

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

The death of Mrs. Thomas Dolan, Wyre Square, Galway, occurred on Feb. 4, at the fine old age of 73 years. The funeral was numerously attended.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Catherine Finn of Cullaghmore, Ballinasloe, which occurred on Feb. 16. She was sister of Rev. Daniel Coughlan, P. P., Aughrim, and Rev. J. J. Coughlan, Tuam, and the funeral took place at the ancient burial place of Seven Churches, was very numerously attended.

A preliminary meeting was held in the Town Hall, Tuam, Feb. 11, presided over by Mr. Francis Keane, merchant, to establish a branch of the United Irish League. The following resolutions were unanimously passed: "That a branch of the United Irish League be established in this town and neighborhood. That we condemn the action of some men in adding for the month's system. That we are pleased at the unity established by the National party of Ireland. That our entire sympathies go out to the brave burghers of the two South African Republics in their noble fight to preserve their independence."

LITTIM.

Mr. P. C. Keegan, D. C., presided at a meeting of the Cloone branch of the United Irish League, Subscribers amounting to forty members were present. The following resolutions were unanimously passed: "That we approve of the reunion of our Parliamentary representatives, and are of opinion that unity can only be maintained by all Nationalists enrolling themselves under the banner of the U. I. L."

MAYO.

Died, Feb. 4, 1900, at Ballinrobe, of pneumonia, fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, James Gibbons, aged 28, son of the late Rev. James Gibbons, daughter of the late Patrick Mitchell, of Benville, County Galway, Feb. 3, 1900, at the Parochial House, Kilmore Eris, Belmont, Mayo, the Rev. Michael Munnally, P. P., aged 84. On Feb. 8, 1890, at the convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Westport, Sister M. Veronica, nee Anna O'Malley, daughter of the late Peter O'Malley of Westport, in the 77th year of her age and 54th of her religious profession.

Alexander O'Leary of Castlebar, died Feb. 4. He was an apprentice in the old Constitution office. Being a native, and belonging to an old and respectable stock, and for his personal worth, he was a great favorite, and especially with his brother composers. On Feb. 11, a fine meeting of the members of the Knock '98 Memorial Committee was held, at which resolutions were unanimously adopted placing upon record the thanks of the association to the generous Irishmen of Bolton who subscribed to the Monument Fund.

The Mohill correspondent of the Roscommon Herald, in issue of Feb. 17, said: "The United Irish League is making rapid strides in this town and district, and its power seems to grow in volume with each day. Preparations were being made, and all preliminaries were almost completed for the holding of a monster demonstration on Sunday last, but owing to the absence of the proceedings in Parliament, and the inability of members of Parliament to attend, the meeting was postponed till the Easter recess."

ROSCOMMON.

The Dublin Gazette of Feb. 13 announced that the Queen had graciously given and granted unto Edward Charles Stafford, of Rockingham, County of Roscommon, a minor, her royal authority that he and his issue assume henceforth the surname of King-Harman in addition to and after that of Stafford, in compliance with an injunction contained in the last will and testament of the Right Honorable Edward Robert King-Harman.

At recent meeting of the Boyle Board of Guardians Mr. James Clarke presiding, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Gannon, and unanimously adopted with acclamation: "That we congratulate all sections of the Irish Parliamentary parties on their reunion, and we hope that it will be a reunion of a few days, but a lasting one."

SLIGO.

Mr. Patrick Brett, painter, Aclare, died Feb. 8, deeply regretted. In the ancient and historic abbey of Glenties on Feb. 11 were buried the remains of Edward Joseph Howley, son of the late Thomas Howley, Tobbercurry. The members of the Sligo County Council at a recent meeting passed resolutions expressing satisfaction at the reunion of the Irish members of Parliament, and of complete confidence in the principles of the United Irish League. They also expressed the candidature of Mr. John O'Dowd, their chairman, for the seat in Parliament vacated by the resignation of Mr. Colley Sligo.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Edward Murphy, of Tullon, died on Feb. 11. The funeral took place at the ancient burial place of Ballinakil was numerously attended.

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Died for England, the nation that robbed, burned, murdered and scattered the Irish people over the face of the earth. Eustace—Jan. 19, at Chively, Natal, killed while on patrol, John Spottiswoode, sergeant, South African Light Horse, second son of James and Emily Eustace, of Newtown, County Carlow, aged 31.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Michael Davitt, in a letter to "The Freeman's Journal," dated Feb. 13, requested all United Irish League communications to be addressed to the acting secretary, 105 Chapel street, Dublin, and all money for the League to be sent to Mr. William O'Brien, Mallow Cottage, Westport, County Mayo.

The Anniversary Office and Solemn Requiem for the repose of the soul of Cardinal MacCabe late Archbishop of Dublin, took place in the Pro-Cathedral, Feb. 12. The Vicar-General, Mr. Fitzpatrick, presided. The Mass was celebrated by Canon Fricker. The Vice-President and Students of Holy Cross College attended and a great number of priests from other places in the archdiocese.

The members of the Old Guard held a meeting on Feb. 12, in their rooms, 87 Maryborough at Dublin. Brother M. Kenny president, occupied the chair, and Brother J. Mooney the vice-chair. Brother Kenny proposed, and Brother O'Brien seconded the motion, "That this meeting do pass a vote of condolence to the relatives and friends of the late Mr. Edward Donnelly." "Ed Donnelly" was a Nationalist, and had been a member of their union. Brother Kenny then put the motion from the chair, which was passed, and as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the meeting then adjourned.

To every dweller about Blackrock, Dublin, the name of Clareville has been familiar for many a generation. The charming villa, with its well wooded six acres fanned by sea and mountain breezes, adjoining the College premises, has been purchased as a residence for the Missionary Fathers of the Holy Ghost, a recent foundation. The many friends and old pupils of the great College of Blackrock and Rockwell, names familiar as household words in all the land, will join in congratulating the good missionaries of St. Patrick's C. S. Sp. the new name of Clareville—on this important acquisition, and at the same time on the good work they have been doing their new sphere by untiring zeal, learning, and eloquence, not unworthy of the best traditions of missionary work in Ireland.

Feb. 11 was a red-letter day in the history of St. Lawrence O'Toole. For the parliamentarians presented the venerable Archdeacon Brady, Archdeacon of Glendalough, the pastor of the parish, with an address on the completion of his golden jubilee of the priesthood, an event unique in the annals of that parish. Archdeacon Brady's work in that parish has been beyond praise, and but for the limitation enforced by diocesan regulations the address would have been supplemented by a more tangible and intrinsically valuable form. The address was presented by a committee representing the parish and took place at the Parochial House.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.

CARBERRY—Feb. 13, 41 Upper Wellington street, Annie Josephine Carberry.

FINN—On Feb. 12, at 24 Annavilla, Ranelagh, Mrs. Mary Ann Finn, eldest daughter of the late John Kinsella, formerly of Tomcoyle, County Wexford.

M'DONNELL—Feb. 13, at 29 Meath street, Miss Anna McDonald.

M'KENNA—Feb. 12, at Jervis street Hospital, Catherine McKenna, late of Summer Hill.

O'REILLY—Feb. 12, 1900, at 100 Patrick street, Kingstown, Elizabeth O'Reilly, of Cabinteely, and mother of J. J. O'Reilly, Temple road Blackrock.

BYRNE—Feb. 10, 1900, at 14 Marrowbone lane, Michael Byrne, aged 88 years.

CAHILL—At 11 St. Peter's terrace, Phibsboro', Alice Cahill.

FOLEY—Feb. 11, 1900, at 24 King's avenue, Ballybough road, Charles Foley, late of 14 Clarendon street.

KANE—Feb. 10, at 52 South King street, Mrs. Mary Kane.

MULRENNAN—Feb. 10, at 9, Upper Rutland street, Katie Mulrennan.

KILDARE.

At Lower Main street, Maynooth, on Feb. 12, died Mr. Swan, at the extraordinary age of 95 years.

The quarterly meeting of the Athy National Teachers' Association was held in the Town Hall, Athy, recently. A number of important questions were discussed, including: The approaching change in the education system, the pension law case and the merits and professions of a number of candidates for appointment of the new C. E. C. The following resolution was adopted: "That this association is of opinion that no good purpose would be served by carrying the pension law case any further, and that the energies of the Central Executive should be employed in securing for teachers the arrears of the school grant, so long due."

A very successful meeting was held in the band room at Lexlip recently for the establishment of a branch of the United Irish League. Wm. R. Ronaldson, County Councillor, presided. This resolution was adopted: "That we establish a branch of the United Irish League for Lexlip and district, and heartily commend it to our fellow Kildaremen as the fighting organization, the influence of which has brought about the reunion of Irish Nationalists at Westminster. And we moreover urge that no effort should be spared to extend and strengthen the League's influences in every part of Ireland."

KILKENNY.

Mr. John O. Gorman, son of Mr. James O'Gorman, the Square, Ballyragget, died Feb. 15, the funeral to the ancient burial place in Ballinakil was numerously attended.

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KINGS.

Died—Feb. 10, in St. Conlath's, Philadelphia, Brother James Devey, O. M. I. in the 57th year of his age and the 25th of his religious life.

A recent largely attended meeting of the Eldersbury Board of Guardians the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Henry A. Robinson, seconded by Mr. William Murray and adopted amidst enthusiastic applause: "That we desire to express our gratification at the unity among the Irish Parliamentary parties."

LONGFORD.

Mr. Terence Brady, father of Rev. J. Brady C. C. Ballinabawn, died Feb. 12 at his residence, Graigue deeply and widely regretted. After Office and High Mass in Ballinabawn Church the funeral took place, and was numerously attended.

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. James Plunket of Longford was celebrated in St. Mel's Cathedral lately.

LOUTH.

Died Feb. 13 at Chapel street Dundalk died Michael V. O'Connor at the age of 19 years deeply and widely regretted. Feb. 10 at Knockaburber, Dunfer Mrs. Matthews, widow of the late Mrs. Matthews and mother of Rev. P. Matthews, Ardee, died. Office and High Mass in Dunfer Church. Funeral from Dunfer Church to Mostown.

On Feb. 11 a meeting of the parishioners of St. Peter's was held in the vestry of the Oliver Plunket Memorial church Drogheda to organize a collection in Drogheda in aid of the funds of the National Cathedral of St. Patrick's Armagh. There was a large and representative attendance.

MEATH.

The demise of Mr. Michael O'Rourke of Trimgate street, Navan, happened on Feb. 10. After Office and High Mass in the Cathedral, the interment took place in Athlumney, funeral was numerously attended.

OFFICE.

At the fine old age of 77 years, died Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Curragh, the funeral, to Killbeg, was very numerously attended.

WESTMEATH.

Mrs. Thos. Creevy of Kilbeggan, died Feb. 3, deeply regretted.

The Board of Guardians of Devlin Union adopted the following resolution Proposed by Mr. Joseph Keegan, seconded by Mr. John Higgins, and resolved: "That we record our hearty satisfaction at the union of the Irish Parliamentary party." It was ordered that copies of the resolution be sent to Messrs. John Redmond, chairman Irish Parliamentary party, John Dillon, M. P., Timothy Healy, M. P., Donald Sullivan, M. P., and James Tuite. The proper place for the representatives of the Irish people to assemble to state their grievances and discuss what would be for the general good of the nation, is in Dublin.

WEXFORD.

Capt. Philip Clayton Alcock of Willton Castle, Enniscorthy, has been sworn in High Sheriff of the County of Wexford by Mr. Robert Owens, Commissioner for Oaths, Hill View, Enniscorthy. At same time Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, solicitor, was sworn in as Sub-Sheriff. The High Sheriff has appointed Mr. Thomas B. Moffat, solicitor, Enniscorthy, as returning officer, and Mr. James P. O'Connor, Lucas Park, as Deputy Under Sheriff.

On Feb. 15, a shocking accident, resulting in the death of Margaret Finn, aged 13 years, occurred at Ryland Park, near Newmarket. The little girl, who is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Finn, Ballypreles, was attending Newtownbarry Convent school, and was on her way home at the time of the lamentable occurrence. She was overtaken by a farmer named John Cowman, Kyle, who was driving a spirited mare at a brisk trot. The little girl ran into a gateway to get clear, but unfortunately the animal made a sudden rush into the very same place. The poor child was jammed against the gateway by the cart wheel and instantly killed.

On Feb. 9, one of the heaviest and severest snowstorms experienced for many years passed over the northern portion of the County Wexford. There had been a slight fall on the previous day, but at about half-past nine on Saturday morning a regular blizzard enveloped the whole county. A large number of country folk started for the markets but they had to find refuge. Carts loaded with meal, flour and other stuffs from Enniscorthy for adjoining villages were snowed up, with the result that the horses had to be unyoked and the stuffs placed on the roadside. In some places drifts to the depth of seven or eight feet have accumulated. In the mountainous district around Newtownbarry, Kilkilly and Ballinduffin, the snowstorm has been acutely felt, and all the market towns were practically deserted.

WICKLOW.

Father Kavanagh, the historian of the Wexford Rising, will deliver a lecture in Dublin under the auspices of the Billy Byrne '98 Club in aid of the Wicklow monument. Father Kavanagh's "History of '98" is not his only claim on the attention of Irishmen.

Died—Feb. 12, at 10 Lower George's street, Kingstown, Alice, Conway; funeral to Kilcoman, for Rathdrum, Feb. 10, at Gibraltar, Stratford-on-Slaney, William Dwyer, aged 75 years; Office in Stratford-on-Slaney; funeral to Rathdrum.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

A contingent of the Clare Artillery

left Kilrush Feb. 12, cheering for Kruger and the Boers. All the same, their British master would compel them to kill the Boers. Any Irishman who enlists in the British army is a traitor to God, his country and his race. The members of the Ennis Gaelic League have elected these to office for the ensuing year: President, M. A. O'Meara, vice-president, Michael Torney, honorable secretary, M. J. Cahill, provisional committee, with power to add to their number, Thomas Higgins, Martin Crehan and James Griffin.

CORK.

Last fair day John Sweeney, who for many years collected the tolls of the town of Macroom, was taken seriously ill at his duties. When he felt his illness coming on he asked for a little stimulant, which was given him, but he gradually grew worse, and death occurred in a few hours. Deceased was 60 years of age.

There is a very serious falling off of trade in Queenstown, as the following figures compiled for the past six years: 1894, number of ships calling for orders, 520, 1895, 415, 1896, 322, 1897, 263, 1898, 136, 1899, 156. This deplorable condition is caused by the lack of Irishmen are losing and risking their lives in the Transvaal—England. The Irishman who enters the British army of the Irish police is a vulgar slave, and deserves to be killed by the Boers.

John Carroll, of Cloyne, mason by trade, was found dead in a car on the road between Ballinacorra and Cloyne on Feb. 13. The Ballinacorra police were apprised of the affair, and communicated with the Cloyne police, who had the remains conveyed to the residence of deceased. It appears he came into Ballinacorra for coal and that death was due to heart disease. Deceased was married.

Rev. J. Brady presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Dunmanway Branch of the Gaelic League. Classes are now being held on Wednesday evenings. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That from his intimate acquaintance with the working of the Gaelic League and his invaluable services to the general movement for the revival of our native tongue, we consider that the appointment of the Rev. P. O'Leary, Castleblayney, to the position of vice-president of the League, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late Rev. E. O'Grawney, would confer incalculable benefits on the organization, and that we strongly urge on the Oireachtas Committee for 1900 the desirability of electing him vice-president." The secretary was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Oireachtas Committee and to Rev. P. O'Leary.

The death recently of Mrs. Scannell, Castlemary, will be learned with regret by a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Scannell served her apprenticeship at Glendore Model School, and was subsequently appointed to the Castlemary Female School, where she labored for over 10 years. On Feb. 6 the obsequies took place. The remains had been taken to St. Joseph's Chapel of Ease, where they remained over night, and were received by the Very Rev. Michael Ahearn in the morning Masses were said. As the hour of the funeral approached the quiet little village was filled with people, many of whom had come from long distances to pay their last tribute of respect. Rev. Father Ahearn having read the burial services, the funeral procession was formed.

Recent Deaths in Cork.

CROWLEY—Feb. 12, at Main street, Bantry, Mary Ellen (Kossy) Crowley.

COGHILAN—On Feb. 14, at 21 George's street, Anne Coghilan, aged 88 years.

BUCKLEY—Feb. 13, at Plickanes, Donoughmore, Michael Buckley, aged 75 years.

RUSSELL—Feb. 14, William Russell aged 26 years.

M'CARTHY—Feb. 13, at 38 Greenmount, Thomas McCarthy, at an advanced age.

WOODS—Feb. 14, at 16 Fitton street, W. Bridges Woods.

DUNLEA—Feb. 13, at Cathedral House, Chapel street, Catherine Dunleavy.

O'LEARY—Feb. 10, at 353 Blarney street, Michael O'Leary.

CONNOLLY—Thomas Connolly, at Ballyviner, Mallow, on Feb. 10.

O'BRIEN—Feb. 10, at 53 Barrack street, Clonakilly, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, at an advanced age.

MULLANE—Feb. 11, at St. Ann's Hill, Lizzie Mullane, late of Ballyally.

COGAN—Feb. 12, Hannah Cogan, late of Monagath, Donoughmore.

REGAN—At Crookstown Mary Regan, aged 78.

KEOHANE—On Feb. 11, at an advanced age, Catherine Keohane, Garrymore, Clonakilly.

KEPNEY.

Mr. Alexander Raymond, editor of the Kerry Evening Post, died on Feb. 10, aged 56 years.

At the recent meeting of the Killarney Rural District Council, Mr. P. O'Sullivan presided. Mr. Corcoran moved and Mr. C. Moylan seconded this resolution: "That we the members of the Killarney Rural District Council, approve of the action of the Irish members of Parliament in reuniting."

At the Tralee Quarterly Sessions, Feb. 14, before County Court Judge Shaw, a claim for £700 compensation was heard at the suit of Thomas Engle, ex-sergeant R. I. C., for injuries received while in the discharge of his duties at Camp on Jan. 26, 1898. The full amount was given, and all legal expenses. The taxpayers will have to foot the bill.

At recent Quarter Sessions in Kenmare, ejectment decrees were granted against tenants on the Warden estate, including John and Patrick Moriarty, John McCarthy, Derreenavarrig; Patrick O'Sullivan (Mountain), Derreenavarrig; James Mahony, Derreenavarrig; Patrick Dorohy, Kaelaruddig; Michael Sheehan, Letterfinish; John Sullivan and Timothy Sullivan, Scra. While British rule exists in Ireland, the devil's work of eviction will continue, and yet, in this class of people in Ireland are found the men who put on the bloody colored livery of England and fight for her against honest nations and noble peoples. The Irishman in the British army is a traitor to his religion and his country.

LIMERICK. Two evictions were carried out recently on the Rice property, at Killybegny, four miles from Mitchelstown, but in County Limerick. The tenants evicted were Mr. John Lewis and Margaret Walsh, and they were dispossessed for non-payment of rent due to the occupier of a house on Mr. Lewis' farm. The evicting party were protected at the evictions by several police from Killybenny station. Mr. E. R. Broadley, Cork, is the agent of the property. It is rather hard on Mrs. Walsh, as she had paid her rent to Lewis, but he failed to pay his rent to the landlord.

The funeral obsequies of the Ven. Archdeacon Browne, Munger, took place Feb. 1. The coffin containing the remains rested on a Catafalque in Rahleen Church, where Office for the dead and Solemn High Mass were sung, the ceremonies commencing at 11 o'clock. Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, presided.

TIPPERARY.

Mrs. Margaret Lee, of Lacken, Castleway, Templederry, died Feb. 5, deeply regretted. The intelligence will cause much regret to her numerous friends in the United States and Australia.

The monthly meeting of the East Tipperary Executive of the U. I. L. was held in the Literary Institute (Glenmeade) lately in the absence of Mr. P. Manning, M. C. C., president. Mr. M. Purcell, Woodstock, presided.

WATERFORD.

Mr. William T. Reddy, son of the late Mr. Thos. Reddy of Waterford, died in Richmond, Virginia, Jan. 24. He was a member of the State Legislature.

At the meeting of the Dungarvan Urban District Council, Mr. James Hayes presided. Mr. Thomas Power and he wished to call the attention of that Nationalist body to the recent reunion of the Irish Parliamentary party and the hopeful outlook for the people of Ireland, when the result of that reunion had time to be felt. They were all delighted at what had taken place.

With feelings of deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Margaret Dowley, which sad event took place at Whitestown, Clonea, on Jan. 18. She was a member of one of the oldest and most respectable families in the county Waterford. She was the mother of the Rev. J. H. Dowley, Oldham, England, and Sister Mary Joseph and Sister Stanislaus, both of Hamerton Convent, London. After Office and High Mass her remains were conveyed to the parish burial place at Kill, followed by a large and respectable cortege. The chief mourners were Rev. J. H. Dowley, Oldham, England, Thos. Timothy, sons, Nano, Mary and Bridget, daughters, William, Thomas, and Mary and Bridget Harney, brothers and sisters of the deceased.

At a meeting of the St. John's College Branch of the Gaelic League, Waterford, on Feb. 11, the following resolutions were proposed by the Rev. P. A. Meecker, seconded by Mr. M. P. Dowley, secretary, and unanimously adopted: "That this branch requests that in the revised code of the Primary Education system in Ireland the following reforms shall be included: 1. That in places where Irish is the home language, children, from their first entrance into the school, shall be taught to read and write Irish; and that a knowledge of English and other useful subjects shall be imparted through the medium of Irish. 2. That in places where Irish is not the home language it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerated subject without school hours, and at the earliest stage at which pupils are capable of learning it. 3. That in all schools Irish history and Irish literature shall be taught. That these resolutions be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Commissioners of National Education, the members of Parliament for Waterford, and the press."

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The death of Mrs. Patrick McGlade happened on Feb. 9 at her home, Laurel Villa, Rosetta Park, Belfast. She was a daughter of the late Mr. George Watson O'Brien, Gorteen House, Rathcarrick, County Tipperary.

Feb. 10 a representative meeting of St. Peter's Congregation Committee of the Belfast Catholic Association was held in St. Peter's Club. Mr. James McDonnell presided. Speeches were delivered by Councillors Magee, Carr and Dr. O'Connell. Resolutions expressing unabated confidence in the Catholic members of the Belfast public boards were unanimously adopted.

On Feb. 11, stirring scenes were witnessed near St. George's Church, Belfast. Numbers of constabulary were in evidence, while a mob congregated around the Albert Memorial floating a Union Jack and a placard bearing the words "No Popery in our Protestant Churches." The crowd came in contact with the police. A scuffle ensued, and the Union Jack and placard were captured and taken to the police station. A speaker afterwards addressed the crowd at the Custom House steps, and assailed the conduct of the police, and said some of the local M. P.s. were steeped to the neck in Popery.

The 108th ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the Belfast & County Down Railway Company was held Feb. 13 in the board room of the terminus, Queen's Quay, Belfast. Mr. Thomas Andrews, chairman of directors, presided, and the other directors present were: Sir Daniel Dixon, James Barbour, D. B. Lyle and Thomas Richardson. The chairman moved the adoption of the report. He said he thought the directors that the report was satisfactory. The total receipts were the largest on record, amounting to £76,291. They carried 1,490,322 passengers, an increase of 24,577.

Feb. 11, a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held in the United National Club, Berry street, Belfast, under the auspices of the United Irish League, when eloquent addresses were delivered by Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., Mayor of Sligo; Mr. John Ferguson, Glasgow, and other Nationalists. Mr. Joseph Devlin presided. The chairman said that the meeting had been convened by the United Irish League at a few hours' notice to give a Belfast welcome to the Mayor of Sligo. Mr. McHugh gave

them only a few hours' notice, and found himself that night surrounded by Nationalists who were prepared to go far in defence of the principles of the United Irish League and the advocacy of the Irish cause.

In the hall of the United National Club, Berry street, Belfast, Feb. 12, Mr. P. T. McGinley delivered a very instructive lecture on "When Ireland was Irish." On the motion of Patrick Flanagan, seconded by Mr. Joseph Glennon, the chair was taken by Mr. Joseph Devlin. When a vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. McGinley for his lecture he replied in Gaelic, and proposed the following resolutions, which was seconded by Mr. T. Ward and passed: "That Irish should be taught in every school in districts where it is the language of the people, and that all other useful subjects, including English, should be taught through the Irish language. Where Irish is not the language of the people it should be taught as a subject from the earliest age; that pupils are capable of learning it, and within the school hours."

ARMAGH. Mr. Lonsdale, the new member of Parliament for Mid-Armagh, is a staunch supporter of British domination in Ireland and of the Irish Protestant Church. He is also an anti-Home Ruler. These were points which gained him the support of the anti Home Rule and Orange element. His opponent was a kind of tenant-righter.

On Feb. 8 a splendid miscellaneous concert and charity minstrel entertainment were given in the Town Hall, Armagh, in aid of the Children of Mary Table in connection with the National Cathedral Bazaar. The building was crowded with an appreciative audience. His Eminence Cardinal Logue was present.

CAVAN.

On Feb. 13 the half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Cavan & Leitrim Railway Company, Limited, was held in the offices of the Company, 37 College Green, Dublin. Surgeon-General S. B. Roe, deputy chairman presided and the other directors present were: H. J. B. Clements, Celbridge; Rev. J. G. Diggs, M. A., Drogheda; Robert H. Johnstone, Cavan; Dr. P. Mulcahy, Ballinamore; T. Hamilton Reid, M. A., Kingstown, and G. T. Stewart. The report stated that since the opening of the line there has been a steady increase in receipts, amounting to 74.4 per cent. in the past half year when compared with the half year ended November, 1898. The expenditure for the last six months, in comparison with that of six months ended November, 1898 the first Summer half year in which the company had to bear the cost of maintenance of the line, shows an increase of only 20.21 per cent., notwithstanding the unavoidable outlay arising from necessary repairs and renewals on a line 12 years open for traffic.

The members of the Derry County Council at a recent meeting passed a strong resolution in favor of the restoration of the evicted tenants.

Sir John B. Johnston, Boehm