

OUR IRISH LETTER
NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People as Men's Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

At Curteen, on Jan. 7, was held a great nationalist demonstration under the auspices of the United Irish League. Bands and contingents attended from Galway, Kiltulla and from Kill and Cloeskake. Father Kelly presided. The principles and objects of the United Irish League were enthusiastically endorsed.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Nolan, of Cloonkeen, Athlery, which occurred Dec. 23, 1899, at the early age of 22 years. The Rev. Father Grealley performed the burial service.

A large meeting of the United Irish League was held New Year's Day in the Market Square, Clifden. On the motion of Mr. Michael Joyce, seconded by Mr. William O'Malley, M. P. the chair was taken by the Very Rev. Canon Moalpine. Father Brett proposed the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Michael Joyce and passed: "That we thoroughly adhere to the principles of the United Irish League and renew our confidence in Mr. O'Malley, our Parliamentary representative." The very reverend chairman believed that if they had in the House of Commons a loyal, disciplined, fighting Irish party, backed up at home in every parish by a living, active, earnest branch of the United League, many things would be easy of achievement that year ago seemed impossible. He felt that if they had such a branch of the League the Big game would soon come to the conclusion that in the interests of the community he could safely dispense with some of his broad acres, the greedy grabber would no longer cast a covetous eye upon his neighbor's plot, but would quickly be taught manners, if not sense.

LEITRIM.

The United Irish League is flourishing in and around the district of Ballinamore. The branch in the town is being worked well, and in all the adjoining parishes branches have sprung up. Only one parish remains, and that is one where eviction existed and where a regular colony of planters reside.

MAYO.

Miss Margaret Delaney, daughter of Mr. Michael Delaney, Ballyhaunis, and Miss Minnie Coyne, daughter of Mr. John Coyne, Ballyhaunis, were received into the Convent of Mercy, Westport, on Jan. 4. Miss Delaney is Sister Ita, and Miss Coyne is Sister Genevieve.

The year just past was one of successful efforts and of solid results in self-help scheme inaugurated a few years ago in the Foxford District by the Sisters of Charity. Last year 31 cottagers saved seed of all kinds sufficient for their own wants—this year the number is 223.

It is reported that Mr. Peter F. Regan, Ballinrobe, will be the Candidate selected to represent South Mayo in Parliament at the coming convention in Claremorris. Mr. Regan was an able and strenuous advocate of the Irish cause in the United States. He is a cousin of John McBride, who is leading the Irish Brigade in South Africa. Mr. Regan was elected district councillor for Ballinrobe last April.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Peter Tuohy, Ballinlutter, on Dec. 26, after a fortnight's illness, during which he had all the consolations of Holy Church. On Wednesday morning Mass was celebrated for the repose of the deceased at the residence of Rev. P. Forde, Kilmenna, and on Thursday morning another Requiem Mass by Rev. John McCarthy, Neale. The funeral was large and respectable, the interment being in the ancient burial ground of Ballinlutter Abbey. Father Forde and McCarthy officiated at the grave. The late Mr. Tuohy is survived by wife, two sons and six daughters. Four of the children are in the United States. The deceased was in his 82d year.

Father John Fallon, pastor, presided at recent meeting of the members of the Knock branch of the United Irish League. Members of the committee present: Martin McLoughlin, Thos. Phillips, Edward Prendergast, Patrick Lyons, Thos. Egan, P. Beatty, treasurer; James Morris, sec.; J. Burke, ass't sec.; Thos. O'Brien, John Currie, Thos. Jordan, John Murphy, Thos. Byrne. The following resolutions were proposed, seconded, and unanimously adopted: "That while we characterize as vindictive the sentences on Messrs. Muffney and Maguire at the Sligo assizes, for giving expression to the sentiments of every patriotic Irishman in reference to land-grabbing, we emphatically condemn the unconstitutional means adopted by the Crown to secure their conviction, namely, resorting to jury packing, which links criminal injustice to the accused with a gross insult to the Catholic population; that we tender our congratulations to these gentlemen and Mr. John O'Donnell for having bravely sacrificed their liberties in the cause of country; that we express contempt for the futile efforts of the Government through the Chief Justice Ashbourne to degrade by removing from the commission of the peace men whom the suffrages of the people placed in positions of responsibility, for giving honest expression to their views on the iniquitous was. A resolution was also adopted committing to the Congested Districts Board the liability of a number of the Ballin county to pay the rents due, and urging the desirability of extending the time for doing so to March 1, 1900.

JAS. MORRIS, Hon. Sec.

ROSCOMMON.

Michael Dolan, a highly esteemed citizen of Sligo, died Jan. 2, in the 82d year of his age. He was a Lord Chancellor Ashbourne and was one of the peace men whom the suffrages of the people placed in positions of responsibility, for giving honest expression to their views on the iniquitous was. A resolution was also adopted committing to the Congested Districts Board the liability of a number of the Ballin county to pay the rents due, and urging the desirability of extending the time for doing so to March 1, 1900.

to Shankill Cemetery was long and representative of all classes and creeds. The Holy Year was inaugurated in Boyle by a very imposing ceremony in St. Joseph's Church. Never was such an enormous congregation in the sacred edifice as on this occasion. The doors of the church were opened at 11.30, from which time the people began to enter in large numbers, some of whom, despite the unfavorable atmospheric conditions, came many miles to take part in the sacred offering. At 12 o'clock the scene was one for all time to be stamped upon the memory. The splendid altar was one brilliant, shining light as the Rev. Father Humphries commenced Mass. Before this the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, the choir singing: "O Salutaris." Oganist, Miss F. O'Connor. Throughout the celebration of the Mass the choir rendered appropriate Christmas music, and at the Benediction, which was magnificent.

The death of Mr. Arthur Browne, of Mount Brown, Strokestown, occurred on Dec. 31 at the age of 63 years. The funeral on Tuesday, was one of the largest seen in the country for many years. The remains were carried to the house by the tenants.

SLIGO.

At the patriarchal age of 96 years, recently passed away Mr. Patrick McHugh of Cummin. Deceased, who was father of Mr. John McHugh, Lord Edward street, Sligo, was much esteemed by neighbors, a fact which was shown at the funeral in Killaspugbrone, when the cortege was one of the largest seen in the district for a considerable time. Father Brennan, Sligo, officiated.

About the Carrick-na-Gat Memorial. The secretary of the committee lately received very encouraging letters from people away from Ireland, promising to support appeals for fund. Michael Grehan, of Liverpool, visited the monument and was delighted at such a noble recognition of St. Michael Grehan, a member of the '98 Executive for Great Britain and France and as such, was a delegate to Dublin on the occasion of the laying of the Wolfe Tone Memorial foundation stone. He is a brother to Dr. D. Grehan, Corragga, a member of the Carrick-na-Gat Executive.

Mr. McMorrow presided at recent meeting of the Geevagh branch of the United Irish League. There was a good attendance of members and of the committee. The report in the Sligo Champion, as to the retirement of Capt. McTernan from the County Council was read. After due consideration, the committee were unanimous in forwarding the name of Mr. B. Conlon, in requesting the C. C. to co-opt him, as the best entitled to fill the vacant place as the representative of Kilmacranagh division, and also in expressing sympathy with Messrs. Muffney and McGuire in their unjust incarceration. The members condemn the packed jury of Orangemen who imposed such a term of imprisonment on them. Mr. W. Cawley is not a landgrabber, as the evicted tenant is now in possession.

—T. J. Naagle and J. McManus, sec. IRISH NEWS—TWO

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Miss Katie Campion, of Valleyfield, Ballinakil, Queen's County, was proposed a member of the Presentation Order in the Carlow Convent Jan. 8. She is a sister of Rev. Patrick Campion Carlow-Graigue.

DIED—Dec. 8, at St. Louis, U. S. A., Edward J. McDonald, of John's Gaug, Old Leighlin, aged 83 years. On Jan. 1, 1900 New Year's Day, at Richmond Hospital, Dublin, Richard McDonald, Prunlestown, Castlebar, aged 45 years. Jan. 1, at Kilmacnoe, Athy, Hugh Lawler, aged 28 years. Were ordained at the Cathedral Carlow by Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin: Priesthood, Rev. John Slattery, New Orleans; Rev. T. Fitzgerald, New Orleans; Rev. D. Nis Healy, Peoria. Deaconship, Rev. James Quinlan, Waterford; Rev. Bernard MacKiernan, Wichita. Sub-deaconship—Rev. Nicholas Codd, Ferns. His Lordship was attended by the Rev. Fathers Brophy and Breen, Deans, Carlow College.

DUBLIN.

The Secretary to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Thomas Kennedy, died Jan. 8.

The body of James Lynch, aged 60, a retired schoolmaster of Ballykeague, Rush, was lately found in the Dodder River, near Ballsbridge.

Mr. Edmund J. Murray, of the Irish Times, died Jan. 7. For the past 30 years he had reported for the Times. He was on the warmest terms of friendship with the late Sir John Arnott.

The Holy Year was inaugurated in Dublin by midnight Mass in all the churches of the city and suburbs. The solemn function was attended by large and devout congregations. The Dominican, Francis Ans. Cappin, n. Jesuits, Vincentian, Oblates, Passionists, carried out the function with great solemnity. All the churches were beautifully decorated. The High Mass was in every case accompanied with the singing of a solemn Te Deum. The pastoral of the Archbishop set out the order of the function with minute detail, and his injunction was carried out to the letter. The High Mass and the Te Deum were followed by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

RAFFERTY—Dec. 28, 1899, aged 39 years, at 153 North King street, Dublin, Richard Rafferty.

O'NEILL—Dec. 31, 1899, at 19 Hill street, Mary O'Neill.

CARROLL—Jan. 1, 1900, at 82 Main street, Bray, John Carroll, dairy proprietor, aged 80 years.

SULLY—At No. 4 Barry Yard, Townsend street, Dublin, on Jan. 3, 1900, Mary Sully.

BYRNE—Dec. 23, 1899, at 45 Lower Dominick street, Thomas Byrne, late of 63 North Kink street, aged 69 years.

DALTON—Dec. 23, 1899, at 25 Great Clarence street, Patrick Dalton.

EYRNE—Jan. 1, 1900, at 114 Lower George's street, Kingstown, Margaret Eyre.

CLARKE—At No. 1 Friesland, E. C. Road, Mr. Michael Clarke, on Dec. 31, 1899.

GIBTON—Dec. 25, at the Stewart Institute, Palmerstown, Robert Cope Gibton, Tallaght.

DUNNE—Jan. 2, 1900, Christopher Dunne, at an advanced age, at 9, McMahon street, late of Clonsilla.

HUNT—Jan. 3, 1900, at 26 Market street, Sligo, William Hunt, aged 78 years.

GRAHAM—Jan. 2, 1900, at Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Lizzie A., wife of James Graham, Blackrock.

STACK—Jan. 3, 1900, at Tallaght, Kate Stack.

COPPINGER—Jan. 2, 1900, at No. 12 Mill street, Elizabeth Coppinger.

BARNES—Jan. 3, 1900, at County Infirmary, Daniel Barnes, 167 Great Britain street.

BEASLEY—Jan. 5, at Olive Mount, Milltown, Bridget Beasley, Kevin street.

BOURKE—Jan. 4, at 7 Lombard street, South Circular Road, Eleanor Bourke, Greenhills, Castlebar, County Mayo.

BYRNE—Jan. 5, at 8 Hill street, Mrs. Mary Byrne, of Prosperous, County Kildare.

BYRNE—Jan. 2, Miss Margaret Byrne, of Terenure.

O'CONNOR-GLYNN—On Jan. 2, at 10 Ulverton place, Dalkey, Patrick J. O'Connor-Glynn, in his 52d year.

O'NEILL—Jan. 1, at 20 Parnell place, Bridget O'Neill.

GOONAN—Jan. 3, at 43 Thomond terrace, North Circular Road, Mary Teresa Goonan, Higginstown, Tr. Co., County Meath.

GRAHAM—Jan. 2, at Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Lizzie A. Graham, Blackrock, daughter of the late Joseph Keenan, Duff House, Lough Dan.

KILDARE.

On Jan. 4 John Reddy aged 65 years was found dead sitting in a chair at his lodgings in Newbridge.

KILKENNY.

On Jan. 5 John Kelly, aged 60 fell into the River Barrow, at Graiguehannagh, and was drowned. He was employed in the stables of the Barrow Navigators Company.

Great numbers attended the midnight Masses in all the churches in Kilkenny on New Year's festival. The priests were greatly pleased with the very many who received Holy Communion, thus commencing the new year in a holy manner.

On Jan. 6 Rev. J. J. Timothy, C. C. Camross, died, deeply and widely regretted. The Office and High Mass were celebrated Jan. 8. Celebrant, Very Rev. Dr. Tynan, Farnworth Salford, deacon, Rev. P. Carrigan, Adm.; sub-deacon, Rev. Ambrose Lowry; Master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Costigan; Chanters, Rev. Finian Carroll, Dublin; Rev. J. Dollard. In the choir were: Very Rev. W. Keogh, Very Rev. J. Bove, Father Brennan, Rev. Edward Brennan, Father Kane, R. v. P. Carrigan, Adm.; Rev. J. Drennan R. v. Wm. Delany, Father Madden, Rev. Henry Brennan, Rev. P. Drennan R. v. J. Drennan, Rev. M. Halloran, Rev. M. Flynn, Dublin; Rev. M. Waite, Rev. N. Walsh and others.

KING.

Recent tremendous rainstorms caused the tributaries of the Shannon in King's County and Lower Ormond to overflow considerably above their normal water level. At many points vast areas of low lying land are flooded. In the older part of Birr the waters of the Camoor inundated houses in Bridge street. The market of Roscrea could not be held, as the farmers were unable to reach the town.

The ending of an extraordinary law case, extending over a century, was lately officially announced. It is that of the bankruptcy of Mr. Robert Smyth of King's County, who as a brewer in Smock alley, Dublin, failed in 1797. His affairs were thrown into bankruptcy, and a substantial dividend paid; but the estate would not yield enough then or since to pay the full 20s in the pound. Four generations of the creditors have in turn created the intervening century in seeking it. Their experience, or rather that of the survivors of them, is happily now the converse of that of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce: for a small sum invested at the time by the court, too trifling for distribution has, by the accumulation of compound interest in a hundred odd years, developed enough to pay off all the old debts, plus law costs. There is a claimant for every penny due in 1797, and Mr. H. F. Gibson, the bankruptcy deputy registrar, will have to perform the delicate task of distributing it among the inheritors of the bankrupt brewer's debts.

LONGFORD.

With deep regret we record the death of Rev. John Briody, P. F., Killree. The sad event occurred at his mother's home Jan. 8. The esteem in which he was held by the people was amply expressed by the great numbers that attended the Solemn Requiem service and the funeral.

LOUTH.

The death of Mr. Henry Mac'll St. Peter's place, Drogheda, occurred Dec. 31. The funeral obsequies were celebrated in St. Peter's Church, when Solemn Office for the Dead was recited, and a Requiem sung for the repose of his soul. After the last absolution, the remains were removed for interment to the vaults underneath the mortuary chapel in the Chord Cemetery.

MEATH.

On Jan. 2 were conveyed to the Chapel Acre at Skryne the remains of Mr. James Brien, father of District Councillor Brien of Dunshughlin, at the ripe age of 87 years. An upright, industrious farmer, he was nature's gentleman. He passed away amid the regrets of all who knew him, leaving behind a numerous family of young men and women, in every way worthy successors.

On the last night of the old year and first night of the new two concerts were given at Oldcastle for the purpose of supplementing the building fund of the new church, which through the energy of the pastor, Father Grehan, is fast approaching completion. They were great successes, and among those who helped to make them so were Miss McNally, Kells; Miss Brice, Slone; Miss Fallon, Dublin; J. C. Murphy, P. O. Doherly, Thomas Grace and others. An outrage on Justice.—At the Kells Petty Sessions, New Year's day T. Maguire was charged with being disorderly in Kells. The prosecuting constable stated that Thomas was cheering for Kruger and carrying on in a disorderly manner. Chairman (to defendant)—You are fined 10s. and costs, and perhaps President Kruger will help you to pay the fine. If Thomas Maguire had been yelling for old Victoria and her band of red-coated murderers in South Africa, he would have been at liberty to continue, or if arrested would have been sent away with a caution.

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MADDEN—Jan. 4, at 7 Moncrea Terrace, Cork, Timothy Madden.

O'BRIEN—Jan. 4, at 36, Shandon street, Morgan O'Brien.

O'SULLIVAN—Jan. 4, at Scart, Douglas, Patrick O'Sullivan, aged 64 years.

DESMOND—Jan. 2, at Knockshandree, Cornelius Desmond, aged 85 years.

MCCARTHY—Jan. 3, at 133 George's street, Mary Anne McCarthy.

RONIN—Dec. 27, at 31 Patrick's Quay, Norah Cronin.

LAVALLIN—Dec. 25, at 20 Vincent View, College road, Bessie Lavallin.

DUGGAN—Nov. 22, 1899, killed in South Africa, James Duggan, son of Mrs. Dugan, National Schools, Burncourt, Cloughan.

DONOGHUE—Dec. 29, at 124 Magdalen road, William O'Donoghue, aged 50 years.

FEHILLY—Dec. 29, at Glendore, Rev. John Fehilly.

O'BRIEN—Dec. 25, at 3 George's Quay, Eliza O'Brien.

WALSH—Jan. 2, at 16 Frankfield Terrace, Cork, Francis Walsh.

MEAGHER—Jan. 2, at the Square, Passage West, Mrs. Margaret Meagher, at an advanced age.

RUSSELL—Jan. 2, at Dunmahon, Glanworth, Ellen Russell.

LOVELL—At 47 Gardiner's Hill, on Jan. 3, John Lovell.

CRONIN—Jan. 2, at Courtback, Cornelius Cronin, Grenagh.

BUCKLEY—Jan. 1, at Beechmount, Drispey, Johanna Buckley, late of Coolavokig, Macroom, aged 62 years.

KERRY. At the last meeting of the Tralee Rural Council, Mr. J. Roche chairman, presiding, and a very large attendance of members, on the motion of Mr. Patrick Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Patrick Evans, the following resolution was adopted: "That the distressed condition of the Rye tenantry in Keel, through the exacting by the receiver, Mr. J. T. Huggard, of old and impossible arrears, claims the immediate attention of this council; and that we appeal to Mr. Justice Ross to sell the property to the tenants under the land act, and save a large number of hard working tenants from becoming a public burden."

Much regret was expressed at the news of the death of Mr. Cornelius Guiney, of Knockaclearie House, Brosna, who died Christmas eve at the age of 65 years. Only two of his brothers survive out of a family once the pride of the country on the basis of the Frole. His funeral extended the whole way from a residence to the churchyard in Brosna, a distance of three miles.

The death of Mrs. Edmund O'Shaughnessy of Mountcastle Mills, Knocknagoshel, which occurred on Jan. 3, created deep regret. The funeral to Listowel Cemetery was very numerously attended. The clergy present were Rev. Canon Davis, Listowel; Rev. T. Crowley, Listowel; Rev. Father Byrne, Listowel; Rev. J. Nelligan, B. Oona; Rev. D. Harrington, B. Oona.

WICKLOW. On Dec. 31 the opening of the Holy Year was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Blackditch, with the prescribed rites. Though the night was very inclement the numerous lights dotting the mountain slopes at midnight plainly indicated that the people were determined to brave the elements so as to assist at the Midnight Sacrifice.

Towards 11.30 the sky cleared and stars appeared, and in their dim light numerous groups could be discerned on the various roads converging to the sacred edifice, the mountains in their robes of virgin whiteness making a fitting background to the picture. The quaint old church, with its noble traditions, was packed with a devout congregation, assembled from miles around. The strange hour of offering the Holy Sacrifice, which brought back thoughts of the trials and travails of days of yore, when the priests celebrated the Divine Mysteries with a price upon his head added much to the solemnity of the scene. Inside the effect of light and shade on the upturned faces of the worshippers, rich and poor, old and young alike, would take the brush of a Rembrandt to portray, while the variously colored marbles of the High altar glistened and shimmered in the light of the numerous tapers. The ceremonies which were performed by the Very Rev. Father Heffernan, concluded shortly after 1 o'clock.

LIMERICK. A young man named Mahon, son of Mr. Michael Mahon, Cloncolman, Coadagad, was found dying at Gortacolea on St. Stephen's Day. He was a grocer's assistant in Dublin, and was at home through ill health.

We regret that the Christian Brothers, Limerick, sustained a loss by the death of Brother Dominic Considine, who died at Sexton street on Christmas Eve. Brother Dominic was a native of County Clare, and in the forty-first year of his age. He entered the Christian Brothers in 1880, and after spending some years in Mitchelstown, Belfast, Artane, Dungraun, and Thurles was sent to Limerick in August, 1893.

TIPPERARY. The death of Mrs. Donovan, Knockree, Drangan, occurred Dec. 22. She was a native of Mullinahone. The funeral to Kilmennon Cemetery was numerously attended.

WATERFORD. DIED—On Nov. 6, at Stawell street, Ballarat East, Victoria, Australia, David Fitzpatrick, native of Lismore, aged 70 years.

Great annoyance has been caused in Waterford by a rumor that the Lord Chancellor had been asked to add six names of Unionists to the local magistracy. The reasons: First, to food the Bench so as to make appointments to suit the Unionists; second, to secure conviction in prosecutions taken against corporators under the contract laws of the new Local Government act. The number of magistrates in the city is sufficient for all purposes. Great indignation is felt at this movement on the part of the loyalists.

A serious accident occurred Dec. 31 at Rinecrew, two miles from Youghal, cutting off the main water supply to the town. The main road between Youghal and Lismore runs along the left bank of the Blackwater, overflowing the river, at the scene of the occurrence, and the land rises from the road, forming part of the beautiful landscape from Rinecrew point towards Ballynatray House, the seat of Lady Harriet Holroyd Smyth. The water main from the reservoir at Bouna, six miles distant, runs along a portion of this road into the town. The town reservoir at the top of Cork Hill, Youghal contained sufficient water to supply the inhabitants for some

The death of Mr. Charles Rayeroff, Gurteneer House, Macroom, occurred Jan. 2, 1900. His remains were conveyed to Bantry for interment. The funeral was very numerous attended.

The annual concert of the League of the Cross Society was held Jan. 4 in

the Baths Hall, Cove. Among the clergy were: Rev. Thos. Madigan, Queenstown; Rev. M. P. Norris, Queenstown; Rev. Thomas Wilson, Maynooth College; Rev. Francis Murphy, Buttevant; Rev. David O'Connell, Buttevant. Every item on the programme was well rendered.

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ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

An important meeting of the Literary and Debating Society was held in the hall, Donegal, Belfast, Dec. 27. Mr. Henry J. Key presided, and formally introduced Mr. F. Doyle. The lecturer dealt with the life and times of King Brian Boru. The social and historical position of the country was considered. A graphic description of the Clontarf, and a touching tribute to King Brian, concluded the address.

ARMAGH.

Surgeon Colonel John Henry Huges, M. D., of Killylea, died recently in Quetta, Northern India. He was principal medical officer of the district in which he died. Thirty years ago he joined the British Army.

The obsequies of the late Mother Mary Gertrude O'Hagan, superioress of St. Joseph's Convent of Mercy, Lurgan, whose death occurred on Jan. 2, were carried out Jan. 4. The ceremonies commenced with the Solemn Office for the dead, at which Rev. M. B. McCormick, Lurgan, in the absence of Most Rev. Dr. McOliver, Bishop of Downmore, presided, assisted by Rev. J. Carroll, Lurgan, acting as master of ceremonies.

CAVAN.

Mr. Owens presided at recent meeting of the Cavan Rural Council, which includes Oldcastle. Among the contributors present were: Robert Wilson, Cavan, Brady, Jr.; Terence Brady, Peter Farrelly and James Flood. Several tenants from Virginia applied to have their rents made to their cottages.

On Dec. 31, at midnight, the closing year was fittingly and piously ushered in by the priests and people of the parish of Kingscourt in their beautiful church. The great altar was decorated and brilliantly lighted. The ceremonies were celebrated by Very Rev. J. Flood, assisted at by Rev. J. Nulty, Rev. E. Kellaghan, and an immense and devout congregation—a great number approaching the Holy Table.

DONEGAL.

Miss Margaret McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. Charles McLaughlin, Carnadonagh, attended the midnight Mass in the local church, Dec. 31, and soon after returning home, died suddenly. The priest was in time to give her the consolations of religion.

DOWN.

In accordance with the instructions of the Pope, special devotions were held in the beautiful church of St. Patrick, Downpatrick, on Dec. 31, which was tastefully decorated by the Sisters of Mercy of St. Patrick's Convent. Before the great bell of the church had ceased tolling at 12 o'clock midnight, the spacious edifice was filled by an immense congregation from the town and neighborhood. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed for the adoration of the faithful. Mr. Charles McCannell commenced singing the Mass, Missa Cantata, at the Blessed Virgin's altar, the responses being answered by the choir, under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy. At the conclusion the "Te Deum" was rendered by the choir, and the services concluded with the Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament. The arrangements were carried out by the Sisters of Mercy, assisted by Very Rev. P. O'Kane, pastor and Rev. C. McDonnell and Rev. J. F. McCauley, assistants.

FERRANAGH.

The death of Mrs. Sarah Crudden, Carrigan, Newtownbutler, occurred on Dec. 19, 1899, after a long period of sickness, at the age of 100 years. After solemn requiem services the interment was in the new cemetery; funeral very numerously attended.

MONAGHAN.

Mr. James McEvoy, who lived half a mile from Monaghan town, was found drowned Dec. 27 in a drain near his home. He was a gauger on the Great Northern Railway.

Passed the Century Mark in His. The death of Miss Anne McDonnell, of Ferranagh street, Clones, happened on Christmas Eve, at the great age of 109 years. She had been confined to bed for a long period, but had her senses to the last. She along with her late brother, presented the bell and clock to the Church of the Sacred Heart. Her death is regretted. A man named Shannon, who had reached the age of 106 years, died at Granby.

The commencement of the holy year was religiously observed in Monaghan town. At the Communion a thousand persons received the Blessed Sacrament, and on the conclusion of the Mass Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, ascended the pulpit and delivered a short, suitable discourse.

TYRONE.

Within the past few months St. Mary's Catholic Church, Stewartstown, has been improved. It may now be considered one of the prettiest churches in the district. Two new vestibules have been built at the entrance, and the altar, altar window and pulpit have been decorated. The decorations have been carried out by Mr. Boyle, painter, of Cookstown.

The holy year was inaugurated in Cookstown with midnight Mass and solemn exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament in the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, which was beautifully decorated. Spacious as the church is, it was taxed to its utmost limits to accommodate the congregation. All through the evening great numbers thronged the confessionals in order to receive Holy Communion at the opening of the New Year. The priests having come to the altar, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed amidst adoration of the faithful, and the profound solemnity of the scene seemed in the stillness of the night more devotional than ever, as above that reverential "Te Deum." Mass was celebrated by Rev. E. McAlwey, assisted by Rev. M. Quinn, after which was sung the "Veni Creator" followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The music of the Mass was sung by the convent choir.

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