

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. Mrs. Birmingham, who died Oct. 25, at Carrabally, County Mayo, was a sister of Rev. Dr. McCormack, Bishop of Galway.

The Lough Corrib steamer St. Patrick was recently injured by fire, whilst lying at Wood Quay, Galway City.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Kean, wife of Mr. P. Kean, daughter of Mr. P. Hannon, and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Kean, of Mueenon, which took place on Oct. 22, at Bride street, Loughrea.

Rev. Lawrence Ansboro, pastor of Saint Brendan's Church, Drumglin, has acknowledged the receipt of a donation for the renovation of the church from Mr. Thomas Mannion, of Rosemount, New York.

Rev. Mother of the Most Holy Name, Tuam, also acknowledges the receipt of a donation from Mr. Mannion for the poor fund. Mr. Mannion read in the newspapers of the good work being done and generously helped. He will be remembered in the Masses and the prayers in the parishes.

LEITRIM.

Dr. Robert Tate, Deerpark, Manorhamilton, died suddenly Nov. 5, at an early age. His funeral was the largest in North Leitrim for many years.

The County Council of Leitrim intend to raise the Irish flag over the Court House, Carrick-on-Shannon, when in session in future, but the High Sheriff, it is reported, will resist, and a hot time is expected.

MAYO.

The "land war" is being continued by the brave men in Mayo. They are banished from their more fertile lands in other parts of Ireland by the British Crown.

The well-known Irish scholar, Doctor Douglas Hyde, who lectured in Cambridge lately on the "Irish language," in the course of his brilliant lecture said the Bishops of Ireland were in favor of every fishman and woman speaking the language of the Gael. He referred to Cardinal Logue, Most Rev. O'Donnell, Archbishop McEvilly, Rev. Dr. McCormack, etc., as in favor of the Gaelic language, and giving instructions to their people to speak the language of their fathers and mothers.

When such high authorities were in favor of the revival of the Gaelic tongue it was sufficient to show that every effort should be made to develop and foster the language.

Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P., in his recent speech at Angharadh, surrendered to the people of South Mayo the trust they had given him when he went to the House of Commons as their representative. Speaking of the Irish party in a general way he said: "Some of these are gentlemen who managed to slip into Parliament through the split and carelessness of constituencies in seeking into the antecedents of candidates. One of them made it a boast in London Unionist circles last summer that he had traveled from Germany expressly to record his vote with the Government in offering the thanks of the Parliament to the troops who had slaughtered ten thousand desperadoes at the hands of the Imperial Jingoism. (Groans.) This gentleman did not put in an appearance in the recent session to vote against Irish taxes being spent for the training of Boers in South Africa.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The male branch of the Sacred Heart Fraternity in Bagnalstown is having a memorial erected to their late spiritual director, Rev. Father Byrne. It is of the finest Carrara marble, about 15 feet in height, and the manufacturer is Mr. Patrick Hughes, Carlow.

DUBLIN.

The first meeting for the present season of the University College Choral Union, Dublin, took the form of a smoking concert, which was given on the evenings of Nov. 5, in the Auld Mackinnon, Stephen's Green, and was attended by numerous friends of the members. The conductor, Mr. Robert Dwyer, was absent, but Mr. P. Dowling B. A., as chairman, Father O'Neill, J., and others of the committee, filled the bill.

On Nov. 4 Mr. John O'Sullivan was entertained at Wynne's Hotel, Dublin, by his colleagues and friends and superintendents of Messrs. Clery & Co., Ltd., and was presented by them with a magnificent gold watch and gold studs and links of Irish manufacture. The presentation was made on account of his promotion as manager of Messrs. Todd, Burns & Co.'s retail business in Mary street.

At St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Cabra, Nov. 17, the obsequies of Mother Mary de Ricci Maher took place. Solemn Office for the dead commenced at 11 o'clock and was followed by Requiem High Mass. Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, presided, assisted at the throne by Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon and Very Rev. Canon Fficker. The chanters were Rev. Michael Flynn, C. M., and Rev. Michael Sheehan. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. George Campbell, C. M., of the Holy Trinity, Drumcondra; deacon, Rev. J. O'Rourke; sub-deacon, Rev. J. O'Rourke; Philpotts (nephew of the deceased); masters of ceremonies, Rev. J. O'Rourke, C. M., and Rev. M. P. Brennan, C. M. The interment subsequently took place in the cemetery attached to the convent. The Rev. J. O'Rourke, C. M., presided at the Requiem. The Rev. M. P. Brennan, C. M., acted as deacon, and Rev. J. O'Rourke, C. M., as sub-deacon.

WEXFORD.

The imposing ceremony of ordination took place Nov. 8, in St. Peter's College, Wexford, when two students of the College were ordained by Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns. The young priests are the Rev. John Kennedy, of New Ross, appointed C. C., of Kiltalee, and the Rev. Aidan McCormack, of Ballymitry, appointed chaplain to the Convent of Good Shepherd's New Ross.

We regret to chronicle the death of one of Wexford's oldest and most respected citizens, Miss Margaret Frances O'Farrell, which occurred at her residence, Waterloo road, Wexford, Nov. 8, at the age of 81 years. Miss O'Farrell was best known as one of the most charitable ladies in Wexford, when she carried on under the style and title of Cullen and O'Farrell a successful drapery business in the Bull Ring for fifty years. Requiem Office and High Mass for the repose of her soul, was held in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, presided. Celebrant, Rev. M. C. Hayden, Wexford; deacon, Rev. J. W. O'Byrne, do; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Rossiter, do; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Hartley, do; Chanters Revs. P. Doyle, Adm., and J. O'Connor, Wexford.

The Nationalists of Wicklow are forming branches of the now famous organization—the United Irish League—in many parishes of the County, and good work is being done in the national interest.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Nov. 7, Glynis, pastor, Carrigrohilly, presided at a meeting held in the local schools Nov. 6, to found a branch of the Gaelic League. Mr. Concanon, organizer for the Central Branch, was in attendance. Father Glynis said: "In Ireland we had a system of so-called national education, but the education was anything but national. It had an education, national, two features were necessary, viz, the language and the history of the country Ireland, which kept Europe bright during the dark ages, how deplorable it was now to have to admit that they were backward in these essentials to a good education. And this decay commenced with the decay of the national language, enforced by the devilish law of Great Britain during seven hundred years."

Miss Maggie Clune, Mill street, Ennis, died Nov. 14, at the age of 14 years. She was the daughter of Mr. Patrick Clune, Mill street, and step-sister to Rev. Frederick Keane, who a month ago sailed for South Africa. Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the deceased at the Cathedral. The funeral at Drumcliffe on the same day. The great attendance testified to the esteem in which the members of the family are held in Clare.

Two natives of Cork, Daniel Hurley and John McSweeney, students on the British torpedo boat, Shark, were drowned accidentally in Plymouth, England Nov. 6.

A branch of the United Irish League has been founded in Donoree. Rev. P. A. Sheehan, pastor, has endorsed the movement, and Rev. T. M. O'Callaghan is the president of the branch. We deeply regret to record the death of Right Rev. Mgr. Maguire, parish priest of St. Fin Barre's Parish, Cork, and Canon of the Cork Chapter. His brother was the distinguished journalist, patriot and politician, the late John Francis Maguire, M. P. Father Augustine Maguire was ordained priest in Cork fifty years ago. He died Nov. 6 in London, where he had undergone an operation for an internal complaint. During the Crimea war he was chaplain to the Catholic soldiers, and heroically performed his duties. While rowing one day on the Hellespont, in which he was drowned, and which Lord Byron felt so proud of having swam, his skill was upset by a steamer and Father Maguire swam to shore, one mile distant from where the accident occurred. It was a herculean feat in the troubled waters of the Hellespont.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. GREEN—On Nov. 4, at 15 Mulgrave road, Kate Green.

HEALY—On Nov. 5, at 31 Roman street, Denis Healy.

SULLIVAN—On Nov. 4, at Coolowen, Whitechurch, Michael Sullivan, aged 49 years.

O'KEEFE—At Harbor Hill, Co. Wexford, Nov. 5, Margaret O'Keefe, daughter of the late John Lane of KILKENNY, Dunmanway.

LANE—Nov. 1, at South Infirmery, Cecilia Mary Lane, 1 Woodland View, Western road.

DRISCOLL—On Nov. 2, at 10 Barrack View, John Driscoll, late of Dominican street.

MAHONY—On Nov. 1, at Leahy's Cross, Farnames, Catherine Mahony.

MURPHY—On Nov. 1, at South Infirmery, North Murphree, Rossacon, Kanturk.

PHILAN—At the Hibernian Hotel, Mallow, Mrs. Mary Phelan, late of Youghal.

MAHONY—On Nov. 6, at 17 Upper Castle street, Ellen Mahony, daughter of the late John Sheehan, Mallow.

MBHIGAN—On Nov. 6, Kate Mehegan, The Lough.

KERRY. Cornelius Connor, aged 18, native of Coole, Valentia, Ireland, fishing off Knightstown Pier, Nov. 3, fell into the water and was drowned.

John Twomey, Blacksmith, of Maglaheen, was returning from the fair at Castletisland, seated on a donkey cart, when a sidecar collided, Twomey's leg being shockingly injured. The limb was amputated, but the man is in a precarious condition.

The Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, P. P. Caheriveen, is making energetic efforts to complete the O'Connell Memorial church. He will make a lecturing tour of the United States, the subject of his lecture being the "Life and Character of Daniel O'Connell." He left Queenstown on Nov. 19 for New York. The proceeds of the lectures will be devoted to the completion of the sacred edifice.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Power, wife of Patrick Power, Rock street, Tralee, took place Nov. 7, to Rath cemetery. Requiem High Mass was celebrated in St. John's church, the remains having been placed in a coffin in the church Monday night. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Tralee for years, bearing testimony to the esteem in which the deceased and her family are held.

LIMERICK. At the recent examination for sorters in the London post office, Joseph Cullinane, monitor under J. Kelly, principal teacher Castletown Convent National School, secured tenth place in the United Kingdom. The examination took place in London.

Father Casey, president of the Abbeylea Branch of the United Irish League, presided at the last meeting of the members, when the following were present: B. C. Collins, Wm. P. Brodick, W. O'Connor, George Barry, P. Carroll, T. D. O'Connell, D. E. Leahy, C. R. Harnett, William O'Sullivan, D. O'Donnell, E. Doody, William Cotter, T. J. Keane, honorable secretary, J. Murphy, J. Curtin, J. Roche, O'Rourke, Michael Collins, W. Roche, W. Noonan, J. Lane, M. Sweeney, J. Flynn, M. Cahill, I. Harnett, M. L. Harnett, P. Brown, D. O'Brien, P. Doody, D. H. Riordan, D. M. Harnett, Jeremiah Harnett, P. Lomanie, J. P. Harnett and others.

The reverend chairman said he was pleased to see such large numbers present, and they had probably heard with regret of the resignation of Mr. Davitt. There was one shameful incident in connection with his retirement, which they and the whole of Ireland should regret, and that was the disgraceful observation of one of their Parliamentary representatives who remarked that Mr. Davitt retired because he was

not elected secretary to the Mayo County Council. He could have been secretary had he so desired, but he never intended to be.

TIPPERARY. Dr. Moran, Carrick-on-Suir, met with a serious accident recently. He was out to see a patient in the country. When at Ballydine his trap was overturned and he was thrown out, sustaining a severe injury.

November 7 a fire occurred in the cycling factory of Hodgkins & Co., and extended to the grocery and agricultural implement departments which were consumed. The adjoining drapery shop of Whitehead's, with the stationary establishment of Mr. Day, were also destroyed. Estimated loss, \$150,000.

Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, recently made these changes in the arch-diocese: Rev. Philip Fitzgerald, C. C., from New Junction, Caher, to Gortnaboe; Rev. E. J. Ryan, C. C., Gortnaboe, to New Junction, Caher; Rev. Timothy Burke, C. C., Kiltalee, to Kiltalee, County Limerick; Rev. Patrick Conery, C. C., from Kiltalee to Kiltalee, County Tipperary.

The committee having charge of the Thurles '98 Memorial project met in Ryan's Hotel lately. Mr. C. C. C. chairman, presided.

WATERFORD. On the night of All Saints' Day the students of De La Salle Training School Waterford City, held their annual concert. Mr. T. Fogarty was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Percy B. Rogers, professor of music to the college, presided at the piano. The proceedings opened with a chorus, "Alone in the Crowd," and "The Fifth Act of the Tempest," the following taking part: J. J. Murphy, J. Clarke, J. Condon, P. Leahy, T. Fogarty and P. O'Riordan. Mr. Murphy made a most impressive Prose, which Mr. Clarke charmingly personated the lively Ariel.

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