

THE BACHELOR'S DINNER

I'm blue as I sit at dinner. With loneliness, too, I sigh. Though there's three of us here to gather...

THEIR BROTHER TOM

A Christmas Story.



HE Darcys had just arrived from Ireland and had settled on a little farm in one of our Western States when John Darcy died.

The friends family stood around the grave as he was lowered into the frosty earth. A few sympathetic strangers stood near, and looked on the scene; but human sympathy was powerless to help this sorrow.



Mrs. Darcy Reads the Loss of the Mignon.

Words cost him. "I'll have to leave you, mother—and the children." "The children!" Words so simple and yet which made the mother look into her son's face with a feeling that partook both of pride and pain.

him, the house was dark and desolate. Only the remembrance of his bright smile and his voice remained. "I'll write often, mother, he had said, as she hung her Rosary around his neck.



On One Corner of the Lane Stood a Deserted Barn.

Christmas was only two weeks off—but to the majority of little people in the world, the two weeks seemed two ages. The Darcys were now living nearly three miles from Eaglecliff.

too early to light a candle. "You're a brick!" said Hugh emphatically. This was high praise for him. Bride's stockings progressed slowly, for her time was already occupied.



Said Sam unto John.

John Bull—"This 'ere Christmas business his a bore, haint it, Sam?" Uncle Sam—"Well, John, I think as how you have a boer or two mixed up with yourn this Christmas.

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.

The members of the Tuam branch of the Gaelic League, at a recent meeting Mr Joseph A. Glynn, solicitor, presiding, passed a resolution of deep regret at the death of Rev. Eugene O'Growney, the great Irish scholar.

LEITRIM.

Fenagh branch of the United Irish League was held Nov. 12. Michael Doonan occupied the chair. At 7.30 there was a scene of great excitement in Carrick-on-Shannon, owing to the action of the authorities in preventing the County Council from placing a green flag over the courthouse.

MAYO.

The Irish classes of the Mallanaryn branch of the Gaelic League are held on Sunday and Thursday evenings. Great numbers attend the classes, and good progress is being made.

ROSCOMMON.

Patrick Murray, Green St. Boyle, on Nov. 16, was coming from the Catholic church, talking to some men, when he fell down suddenly and died. He had been in the British army twenty-one years, and only out a few years on a small pension.

SILIGO.

The death of Mrs. Gunning, wife of Dr. Gunning, Moyner House, Bannada, happened on Oct. 25. During her illness she was attended to by Father James McKee, Banada, Abbey. Salomon High Mass de Requiem in presence of Most Rev. Dr. Lygter, Bishop of Achonry, was celebrated at the parish church, Tourlestrane, celebrant, Rev. W. E. Flynn, Kilmactigue; deacon, Rev. M. C. Dempsey Collooney; sub-deacon, Rev. J. McKee, Bannada, and master of ceremonies, Rev. B. M. Quinn, Adm. Tourlestrane.

tax be kept there, this building being our property." The members also unanimously refused the payment of police tax imposed upon the people, because "street preachers" made a disturbance in the town, and the extra police were called on.

A very large and representative meeting of Killeenumbery branch of the United Irish League was held at Fullacooly cross roads, Nov. 12, Mr. J. White, president, in the chair. Present: J. Dolan, J. Gallagher, treas., M. Kelly, assistant sec., W. White, J. Kevelahan, P. Loughlin, John Loughlin, O. O'Rourke, P. Harkin, J. Travers, P. Kilkenny, F. McKenny, J. Kaveny, D. P'eeny, John McTernan, J. Hamilton, J. Harte, C. Meehan, T. McHugh, H. McHugh, M. Poley, J. Crossgrove, W. Crossgrove, J. White, J. Kelly. There were several new members enrolled and cards of membership distributed.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The altar boys at Tullow were recently given a treat in the shape of an excellent evening's entertainment in the monastery. In addition to plenty of cakes and choice delicacies the boys were afforded a magic lantern entertainment. Rev. J. Kearney, Adm., was present.

On Nov. 14 a profession took place at the Convent of Mercy, Carlow, the religious being Miss Lalor, Ballyfin, in religion Sister Mary Cecilia. Moe, Rev. Dr. Foley officiated. Priests present included Mgr. Tynan, Very Rev. John Foley, President Carlow College; Very Rev. M. Lalor, Rev. J. Lalor, Rev. E. Lalor, Rev. John Kelly, Rev. John Callan, Adm.; Rev. J. Corbett, Rev. P. Gorz, Rev. John Murray, Rev. L. Kehoe, Rev. C. Horan, Rev. M. Ryan, (College), Rev. J. Breen, College. The mother and a number of the friends of the young lady were present. Rev. P. Marshall presided.

DUBLIN.

On Nov. 15 "Moy Mell Tionail"—a fête in aid of the children's Hospital, Temple street, Dublin, was opened in the Ancient Concert Rooms, under auspicious circumstances. Any effort having for its ultimate object the aiding of an institution such as this hospital, has a first claim upon the sympathy and support of every human being who has a heart to feel for children under the circumstances.

A modest programme has been issued by the Irish National Literary Society for 1899-1900. But it is good in quality. Among the lecturers will be Professor Savage Armstrong, "Edmund Armstrong," his gifted brother, the Irish "Lycidas," Dr. Kuno Meyer, the well known Gaelic scholar, of Germany, on "The Oldest Period of Irish Literature," and Mr. Brendan Rogers, on the development of a school of national music for his theme. Dr. Sigerson, Mr. Laminale, and Mr. Rolleston will read papers of great interest at recent periods of the session.

FITZGERALD—Nov. 17, at 2 Pearson terrace, Sandymount avenue, Nicholas Fitzgerald, aged 10 years.

MAHER—At 6 Richmond place, Rathmines, Bridget Maher late of Williamstown, age 90 years.

MURPHY—Nov. 17, at 78 Haddington road, Anne McCarthy.

M'GOVERN—Nov. 16, at 10 Denmark street, Lower Gloucester street.

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MURRAY—Nov. 16, at 109 Bride street, Ellen Murray.

MULVANY—Nov. 16, at Moyvalley, Alicia.

O'CARROLL—Nov. 16, Woodbine Lodge, Dalkey, William J. Carroll, LL. D., Solicitor, late of No. 44 Palmerston road.

BYRNE—Nov. 13, at 47 Shelbourne road, Ballsbridge, Thaddeus Byrne.

DILLON—Nov. 13, Mary Dillon, Matt Balbrigan.

FITZPATRICK—Nov. 12, at 18 Drumcondra road, Margaret Fitzpatrick.

GLOVER—Nov. 12, at 35 Golden lane, Thomas Glover.

HAYES—Nov. 12, at 1 Synnot place, Anastasia Hayes.

MURPHY—Nov. 15, at 5 Greek street, Thomas Murphy.

QUINN—Nov. 15, at 18 St. Ignatius road, Daniel Quinn, ex-sergeant of D. M. P.

TRAYNOR—Nov. 15, at 27 Upper Dover street, Patrick Traynor, of 2 Crampton quay.

WHITE—At Leeds, on Nov. 9, David White of Dublin, aged 41; for many years an employe of Hengler's Circus; interred in Roman Catholic Cemetery, Leeds.

BARRITT—Nov. 15, at 14 York road, Kingston, James Barritt; at The Slope he was gardener for more than forty years.

MORRISON—Nov. 15, at Mater Hospital, Alexander Joseph Morrison, aged 10 years, late Hardwick street, Cork.

BARRIE—Nov. 13, at 197 Phibsborough road, David Barrie, aged 65 years.

DOYLE—Nov. 14, at 4 Arranmore avenue, North Circular road, Dublin, Emma Doyle.

O'CONNOR—Nov. 14, at 8 Brighton terrace, Sandycove, Eileen Mary O'Connor, aged 17 years.

KIRWAN—Nov. 10, at Lower Drumcondra road, Thomas J. Kirwan, aged 42 years.

KILDARE.

Nov. 13, the Vicararian Fathers, Avery and O'Donnell commenced a mission in St. Michael's Church, Athy. The first mission given in Ireland was in Athy, sixty years ago, by the same order.

County High Sheriffs for Kildare coming new year will be: George Wolfe, Bishop lands, Ballymore-Eustace; Wm. S. Kirkpatrick, Donacomple, Cebridge; Sir Kildare Borrowes, Bagginestown Castle, Ballymore-Eustace.

On Nov. 11 the remains of Mrs. Mary Fay, who died at Newton, Thursday, were removed to the family burial place at Kilshee for interment. The funeral cortege was remarkably large and representative.

KILKENNY.

Mr. Standish O'Grady, Castle Bamford, Kilkenny, is about issuing a new publication, named "All Ireland Review." It will contain most interesting Irish matter.

KINGE.

Sister Mary Baptist Ryan of the Order of St. John of God, has been appointed matron of Eldersbury Union. There was a time—and that not long ago—when this would be an impossible thing.

Eldersbury enjoys the distinction of having two centenarians—Margaret Tyrrell is 102 and Murrich Cully is 104. There are five persons over 90, one, Catherine Parsons of Croby, being 89, while there are no less than sixteen over fourscore.

LONGFORD.

A meeting of the Columbkille Branch of the United Irish League was held in the committee rooms, Aghnacled, Nov. 12. Mr. James O'Reilly presided.

On Nov. 15 a number of the prominent men of the town of Longford, including T. C. Maxwell, P. Kelly, T. W. Delany, T. Duffy, M. Farrell, S. Wilson, A. Jones, W. Jones, etc., went to Pakenham Hall, where they presented Lord Longford with a piece of silver plate and a beautifully illuminated address on behalf of the people of the town and county on the occasion of his marriage.

A number of tenants also went to the hall and presented an address. An were entertained at a luncheon in the farm yard, and returned well pleased with their trip. Mr. Duffy is reported to have made a brilliant speech.

LOUTH.

An extremely interesting wedding took place in the chapel of Oristown on Nov. 1; bridegroom, Mr. Philip Crahan; bride, Miss Helena O'Brien, Gibbstown. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Ledwidge, A. D. M.

The new seal of the Louth County is an oval form, the centre filled with a shield, on which are shown the star and crescent, the arms of Drogheda, and three birds, representing the arms of Dundalk. The shield is surrounded by shamrocks, the outer border having the words, "The Seal of the Louth County Council, 1899."

Nov. 14, in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Mount St. Joseph's Lurgan, County Armagh, the reception of a religious was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. McGivern, Bishop of Down, assisted by Rev. M. B. McConville; Rev. G. McIlroy, Rev. D. McAlister and Rev. J. Carroll, Adm. The young lady is Miss Annie Mooney, daughter of Mr. William Mooney, merchant, Shop street, Drogheda, now known as Sister Mary Alden. The friends of the young religious present were Mr. William Mooney, father, Miss Smith, cousin, and Mr. P. J. McDonnell, Belfast.

The anniversary office and high Mass for the late lamented Father O'Keefe, was celebrated in the parish church, Killycan (his native parish), on Nov. 15. The sacred ceremonies commenced at 11 o'clock.

MEATH.

On Sunday morning Nov. 12, Mr. John Nooney, Ludlow street, Navan, fell dead at the chapel gates on the way to Mass.

Died Nov. 15, at Clonsilla, Summer Hill, Patrick Murray.

The Most Rev. M. Coffey, D. D., Lord Bishop of Meath, recently made the following additional changes in his diocese: Rev. John Dermody, C. C., Milltown, to be C. C. Summerhill; Rev. S. Kelly, C. C. Summerhill, to be C. C. Kilskyre; Rev. Daly, C. C. Kilskyre, to be C. C. Killeen; Rev. J. Tierney, C. C. Killeen, to be C. C. Milltown; Rev. Peter Kelly, C. C. Collinstown, to be C. C. Castlepollard; Rev. Robert Kelly, C. C. Castlepollard, to be Diocesan Catechist; Rev. H. Carpenter, Maynooth, to be C. C. Collinstown; Rev. D. Coyne, Maynooth, to be C. C. Navan.

QUEEN'S.

During the year 1900 the High Sheriffs in Queen's County will be: Sir H. A. J. Welsh, Bart, Ballykilkavan, Stradbally; W. P. O'Donnell, Ashfield, Ballybrittas; Wm. J. Dunne, Ballymanna Stradbally.

WESTMEATH.

Died—Nov. 16th, at Moyvalley, Alicia Mulvaney.

Members of the Westmeath County Council held a meeting in the Court-house, Mullingar, Nov. 16. The Irish flag was on the table, and the High Sheriff made no attempt to stop the council from flying the flag; but strange to say, no effort was made to fly it to the breeze. It was all noise before.

A vast United Irish League meeting was held in Mullingar, Nov. 13.

WEXFORD.

David Kehoe, aged 65, of Ballygrasgas, Kilmore, died very suddenly lately. He was drawing seaweed when he died.

The death of Mr. James Bolger, Coolback, New Ross, occurred Nov. 8. During forty years he had represented the Poor Law division of Ballynane, in the New Ross, Union district.

The County Wexford Council, at recent meeting, adopted a resolution in favor of an act to give old persons pensions from the State funds. This would do away with the hideous bells of poor houses and the vast army of British officials thereat.

OXFORD—Nov. 11, at Carna, William Scarfe, aged 80 years.

SCARFE—Nov. 13, at 14 Hendrick street, Dublin, Catherine Scarfe, 13 Brock road, Liverpool, sister-in-law of the late James Hebert, Dublin.