establishments in the West of Ireland, and has upon the roll of past students the names of many distinguished members of the learned professions. The college curriculum includes classics, modern languages, mathematics, shorthand, drawing, bookkeeping, etc., and special classes are in operation for the training of students for the Civil Service, the Intermediate, bank and other commercial pursuits.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Ellen Walsh, of Roundstone, Connemara, which took place on July 31, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church.

LEITRIM.

Rev. M. O'Rourke, C. C., Drumkeer-in, died in Dublin, Aug. 9. The Office and High Mass for the repose of his soul, held in Carrickallen, on Aug. 11, was, numerously attended by priests and laity. His death was deeply regretted.

A great demonstration was held in Drumkeeran on Aug. 13, under the auspices of the United Irish League. On the platform were all kinds of Nationalists. The chairman, Mr. Daniel Drury, Drumkeeran, was a staunch supporter of Mr. Parnell. Messrs. P. A. McHugh, M. P., and Mr. Haviland, Burke, were among the speakers.

MAYO.

The death of Mr. James Joseph Glynn, Ballinacree, Castlebar, occurred on Aug. 7, aged 22 years. Interment was in Mayo Abbey. The funeral cortege was long and representative.

Lord Sligo recently revoked permission to Rev. Father O'Reilly, Mullingar, and the members of the Holy Name Society, to enter his demesne, because they came to Westport carrying religious banners and were in processional order.

Messrs. P. J. Kelly and John Walsh, honorable treasurers of the fund being raised for the ex-political prisoner, Henry Buxton, "proper name Patrick Gallagher, in last issue to band of the Sligo News, Westport, acknowledge the sum of about \$200 in subscriptions to the fund was opened.

The two weeks' mission given by the Franciscan Fathers at Newport closed on Aug. 6. Rarely, if ever, was seen so large a number together in Newport as that which poured into the town to hear the closing sermon, which was preached by the Rev. Father Flynn. Not more than half those present could find standing room within the spacious church.

The usual weekly meeting of the Kilmaclesser Branch of the United Irish League was held Aug. 6, at the League rooms, the Rev. Jeremiah O'Toole, Adm., president, presiding.

ROSCOMMON.

The parish of Boyle is in County Roscommon, and the parish priests and assistants in 1898 were Rev. Bernard Coyle, Rev. P. McDonagh, and Rev. M. Humphreys.

SLIGO.

Mr. O'Gara, who was recently elected a member of the Sligo Board of Guardians for the Lisconny District, took his seat at the last meeting of the board.

DIED.—On Aug. 7, Charles Moore, Cairny, in the 18th year of his age, after a lingering illness.

The Local Government has decided to establish an auxiliary dispensary in the Magheron District. This will be a great advantage to the people.

During the week ending Aug. 12, the members of the Sacred Heart Confraternity in Toberhurry parish enjoyed the privilege of a spiritual retreat, conducted by Rev. Father O'Kelly, of the Dominican Order. The exercises were well attended. Rev. P. R. Staunton, parish priest, and Rev. M. Doyle, assistants, were pleased at the deep religious sentiment of their people.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

A very sudden death occurred in Ballinacree Aug. 7, when John Fleming, Wolfhill, expired in Mr. M. Shortall's yard. Deceased was a tailor by trade, and one of the most athletic young men of his district—a champion footballer, and a winner of several medals. Mrs. Mary Kelly died Aug. 12 at Knockboy, Rathvilly, at the age of 56 years, widely regretted. The funeral was held on Aug. 15, in Rathvilly, and the office and High Mass for the repose of her soul was attended by many priests and the laity.

DUBLIN.

An incident which occurred in Dublin lately reveals the existence of religious bigotry which one would scarcely expect to meet with in a tolerant and liberal metropolis.

place, was summoned to the female penitentiary, North Circular road, to see an inmate very ill. Realizing that her condition was serious, and learning that she was a Catholic, he advised that she should have a priest. He was informed by a lady official that no Catholic priest was allowed to render spiritual services to an inmate of the institution under any circumstances. Dr. O'Sullivan had the patient removed to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, where she was visited by a priest and medical assistance.

Mr. J. J. Comerford, M. P., a journalist, well known in the provinces and Dublin, has left Dublin for South Africa under medical advice. Mr. Comerford had been for the past five years connected with the Evening Telegraph and Freeman's Journal, having been until his health began to fail, in charge of the Limerick district and office. He was transferred to the head office where everything that kindness could do failed to bring about a cure of a chest attack contracted in Limerick. Mr. Comerford was editor of the Southern Star, West Cork, for some time.

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FREEMAN—Aug. 9, at the Hospice for the young, Haroldcross, Miss Anne Freeman.

GRANT—Aug. 14, Mrs. Mary Grant, interment from her son-in-law's residence, C. Doyle, 5 Cuffe street, Jefferson. At the Carmelite College, Terenure, Ellen Jeffares for many years the trusted and faithful servant of the community.

LEONARD—Aug. 13, at Porters-town, Clonsilla, Mrs. Jane Leonard, at an advanced age.

MEEHAN—Aug. 14, at Cross Kevin street, Joseph Meehan, member of Gloucester Street Society of Carpenters.

BURKE—At 20 Bow lane, John Burke, of acute trephritis, member of Third Order of St. Francis.

DOYLE—Aug. 11, John J. Doyle, 27 Hardwicke street, Dublin.

EYERS—Aug. 11, suddenly, Alfred Eyers, 22 St. James' terrace, Dolphin's Barn, late of H. M. Inland Revenue.

GAVAN—Aug. 10, at Wellpark, Drumcondra, John Gavan, Smithfield, salesman.

M'ALLISTER—Aug. 10, at 34 Rathgar road, County Dublin, Isaac McAllister, late of Dunganon, aged 77 years.

PLUNKETT—Aug. 11, at the Great Northern Hotel, 13 Amiens street, Mrs. Plunkett.

WARD—Aug. 11, Patrick Ward, the dearly beloved son of Patrick and Mary Ward.

KILDARE.

In recognition of Mr. C. Kinella's long services as teacher in Castledermot, a committee has been formed to present a testimonial to him. The priests are deeply interested in the project.

At recent meeting of the Naas Board of Guardians, Dr. Rice of Portlinton, reported that the clerk, Mr. Farrell, was very ill, and would require a month for recovery. The request was granted.

The Phoenix Brewing company, Dublin, it is reported, intends to close its maltings in Monasterevan. This would place many persons in enforced idleness, and would be a serious business for the town generally.

The death of Mrs. Sarah Jane (Sally) Delany of Newtown occurred on Aug. 6 last after a brief illness, and was a great shock to her numerous friends and acquaintances. The remains were conveyed to the Parochial Church at Doonana, where the obsequies were celebrated in the presence of a very large congregation.

KILKENNY.

The Feast of Saint Dominic was celebrated in the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, with usual devotions. The altars were decorated with flowers. Great numbers of people were present at the High Mass, and also at the evening devotions, when the Rev. S. Hogan, O. P., St. Saviour's Priory, Waterford, preached the panegyric of the saint.

On August 6 a meeting of the parishioners of Hugginstown and the surrounding districts was held in the Parish Church to form a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. J. J. Shaw, M. P., and Mr. James Lynam attended.

KINGS.

Rev. W. J. O'Connor, son of Mr. Michael O'Connor, of the firm of O'Connor & Co., Portlarnion, was ordained sub-deacon on Aug. 11, in the chapel of Saint Peter's College, Wexford. Rt. Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, officiated, and to his diocese the young priest will go.

The anniversary of Ireland's soldier, Theobald Wolfe Tone, was celebrated by the "good men and true" of Edenderry, Aug. 6, in a manner fitting to the occasion, and in harmony with the patriotic spirit animating the stirring people.

LONGFORD.

Arday was the scene of a splendid United Irish League demonstration on Aug. 6. This place was celebrated in the days of the Land League for the pluck and indomitable courage of its people, whose enthusiasm on Sunday is a proof that history is going to repeat itself. The meeting was called for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League. Most of the old fiery spirits of the Land League that accomplished so much for the people were present.

LOUTH.

Rev. Patrick Fagan, recently appointed Parish Priest of Killyearan, will be presented with a purse of money and an illuminated address by his late parishioners in Armagh.

the County Louth and Dundalk show was held on Aug. 10, and was a success. The entries were larger than on any previous occasion, while the quality of the animals exhibited showed much improvement.

The Irish Weekly of Belfast, in its issue of August, writing on the Gaelic revival in Ireland, said: "The Gaelic gathering which took place on Monday on the shores of Carlingford Lough was unique in the history of the Gaelic revival movement in the North, and the enthusiasm which characterized the proceedings throughout was calculated to inspire hope for the ultimate success of the object of the meeting. All sorts and conditions of Celts from His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop, downwards, manifested the zest and spirit which can only be found in a gathering of Celts."

The excursion of over a thousand Belfast Nationalists to Dundalk occasioned great enthusiasm among the people Aug. 13.

MEATH.

The Britisher who recently invaded the great historic mound of Tara, and succeeded in tunnelling into and under it looking for the Ark, has destroyed the most cherished link of the past great and glorious history of Ireland. He should not have been permitted to do so.

QUEEN'S.

On August 5, Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley consecrated the High Altar in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Stradally, and on following Tuesday administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a great number of children in the parish. He on previous day had confirmed one hundred children in the parish of Ballydamas.

WESTMEATH.

The Rev. Father O'Reilly, Mullingar, and the members of the Holy Name Society, recently visited Westport, in County Mayo. Before going Father O'Reilly had obtained permission to enter Lord Sligo's demesne, but when they reached there Lord Sligo would not permit them to enter, as they had religious banners and were in the order of a procession.

A deputation who waited on the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, at his residence in Mullingar on Aug. 10, in connection with the rearing and teaching of workhouse children, introduced the subject of the United Irish League. The Bishop said he was not fully up on the principles of the United Irish League, but would consider the question, and later on give his opinion.

WEXFORD.

Great pleasure was expressed in Wexford last week when it became known that Rev. William Hanton was returning to his native town. For many years he has labored among the Catholics of Natal and Port Elizabeth, South Africa. All the Catholics of the town gave him a hearty send off. The scene on the wharf is described as a most touching and memorable one. The friends of the pastor accompanied the homeward bound vessel in a chartered steamer. The tug Garth brought alongside the Sisters, with hundreds of the orphans. Father Hanton is a brother of Mr. Robert Hanton, member of the Corporation, and a Harbor Commissioner of Wexford town.

On the nights of Aug. 3 and 5 a thunderstorm of unusual violence swept over Adamstown. From 9 o'clock on Thursday night till 1:30 A. M. on Friday morning the thunder peals were terrific and the lightning flashed with extraordinary brilliancy. The whole horizon from west to south was illuminated in a sheet of flame. It was a most brilliant and terrifying phenomena. From about midnight until after 1 o'clock it was one long, continuous roar, and culminated with a deafening peal and a simultaneous, vivid flash of electricity, lighting up the hills of Camross and Carrigryne and the surrounding country as if by a thousand bonfires blazed thereon. Saturday night's disturbance was of short duration, but was very terrifying while it lasted. Happily, there was no loss of human life, but there were a good many casualties to horses, cattle and sheep.

WICKLOW.

DIED.—Aug. 13, at Royal Hospital Donnybrook, Margaret (Maggie), third daughter of the late John Doyle, of Loreto Convent Lodge, Bray, and sister of Michael Doyle, Helena Cottage, Sydney Parade. The interment was in Little Bray Cemetery, and the attendance was large.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The Governors of Clare Lunatic Asylum, at last meeting, Right Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe, presiding, appointed Dr. O'Mara, Resident Medical Superintendent, in room of Dr. Geiston. He was proposed by Father Clancy, who said the O'Maras had ever been foremost in all the religious and national organizations in Clare.

A great Irish language festival was held in Milltown-Malbay on Aug. 13, at which stirring speeches in the native tongue were delivered. Subsequently a series of competitions in Irish songs, speeches, recitations and dances were held, and prizes awarded.

DIED.—August 14, at the residence of his brother-in-law, P. O'Reilly, Cool Cottage, Monasterevan, County Kildare, James O'Flynn, aged 44, Inspector, D. M. P., native of Kilmacsherry, Lisconnor, and brother-in-law of ex-Superintendent O'Toole, C. Div., P. L. G. R. I. P. Funeral was to take place from the Cathedral at 11 o'clock.

CORK.

It is as yet too soon to speak as regards the yield in farm produce for Cork for the present season, but the indications are favorable, and the general accepted idea is that it will be a very good average year all around.

The annual sermon in aid of the charities under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, Passage West, was preached on Aug. 13 in the parish church at Passage, by the Rev. S. A. Quinn, O. P. The response was, as usual, generous.

Rev. P. M. Lynch, Charleville, personally conducted an excursion party of his parishioners from Charleville to Queenstown and back by special train on Sunday. The party numbered 700, and each one had an enjoyable day's outing.

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BYRNE—At 26 Douglas street, Mary Byrne.

at the great Irish meeting held in Birmilbridge recently: "Believing that the National Schools did more for the destruction of the language in the past than all other agencies combined, we call on the Board of Education to introduce a bi-lingual system of education, especially in the Irish-speaking districts, for we believe that not only is a grave injustice done to the tongue itself by the system at present in vogue but the children in such places cannot acquire an education except through the medium of their native tongue."

WATERFORD.

Among the visitors to Dunraven lately were: Rev. Michael Sheehan, professor, Maynooth; Major Sheehan, of the Egyptian coast service, and Rev. Denis Whelan, professor, St. John's College.

At Mount Mellary Abbey, on August 6, died Mr. John Roche, aged 91 years. He had lived with the community since 1836. His friends on revisiting the monastery will regret the absence of his familiar figure.

Rev. Dr. Henebry, Professor of Irish in the Catholic University at Washington, who is now spending a few holidays in the county of his nativity—Waterford—is doing good work for the reviving and spreading of the grand old language of Ireland. He attended the recent Feis in Ardmore and intends to visit many other districts where the language has a hold yet. Among the places to be visited are Killrosie and Modeligo. No doubt now but the language will soon reach a secure point, from which its British enemies will never be able to dislodge it. Every effort should be made to compel the Commissioner of National Education in Ireland to have Irish taught in the First and Second classes and up, not as now in Fourth and Fifth.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

It is reported that some northern constituencies are showing signs of apathy in the National interest, but if they take example from Belfast and the sterling men in that city the condition will not continue long.

The Ulster Tenants' Defence Association Executive held its monthly meeting in Belfast recently, when the Northern counties were well represented.

On the night of August 10 an Orange file and drum band paraded the principal streets of Belfast, followed by a large crowd, composed of disorderly men and boys. Hooting and expressions of a party character were frequently indulged in along the route, but nothing of a serious nature occurred until the crowd were coming through Donegal street. Several stones were thrown at the houses of Catholics, and five panes of glass were broken in the Christian Brothers' schools. The windows of Miss Skeffington's establishment, which appears to afford a regular target for Orange mobs, were also broken. Mr. McGlade's establishment—the Arcade—also suffered. The band and its followers next turned up York street, and when passing the Hotel Metropole a valuable window was smashed. A large force of police followed the crowd, but no arrests were made.

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TIPPERARY.

Mr. Paul Scully, of Roscrea died on Aug. 3, aged 63 years. His friends in the United States and Australia will learn of his demise with deep regret.

Mr. James O'Connell, Killavalla, was recently sworn in a magistrate for Tipperary County before Mr. Cummins, having been appointed to the Commission of the Peace by the Lord Chancellor.

the ceremonies. The house from Derry, and arrived in the village about 11 o'clock. A few minutes later a procession was formed outside the old chapel, headed by a number of acolytes, his lordship following, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Linnavady; Rt. Rev. Monsignor McGurk, Maghera; Rev. P. Grant, Moneyneeny; Rev. P. O'Kane, Rev. Father O'Doherty, Moneyneeny; Rev. Father Connolly. On arrival at the new church his Lordship proceeded with the laying of the foundation stone, which was accomplished amidst a scene of much solemnity. Subsequently the Bishop was presented by the architect for the building, Mr. C. G. Toy, Derry, with a silver bowl. The procession then reformed and marched back to the old church, where Mass was celebrated by Father O'Doherty, at which his Lordship and the other clergymen were present, in addition to a congregation which crowded the sacred edifice in every part. Very Rev. Dr. O'Brien preached.

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DOWN.

The death of Mr. Thomas J. Coleman, Kilmorey street, Newry, occurred on Aug. 12. The funeral to the Old Chapel Cemetery was numerously attended.

The Newry Urban District Council is considering plans to construct a railroad from Newry to Tynan. It is estimated that the cost will be £150,000.

FERMANAGH.

The Barony Magherastephana in this county in 1841 had a population of 23,447, but in 1891, when last census was taken, there were only 12,934 persons living in the barony.

MONAGHAN.

A farmer named Boyd, from Dunamoy, between Monaghan and Ballybay, aged 40 years, was returning from Monaghan Aug. 7 when a thunder storm occurred and he was killed by lightning. He was lying face downwards, his hat was torn to shreds, his clothing was literally torn from his body, his boots were ripped and shattered, the hair was burned off his head and his upper lip was split in two. The roadway in front of where the deceased was lying was ripped up for several yards by the electric current.

TYRONE.

In the townland of Garvaghey, four miles from Ballygawley, occurred an accident some months ago, which had a fatal termination on Aug. 7. Joseph Owens, of Garvaghey, was kicked in the lower part of the body by his horse, and, besides sustaining a fractured leg, there were internal injuries. He never quite recovered, and succumbed, to the great regret of his many friends. The Rev. M. McGurk, P. P., Ballygawley, officiated at the interment in Garvaghey churchyard.

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The death of Mr. Thomas J. Coleman, Kilmorey street, Newry, occurred on Aug. 12. The funeral to the Old Chapel Cemetery was numerously attended.

The Newry Urban District Council is considering plans to construct a railroad from Newry to Tynan. It is estimated that the cost will be £150,000.

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