

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The members of the Galway branch of the Gaelic League at recent meeting, regretted to learn that Brother Nicholas, of the Patrician Order, was going to Fermoy, County Cork, to be buried there.

We regret to chronicle the death of Bridget McAlpin, nee Keogles, Ballyvary, which happened recently. She was mother of Very Rev. Canon McAlpin, Clifton, and of Rev. Francis McAlpin, Blackrock College, Dublin.

The Presentation Convent, Tuam, Jan. 24, died of consumption, Sister Mary Ursula Fitzgerald, of Youghal, County Cork, aged 25.

We regret to record the death recently at an early age of Mrs. Thomas Conboy, of Eldin Lodge, Manorhamilton.

Members of the Carrick-on-Shannon United Irish League held an important meeting, Jan. 20. Mr. Patrick Flynn, president, in the chair.

The mansion and demesne of Mr. John Palmer, situated in Drumkeerin, Kildare, has been purchased by Bernard McGovern, Portobello, Edinburgh. The mansion is situated midway between Drumkeerin and Drumkeerin and commands a very fine view of the country.

The announcement of the death, on Jan. 20, of Mr. P. M. Flannelly, Castlebar, came with painful suddenness to those who knew and esteemed him for his sterling worth.

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LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The Carlow Gaelic Amateur Dramatic Club appeared on the boards in Carlow Town Hall on Jan. 29, 30 and 31. All the seats in the hall were occupied by an enthusiastic audience.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. John Coghlan, wife of the Traffic Manager of the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway, which event occurred on Jan. 19, at Bayview, Dalkey. The funeral took place to Dean's Grange.

On Jan. 31 a grand concert, under the auspices of the Leinster Choral Union, was given in the Ancient Concert Rooms, Dublin, in aid of the funds for a scholarship to be known as the O'Connell Scholarship in connection with the Christian Brothers' Schools, Carlow. The Rev. Fr. Gaffney, Catholic Bishop of Meath, presided; Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Fr. Dr. J. J. Conboy, President of the Leinster Choral Union.

DUBLIN.

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Order. The Brothers have received a number of generous subscriptions from private sources for the very good purpose.

On Jan. 23, early in the morning, two houses, 16 and 16 1/2, Nicholas street, Dublin, collapsed. The inmates, numbering 72, had a marvelous escape. A man named Toole got up shortly after four o'clock, and dressed himself, when he heard a cracking noise. He noticed that the wall paper of the room on the top story of No. 16 was cracked and that fresh fissures were showing. At the same time the plaster on the ceiling cracked and portions fell. He woke his wife and told her that the house was falling. She laughed, but he persisted in making her rise and quit the house; then he warned all the inmates, and woke up the people in the next houses, Nos. 16 1/2 and 15. The cracking noise in both the houses 16 and 16 1/2 was alarming. The people rushed out without waiting to dress or remove anything. All got out safe. Barely was this accomplished when the front wall of the house fell in the street with a loud report. Some men a few seconds before had been standing on the spot on which the wall fell, but one, seeing it lean over, gave the alarm, and all ran, the last of them just managing to get out of the way of the falling masonry. No one was injured.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

THUR—Jan. 23, at 54 High street, William Forster.

ROBINSON—Jan. 21, at 48 Geraldine street, Mrs. Kate Robinson, widow of the late John Robinson, Ballyjordan, County Kildare, and mother of Rev. John Robinson, C. C., Leighlinbridge, Carlow, and Rev. Gerald Robinson, C. M. St. Mary's Lanark.

RYAN—Jan. 16, at Joanna Villa, Clonin road, Denis Ryan, aged 63 years.

SLATTERY—Jan. 18, at 68 Aughrim street, Patrick Joseph Slattery, late of Lisburn, aged 18 years.

BOYLAN—At 62 Harty place, Mary A. Boylan.

O'REILLY—Jan. 22, at 55 Lower Dominick street, Hugh Sylvester O'Reilly, brother of Rev. John P. O'Reilly, Terenure College.

DONNELLY—Jan. 24, at the Hospital for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Mary Johanna Donnelly.

CARBY—Jan. 18, Mary Carby (Sully), aged 60 years, funeral from 165 Thomas street, for Glasnevin Cemetery.

RONAN—Jan. 18, at Fenner, Killinac, Dorothea Ronan, in her 51st year.

SHORTALL—Jan. 19, Bridget Shortall, of Courtwood, Ballybrittas, aged 55 years.

JOYCE—Thomas William Joyce, at 84 Townsend street, Jan. 21, late of Irish Lights steamer.

FANNING—Jan. 26, at 19 Hill street, James Fanning.

DUNNE—Jan. 18, Elizabeth Dunne, late of Clonsilla, County Dublin, at the residence of her son, 9 McMahon street.

HAUGHEY—Jan. 17, at 2 Espannias Villas, Dollymount, Catherine Haughey, of Castlepollard.

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KINGS.

With regret we chronicle the death, on Jan. 16, at the age of 63, of Mrs. Bridget Byrne, Rosreen, Roscrea, wife of Mr. Martin Byrne, and mother of Mr. Patrick Byrne, merchant, Tuam, and of Sister Mary Norbert, Sacred Heart Convent, Athlone. On Jan. 17 Community Mass was celebrated at the convent chapel, Athlone, for the repose of the soul of the deceased lady, and the Memorial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McGuire, at the late residence of deceased on Jan. 18. The funeral cortege was an exceedingly large one and representative of all classes and creeds, the interment taking place at St. Kieran's Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Martin Byrne (husband), Michael Byrne, Patrick Byrne and Martin Byrne (sons), John Byrne, Brian P. Byrne, Kinnely, John Grimes, Patrick Grimes, Michael Walsh, Brian Martin O'Brien, Roscrea; John Maher, Roscrea (cousins).

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LONGFORD.

Shame!! The Roscommon Herald of Jan. 20 said the members of the Nationalist band in Longford played off the British soldiers to the railway station, in Longford town, when they were leaving to assist in the other British now in South Africa to murder the patriotic Boers. It also appears that the hour was midnight, which proves their love for British rule to be no fake. It was also reported that a great number of persons cheered the men off to kill the Boers. What will Longford men in the United States think of this? Their county and their town are disgraced.

A meeting of the Clonguish branch of the United Irish League was held in Newtownforbes, Jan. 14, Mr. P. McCann presided.

LOUTH.

Rev. Philip Gannon, of the Dominican Order, died at the home of his father in Castleblinham, Jan. 24, deeply and widely regretted. Office and High Mass were held in the Dominican church, Drogheda, and interment in the cemetery of the church.

Members of the Louth County Council at last meeting on the motion of Mr. Neary seconded by Mr. McCarthy, adopted unanimously this resolution: "That a committee be appointed to wait on Cardinal Logue to have him come a day for a collection in aid of the invited tenants' restoration fund, the committee to consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, Mr. T. J. Byrne; Mr. T. C. Macarille, Mr. Neary and Mr. McCarthy."

The funeral of Mr. Joseph McCann, whose death was universally regretted in Drogheda and district, took place Jan. 19. The great respect entertained for the deceased was testified by the large and representative attendance. The interment took place in Kilsharvau.

MEATH.

At Railway street, Navan, Jan. 12, died Mrs. Margaret Kelly. On Jan. 9, died Mrs. Peter Gaughan, of Avilstown, Slane, aged 70 years. Requiem services in Rushwee chapel were numerously attended.

A meeting of Nationalists was held in Kilsallaghan, Jan. 12, to found a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. Jas. Lynam, organizer, addressed the meeting in a vigorous speech, in the course of which he said there was hardly in all Ireland a county where there was more necessity for the League for exhortant rents, want of employment, destitution, oppression, and the effects of the fertility of the soil. The gifts of nature were a curse, rather than a blessing to the people. Catholics were in the place of men and left no room for cultivation. The result was famine and oppression.

QUEEN'S.

Mr. John Purcell, of the Slieveveary District Council, proposed that this seal be adopted. Around it are the words "Seal of Slieveveary District Council," and inside in Gaelic letters "Remember Mullaghmaist." In the centre is a view of the scene of the murders, and also a round tower, sunburst, wolf dog and an ancient Irish cross. It was adopted. Mr. Purcell's idea is excellent, and does himself and the Council credit.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mother Mary Peter Stein, who passed to her reward at Saint Bridget's Convent, Mountrath, on the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, in the eighty-sixth year of her life and the sixty-first of her religious life. The Office and High Mass were celebrated on Tuesday.

WESTMATH.

The election of the Chairman of the Mullingar Board of Guardians, vacant by the death of Mr. James Sheerin, took place Jan. 22. A very large number of members attended. Mr. John Tynan, Jr., proposed the election of Mr. T. McNaboe. Mr. Malone seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously. Mr. J. Tynan, Jr., was elected vice-chairman. Both Mr. McNaboe and Mr. Tynan are sturdy Nationalists, and have appeared on platforms to advocate the principles of the United Irish League.

Great floods have occurred along the Shannon. On Leinster and Connacht sides vast tracts of land are under water. Below Athlone it covers the fields for miles inland, destroying most of the crops and effects in houses and out-enclosures, and obliging the residents to find temporary shelter elsewhere. The swells for Lough Ree burst with great fury over the weir wall, widening on both sides of Athlone, the sluices erected in 1805 by the Shannon Navigation Commissioners being of little advantage or protection. The road admitting to Cloxtra, a thickly populated district, is covered, the water being so deep that boats are sailed or rowed to the doors of the houses far inland. The bog stretches of the country in the direction of Greden Island are covered, and in many cases the inhabitants have been obliged to abandon their homes, and go into Athlone until the water subsides. A similar condition prevails at Bonnaribba, Newtownflood, and all along down the Shannon to Banagher.

WEXFORD.

Wexford.—Miss Bridget Mary O'Sullivan, of New Ross, died Jan. 3, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Dunphy, Pallyvarra. She was aged 20 years. The interment in St. Stephen's Cemetery, New Ross, was unanimously attended. Requiem services were held, at which twenty-three attended.

Mr. E. A. Byrne, landlord of the Coolroo estate, died Jan. 11, at his home, Rosemont, New Ross, at an advanced age. On this estate there was a stubborn fight between deceased brother and the tenants during the Land League days. A great number of the tenants were evicted, and are out vet.

WICKLOW.

Mrs. Julia Coghlan died Jan. 23 at Golden Hall, aged 90 years. The funeral to Kilsbride Cemetery was very numerously attended.

On Jan. 17, after the Solemn Office and High Mass, the interment of the late Father Power, C. C., Greenane, Rathdown, took place in the chapel, Greenane. This was the first and only scene of the deceased's missionary labors and from the time of his appointment six years ago, he devoted himself unremittingly to the interests of the people. For some time past the deceased's health had been failing, and on Sunday night, rather unexpectedly, he passed away. At the Solemn Office and High Mass the Very Rev. James Dunphy, Arklow, presided. The celebrant was Rev. John Manning, Arklow; deacon, the Rev. Patrick O'Byrne, SS. Michael and John, Dublin; sub-deacon, Rev. E. M. Morrisey, Johnstown; chanters Rev. E. McGough, Arklow; and Rev. Patrick Dunne, Dublin.

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MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Jan. 22 at the Kilrush Petty Sessions, Sergeant McGrath prosecuted Michael Gorman for disorderly conduct. He said that Gorman had shouted that he would go and fight for the brave boys. The accused was sent to jail for one month without the option of a fine.

English Law in Ireland.—At recent meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians, Mr. W. Harding presiding, Mr. L. H. R. O. handed in the following report: "That since last heard of, Mrs. White was found dead in her bed at Ballypore. I had her sister, who was in a weak state removed to hospital. The doctor at the hospital and her sister were visited ten days. The sister had been admitted to the hospital in a deplorable state. She died many times in the night for several days."

The death occurred on Jan. 19, of Mr. John Barrett, St. Church street, Ennis, in his 80th year. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral on Saturday evening, and on Sunday a Requiem High Mass was offered up for the repose of his soul, at which Most Rev. Dr. MacDonoghue presided. The Rev. P. Bourke was celebrant, Rev. P. Barrett, deacon, Rev. C. Stuart, sub-deacon, and Rev. M. Clancy, master of ceremonies. At 2 o'clock the funeral took place from the Cathedral to Duanehill.

CORK.

Sister Mary Ursula Fitzgerald, of Youghal died in the Presentation Convent, Tuam, Jan. 24, aged 25 years. She entered the order five years ago, and was professed just three years.

Six Town Councillors were elected in Bandon Jan. 15. They are M. C. Hickey, James Donoghue, T. J. McCarthy, solicitor, James Begley, Timothy Coffey and F. O'Driscoll. Thirteen candidates contested.

Miss Jan. Hutchinson, aged 24 years, of Rath, Baltimore, was found drowned on the Strand, Jan. 23.

On Jan. 23, a lecture was delivered in the Young Men's Society Hall, Paradise place, Cork, by the Rev. E. Glynor, C. M. on "Civilization and Culture in Ancient Pagan Ireland." The lecture was highly interesting, and thoroughly appreciated by the large audience.

Jan. 22 the remains of the late Mr. Daniel F. Forde were laid to rest in the family burial ground, St. Joseph's Cemetery, Cork. He was an old citizen of Cork, and was a member of the Cork Typographical Society since 1842. He was president of the society for many years. When 24 years of age he was at the historical meeting at Riverstown when the Liberator was received by the Cork Typographical Society, he exclaimed, "There is the light of the world!" Mr. Forde was very enthusiastic when speaking of the brilliant men of the '48 movement, and his personal recollections of them were very interesting. But it was in the field of religion that Mr. Forde shone best. In 1852, when the late Very Rev. Father Harbinson, C. S. S. R., established the Confraternity of the Holy Family in the North Cathedral, he threw himself into the work. Under the directorship of late Very Rev. Canon McNamara, Mr. Forde was chosen as president, a position he filled until failing health and advancing years prevented him. On the Council Confraternity, when Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan wished to have the Confraternity of the city, with the religious societies to testify their love for the memory of the great emancipator by a display, the rev. directors of the North Cathedral branch of the Holy Family (Rev. T. Magner and Rev. M. Murphy), had Mr. Forde to head their contingent. Deceased was also an active member of the sodality attached to St. Augustine's Church, and was elected lay rector. Mr. Forde was born in 1819. He gave to religion one son, the Rev. Brother A. J. Forde, Christian Brother, Monasteraden. The funeral coffin was large and representative.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

MURPHY—On Jan. 26, at 49 Mori rough Terrace, Evergreen road, Mary Murphy (late of Ballinaberna), at an advanced age.

MURPHY—On the Feast of the Epiphany, at Philadelphia, U. S. A., Eddie Murphy, of Peacock lane.

O'Sullivan—On Jan. 24, Annie O'Sullivan, Carrigroe.

O'LEARY—On Jan. 9, at the North Infirmary, Daniel (late of Butter Market) O'Leary.

GRAY—On Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Shortcastle, Mallow, Lily Gray, N. T., Rahan, Mallow.

SHEAHAN—Annie Sheahan, of Ballygrey, Castlecoole, Kanturk.

GUERIN—On Jan. 17, at High street, Killarney, Daniel Guerin, U. D. C., aged 33 years.

MURPHY—At Turner's Cross, William B. Murphy.

LEAHY—On Jan. 16, at Ballinadea, Patrick Leahy.

MOLANS—On Jan. 16, Bridget Molans, aged 84 years, at Glasnowth.

TERRY—On Jan. 17, at 9 Johnson's lane, Hannah Terry.

MURNANE—At Main street, Middleton, Jan. 17, Michael Murnane, draper.

CUMMINS—On Jan. 23, at South Main street, Bandon, John Cummins.

MURPHY—On Jan. 24, at the South Infirmary, Cork, Patrick Murphy, of 14 Bridge street, Mallow, son of the late John Murphy, Knockbrack.

DOWNEY—Jan. 24, at 60 Shandon street, Ellen Downey, daughter of the late Patrick O'Sullivan, Shandon street.

HART—At 1 Chapel Hill Patrick Hart.

RICE—Jan. 23, at Glasnowth, Margaret Rice.

WALSH—Jan. 20, at Lably, Glasnowth, Bridget Walsh, of Castleterry, Mitchelstown, aged 84 years.

LAW—On Jan. 24, at Ahalskey, David Law, Sr.

Hannan—On Jan. 9, at Templetoohy, Edmond Hannan, late of Ballinacurra, aged 90 years.

KEBBRY.

William Fitzgerald, native of Chapelstown, was seriously injured at Fenit-Pier Jan. 22, while engaged on a dredger. He got struck on the head with the handle of the windlass, and received such severe injuries that very faint hope is entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Michael Allman, of Knockenagh, Ardert, who was studying for the priesthood in Thurles College, Tipperary, died Jan. 10. He studied for some years in St. Michael's College, Listowel. The funeral to the new cemetery, Ardert, was numerously attended, great numbers coming from Tralee and other districts remote from the home of the deceased. Rev. Denis O'Donoghue officiated. Rev. Daniel O'Keefe, Ballylough, Father O'Shea, Ardert, Father Kane Tralee, and Rev. Timothy O'Shea Tralee, attended the Requiem Services.

LIMERICK.

Allderman John Daly, Mayor of Limerick, was political prisoner. He has been arrested for another year. It is an indignity that Mr. Daly continues to lead the esteem of his fellow citizens in the grand old citadel of Irish National aspirations—the city of Saraband and the violated treaty.

It is proposed to hold an early convention of delegates to appoint an executive for the branches of the United Irish League in East and West Limerick. Delegates will be nominated at meetings of the several branches.

Preparations for the late and fancy fair to be held in June for the building fund of St. Joseph's new church, Military road, Limerick, has been energetically entered upon. The late will bear the historic name, "Ceanaura," the associations connected with which will make its appeal to Irishmen, and particularly to Limerick men, wherever they may be. The general committee, sub-committees, and offices have been appointed. Mr. Basil Roche-Kelly, High Sheriff of County Limerick, is chairman of the general committee, and Miss Roche-Kelly, Mrs. Tindmarsh, Miss White, Mrs. Vincent Nash, and Mr. Vincent Nash, general secretaries. It is hoped that many will emulate the example set by Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, who has presented a handsome and valuable prize to the bazaar. Those who desire to do so should forward their gifts to the Rev. M. O'Donnell, Adm. St. Michael's, Limerick. Father O'Donnell has received a prize from the Holy Father, through Monsignor Kelly, of the Irish College, Rome, a very fine silver medal bearing his portrait.

On Jan. 19, the interment of Miss Mary Ryan, Boher House, took place. Miss Ryan was one of a numerous family which is widely known, and possessors of broad acres throughout the Golden Vale. Her father, the late Mr. John Ryan, Sandy Lane, was a very extensive landholder, and for years had the management of large properties in Limerick, including the Fitzgibbon property. The funeral to the ancient burial place, Shrovel, County Tipperary, was numerously attended. The epitaph on Miss Ryan's monument is deserving of mention. It says: "The monument replaces a slab sacred to the memory of Rev. Philip Ryan, buried here Nov. 22, 1813, and was gratefully dedicated by Very Rev. Edmund Ryan, P. P., Slievehead, and Very Rev. Martin P. P., Athenry, erected by their sister, Catherine Ryan, of Boher." What manner of man Rev. Philip Ryan was will be easily understood by those who remember that this was a date when Catholic persecution was in full force. Three years before Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh, was hanged and embowelled at Tyburn, London, and when the edict of the Queen Bess was rigidly enforced in Ireland, to wit—"any ecclesiastic found in the Kingdom to be hanged, cut down while alive, beheaded, quartered, embowelled and burned, and the head to be set on a spike." The Office and High Mass for the deceased was celebrated in Boher Parish Church. Very Rev. M. Ryan Murray presided at the Office. Rev. James Ryan, Tipperary, and Rev. Father Horn, chanters.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Thomas J. Condon, M. P., has been elected Mayor of Clonmel for coming year. His success has given great pleasure to the sterling Nationalists of gallant Tipperary. The members of this family have been identified with every struggle for Irish independence, and for the improvement of the conditions of the people since 1848.

Mr. Jeremiah Condon, father of the Mayor, is one of the "Old Guard." The members of the Chair National Teachers' Association held their quarterly meeting on Jan. 19. Mr. John Lynch, chairman, presided.

On Jan. 19 the funeral of Mrs. Moore, Croughateskin, took place. The remains were conveyed to the church in Four-Mile-Water, where Office and High Mass were celebrated. Celebrant, Father Ward, Newcastle; deacon, Father Cusack, Cahir; sub-deacon, Father Curran, Newcastle; Master of ceremonies, Rev. N. Walsh, SS. Peter and Paul's, Clonmel.

WATERFORD.

Mr. W. D. G. Goff, of the brewing firm of Strangman, Davis Goff, Mary street, Waterford, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the City of Waterford, Mr. Goff is a Tory and Unionist, but to some extent harmless, popular and generous.

The Waterford Star, of recent issue, said: "One of the largest financial crises in the country around Fermoy was that of the late Mr. James May, Rural District Councillor. When the head of the procession was at Gortree, the horsemen were only leaving Rathco-mack. The graveyard of Gortree, where Mr. May is buried, is near the farmyard where the great light took place in 1832, between the title collectors and the people, in which several persons on both sides lost their lives."

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Whelan, of Camphire, Limerick, took place on Jan. 16, and was a large and representative one. The deceased was a member of an ancient family. At 10 o'clock on Tuesday, Office and High Mass was offered up for the deceased.

The newly elected Mayor of Waterford, Mr. Alexander Neilson—Unionist and Tory—when thanking the "patriots" who constitute the Town Council of the "Urbs Intacta" for electing him Chief Magistrate of their city, said that at each meeting of the Corporation when he considers "the bustiness" shall be over he would permit them to "amuse" themselves discussing questions of National importance. Mr. Neilson said he would leave the chair when resolutions of a patriotic character would be introduced, and thereby minimize their importance. Waterford will not be heard from in an official manner on any Irish question if the Tory-Unionist Mayor be permitted to do as he said. There was one man with a spark of genuine patriotism in the chamber—Mr. Walter Bishop—who resisted the selection of such a Mayor for Waterford, and when he failed to awaken his fellow members to a proper sense of their duty, he resigned on the spot. As Mr. Neilson went home Mayor of Waterford, did he intend revert to the days he came from Wales to Sallypark?

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

John Kane, aged 45 years, of Ballinacorney, was killed by a fall from a cliff at Clippinstown, County Fergus, Jan. 19, and was buried at Clippinstown.

Mr. J. Balfour Chief Secretary for Ireland visited Belfast, Jan. 15, and held a meeting in the Young Men's Society Association Hall, Lord Street, Belfast.

The following changes in the Comptrolery of the Holy Cross Church, Belfast, have been announced. Rev. Mr. W. J. Armstrong is to be the new incumbent, and Rev. Mr. Armstrong is to be the new incumbent, and Rev. Mr. Armstrong is to be the new incumbent.

Members of the Robert Emmet 50th Anniversary Club of Belfast held a meeting Jan. 21, the president, Mr. Armstrong, in the chair. The usual social was held, and songs were given by Messrs. Armstrong, Burns, McGowan, and others. The singing of "God Save Ireland" brought the meeting to a close.

There was an unusually large attendance at the lecture hall of the Central Catholic Club Belfast, Jan. 17, to listen to a very eloquent lecture by Mr. O'Shea entitled the "Gael's Outlook." The subject was one of deep interest, and the able lecturer was listened to with rapt interest.

ARMAGH.

A great meeting of the Nationalists was held in Belleek on Jan. 20, at which a branch of the United Irish League, Mr. McIlroy, D. C. president, and in a vigorous speech dwelt on the need of unity and organization among the people.

A concert in aid of the Children of Mary Table, in connection with the Armagh Cathedral bazaar, took place at Grange Jan. 19. The chair was occupied by Rev. Felix McNally, Armagh, Rev. Peter Sheerin, Armagh, present.

CAVAN.

The County Cavan has eleven co-operative societies with 661 members. It is asserted that the industry thus exhibited was made the reason for increasing the rents on the farmers, who are the principal shareholders in the local societies and creameries.