

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

Mr. Thomas Whelan Corrohin House, was before the Magistrate in Mam. Oct. 23, charged with having caused the death of his wife. Whelan himself reported the condition of affairs in his home to the police.

A meeting of the members of the Gaelic League was held in the Town Hall on the 31st of October. Joseph A. Glynn presided. The following resolution proposed by Mr. J. A. Glynn, seconded by M. O'Connell, was passed in silence: "Resolved: That we have heard with sincere regret of the death of the Rev. Eugene O'Grawney."

Much indignation is felt at Ballinacorney about the actions of Lord Oranmore's bailiffs. The children of the Ballinacorney National School had athletic sports lately and displayed a green flag. The bailiffs rushed into the field and beat and knocked about the children because of the green flag used as a starting flagstaff. Mr. Morris, the teacher, objected, as he had Lord Oranmore's permission for the sports, but they said they would pull down the flag and put the children out. The children held the flag, but left the field. The people in Ireland can make it too hot for any person who hates the Irish flag.

A meeting of the members of the Gaelic League in Galway was held on Oct. 29 at the League rooms, Lombard street. Rev. Fr. Connelley, president, presided. The reverend chairman mentioned that Miss Irwin, whose excellent dancing at the fete had so pleased the audience that an anonymous admirer of the performance had sent a prize of £1. The lady, however, handed over the money toward the funds of the branch. Now when congratulations and prizes toward the fete fund were solicited a gold ring was given, and he (Father Connelley), as well as the members of the committee, wished to acknowledge the services of Miss Irwin by presenting her with the ring. He had, therefore, very great pleasure in presenting her, on behalf of the committee, with the gold ring.

LEITRIM.

The death of Mr. Michael Hunt, 50 years of age, occurred Oct. 18, and caused widespread regret. He was only 54 years of age. Rev. J. McCabe officiated at the interment. The funeral was extensively attended.

Mr. John Mulligan presided at the last meeting of the members of the Bannacorney Branch of the United Irish League, when these resolutions were adopted unanimously: Proposed by T. Gushin, seconded by T. Duffey: "That we extend our sympathy to Michael Higgins of Roskeer, the victim of harsh treatment, and we call upon the people of Tannaboy and Killglass to resist him from the intrigues and machinations of the grabber and his associates." Proposed by P. Dooner, seconded by P. McKeon: "That we congratulate the County Council of Westmeath and the D. C. W. Bannon, in holding the national flag over the Mullingar court house despite the opposition to the Sheriff and a police."

MAYO.

Mr. Davitt applied for the Chiltern Hundreds of the House of Commons, and left London for Dalkey, Dublin, Oct. 27.

Mrs. A. Birmingham, Ballinrobe, died on Oct. 25, deeply and widely regretted. After office and High Mass, the funeral took place to the local cemetery; cortege long and representative.

On Oct. 29 one of the most imposing ceremonies of the church took place in the Ballinacorney Cathedral, when Most Rev. Dr. Lyster ordained the Rev. Father McGowan, Gliden and Spelman, all of Mayo. The ceremony to his lordship, Rev. Father J. Daly (college president), J. O'Connor, Adm.; M. Harte and J. Gallagher were present to join in the imposition of hands. The congregation was one of the largest ever seen in the Cathedral.

Father J. P. Connolly presided at a recent meeting of the Ashill Branch of the United Irish League. This resolution was proposed by Martin Gallagher, D. C., and seconded by John Cooney: "That we request the young and old men within the limits of our branch to join the League."

Mr. Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic Society, on Oct. 30 delivered a fine address on the Irish language in the Town Hall, Castlebar. Father Lyons presided. During his discourse he said: "Where the Irish language was thoroughly known and spoken Irish nationality was a dying cause; but where the language was practically known nationality was making successful efforts to attain victory (cheers). The language of the Gael should be the language of the people of Ireland (cheers) and he hoped and trusted that fathers and mothers would instruct their children in Gaelic, and that every school should teach the same (cheers). It was a noble language, and should be spoken by every one having a soul of a nation of nationality (cheers). (A Voice—"What about Judge Dane?") Yes, the speaker said, it was a great mistake on the part of Judge Dane, as a witness should be allowed to speak in any language he wished.

SLIGO.

Patrick Ferguson, of Emlaghfad, died suddenly, Oct. 29, in the dwelling of John Scanlan. He assisted in digging potatoes, and during the afternoon which followed he was taken suddenly, and died. Deceased was only 25 years of age, but stood 6 feet 8 inches in height.

Mr. John Glover secured the adoption of the following resolution at the Executive Board of Guardians: "That the Clerk be directed to communicate with the Messrs. Knox, landlords of the town and adjoining town-lands, regarding the sale of the town under the Ashbourne act, as the tenants are most anxious to purchase their lands on fair and equitable terms." Mr. Thomas Swords seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. John O'Dowd, chairman of the Sligo county Council presided at the meeting.

The death of Mr. John Quirk, Dro-more West, happened on Oct. 27 to the great regret of his family and friends. He was only 42 years of age. The funeral took place on Oct. 29, and the large and respectable cortege that accompanied the remains from the Parish church to the family burial place at Kilmashagan testified to the widespread popularity of the deceased. A meeting of the North Sligo Executive of the United Irish League was held in the Town Hall Sligo, Oct. 29.

ROSCOMMON.

The number of members in the Young Men's Society, Boyle, has increased so much that new premises are to be secured. Heretofore the members met in Mr. Ryder's premises, Main street.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Frenchpark Teachers' Association was held in the town on Oct. 23. Several matters of vital importance to the fraternity were discussed and action suitable taken.

With pleasure we record the success of Mr. J. J. Mullany, B. A., of Boyle, at the recent examination held for the District Inspectorship of National Schools. He was an exhibitor in the Intermediate and took honors degree in the R. U. I. He was professor in St. Colman's, and afterward in Blackrock. He has won this position at the first attempt, and was 276 marks ahead of the next candidate on the list. Mr. Mullany is son of Mr. P. Mullany, Chapel street, Boyle, an old and hard fighter in the National cause when it was not fashionable to be a Nationalist.

A public demonstration took place Oct. 29 in Tuusk, and though the day was very inclement, and rain fell in torrents, a very large crowd assembled in the old borough, which lies beneath the foot of Rathcroghan's historic hill. Contingents with pipe and drum bands were present from Strokestown, Bunamucka, Ballyongher, and Tuusk. The platform was hung with evergreens interspersed with suitable mottoes, "United and Conquer," etc.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Father J. E. Delaney, P. P. Roscanallis, has received substantial subscriptions to the fund for the new school from the Earl of Drogheda, and Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

The young men of Bagnalstown have organized a dramatic club in connection with the Catholic Young Men's Society. Mr. M. Kavanagh is chairman, Mr. P. Joyce treasurer, and Mr. J. Kennedy secretary.

The impressive ceremony of the profession of a religious into the Presentation Order took place on Oct. 26 in the Convent Chapel of the Carlow Community. The lady who made her solemn vows is Miss Annie Delaney, Skehana, Queens County name in religion being Sister Mary Josephine. Most Rev. Dr. Foley Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin officiated.

A meeting of the committee of the Carlow Branch of the Gaelic League was held Oct. 24. Present: Rev. J. Cullen Adm. presided, Rev. P. Markey, all Rev. Father Ryan, M. O'Hanrahan, Thomas Little, Wm. Ellis. On the suggestion of the Rev. J. Cullen, the secretary was instructed to write to the Urban District Council requesting them to erect names of the streets in Irish. As all the councillors signed the Gaelic League pledge before their recent election, the committee are sure they will accede to it. Father Ryan joined the association.

DUBLIN.

On Oct. 29 a public meeting of the Grocers and Vinters' Assistants was held at 12 Eustace street, Dublin, Oct. 29, to form a branch of the Gaelic League.

On Nov. 3 a terrible storm occurred in Dublin City. A funeral to Glasnevin cemetery was passing through Great Brunswick street when the gale was at its height. The hearse was blown about, and a coachman blown from his seat. The coffin was disturbed, and many of the people rushed to keep it on the hearse. One of the coaches was turned over, and the driver and horse thrown to the ground. The axle of the vehicle was broken and the wheel wrenched off. An open pulpit in the burial ground of St. Mark's church was blown down, its pedestal snapping in two with a loud report. The body of the pulpit was broken in pieces. Several trees around the pulpit were blown down, and the branches carried down Great Brunswick street, many striking passengers and vehicles. Several monuments in the same graveyard were injured. Six beautiful monuments in a marble works near by were blown down and broken. One stone weighing forty-five pounds was carried a great distance. Two cabs were blown down. In Nassau street a lamp post, chimney pole, telegraph wires, and window panes were blown down and broken in all directions.

Recent deaths in Dublin. DALY—On Oct. 31, at 7 Henrietta street, William Daly, aged 81 years, formerly of Mayo. FITZPATRICK—Oct. 31, at Donegay Kildare, Edward Fitzpatrick. HEARNE—Nov. 1, at 8 Kirwan street, John Hearne. MAXEY—Nov. 1, at Rosebank, Mary Josephine Maxey, aged 15 years. MCCORMACK—Nov. 1, at 2 Connaught street, Phibsborough, James McCormack; Ballintea, Timahoe, Queen's County, aged 23 years. O'REILLY—Oct. 30, at East Curragh, Naul, Bernard O'Reilly, at an advanced age. SHANNON—Nov. 1, Elizabeth (Hily) at 151 South Circular road, daughter of Joseph and Mary Shannon, aged 23 years. BRIEN—Nov. 3, at 7 Stephen's street, Mary Brien. GLASS—Nov. 3, 23 Peter street, William Glass. GREEN—Nov. 3, Alfred Green at 71 Drumcondra road, aged 24 years. SULLIVAN—Nov. 3 at 1 Belvidere

place, Dublin, Kate, wife of T. D. Sullivan, M. P., aged 61 years.

SLATER—Mary (Minnie Falconer), died Oct. 30, wife of T. Slater (Falconer).

BRADY—Sept. 29, at Drogheda street, Balbriggan, Michael J. Brady, aged 16 years, second youngest son of John and Mary Brady, and brother of Rev. P. F. Brady, Sacramento, California, U. S. A.

LE BAS—Oct. 20, at 5 Upper Clanbrassil street, William Le Bas, for many years a member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers.

ENGLISH—Oct. 9, at Brackenstown, Swords, Mrs. English.

GORRY—Oct. 9, at Isaacstown, Rathmoyle, John Gorry, at an advanced age.

HENNESSY—Oct. 9, Kildare, Patrick Hennessy.

LOUGHMAN—Oct. 25 at 32 Clarence place off Great Brunswick street, Mrs. Alice Loughman.

MCDONNELL—Oct. 19 at 33 Wellington street, Edward McDonnell, member Ancient Order Foresters, Court Flower of the Forest 3379.

WALSH—Oct. 20, at 118 Haroldscross Cottages, John Walsh, aged 66.

WICKHAM—Oct. 20, at Dublin, Matthew Wickham, aged 70 years.

MCABE—Oct. 19, at 52 North Circular road, James McCabe, aged 76, late of 180 Phibsborough road.

Kennedy, eldest son of Michael Kennedy, Millbrook, Nenagh.

O'NEILL—Oct. 11, at Mercer's Hospital, Stephen O'Neill, 65 Cork street.

KILDARE.

On Oct. 29 a burning occurred at Bracknagh, at the farm of Mrs. Fennell, when a large rick of straw, containing forty or fifty tons, was consumed.

On Oct. 29 a general meeting was held in Newbridge to take further steps toward establishing a Commercial Club in Newbridge. The meeting was held in the Town Hall, and the business to be transacted was the election of a committee and the choosing of a suitable site. Dr. L. P. Rowan presided. The meeting also had under consideration two sites for the club, but definite action was not taken.

KILKENNY.

The death of Mr. Thomas Callaghan, of Kilmoganny, happened Oct. 10 at 28 Partridge road, Cardiff, South Wales in the 71st year of his age.

KINGS.

John Kelly and William Moore, natives of Killinagh, near Robertstown, the former 17 years of age, the latter married, were drowned in the Grand Canal at Tunnell, Edenderry, recently. At the time of the accident they were loading a boat for Dublin.

A pretty pack of black and tan hares have been introduced into the Kings County and North Tipperary, and had their opening meet last week. They are the property of Lord Huntington and raising to 21 inches. They have been trained to stag hunting.

In recent years St. Rynagh's Catholic Church, Banagher, has been completely remodeled. The gables were pulled down and rebuilt and the roof recast at heavy expense. The inside of the church is beautifully decorated and painted, the ceilings finished in ivory white, with centers and cornices painted in chaotic relief.

LONGFORD.

The death of Mrs. Mary A. Gege, widow of late Mr. Robert Legge, and mother of Mr. Robert Legge, draper of Longford, which took place Oct. 23, occasioned very general regret. The funeral cortege which followed the remains to the family burial place at Newtownforbes showed the esteem in which the deceased lady was held.

LOUTH.

On Oct. 31 the remains of Mr. Edward McCormick were laid to rest in the old family burial ground of Killoversy. He was one of the oldest and most respected members of the community. Born 82 years ago in the parish in which he died, he grew from boyhood to manhood, and from manhood to old age, winning and retaining the esteem of all.

MEATH.

On Sunday Oct. 29 a branch of the League to promote the revival of the Irish language was established in Naul, under the presidency of the patriotic pastor, Father O'Neill. The beautiful and very valuable stained-glass windows in St. Patrick's new church, Trim, were broken on Oct. 29. Father Wood, P. P., alluding to the matter at second Mass on the following Wednesday, said the author of such a dastardly crime could not be a parishioner, for the rich by their contributions of £50 to £100, and the poor, by their pence and shillings, all looked forward with pleasure to the early completion of their new church. The splendid edifice was blessed, and that was all the more reason why no parishioner would interfere with the work. He said that the culpable party might escape human detection; he could not escape the eye of the Almighty.

QUEEN'S.

Miss Annie Delaney, Skehana, was professed a member of the Presentation Order of Nuns, in the Convent, Carlow, Oct. 25, religious name Sister Mary Josephine. The Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin officiated.

The death of Mr. John J. O'Dea, son of Mr. Edward O'Dea, Rathgrove, Ballinacorney, occurred in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Oct. 17. The remains were conveyed by rail to Maryborough and were buried in the cemetery at Abbeyisleigh.

On Sunday Oct. 29 a very large meeting of the people was held at Abbey-leix, to go on with the work commenced by Mr. John O'Donnell, when the banner of the United Irish League was for the first time unfurled in the parish. Mr. Patrick Bartle presided.

WESTMEATH.

A solemn Te Deum was held in the Cathedral of Mullingar, Sunday, Oct. 29, as thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. The devotions concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by Father Peter Sheerin.

Dead, Oct. 28, at the residence of her brother, Jas. Tufts, M. P., Greville street, Mullingar, Mary Tufts, Mullingar.

gar Interment at Washington Cemetery.

Mr. M. F. Barnes High Sheriff of the County Westmeath refused permission to the District Councils of Mullingar to transact their business in the County Court-house, on Oct. 28. That body held a meeting in the schoolhouse of the workhouse, and there established a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. Roman proposed "That as the United Irish League is the one weapon by which social and political freedom for the people can be secured, and as it is an organization guided and directed by the people themselves, we hereby appoint the following committee to take steps for the holding of a monster meeting at Mullingar on Sunday Nov. 12, and to organize the entire county."

WEXFORD.

The death of Mr. Samuel R. Sutton, Little Clonard, Wexford, occurred Oct. 22 at the age of 56 years. He entered business in Wexford at the early age of 12 years.

Very Rev. Simon B. Hore, Franciscan, on Tuesday evening Oct. 31 was driving from Kilmore to Hill of Sea, the house he was born in, and where he was to spend the feast of All Saints. He was on a car belonging to the Franciscan Community. At the cross of Greenfield the drive was overturned, and Father Hore was pitched heavily on his head and caught under the vehicle. The driver D. Lambert was flung into the ditch. Fortunately the horse remained still. If it had dragged the car Father Hore would have been killed. He is progressing favorably.

The Free Press of Oct. 28 said: "Mr. James Furlong, National school teacher at Rathgarogue, has been missing since Saturday evening last. He was in New Ross attending a school teachers' meeting, and was seen about 9 o'clock that night about to hire a car to take him home, but no further account has been heard of him. Mr. Furlong is a native of Rathnure, and his prolonged absence has occasioned great uneasiness to his relatives. Search has been made for him, but without result. His brother called at the police barracks during the week and inquiries were made all over the district but no account has been obtained of him.

With regret we record the death of Rev. D. O'Hanlon Walsh, which took place at Killybeg, on Oct. 28. The deceased contracted a cold several years ago, and ever since he has been a martyr to illness. Father David O'Hanlon Walsh was a native of Knockartone, Ballynally, and was born in 1844. He was educated at St. Peter's College, and at Louvain, where he completed his studies. On returning to Ireland he was ordained by the late Most Rev. Dr. Furlong, Bishop of the diocese and appointed to the curacy of Caim. He subsequently ministered in Tinshealy, Kilmair, Hook, Castlebridge and Poupeasty; and two years ago he was transferred to Killybeg.

On Sunday Oct. 29 there was a charity sermon by Rev. J. Rositer, M. S. S. in Adamstown Church. The proceeds will be devoted to furnishing and decorating the church. Adamstown has one of the oldest graveyards in the county. There are few families from Bannow to Croghan who have not some friend interred there. The attendance at the "patten" was augmented, owing to the archaeological research of Mr. J. B. Cullen, who discovered the fact from an old Irish book that under the old rude sixth-century cross he the dust of St. Abbon, the contemporary of Columbkille and the patron saint of Adamstown. This good old Celtic custom has lost nothing of its attractiveness in Adamstown, although thirteen hundred years old.

WICKLOW. Died—Oct. 21, at Drumleigh, Michael M. Lawler, aged 23 years. On the 30th October, at 10 Charlemont place, Bridget Heyden, eldest daughter of the late James Dune, Humewood.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Mr. John J. Casey, P. P., left his native parish for Melbourne on Oct. 30 to join his brother, Mr. Patrick Casey. Mrs. Whelan, widow of the late Mr. James Whelan, who was for many years steward to the late Capt. O'Callaghan, Ballinacorney, died suddenly Oct. 28.

The death of Miss Katie G. Hayes, at the early age of twenty years, occurred recently from typhoid fever, at her father's residence, Balleen. A pathetic incident occurred prior to the interment. The mother and sister of the deceased, both stricken by the fever, were forbidden by their medical attendants to leave their rooms to take the final farewell, and in response to their heart-broken appeal, the coffin containing the remains was carried to the bedside of the mother and sister, that they might once more look on all that was mortal of their dear one.

The annual meeting of the Clare National Teachers' Association was held in the Christian Brothers' Schools, Ennis, Oct. 29.

CORK.

Members of the League of the Cross, Youghal, began their Winter amusements, entitled "Pleasant Sunday Evenings," on Sunday night, Oct. 29, in the large hall of the League. The room was crowded, and the audience appreciated the various items.

Prior to his departure from Queens-town on Oct. 26 Mr. Brendan Rogers, late organist of St. Colman's Cathedral, Queenstown, was the recipient of many valuable presentations from the institutions to which he was attached, and from his choir and the townspeople. Mr. Rogers is the son of Mr. Brendan Rogers, organist of Marlborough Street Cathedral, Dublin.

On Oct. 30 the solemn ceremony of Religious Profession took place in the Chapel of the Midleton Presentation Convent, Oct. 30. Most Rev. Dr. Browne presided, and there being a large attendance of the clergy and laity. The young lady who made her solemn profession and received the black veil is Miss Nora Ryan (in religion Sister Baptist), daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Ryan, of Killybeg, Tipperary.

Members of the Fremont branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on Oct. 23. The Rev. T. Twomey presided.

Recent deaths in Cork. HARTÉ—On Oct. 30, at Bellavista Queenstown, Mary Harte, Brandon, aged 82 years.

FOLLY—On Oct. 30, John Foley, Ballyingling, Bandon, aged 78 years.

JOWNING—Oct. 27, at West View Queenstown, Mrs. Dowling, formerly of Ballyspilane, Midleton.

FOLLY—On Oct. 29, at Tully, Ballinacorney, Ballygavan, Patrick Forde.

O'SULLIVAN—On Oct. 28, at Reed's Square (off Barrack street,) James O'Sullivan, at an advanced age.

GREEN—On Nov. 4, at 15 Mulgrave road, Kate Green.

FARRELL—On Nov. 2, the result of an accident, Denis Farrell, Friar's avenue, Ballyscary street, aged 36 years.

DRISCOLL—On Nov. 2, at 19 Barrack View John Driscoll, late of Doninick street.

COTTER—At Main street, Bantry, Jeremiah Cotter, merchant.

FORD—At Convent Road, Blackrock, Oct. 29, Jeremiah Ford (Accidentally), late of Dromahane, Mallow.

FITZPATRICK—At Cavendish Buildings London, Oct. 29, Barry Fitzpatrick, Jr., aged 29.

LANE—On Nov. 1, at South Infrary, Cecilia Mary Lane, 1, Woodland View, Western Road.

O'SULLIVAN—On Nov. 1, at 1 O'Brien's buildings, Bantry street, Cork, Mary Sullivan, late Old Barrack road, Bantry, aged 54 years.

McCarthy—On Oct. 31, at Hogan's lane, Mrs. Patrick McCarthy, second daughter of the late John Sheehan, Whitechurch.

KERRY.

The name of Lord Castlerosse, son of the Earl of Kenmare, was struck off the voters' list in Killybeg, lately. He is a member of the County Council, and must give up the seat on Jan. 1, next.

The death occurred of an old and respected inhabitant of Farranore, at Dromore, on Oct. 25—Mr. Ulick O'Duignan at the advanced age of 80. Deceased was a staunch Nationalist and took an active part in Irish affairs during the Land League days.

LIMERICK.

Lord Emily paid a visit to Kilmallock lately and held a private meeting at O'Sullivan's Hotel which was attended by members of the Kilmallock Trade and Labor League. The proceedings lasted for several hours.

At the annual conferring of degrees at the Royal University Dublin, lately, it was announced that Mr. Numan had secured the Junior Fellowship in English, which carries with it £200 a year for four years, in referring to some of the principal distinctions won the chancellor of the University, the Marquis of Dufferin, announced that Mr. Numan had been appointed Vice-Counsel and Chief Judicial Officer at Biantyre in the Central Africa Protectorate. Mr. Numan is a son of Mr. Patrick Numan, Nelson street, Limerick. He was educated in Limerick at the Christian Brothers' and afterward at the Sacred Heart College.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Michael Mahony, aged 55 years, who had recently returned from the United States was found dying at the Matings, Roscrea, Oct. 26.

Most Rev. Dr. J. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, has given a donation of fifty dollars to the '95 Memorial Fund in Thurles.

A freeman named Kiely of Kilmore, was found dead in his out-house on Sunday, Oct. 22. For some time previous to his death he had suffered from melancholia.

On November 1 the foundation stone of the new Catholic High School, Clonmel, to be managed by the Christian Brothers, was laid by the Very Rev. Dean McDonnell, SS. Peter and Paul's in the presence of a representative gathering of priests, Christian Brothers, the Mayor, members of the Corporation and citizens.

Members of the Bournecon branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on Nov. 1.

WATERFORD.

At the annual meeting of the Dungraun Literary Society, the officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mr. Thomas Deas, president; Mr. James McGrath, Vice-president; Council: James Whelan, Thomas Sheehan, and Michael Flynn; secretary, Mr. John Walsh. The society's premises are second to none in the south of Ireland.

At the Requiem Mass recently offered for the repose of the soul of the late Very Rev. Peter J. Prendergast, rector of the Epiphany Church, New York, brother of Rev. F. C. Prendergast, Dungraun, the church was filled by a large number of friends of the family. Father Prendergast, with other members of the family of the deceased, occupied a place within the sanctuary.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

A meeting of the Greenacres Branch of the Gaelic League was held in Greenacres Schools Oct. 25. Rev. J. O'Brien, C. C. Whitehouse, presided.

A meeting of the members of the Brothers Sheares' Club was held Oct. 25 in their hall at 117 Donegal street, Belfast. Mr. Patrick Kelly, vice-president, occupied the chair. He informed the members that the secretary had looked after a hall for a recreation place for the members. Three delegates were selected to attend a meeting of the Wolfe Tone Monument committee and report thereon, the following members being selected: James Dougan, Dick Dadey and H. Morgan. The secretary of the committee furnished his report, which was satisfactory. The chairman stated that the secretary had secured the services of Mr. Doyle to deliver a lecture on the "Gaelic Language."

A new Branch of the Gaelic League was formed in Lisburn, Oct. 24. Very Rev. Father McCashin was called on to preside. He thanked the meeting for the honor conferred on him. He said a country that loses its language loses its nationality, and Irishmen should guard against that. He remembered being called an Englishman by a Frenchman once, the latter being un-

able to understand his protest against the name, inasmuch as he spoke English.

ARMAGH.

The flax industry in Armagh is decaying rapidly. The acres under flax in 1889 were 8,566, but in 1898 only 1,715.

James Woods, farmer, who lived at Killeen, near Armagh, went from his house Oct. 26 to attend to some cattle, but not returning in time a search was made, and his remains were found in a bog hole near his home.

Sunday, Oct. 29, a solemn Te Deum in thanksgiving for this year's bountiful harvest was sung in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, which was filled to the doors with a congregation. The prayers peculiar to the October devotions having been recited by Rev. Michael Quinn, the Te Deum was rendered by the Cathedral choir, under the supervision of Mr. N. Hession, organist. The devotions concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. Peter Sheerin, assisted by Rev. Michael Quinn.

An extraordinary shooting case happened in Portadown on Saturday night Oct. 23. On that night Father O'Connor was hearing confessions in the church in William, when he was requested by Thomas J. Campbell, Henry street, to grant him an interview for a few minutes. He did. Campbell was excited over unpleasantness which existed between himself and his wife, and asked Father O'Connor to come and settle the matter. Father O'Connor promised to call on the morrow. This did not please Campbell. Father O'Connor went back to his duty in the confessional, and went home about 10 o'clock. Soon after Campbell came to the house, and being excited in a greater degree, drew a revolver and fired at Father O'Connor and Kerr the latter having a very narrow escape. Campbell was arrested.

The remains of Mr. Bernard McKenna, Lisearn, son of the late Bernard McKenna, Drumheriff House, Whitecross, were conveyed from his late residence on Oct. 23 to the family burying ground in the old graveyard of Carr-churruin. The Very Rev. C. Quinn officiated in the church and at the graveside and spoke in praise of the worthy terms of deceased and the family to whom he belonged.

DOWN.

The Earl of Lansborough, Lieutenant of the County Cavan, as appointed Thomas Cosby Burrows, of Lisamore, Deputy Lieutenant for the county.

KERRY.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, a sermon was preached by Rev. James O'Keane, Cappagh, in the Catholic church, Craignane, Cumber-Claudy, in aid of a fund to liquidate a heavy parochial debt, and for improving and renovating the church. There was a generous response to the appeal.

The Month's Mind of the late Rev. Hugh McCooley, P. P., Ballinderry, was held on Oct. 26 in St. Patrick's church, Ballinderry. The entire parish attended to pay a last tribute of respect to their late pastor, whom they held in the highest respect during life. A new bell for the Bolein Catholic Church was solemnly consecrated Oct. 29 by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry.

DONEGAL.

Mr. Michael Maguire, Solicitor, attended a meeting of the Kilbarrow branch of the United Irish League, held in the Market House, Ballyshannon, at which Mr. Michael Cassidy presided, and gave some important information relating to the proposed sale of the Fredenick estate. The members subsequently attended the funeral of Mr. McCafferty, a colleague in the land war.

CAVAN.

On Oct. 30, in the new Town Hall, Newry, a lecture on the "Irish Language and Bilingual Education in Ireland" was delivered by Rev. Dr. Hickey, Professor of Irish at Maynooth. The hall was crowded with persons from Newry and the surrounding districts. The platform was handsomely decorated and several bands were in attendance.