

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.

Miss Bertha St. George made her appearance on the stage for the first time in Dublin lately.

The death occurred in Dublin Dec. 10 of Prof. J. W. Glover the musician. He was born in Dublin eighty-nine years ago, and gained prominence for his edition of Moore's "Melodies."

The Tuam Herald of Dec. 9 said: "The Connaught Rangers will land in Cape Colony this week. They will see death for E. Ireland and many will fall beneath Boer bullets."

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LEITRIM.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Anaduff Branch of the United Irish League was held Dec. 3, and attended by Francis Daly, Peter Quinn, P. Masterson, Pat McWeeny, Thomas Keville, Michael Farrell, Peter Kerrigan, James Lynch and Michael Shannon.

MATO.

Mr. Henry Taaffe, Edenpark, Knock having completed the full term of service as national teacher, which entitled him to a life pension, has retired.

Rev. J. O'Connor presided at a meeting of the members of Ballaghaderreen Branch United Irish League, Dec. 3. The Rev. chairman delivered an eloquent speech thanking the people for the patriotic and spirited manner in which they had contributed toward the League.

A large open-air meeting of Knock 96 Martyrs Monument Committee was held Dec. 3 to give the people an opportunity of showing their appreciation of and sympathy with the movement for the erection of a monument that shall stand as an enduring memorial of that sad but glorious year when our gallant ancestors faced the Sexton invaders among the small glens and valleys of Knock.

ROSCOMMON.

Mr. Patrick Kilmartin, farmer, of Derrybeg, died suddenly Dec. 2, in the drapery establishment of Mrs. Bealin, Boyle.

SLIGO.

The men of County Sligo are giving a whole-hearted support to the United Irish League movement. Now, as ever, they are found in the van of the struggle for Ireland's rights.

On Dec. 12 a farmer named Patrick Kilmartin of Derrybeg, near Gurteen, died in Boyle under very sad circumstances. He was in Mr. Bealin's drapery establishment in Main street purchasing articles for his daughter when he was suddenly attacked with illness, fell to the ground, and died immediately.

Mr. James Hanna presided at recent meeting of the County Sligo Executive of the United Irish League. Delegates were present from Ballinlougher, Cooloney, Ballymore, Keash and Ballybush.

The death of Mr. Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Dec. 6 at his home in Newbridge, was deeply and widely regretted. After Office and High Mass the funeral left for Morestown Cemetery, and was numerously attended.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, High Mass was celebrated in the Chapel at Carlow College for its benefactors, living and deceased. Rev. J. Brophy, Dean, being celebrant; Rev. J. Sheehy, deacon; Rev. M. Conannon, sub-deacon; and Rev. M. Reilly, master of ceremonies.

Rev. John Cullen, Administrator, Carlow, presided at a recent meeting held in Carlow, to assist the evicted tenants. Mr. Englewood, M.P. was secretary. It was decided to hold a great meeting and request Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, to preside.

DUBLIN.

The death of Miss Pauline O'Meara, took place on December 4 at Johns town House, Inchicore, Dublin.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has appointed the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Gibson, Commissioner of National Education, in room of W. H. Newell, resigned.

Judge William O'Brien, of the Queen's Bench Division, Four Courts, Dublin, died December 5 at his residence, Merrion Square, Dublin.

A meeting was held in Kilmyshall on Dec. 3 for the purpose of making arrangements for the collection for the evicted tenants in the district. Rev. James Kerney was moved to the chair.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. O'MEARA—Dec. 3, Ellen O'Meara, of 82 Upper Dominick street, aged 48 years.

ONEILL—Dec. 1, at 1 Little Mary street, Samuel O'Neill.

BURKE—Dec. 6, at 20 Upper Wellington street, Dublin, Catherine Burke, wife of the late Walter Burke, of Clonmel.

BYRNE—Dec. 7, at 36 James street, Dublin, John Byrne, aged 46 years, late chief-in-charge H. M. S. Coast-guard Station, Bantrana.

MSHERRY—Nov. 9, killed in action on Rhodesian Border, South Africa, Louis, seventh son of Thomas M. Sherry, 104 Drumcondra road, Dublin.

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KAVANAGH—Dec. 6, at 115 Lower Gardner street, Miss Kavanagh, late of Drumcondra.

KINSELLA—Dec. 5, at 142 Thomas street, Annie Marie Kinella.

CANNIFEY—Dec. 2, at Dublin, James Canniffe.

COLLINS—Nov. 23, killed in action at Belmont, South Africa, Ber and Joseph (1st Batt. Coldstream Guards), beloved and only son of Bernard Collins, North Strand road, Dublin, aged 26 years.

LUNNE—Dec. 1, at 29 Lower Pembroke street, Dublin, Margaret Mary (Maggie) Dunne, aged 19 years.

WALLACE—Dec. 2, at 7 Moort street Ellen Wallace.

KILDARE.

The death of Mr. Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Dec. 6 at his home in Newbridge, was deeply and widely regretted.

Through the death recently of Mr. Thomas Baker, Allenwood, the district has lost a Protestant Nationalist who threw in his lot with his Catholic fellow countrymen in every agitation for an amelioration of Irish grievances.

Early on Dec. 2, a terrible fire broke out at the residence of Mr. James Murphy, Fallinlough, which ended in the complete destruction of an enormous quantity of barley stored in the haggard, a barn, and part of the dwelling house.

Mr. Patrick Smith, farmer, Scribblee, was found drowned in a stream near Ballymutton Bridge, Dec. 2.

For the Billy Byrne Memorial Fund at last meeting of the committee in Rathrum, Dublin, H. Brady and J. Holt handed in \$5 from Oveca parish, which included a \$5 piece from a grand nephew of Gen. Holt in the United States.

KILKENNY.

The death of Mr. Patrick Duggan, formerly of Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, occurred at 11 High street, Kilkenny, Dec. 6. After Office and High Mass, the interment took place and was numerously attended.

KINGS.

Feelings of profound regret were expressed in Frankford at the news of the demise of the Rev. Joseph Wheeler, P. P., Frankford. The sad event occurred Dec. 8. Since his ordination he filled many important curacies in the diocese of Meath, previous to being given the pastoral charge of Frankford, which he held for many years.

Mr. Richard Shaw Antly, Ballynash, died Dec. 8, aged 73 years.

A great number of new members were enrolled at last meeting of the Ballymacormack branch of the United Irish League, Mr. P. Murphy, District Chancellor, presiding. He was pleased at the manner in which the people responded to the call of the United Irish League.

LONGFORD.

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An entertainment was given in the St. Mary's new school, Drogheda, to raise funds to assist in their completion. The schools are pleasantly situated on Curry's Hill, overlooking St. Mary's Church, and command a fine view of the town.

LOUTH.

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MEATH.

A meeting of the members of the Meath Labor Union was held on Dec. 2 at Bellewstown. Mr. T. McIvor presided. Several new members were enrolled and a deputation named to attend a labor meeting at Ballyboghil on Sunday.

DIED—Dec. 8, at the County Meath Infirmary, Navan, John Coogan, late of Foley's drapery establishment, Ludlow street Navan. Dec. 2, at 58 Serpentine avenue, Sandymount, William R. Plunkett, son of the late John Plunkett, of Kells.

A very large meeting of the members of the Young Men's Society was held in the Young Men's Society Hall, Navan, Dec. 2. The Rev. Director alluded to the disorganized state of the society, owing to indifference.

QUEENS.

The Land Commission's orders in Queen's County recently fixed rents as mentioned: H. W. Bailly v. H. D. Carter, £144 17s; £177; reduced to £165 15s. M. O'Neill v. R. H. Stubber, £133 4d; £99 8s; raised to £108. G. Cooke v. E. W. Blackett—£250; £222 7s 6d; reduced to £216 10s.

The town of Maryborough lost one of its respected traders in John T. Madden, Market Square, who died Dec. 4, aged 45. The late Mr. Madden was a native of Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon, and had been in business in Maryborough for twenty years.

WESTMEATH.

Miss Margaret Connell, daughter of Mr. James Connell, Kilara, died Dec. 2, deeply and widely regretted.

Dec. 3. In addition to the lecture, and the illustrations shown on the canvas, songs and recitatio were given, Messrs E. Dunne, Russell, Smith and Roache contributing.

At last Mass on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Cathedral, Mullingar, Rev. E. O'Keefe, Adm., in the course of an eloquent sermon drew the attention of the congregation to the present condition of the sacred edifice and the great want of accommodation in it for the people.

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MUNSTER.

Mr. William Redmond, M.P. on Dec. 2 visited the Clare prisoners in Mountjoy, Dublin. These men, Mattigan, Brody, Hirst, Howard and the brothers Cooney have been incarcerated for nine years, and in view of the peaceful state of the county it is hoped that the Government will favorably consider their cases and liberate them on an early date.

Father McKenna the late parish priest of Feakle, was driving on Nov. 28 to make a final attempt to settle a lawsuit between some parishioners, who were starting for the Cork Assizes. When a short distance from the parochial house the horse fell, flinging Father McKenna to the ground.

The death of Mrs. Daniel Kelly, Tipperary, occurred at her residence, Meeting street Dec. 1, in her 36th year. She was married only two years. On Monday Office and High Mass were offered up in St. Michael's Church for the repose of the deceased, and at 12 o'clock the funeral cortege started for the family burial ground, at Banasa, when one of the large gatherings ever witnessed here on such a melancholy occasion followed the remains to their last resting place.

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One of the most shocking railroad fatalities ever remembered in Lismore occurred on the G. S. and W. Railway line last night, when John Kieley, aged 56 years, was killed. The deceased was a ganger, and had been working at Fortwilliam, between here and Tallow Road station, and left here by the 6 p. m. train for Tallow Road, from where he proceeded to walk back to the line towards home about a quarter of a mile. It would appear that the express train from Cork overtook the man, and cut him in pieces.

CORK.

The funeral of the late Michael Egan took place Dec. 5. The remains were brought from Dublin to Limerick, where they were placed in St. Michael's church. Mass for the dead was celebrated by the Rev. Father Cregan before the coffin was removed to the hearse. The funeral was large and representative of all classes with which Mr. Michael Egan during his long and useful life came in contact.

A branch of the United Irish League was founded in Donoghmore, Dec. 3. O'BRIEN—On Dec. 5, the Right Hon. Mr. Justice O'Brien, Requiem Mass at St. Andrew's, Westland Row, Dublin.

DAUNT—Dec. 6, at 12 Marina Terrace, Teresa Daunt. O'CONNOR—Dec. 5, John, son of Denis O'Connor, national teacher, Rathfriland.

CONNOLLY—Dec. 6, at the Pier, Ballycotton, Catherine Connolly. GREEN—Dec. 3 at Downside College, Bath, John Joseph Green, Belgrave place.

FORDE—At Main street, Kanturk, Jeremiah Forde, aged 22 years. NEVINS—Dec. 2, at Mitchelstown, Jessie Nevins, National Bank, Templemore.

O'CONNELL—Dec. 3, at 63 Great Britain street, Cork, James O'Connell, formerly of Knocknashaun, Kanturk. GAIRNEY—Dec. 6, at Dillon's Cross, Maurice Gairney (late J. J. Murphy's, Ladywood Brewery), aged 42. TWOMEY—On Dec. 7, at Ballymacorney, Kate Twomey, aged 71.

KEBLEY—On Dec. 7, at Castletown, Kate Kelly. DOUGLAS-DOUGLAS—On Nov. 15, at Sunes, on his way home on board the Glangary, Alexander Douglas-Douglas, 96th Manchester Regiment. FLEMING—On Dec. 5, at Passage West, Thomas Fleming. HOGAN—On Dec. 5, at Douglas, Michael Hogan. THOMPSON—On Dec. 5, at Rockfield House, Beaufort, Ellen Thompson. DOOLEY—On Dec. 5, Margaret Dooley, of 82 Evergreen road. ROCHE—On Dec. 3, Richard Roche, aged 54 years, retired, Obier D. M. P.

REGAN—At Clogher, Shanballymore, on Dec. 2, John Regan, FITZGIBBON—Dec. 2, at Mill road, Middleton, Dan Fitzgibbon. HORGAN—Nov. 2, John Horgan, Main street, Macroom.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas O'Connor, at his residence at Tubber, Castleland, Dec. 4, after a brief illness. The deceased was for many years a member of the Tralee Board of Guardians, and deservedly popular. The funeral was a very large and respectable one.

A meeting of Nationalists was held in Ballybunton last week at which Mr. William O'Sullivan presided.

A member of the Christian Brothers' community in Limerick City passed away Dec. 1, in the person of Brother Ryan 75, a native of Waterford. Brother Ryan was a member of the order and very popular with his colleagues, and the children who came under his charge in Dublin, Limerick, Athy Bagnalstown and other places.

The interment of M. S. Linden took place at Carrickbeg on Dec. 5, after Requiem Office and High Mass at St. Nicholas church.

Mr. William Lynch, a laborer, was deemed worthy of a seat on the Cork-rickane District Council by the neighbors. But the Local Government Board decided that the verdict of the people must be set aside, because Mr. Lynch is the tenant of a laborer's cottage.

Rev. Father O'Keefe, parish priest of Clerrhan, near Clonmel, for seven years has been appointed to the pastoral charge of Cappawhite, in room of the late Father Crowe. While in Clerrhan Father O'Keefe made important improvements in the parish church, and put up a new cut-stone wall along the front. New pews and seats were placed in the church, and the parochial house was improved. It was in Clerrhan that Father O'Keefe wrote his well-known work, "The Self-Teach of Music and Singing." He organized the church choir, supplied four harmoniums for the members, and had two national teachers took out music certificates under him.

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Patrick Watters, B. Fegan, J. Campbell, J. McFadden, B. Hughes, W. McKnight, James Cassidy, John Hughes, P. J. Conroy, James McArdie, P. Gorman, Thomas Fitzpatrick and J. English. The spacious schools were filled, to their utmost by an enthusiastic audience, who listened with closest attention to the lecture delivered by the reverend chairman. The subject was the "Siege of Clonmel by Cromwell."

Specifications have been received in the Rural and Urban District Council office in Armagh in connection with the scheme of railway extension in the counties of Armagh, Cavan and Monaghan.

Died Dec. 7, at 87 William street, Lurgan, Joseph Murphy, Dec. 5, at 12 Margaret street, Newry, John Byrne, Seafor, County Armagh.

After Mass on Sunday, Dec. 3, a most influential meeting was held at Upper Lavey, when a branch of the United Irish League was formed. The people were enthusiastic, and the proceedings were pre-empted with an intense Nationalist spirit.

Mr. Edward Larkin, farmer, Ballynure, died suddenly Dec. 2. He was suffering from pains, and to relieve himself took a dose of what he believed to be ether, but instead drank some liquid ammonia, which was in the same kind of bottle.

Magherafelt has fallen into line in the ranks of the United Irish League. On a recent Sunday Mr. Felix McFarlane presided over a large meeting held in Magherafelt for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League.

Mr. Hugh Deehan, farmer, Tully, was found dead at the bottom of a deep ditch near his home, on the Buncrana road, Dec. 7.

The death of Mr. Michael Harrison, of Milltown, Ballyshannon, occurred Nov. 30, at the age of 65 years.

The Ballyshannon '98 Club has a fine roll of members, and good work is being done by them for the Irish cause. Mr. P. A. Mooney, I.P., presided at recent meeting.

A special meeting of the committee of the Ballyshannon Gaelic League was held Dec. 8, Rev. J. Garigan, vice-president, in the chair.

On Dec. 7 and 8, a bazaar and sale of work for the Kibarran church restoration fund was held in the school rooms.

On Sunday evening last the annual meeting of the Sodality of the Holy Name was held in the Society, St. Catherine's, Queen's street, Newry. The Very Rev. D. B. Fahey, O. P., Prior, presided.

On Dec. 1, Mr. John Francis Small, Coroner, held an inquest at Camlough touching the death of Patrick Murphy, of Doctor's Quarter. Anne McConville deposed that the deceased was her brother, and that he left home to go to Newry. Hugh Cosgrove stated that Murphy came into his house the previous evening, and remained there until 10 o'clock, when he started for home. Charles Murphy deposed that the previous night, when he was going home, he found the body in the water at the watering place on the Camlough road. The body was on its face in eight or ten inches of water. The jury found the deceased was accidentally suffocated.

On Nov. 29 the remains of the late Mr. M. McAulay, Ballymacorney, Ballynure, were removed for interment at Magherafelt. The deceased was only in his twenty-fifth year, and the respect in which he was held was amply testified by the large cortege which followed the remains to the graveyard.

Members of the Holywell branch of the United Irish League held a fine meeting Dec. 3. Rev. Thomas Keehan, in the chair.

Master John A. Clarke was found dead in his bed in the town of Monaghan, Dec. 4.

The Manchester martyrs' anniversary was celebrated in Clones. At 8 p. m. the 98 Club Brass Band, headed by the Gymnastic and Athletic Club, and followed by the Boys' Brigade, started on the '98 Harp Chilmartin's, and would Flute Band, O'Grady's, new Flute Band also took part in the procession.

At the Ulster Winter Assizes, in Belfast, Dec. 6, Denis Courtney and Philip Smith were indicted for causing the death of James McDonald on the 29th of June last, between Annajoo and Cloes. After the hearing of evidence His Lordship summed up. He informed the jury that they had four questions to take into consideration, and these were—1. Are the two prisoners guilty of murder? 2. If not, is one or other of them, and if so, which is guilty of murder? 3. If neither of them is guilty of murder, are both of them guilty of manslaughter? 4. If not, is one or other of them, and if so, which is guilty of manslaughter? The jury found Courtney not guilty, and Smith not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter. Courtney was discharged, and Smith was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

The new county hospital for Tyrone, in Omagh, is a splendid and capacious building. It is on Campsie Hill. The structure cost eighty thousand dollars. Miss Mohan now runs the Mourne Hotel, Siabane. Since the premises came into her possession many much-needed changes have been made, and the hotel is very commodious and comfortable.

At recent Assizes in Belfast, Philip Lynch was indicted for the manslaughter of Jno. McGill, in Newtownswewart, on Sept. 15, last. The Grand Jury had ignored a bill for murder against the prisoner. A plea of not guilty was entered. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was liberated.

Advertisement for 'D' medicine, including text like 'The 8 Inexpensive Cures', 'SEND I', 'BOSTON SEND', 'SAFE', 'EDWARD JAMES ALEX JULIUS FRANK', and 'ARMY'.