

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items from Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNAUGHT

GALWAY.

Mr. Charles Taylor, son of Mr. Thomas Taylor, Ballinamore Bridge, died lately in Australia. Members of the Litterfrack branch of the United Irish League have entered on a vigorous campaign against game and gamekeepers and against the system of grazing, which is keeping the land from the people.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Forde, Main street, Loughrea, occurred Feb. 19. She was the mother of Rev. Stanislaus Forde, O. D. C., St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon street, Dublin. The funeral to the Abbey Cemetery was very largely attended.

Sister Mary Antonio of the Convent of Mercy, Ballina, County of Mayo, died Feb. 7, in the 2d year of her age and second of her religious life. She was daughter of late Mr. P. Manning, New Grove, Loughrea. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel. Most Rev. Dr. Conry, Bishop, presiding. Most Rev. Dr. McGovern, celebrant. Father Naughton, deacon. Father Gallagher, sub-deacon. The Rev. E. Conington was master of ceremonies, and in the choir were Rev. J. J. Kelly, Rev. E. Timlin, Rev. J. J. Collier, Arm, and Rev. E. Doherty. Her remains were laid to rest in the Convent cemetery.

The Tuam Herald of Feb. 24 had this item: "Lance-Corporal Jack McGrath, Connaught Rangers, a native of Ballinasloe, has just returned from South Africa, having been wounded at the battle of Colenso. McGrath was one of the brave band of the 'Connaughts' who with the Dublin Fusiliers succeeded in crossing the Tugela amid a shower of Boer shells and bullets, and advancing to within 500 yards of the enemy. It is not easy to see where the bravery comes in. If McGrath did not do his duty his British paymasters would have him shot instantly. It is very humiliating to find Irishmen killing Boers, who are fighting for independence, and above all, killing them for England that for seven centuries robbed and murdered the Irish themselves."

Cremeries are being erected in the districts of Adoo and Cloone. They will be run by Mr. Lonsdale. The death of Master John W. Quinn, at the residence of his grandfather, Mr. W. McGlynn, Dromard, lately at the early age of 15 years, terminated the career of a promising youth. During his school career he carried off prizes, religious and secular. The funeral to the cemetery on Feb. 17 was very largely attended.

Rev. Father McDonnell, the recently appointed spiritual director of the Westport Temperance Society, visited the hall Feb. 18, and was given a rousing welcome. The Mayo News of Feb. 24, in an editorial about the election in South Mayo said: "That the opposition to Mr. O'Donnell is simply and solely an attack upon the organization of the people is quite evident. The object of the organization is to win out landlordism, and to replant the country with the people whose forefathers were so ruthlessly evicted."

Great United Irish League meetings are being held all over the country. No part of Ireland exhibits so continuous activity in the Irish cause as the county of Mayo. The motto of the "land for the people" is uniting the inhabitants thoroughly. Soon the land owners will be only too glad to surrender. Then the land will be in the hands of the people who till it, and to whom it rightfully belongs. The Freeman's Journal, Dublin, in the election in South Mayo said: "It was not until Mr. John O'Donnell had been unanimously selected by a National convention that the constituency was disturbed by the heat of a contest. The candidature of Major McBrade was a thing devised by the enemy. It was ingeniously devised. It is an attempt made to trade upon the earnest sympathy with the Boers which everywhere prevails in Ireland, to break up the National organization and National party."

ROSCOMMON. The Roscommon District Council members will not co-opt any person in place of late Mr. Doran, who is not a United Irish League member. The death of Mr. Robert Gavin, coach builder, Abbotstown, occurred on Feb. 8, at the age of 68 years. Mr. Gavin belonged to an old and respected Roscommon family, and his life was most edifying. He was a devout Catholic, a warm friend, and a true Irishman. His charity toward the poor and distressed was unostentatious. Dr. Gavin, U. S. A., a distinguished Irish-American, is a brother of deceased, and the sad news will be keenly felt by him. On Saturday Solemn Requiem Mass was offered up in the parish church in presence of a large congregation.

SLIGO. Miss Hunt, aged 14 years, of Bundaneden, died Feb. 23. The funeral to Cloonsmahon Cemetery was very numerously attended.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Rev. Bro. Cregan, superior of the Christian Brothers' schools in Carlow, has been changed to New Ross, to the great regret of the pupils and their parents. Miss Cullen, aged 24 years, native of Dunleek, near Bagnalstown, died suddenly on Feb. 14, the morning fixed for her marriage to Police Sergeant Cooilligan, Clonsilla. She was in her usual health until the evening before her death. The funeral of the late Mr. Edward ...

Grange, and was very numerously attended. The solemn office and Requiem Mass were celebrated in the parish church. Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin presided, and had as his attendant Very Rev. Mgr. Tynan, Newbridge. The celebrant was Rev. Arthur Murphy, Nias (brother of the deceased), deacon. Rev. E. Bourke, University college, Dublin, sub-deacon. Rev. P. C. Carlow, Graigue, master of ceremonies. Rev. P. Byrne, Rathoe, chanters. Rev. J. Murphy, Newbridge, and Rev. W. Burke, Ballin.

DUBLIN. The fourth Oireachtas of the Gaelic League will be held in Dublin Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17. The meeting will represent the national life of Ireland, as far as it is contained in its language and literature. Almost every part of Ireland will be represented. After the Oireachtas, a congress will be held.

Rev. P. Kavanagh, O. S. F., the historian of the "Wexford Insurrection," delivered a fine lecture on the subject of "England's Unjust Wars" to an enthusiastic audience in the Round Room, Rotunda, Dublin, Feb. 22. The Lord Mayor of Dublin presided. The reverend and learned lecturer gave perceptive and "good character" for robbing and murdering weaker, peace-loving peoples.

Mr. Michael Davitt, veteran Irish patriot, passed through London on Feb. 19 en route to the scene of the war in South Africa. His letters to the Dublin Freeman's Journal on the situation there will be of the deepest interest to all who desire to know the truth. Hopes are entertained that the journey will do much to restore his somewhat shattered health. Imprisonment in British dungeons for the Irish cause is now beginning to tell on him. Ireland owes him a debt it can never repay.

Sir C. Gavan Duffy has addressed an important letter to Mr. Barry O'Brien on the Irish political situation. After congratulating the Nationalists on the reunion of the party, he proceeds to urge that nothing permanent is accomplished unless political reconciliation be followed by social reconciliation. With reference to Mr. Redmond's suggested measure of returning to the old policy of combat in the House of Commons, Sir Gavan Duffy says: "Parnell's policy of obstruction is now impossible, and we urgently need a new one, for a solid and well-weighted policy is a necessary security for progress. An essential inquiry which can be effectually made by the reunited leaders is whether the existing corps are the fittest men for the purpose. Have any of them been habitually negligent to their duty? Have any of them by personal misconduct lowered the character of the Irish party? If so, in the name of Ireland they ought to be pitilessly excluded from the new Parliament."

Recent deaths in Dublin. HILL—Feb. 19, at Aughrim street, William Hill. HOLMES—Feb. 19, at 135 Beaconsfield terrace, Clonliffe road, Elizabeth Holmes, aged 37 years.

DONNELLY—Feb. 16, at Upper Buckingham street, Richard Donnelly late of Thurles, County Tipperary. GORDON—Feb. 23, at 39 Dolphin's Barn, Catherine Gordon. PRINGLE—Feb. 20, at 19 Leinster avenue, North Strand road, Robert Pringle, aged 55 years.

KAVANAGH—Feb. 22, at Ballybrittas, Mary Kavanagh, aged 60. KEANE—Feb. 22, 1900, at 31 James street, John Keane, aged 72 years. OSHEA—Mr. Peter Hartney, 76 South Circular road, Dublin. Patrick O'Shea late of Hawarden Arms Hotel, Dundrum, County Tipperary.

BOYNE—Feb. 21, at 10 Merchants' quay, William Boyne, late member of the Bakers' Association, deeply regretted. MAHON—Feb. 21, at Barn Lodge, County Dublin, Mrs. Anne Mahon, at an advanced age.

CORGLAN—Feb. 21, at Ballyfermot Inchicore, Mrs. Catherine Coghlan, of 66 Watling street. DONOHUE—Feb. 21, at Kilmessan Post Office, Mary Donohue, of Trim, aged 72 years. WYLER—On Feb. 23, at 61 Drumcondra road, Miss Ellen Wyler, sister of the late James Wyler, Great Britain street and Carrickmolehill, Killybeg, Dublin, Mrs. Jane F. Bourke-Moan.

CORRY—Feb. 22, at 43 Bolton street, Francis Corry (late of Cavan). HUME—Feb. 21, at 16 Hammond lane, Dublin, at an advanced age, Mary Hume, sister of late Rev. James and Rev. Michael Hume. DUNNE—Feb. 23, at 15 North Summer street, Elizabeth Dunne.

KILDARE.

Recently, at Ballitore, a meeting was held of the newly appointed school attendance committee under the compulsory education act. The committee consists of Rev. Thomas Carbery, Rev. Martin Walsh, Rev. Thomas O'Neill, Mr. John Kelly, Mr. Owen Connor, who are appointed by the local authority; and Rev. J. Edwin Ellison, Mr. Owen Cogan, Mr. Richard Lalor, Mr. P. P. Farnan and Mr. John Donohoe, appointed by the Commissioners of National Education. Died—Jan. 30, at Ladytown, County Kildare, Maurice Hurley, aged 85 years. Feb. 5, at Eyre street, Newbridge, County Kildare, Anne Pringle, Feb. 20, at Maynooth, Michael Carr.

A successful meeting was held in the band room at Leixlip, Feb. 14, to found a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. Wm. Ronaidson, County Councilor, was unanimously elected to the chair. KILKENNY. Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory, has addressed an eloquent appeal to the clergy and laity of Ossory on behalf of the new church at Seir-Kieran, being erected in the historic parish of Seir-Kieran. Many outside of his diocese will aid Rev. Thomas Phelan, administrator, who has undertaken the carrying out of this very necessary work.

An old man named Thomas Donnelly, who died recently in the Callan Hospital, left with the Medical Officer, Dr. O'Shea, the following curious epitaph to be put on a tombstone at his grave: "Here lies the body of Shoot the shot who lost his mind an hour before he died."

WEXFORD.

Miss Corliff, Kilmoyra Cottage, Bridgetown, died Feb. 22 deeply regretted. She was sister to Dr. Carrigan, Carrigrohane. The funeral to Kilmoyra Cemetery was numerously attended.

tongue is civil—so think of God and shun the devil."

The Windgap correspondent of the Munster Express, Waterford, in the issue of Feb. 24, stated: "Death is very busy in the locality. Among its victims were Mrs. Carroll, Rossina; Mrs. Edmond Dalton, Ballynahinch; Mrs. Quirk, Ballynahinch; Patrick Quinn, Lomenstown, Mr. Patrick Quinn, Clonard (native of this parish); Mrs. Cass, Kilmory, Mr. Sullivan formerly of Ballinva, and Mr. James Burke, Lomenstown."

KINGS.

Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory has issued an appeal for funds to assist Father Phelan in erecting a new and much-needed church in the ancient and historic parish of Seir-Kieran. Died—Feb. 23, at Charleville Parade, Tullamore Bridge, Behan, aged 85 years. Feb. 20, at Phillipstown, James Meehan, aged 38 years. Feb. 6, at 22 O'Connell's quay, Dublin, Ellen Moran, Co. Wick.

The obsequies of the late Mrs. Robinson, mother of the Rev. John Robinson, C. C., Lehighbridge, and the Rev. Gerald Robinson, C. M., Lanark, Scotland, took place at the Catholic Church, Edenderry, on Jan. 24. The Rev. John Robinson was celebrant of the Mass; Very Rev. W. P. Burke, Dean, sub-deacon; Rev. J. Delaney, Kildare, master of ceremonies. Upward of forty priests of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin and several members of the Order of Mary Immaculate took part in the solemn ceremonies.

LONGFORD.

The death of Mr. Robert Gavin Abbotstown, happened on Feb. 8, at the age of 66 years, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to the ancient Abbey burial ground was very numerously attended.

Mr. John Donovan presided at the recent meeting of the Ballyshannon branch of the United Irish League.

LOUTH.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Peter McAuley, at the Quay, Drogheda, Feb. 12, after a long illness. For over half a century Mr. McAuley was engaged in the cattle export trade. It is evidence of his popularity, the large funeral cortege which followed his remains to their last resting place in the Chord Cemetery proved it. Many attended from the counties of Louth, Meath and Dublin. The clergy who attended were Rev. J. P. Maguire, St. Peter's; Rev. O. J. Brogan, St. Peter's; Very Rev. M. Cavanagh, O. S. F., Very Rev. Father Stack, O. S. F., Rev. John Lynch, O. S. A. The chief mourners were his sons—Thomas McAuley, Peter McAuley, John J. McAuley, M. McAuley, M. McAuley, A. McAuley and P. Finigan, Jr. Grandsons—D. Morgan, P. Morgan, J. Brown, P. Brown.

Appeal for the Louth Militiamen who are murdering the patriotic Boers in the interest of England—the nation that for seven hundred years has robbed and murdered the Irish people. From the Drogheda Independent, Feb. 17. The Louth Militia—Mrs. Cecil Thornhill urgently appeals for comforts for her husband's regiment, the 8th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Louth Rifles), now under orders for South Africa. Socks, tammys, cardigans, handkerchiefs, Balclava helmets, flannel shirts tobacco and pipes, and money for groceries, will be accepted. These Irishmen (if they can be called Irishmen), are fighting for England and the royal family, yet England and the royal family do not care a snap for their comforts; they leave the providing of these matters to the "fool" Irish.

A meeting was held in the Mayor's House, Drogheda, on Feb. 21, to make arrangements to have a memorial erected in Douth Churchyard to the memory of the Patriot Poet, John Boyle O'Reilly. The Mayor (Mr. Luke J. Elcock, T. C.) presided.

MEATH.

With regret we chronicle the death of Miss Margaret McGarry, which occurred Feb. 15, at Sluano, Ballivor. The deceased who was only in the prime of life, owing to her generosity in contributing to every charitable purpose, had won the esteem of all classes. She deceased was a sister of Michael McGarry. The funeral to the family burial ground in Drinadaly was the largest seen for years, and bore proof of the esteem in which the deceased was held.

QUEENS.

Mrs. Hyland, aged about 100 years, was lately found dead in her bed at New Road, Maryborough. She lived alone. Mrs. Mary Crevey, aged 77 years, died Feb. 7 at the home of her sister, in Durrrow. During forty years she lived in the household of Mrs. Locke, Killybegan.

It is hoped that the Luggacurran tenants who were evicted many years ago will soon be restored to their homes. Mr. C. J. Engledow, M. P., is working to that end. He secured the restoration of the Clongorey tenants.

WESTMEATH.

Thomas Cahill, of Balthrasna, near Mullingar, was found drowned near Saunders' Bridge, Feb. 11. It appears he was making a short cut for home, when the ice broke under him. The death of Mr. James Clarke, Hightown, Killucan, occurred recently, and caused great regret in the county. For some time he suffered from illness. Being a comparatively young man—50 years of age—his death was unexpected. As an Irish Nationalist and a good Irishman, he held a fine record, and his loss is much deplored. The funeral took place to Corralstown whither the remains were followed by a vast concourse of sorrowing friends and public representatives.

At the Convent of Mercy, Carrigrohane, Co. Wick, Feb. 15, the solemn ceremony of Profession took place. Miss McCormack, in religion Sister Agatha, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. McCormack, Colinstown. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, officiated, assisted by Rev. T. Burke and Rev. P. Byrne. The Bishop celebrated the Profession Mass and preached a learned sermon.

CLARE.

The dead body of Martin Flanagan, caretaker of Carrehudner, was found drowned on the roadside, near Caheracorn, Coronn, on Feb. 19, by a man named Patrick Blake. Died—On Sunday, Feb. 18, at Lisdoonvarna, Mary Mooney, in her 48th year. Feb. 10, at Moveen, Killee, P. Healy, aged 56 years. Mr. McNamara, Barrister-at-Law, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture at a recent meeting of the members of the Banns Gaelic League, on the Irish language. Mr. Michael Tierney presided. The attendance was numerous. The Gaelic Class and Debating Society are free to every person.

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On Feb. 22 Miss Margaret Mary Howlett of Arthurstown, and Miss Anastasia Molloy, and Miss M. O'Sullivan, were received into the religious life in Saint Clair's Franciscan Convent, Nottingham, England. Religious titles—Sister Joseph and Sister Anthony, respectively.

John Cowman, of Kyle, was charged of causing the death of Margaret Flinn, aged 13 years, by crushing her to death against a pillar of a gate on Feb. 8. An inquest was held and the verdict found by the Coroner's Jury was "death by accident." The accused was liberated.

The people of Ennisicorthy learned with extreme regret of the departure of Rev. Brother Leahy, superior of the Christian Brothers' schools, Ennisicorthy. He was universally respected by the pupils and their parents. Brother Leahy is about to take charge of a trade college belonging to the order, in Liverpool. He is succeeded by Rev. Brother Moloney.

The feast of St. Aidan, the patron of the diocese of Ferns, was celebrated with solemnity, in the parish of Ferns. At 10 o'clock there was Solemn High Mass, at which a large and devout congregation assisted. The High Mass was sung by the Rev. D. Bolger, Rathgarogue, deacon. Rev. J. W. O'Byrne, Wexford, sub-deacon. Rev. S. J. Cloney, Ferns, master of ceremonies. Rev. J. Jones, Ferns, the parish priest, Very Rev. Canon Parker was present. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. O'Byrne, C. C., Wexford. The day was observed as a holiday by the inhabitants of the town.

The Ennisicorthy Guardian of Feb. 24 had this most sensible comment on the appeal for aid for those Irishmen who are butchering the Boers for England: "Irish Regiments' Widows and Orphans' Fund—To the Editor: Sir—Permit me the medium of your paper to dispel the erroneous idea held by many people in Wicklow, namely, that by supporting any public or private amusement in aid of the Irish Regiments' Widows and Orphans' Fund, they are supporting an anti-Boer movement, and evidencing anti-Boer principles. That such is a mistake is quite clear. Many brave Irish soldiers have fallen owing to their 'falling' and their honest discharge of duty. Are the poor sorrowing widows and orphans to be victims also and boycotted on 'party principles' only? Certainly not. Where is charity? Where is the true old Irish feeling of extending the helping hand to the distressed, be they friends or foes in adversity? This still in the Irish heart, but lying dormant for want of stirring up. Let us hope this may act as the 'agitator'—yours etc. Wounded. It is all very well for our correspondents to put forward the plea of charity, but it is a remarkable fact that for some years past we have a number of 'wounded soldiers' at home, most deserving objects of charity—many of them actually hungry—and those persons so desirous of extending their bounty to England's soldiers refused to subscribe a penny to alleviate their sufferings. We have England's wounded soldiers and their families and Ireland's wounded soldiers and their families, the latter suffering the greater distress, and it is charity, we ask to pass over the one—the most needy one, and pamper the other? No, emphatically that's not charity. This movement for the help of the soldiers and sailors' families is simply a partisan act of political expediency on the part of the Boers. We do not grudge the unfortunate wives and families of the soldiers all the support and benefit that is bestowed upon them, but we object to the plea of charity for what is distinctly a political act. Will 'Wounded' please answer why those charitable folks connected with the soldiers and sailors' funds do not exercise their zeal and charity in behalf of the evicted tenants at home, who are in a most distressed condition at present, and have been for a long time, if charity be the only motive that actuates them?—Ed.)

WICKLOW. Rev. T. Heffernan, pastor of Valleymount, Blessington, has inaugurated a grand bazaar and art union drawing of prizes to procure the finances necessary for the repairing of the church, enlarging of the schools and the erecting of a new residence at Lacken for the assistant priest. The event will come off on April 16. The prizes are of various kinds, numerous, and valuable; tickets are only 12 cents each, so that all who feel an interest in Father Heffernan's good work will be able to contribute. He feels confident that the natives of the parish, of Wicklow county, and, in fact, Irish people generally will give him great assistance. All communications may be addressed as above. God speed the good work.

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Henry Coppinger, and grand niece of the late Right Rev. Dr. Coppinger, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross. Great numbers of clergy and laity attended the Requiem Services.

Go on to fight for England, the cruel and relentless persecutor of the Irish people—Any Irishman who does England's work of murder in the Transvaal, or anywhere else, is a traitor to his God, his country and his race. The following is from the Cork Examiner of Feb. 15: "The O'Donovan D. L., Lissard, Skibbereen, Colonel of the South Cork, left here to-day for Dover, where his regiment has been for some weeks, and in a few days he, with the gallant South Cork will sail for South Africa."

A branch of the United Irish League was established in Banteer Sunday, Feb. 18. On the motion of Mr. P. O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. P. O'Neill, Mr. M. M. Crowley, Blackwater Mills, Banteer, was moved to the chair. On Feb. 22 Very Rev. Father Paul, O. S. F., delivered a lecture entitled "The Rhine, Black Forest and Switzerland" in the Father Mathew Hall, Queen street, Cork. There was a large audience, and the lecture was illustrated by views, while songs appropriate to the occasion were admirably rendered by Fraulein Bauer and Herr Hiler, Miss Galvin as accompanist. Very Rev. Father Thomas, president of the society, presided.

Recent deaths in Cork. O'DONOVAN—On Feb. 20, at 77 Shandon street, John O'Donovan of the Irish Infirmary, John Ahern, Sandy Cove, Kinsale, aged 30 years, son of the late John Ahern, of Fountainstown. McCarty—On Friday, Feb. 16, at Selly, Kinsale, Edmund McCarthy, Father of the late Rev. William McCarthy, C. C., Cloyne. COLEMAN—On Feb. 19, at Dromie, St. Ann's Hill, Julia Coleman, aged 55 years. O'BRIEN—On Feb. 19, at 121 Magazine road, Cornelius O'Brien, late plasterer to the Board of Works, aged 56 years. ATKINS—On Feb. 23, at Woodlawn View Western road, Madge Atkins. O'BRIEN—On Feb. 23, at Lisacarrill, Marianne O'Brien, Tullylease. GREANY—On Feb. 22, James Plover, Inland Revenue, Cork, River-view, Glenbrook. MEHEAN—Feb. 22, at 22 (attle lane, Mary Meehan, late of Knockagown. LONG—On Feb. 22, at 31 College road, Charlie Long, aged 30 years. O'BRIEN—On Feb. 22, Kate O'Brien, formerly of Oysterhaven, Kinsale, sister of Mrs. Russell Mulgrave road. LANE—On Feb. 23, Abina Lane, Garrybesty. BARRY—On Feb. 23, at 13 Rachel's quay, Edward Barry, carpenter. MURPHY—On Feb. 22, John Murphy, Square, Macroom. O'RiORDAN—On Feb. 23, at 360 Blarney street, Mary O'Riordan, daughter of Bryan Connolly. TWOMEY—On Feb. 14, at 28 King street, Mr. Twomey. GLEESON—On Feb. 13, at 26 Mary street, Anne Gleeson. BARRY—At Kilkquane, Castletown-roche, T. Barry. O'BRIEN—On Feb. 12, at 12 Kyri's Quay, Francis O'Brien.

Miss Maria Mangan, niece of Father Foran, Castleisland, was received into the Convent of the Presentation Order, at Lisnas, Feb. 22. On the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of St. Anthony of Padua the Rev. Father Ignatius Beale, T. O. S. F., (acting as delegate of the Bishop of Nottingham) received the Vows of Sister Joseph (Miss Margaret Mary Howlett, of Arthurstown, County of Wexford), and gave the Habit to two postulants, Sister Anthony (Miss Anastasia Molloy, of Grange, County Wexford), and Sister Agnes (Miss Bridget Quilter, of Ballyreban, county Kerry).

It is most humiliating to read of the very ardent requests, nay, even demands, made by some patriotic priests and laymen in Ireland to the Irish in Ireland to preserve their language from perishing. Was it ever known that any people were so degraded that they had to be driven to keep their language alive? It would seem that this condition exists among the majority of the Irish in Ireland at this moment. Every mail brings accounts of heart-stirring appeals from good priests and laymen, beseeching the people to save the Irish language. Have the Irish lost all appreciation for self-respect? Have they become so Anglicized and enslaved that they care not for their independence or their language? The language of the conqueror in the mouths of the conquered is the surest sign of slavery and degradation. Read the speech of Father J. O'Leary, Ballyferrier, and be convinced that something is rotten in the character of the Irish people now: "What promises to be a much successful branch of the Gaelic League was established in Ballyferrier on Feb. 18, immediately after Mass. On the motion of Mr. Hugh Curran, seconded by Mr. Patrick Foley, N. T., the chair was taken by Rev. J. O'Leary, who delivered a powerful plea for the language. The Rev. Chairman said it was a rather sad state of affairs to have occasion to tell the people of Ireland to cherish and foster our own national language, the greatest relic left us of our ancient glory. This was the tongue spoken in Ireland for three thousand years. It was through this language that St. Patrick explained the mysteries of the Christian religion. It was the language all the great men and women of Ireland spoke. It was the language in which Brian Boru addressed his soldiers on the plains of Clontarf on Good Friday morning, 1014, when he drove the Danes from our shores. St. Brendan so intimately connected with this locality, prayed and preached in this holy and venerable tongue, and a language so enshrined in history, poetry and romance—are we, who call ourselves Irishmen, and proud of the name, are we so lacking in esteem and self-respect as to throw away this distinguishing mark of our nationality and hug to our breasts the tongue of Cromwell and Strongbow?" He wound up his eloquent address in the mother tongue by appealing to the audience to preserve and hold dear the only mark of nationality left them. By so doing, they would be building up the strongest barrier that could possibly

be built against being Anglicized, and using, perhaps, the strongest factor in obtaining what is so dear to the heart of every Irishman—Home Rule. Mr. Manning, N. T., who also spoke in the vernacular, proposed the following resolutions: (1) "That we strongly and earnestly appeal to the Commissioners of National Education to at least give the children in Irish-speaking districts national education by teaching them to read and write the only language they know and understand, and that English and other useful subjects be taught through its medium. (2) That in all other districts it shall be permissible to teach Irish as a remunerated subject within school hours; that the national language be given the same footing in Irish schools as the Welsh language is in Welsh schools. (3) That we respectfully appeal to all managers of schools, particularly our clergy; also to county, district and urban council, whenever a vacancy occurs under their preference should invariably be given to candidates having a knowledge of Irish. (4) Mr. John J. Manning seconded the resolutions, and was supported by Mr. Thomas Long, D. C. Rev. J. O'Leary was elected president.

LIMERICK.

A meeting of the Pallagreen branch of the Irish Land and Labor Association was held Feb. 10, at Nicker, Mr. John O'Dwyer, president, in the chair. We regret to chronicle the demise of Mr. James Nagle, Toumullin, Doolin, which occurred Feb. 28 at the age of 88 years.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. Kendal E. O'Brien of the Tipperary Council, who was recently deprived of the doubtful honor of being a British magistrate, because he presided at meetings and proposed votes of sympathy with the Boers in their struggle against British robbery and murder. He will soon be presented with a mark of esteem by the people of Tipperary.

WATERFORD.

Richard Power, John's Hill; Patrick Murphy, Scotch Quay; and James Gough Ballytruckle, all of Waterford City, were drowned in the River Suir, near Glasshouse, on Feb. 18, by their boat springing a leak. The remains have not yet been found. A meeting of the members of St. Declan's branch of the Gaelic League in Ardmore held a meeting Feb. 18. The Nationalists of Nire parish held a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 18, to found a branch of the United Irish League.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

The death of Sister Mary Joseph of the Convent of Mercy, Baldoye, Dublin, happened on Feb. 2, in the 75th year of her age. She was daughter of late Mr. Edmund O'Neill, of Bay Lodge, Glenties. On Feb. 10 the remains of the late Mr. Samuel Devlin were removed from Ballycassat for interment in the family burying ground, Arnoy Catholic Church.

The latest addition to the school accommodations for the Catholics of Belfast was blessed and opened on Feb. 12 by Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor.

ARMAGH.

Cardinal Logue has given a donation of one hundred dollars to the Evicted Tenants' Restoration Fund. The people of Wexford have given one thousand five hundred dollars to the Evicted Tenants' Restoration Fund.

CAVAN.

The people of Cavan are keeping up the land war and are now making preparations to raise a fund for the restoration of the evicted tenants. On Feb. 10 the remains of Mr. George Coleman were interred in Mullinashan Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. Henry Devlin Monymore, took place on Feb. 7, amid universal expressions of sympathy and sorrow. DOWN. On Feb. 20, the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Mount St. Patrick, Downpatrick, was the scene of a solemn ceremony. The young lady who made her vows is Miss Elizabeth Mary Cranley (in religion Sister Mary Anthony Joseph), daughter of the late Mr. Hugh Cranley, Ardglass. The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop presided.

DONNEGAL.

Mr. Michael Maguire, Solicitor, presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Ballyshannon branch of the United Irish League, when a resolution declaring that the reunion of the parliamentary parties was not satisfactory to the men of Donegal. Rev. Peter Kelly, pastor of Ardara, is erecting a new church.

FERMANAGH.

The men of Fermanagh are taking a deep interest in the extension of the United Irish League, and many parishes are going to found branches of the now only National organization in Ireland.

MONAGHAN.

Mr. Daly, M. P., in the English House of Commons, on Feb. 12, asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland if the Government would revoke the coercion laws now oppressing the people of Fermanagh, Cernmore and Emairis; as during five years no criminal cases had been heard in Monaghan County. Judges were presented with white gloves on thirteen different occasions, because of the crimelessness of the people. There was an emphatic refusal to this most reasonable request. The population of the county is almost ninety thousand, and it is most creditable to them that for five years there has not been a single criminal case before the judges; yet they live under a crimes act.

TYRONE.

Rev. John O'Donnell, C. C., Aughagor, Fomeroy, died Feb. 9, after a very short illness.