

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The death of Mr. Joseph McDonnell, Letterfrack, occurred Jan. 13, at a very advanced age. He was a brother-in-law of the Superior of the Clifton convent of Mercy. His death caused a feeling of widespread regret among his many friends and family.

At a general meeting of the Galway County Council of the G. A. A., held in Craughwell recently, the following officers were elected: Mr. M. C. Shine, Tuam, president; Mr. M. Farrell, vice-president; Mr. W. J. Duffy, Loughrea, treasurer; Mr. W. J. Duffy, Loughrea, and Mr. Clahy, Craughwell, secretaries.

Mr. David O'Callaghan, Outquarter National School, Aran, in recent communication said: "I received thirteen copies of Second Irish Book. We have a class of seventy learning Irish on Sundays. All these are fluent speakers of Irish, and have little English, indeed, in many cases. English can never be taught in Aran except through Irish."

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At a meeting of the members of the North Leitrim Executive of the United Irish League was held Jan. 6, in Drumkeeran. Attendance was very numerous and much business of importance was transacted.

MURPHY—On Jan. 14, at 4 Great George's street West (Post Office), James Murphy.

RUSSELL—Jan. 14, at 13 George's quay, Michael Russell, Sr. (late of Clyde Shipping Co.), aged 76.

MURPHY—On Jan. 15, at 49 Morrough Terrace, Evergreen road, Daniel Murphy, of Ballinaberna.

O'SULLIVAN—On Jan. 15, at Ballinacollig, Ellen O'Sullivan.

COLEMAN—On Jan. 14, at Cloughphillip, St. Anne's, Mary Coleman.

KELLY—On Jan. 14, at Carbone, Coachford, Eliza Kelleher, aged 74.

O'BRIEN AT Macroom, Catherine O'Brien, of Blackrock.

The South City Markets Company. On Jan 14 the members of the Fitzharris Testimonial committee held a meeting in the Wexfordmen's rooms, 108 Talbot street, Dublin.

That was the members of the Fitzharris Committee and Wexfordmen's Club assembled for the forwarding of the Fitzharris Testimonial, condemn the action of that contemptible aristocrat, Lord Methuen, in the inhuman treatment of the Irish-Boer prisoners in South Africa.

The late Mr. Justice O'Brien died on Dec 5 last. By his will, which was dated Dec 1, 1899, he left assets valued at £22,000.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Wallace, 12 Upper William street, Limerick, whose death occurred on Jan. 10, took place Jan. 12, from St. John's Cathedral, where the remains had been removed after her demise.

On Jan. 10, died Miss Lizzie Ward at the home of her brother, Maurice, Ballinacorney, Co. Wick. She was sister of Rev. W. H. Ward, of Pittsburgh, Diocese.

Mr. Michael Davitt, Mr. John Dillon, M. P.; Mr. William O'Brien and many other men prominent in the National cause telegraphed their deep regret to the family of the late Mr. John O'Mahony, editor of the Waterford Star, and expressing the great loss the Irish people have sustained by his death.

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Newport, officiated. The following clergymen were also present—Rev. John P. Canning, Ballyhaunis; Rev. Father Healy, Adm., Westport; Rev. J. O'Toole, Adm., Kilmenna; Rev. Father Godfrey, Newport; Rev. Father Smalley, Westport.

A branch of the United Irish League has been founded in Errismore. Priests and people are making a splendid fight against felonious landlordism. "The land for the people" is the war cry of the reunited forces in Ireland.

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ed; office and High Mass were held on Monday following the burial. Mr. Duffy's death was deeply and widely regretted by all classes. He was father of late Rev. James Duffy.

KINGS. Rt. Rev. Dr. McRedmond Bishop of Killaloe, made these promotions and changes recently: Rev. John O'Brien, C. C. Roscrea, to be P. P., Feakle; Rev. S. Slattery, C. C. Kilrush, to be C. C. Roscrea; Rev. John Ryan, C. C. Birr, to be C. C. Kilrush; Rev. John Donnellan, C. C. Castleconnell, to be C. C. Birr; Rev. Joseph O'Meara, C. C. Crusheen, to be C. C. Castleconnell; Rev. Daniel McNamara (from Down and Connor) to be C. C. Crusheen; Rev. John Darcey, C. C. Birr, to be temporary Adm. of Terryglass; Rev. Andrew McNamara (from Down and Connor) to be C. C. Bournea; Rev. John Muloney, C. C. Bournea, to be temporary C. C. Birr.

The members of the Enderbury District Council No. 3, won't have any footing from the landlord justices of the peace. At recent meeting Mr. Christopher Gerahy, presiding, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

LONGFORD. The county of Longford is one of the most active places in Ireland in spreading the good work of the United Irish League. Branches are being founded every week, and fine public demonstrations under its auspices are held very often.

LOUTH. DIED—Jan. 16 at Mell, Drogheda, Peter Clinton, aged 80 years; interment in Dowth Cemetery; funeral numerously attended. On Jan. 17, at Collon, Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne (formerly Mrs. Calderwood); interment in Monasterboice Cemetery.

MEATH. Recent Deaths in County Meath, Jan. 16, at Beamount House, Joseph Philip McCanan, aged 80 years; interment in Dowth Cemetery; funeral numerously attended.

QUINN. The election of the Municipal Councilors for Mountmellick took place Jan. 15, and resulted as under: W. Seilly, W. Bailey, Unionist; Thomas Toomey, Trades.

Irish League, and to strengthen it ranks, meetings were held lately at Boscull and Coole. Branches of the organization have been established in these places, thanks to the great energy displayed in the National cause by Mr. Thos. Meehan, County Councilor, and some other good men in the district.

A copy of the resolution passed by the Wexford County Council, on the motion of Sir Thomas Emond, Bart., M. P., for the formation of a National Council for Ireland, consisting of delegates from all public bodies, was received at the meeting of the Westmeath Council on Jan. 17. Mr. James King presided; attendance large.

On Saturday Jan. 14, the impressive ceremony of ordaining to the priesthood was performed in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Drogheda, by the Rev. Canon Kearney, Moate, assisted by the Rev. Canon Kearney, Moate, assisted by the Rev. Canon Kearney, Moate.

WEXFORD. In the Convent of Mercy, Summer Street, Wexford, Jan. 8 died Sister Mary Xavier Richards, at the age of 76 years. She was a daughter of the late Captain Lotus Richards of Clonard, Queen's Service, whose remains were interred in the convent chapel many priests attending.

WICKLOW. The municipal elections in the town of Arklow resulted in the victories of J. Stoney P. Garvey, P. Kavanagh and William O'Connell for the No. 1, and William J. Gold for the Second Division.

CLARE. The death occurred on Jan. 13 at Greenpark, Ennis, of Mr. Michael McNamara, one of the oldest and most respectable solicitors in the South of Ireland. Mr. McNamara's father was Captain Michael McNamara, of the 60th Rifles, and during Napoleon's time on St. Helena, Captain McNamara was in charge of him. He was married to a Miss Finnane, of a well-known Clare Catholic family, who resided on the island, and it was on the voyage home in 1819 that the deceased was born. Mr. McNamara was educated at the local college, conducted by Mr. King. He served his apprenticeship with the late Mr. Michael Cullinan, an solicitor, Ennis, and passed his final examination at the Hilary Term in 1842. He represented Jail Street Ward on the Town Commissioners. He was a devout Catholic. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral. The funeral was numerously attended.

CORK. Father John O'Donoghue presided at the annual meeting of the Midleton Young Men's Society, held in the Town Hall, Jan. 15. Elections of officers resulted as follows: President, Ver Rev. Canon Wm. Hutch; vice-presidents, Richard Fitzgerald and John O'Brien; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. O'Brien; hon. secretary, Mr. Daniel McCarthy.

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