

## OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

### CONNAUGHT.

#### GALWAY.

During the recent storm a boatman named John Greally from Muckanagh edderdaunha, Moycullen, was struck by lightning at Spiddal pier. There is no hope of his recovery, half of his body being quite paralyzed.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Boulger, Vicar street, Tuam, which occurred at her residence, Vicar street, March 5, at an advanced age. The interment took place in the new cemetery, the funeral being a representative one.

**DIED**—On March 7 at Tuam, John Flaherty, at the age of 56. March 4, at 3 Frankfort avenue, Rathgar, suddenly, May Alice Birmingham, granddaughter of the late Michael Blake Birmingham, of Dalgin, County Galway. Feb. 28, at Oranmore, County Galway, William St. George.

#### LEITRIM.

Dr. Thomas Davis, whose death occurred recently in Derry was a native of Lurganboy, near Manorhamilton. He was very popular and his demise was very deeply regretted.

A sterling Irishman named Mr. James Cox, of Concooly, died on March 8, aged 22 years. He was a prominent member of the Bonaecolia Band, and always one of the first members to turn out when any event for the country's good was to be celebrated. His remains were interred in Cloonmorris burial ground, borne thence on the shoulders of his sorrowing comrades and companions. The funeral was very largely attended, and universal regret was expressed on all sides at his early demise.

#### MAYO.

**DIED**—March 10, at Inishcook, The Neale, Mr. Richard Browne, aged 91 years. March 10, at Aughagower, Westport, Edward Henry, aged 70 years.

A committee in Islandeady under the chairmanship of the Rev. Wm. Coen, received from the Congested Districts Board a small grant for improving the dwellings of the poor, and we have heard accounts from the district which go to show that, for the small sum received, more good has been done than has often been accomplished by a Government grant of ten times the amount.

We regret to chronicle the death which took place on March 10, of Mrs. Browne, wife of Mr. Richard Browne, Inishcook, the Neale, and mother of Mr. Michael Browne, Shop street, Westport. The deceased, who had reached the age of 91, was highly respected, as was testified by the great attendance at her funeral. Rev. Father Canavan celebrated a Requiem Mass at the residence and afterward assisted at the burial ground at Ballybally.

Mr. William O'Brien met with a serious accident lately. He was riding at Augharale, two miles from Westport, when two countrymen who were racing their mountain ponies came behind at a furious gallop. Before they could check themselves they struck against the mare's flank at full speed. The mare was thrown to the ground, and fell with her full weight upon Mr. O'Brien's right leg. His side being dashed against the road with violence. He had presence of mind to disengage himself from the stirrups before the mare struggled to her feet. Though in much pain Mr. O'Brien was able to ride home. Dr. A. Alliman found there was no fracture of the leg or ribs, but there were many severe contusions and some internal injuries.

Seven sentences of death by British law—On March 15, an eviction took place at Mael, property of Isidore Burke, three miles from Claremorris. When a poor old man named Brady, with his family of six helpless children, were thrown out upon the roadside. A number of balliffs belonging to the Property Defence Association, Dublin, protected by police—the meanest force in the world—assisted in the carrying out of the eviction. It was sad to see the poor man and his children weeping outside their old homestead, which again they were never to enter. There was no resistance. A number of people witnessed the pitiable incident. After the eviction two of the Property Defence men took possession of the house, and two policemen were stationed with them as a guard. Heroic service for Irishmen to perform against their fellow-countrymen in their own land! When will Ireland be a "Peeler's Spion Kop in Ireland?"

#### ROSCOMMON.

Fought for Ireland's bitterest enemy. Corporal Gray of the First Battalion, Connaught Rangers, a native of Frenchpark, wounded in the side at the battle of Colenso, arrived home March 13, Private Edward Perry, of the same regiment, and a native of Boyle, arrived in Boyle March 15. He was wounded in the head, hip and jaw. It is believed that Private John Regan, of the First Connaught Rangers who belonged to Green street, Boyle, was killed at the same engagement.

Gen. Hart's paternal feelings for the poor Irish fools who were and are fighting for Victoria and the British Government, is fully conveyed in this incident. Edward Perry, of Boyle, lately returned from the war in South Africa, during an interview, said that General Hart, while the Connaught Rangers and other so-called Irish regiments were in the heaviest part of the engagement near Colenso, said: "Your lives must be sacrificed in order to get the First Brigade into Colenso." A pleasant kind of news for the poor fellows whose parents, wives and families were anxiously awaiting news from them.

#### SLIGO.

**DIED**—At Ballyvaughan, on March 10, James J. Down, aged 48 years.

Mr. James Mealy, a native of Tourvestrans, Malabar, died lately. We regret to record the death of Mr. O'Donnell, which took place at his residence, March 5. Mr. O'Donnell was teacher of the Cloonaneer National school for thirty-five years. His generosity was unstinted, and his advice in trouble and difficulties proved beneficial. The funeral was the largest ever witnessed in that part of the county for twenty years. The number of vehicles and cars that followed the hearse extended for a mile, and the crowd of pedestrians showed clearly that "he was a man to all the country dear."

### LEINSTER.

#### CARLOW.

On March 13 the foundation stone of the Father Prændergast memorial was laid by Mr. D. McDermott, at the Market square, Monasterevan. The '98 Memorial Committee took part; the height of the monument will be 15 feet—a handsome and imposing Celtic cross, with suitable inscription. The work is being executed by Mr. Walshe, of Carlow, the well-known sculptor. It will be ready for erection on Easter Sunday.

Much sympathy was felt with Mr. T. Nolan, Graigue, on the death of his daughter, Miss Maryanne Nolan. On March 16 Office and High Mass took place in Graigue church. Celebrant, Rev. P. Campion, sub-deacon, Rev. J. Cullen, administrator.

Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Killdare and Leighlin, officiated at ordinations in the Cathedral and in the Collegiate Church on March 10 and 11. On the former he celebrated 8 o'clock Mass, assisted by the Rev. W. Brophy, dean of Carlow College. The reverend professors and students of St. Patrick's occupied the sanctuary. The following are the names and dioceses of the gentlemen upon whom orders were conferred: To priesthood—Rev. William Shanahan, Dubuque; To deaconship—Rev. Francis Creedon, Leeds; To sub-deaconship—Rev. Thomas Mullins, Gouloura, Rev. John O'Brien, Wichita; Rev. Denis Leen, Christ-church, Rev. Patrick Moloney, Wichita. To minor orders—Mr. Matthew Donovan, Pittsburg; Mr. Michael Reddy, Perth; Mr. Thomas Fennedy, Altan; Mr. John Moran, Wilkonia; Mr. James O'Connor, Christchurch.

#### DUBLIN.

Queen Victoria is going to Ireland as a recruiting sergeant for the British army, and Lord Mayor Pile and every person who assists him in an assassin of the unthinking young men of Ireland, who because of all this glamour will be induced to join the British murderers in South Africa.

The weekly meeting of the Sodality of the Sacred Thirst was held in P. Mathew Hall, Church street, Dublin, March 11. Very Rev. Father Nicholas, O. S. F. C. president, in the chair. Also present Messrs. M. J. Dunn, Joseph Mooney, M. J. O'Brady, J. Costello, T. Reilly, D. Connor, S. Nevo, Capt. Lynch, P. Dolan, L. Behan and others. The reverend president made a very eloquent address.

The members of the St. Kevin's Branch of the Gaelic League held their usual meeting in St. Kevin's school, Lower Clonbraun street. There was a largely increased class, and an hour was spent at Father O'Growney's "Simple Lessons," rapid progress being made. Twelve new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Barrett, Cooke, Waters, Hayes, McDonnell, A. Cullen, J. Cullen, Clarke, Kavanagh, Hayes, Sullivan and Levin. After the class a meeting was held. The chair was occupied by Mr. P. Purcell, who congratulated the members on their earnestness, as shown by their large attendance. He spoke of the memorial which had been presented to the Commissioners of National Education, signed by the managers of over 1,000 schools in Irish speaking districts in Ireland praying for the introduction of bilingual education in those districts.

**Recent Deaths in Dublin.**  
**BUTLER**—March 10, at Dublin street, Balbriggan, John Butler, in his 73rd year.  
**BYRNE**—On March 8, at the Sacred Heart Convent, Mount Anville, Mademoiselle Delia Sacramenta Byrne, aged 34.  
**BYRNE**—On March 7, at 14 Annsville, Cullinstown, Ranelagh, Martha Byrne.  
**PRÆNDERGAST**—March 11, at 31 Lower Pembroke street, Dublin, James Prændergast, Esq., aged 77 years.  
**TRAYNOR**—March 11, Sarah Traynor, at 6 George's place, North.  
**HARRIS**—March 14, at Cross avenue, Kingstown, Sarah Harris.  
**BEOG**—At 5 Upper George's street, Kingstown, Ellen Beog.  
**CULLEN**—March 14, at 98 Lower Dorset street, Catherine Cullen.  
**FEATHERSTONE**—March 14, at Ballon, Thomas Featherstone, aged 28 years.  
**FLEMING**—March 14, at 59 Thomas street, Catherine Fleming, aged 60 years.  
**HACKETT**—March 15, at Milltown, Dublin, Patrick Hackett, aged 28 years.  
**HERBERT**—March 15, at Lawnview, Sandymount avenue, Thomas Herbert.  
**MURRAY**—March 14, at 26 Prussia street, James Murray, cattle dealer.  
**O'LOUGHLIN**—March 14, at 98 Lower Dorset street, Miss Fanny O'Loughlin.  
**SWERNY**—March 15, at 8 O'Connell avenue, Francis Swerny.  
**TROY**—March 14, at 95 main street, Bray, Patrick Troy.

#### KILDARE.

Died for England—the Oppressor of Ireland.—Feb. 27, 1900 killed in action at Ladysmith, Thomas Joseph Paley, Second Royal Dublin Fusiliers, aged 21, youngest son of the late David Paley, formerly of Lark Lodge, Curragh.

A branch of the United Irish League has been founded in Athy. The members hope that Messrs. Davan, and O'Brien, who have worked so hard in spreading the organization, will continue at its head, and that no change will occur in its working because of the reunion of the Irish members of Parliament.

The death of Mr. John Delaney, Castledermot, occurred recently, and was deeply regretted. In politics he was a

sound Nationalist. In private life he was the soul of good nature. Great sympathy is felt in the district for his widow and children. The interment took place at Levinstown. The funeral cortege was the largest and most representative seen in the district for years.

#### KILKENNY.

Mrs. Margaret Egan of Gowran died lately. She was the mother of Miss Egan, principal of Cahir Female National School. At the last meeting of the members of the Cahir National Teachers' association the members passed a resolution condoling with Miss Egan in her sorrow.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas Archbold, Goresbridge, Office and High Mass were held Feb. 21, after which the interment took place. The funeral was numerously attended.

The death of Miss M. R. Brown occurred at the residence of her father, Mr. John Brown, Greenville, on March 11. Her death, just in the full bloom of girlhood, is sad. The interment took place at Kilmacow Cemetery, and was very largely attended.

#### KINGS.

**DIED**—In South Boston, Feb. 24, Ann Harly. Funeral took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hurley, 88 C street, Feb. 26, at 8.30. Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Native of Banagher, Kings County, Ireland.—**DUNN**—March 12, at Charleville parade, Tuillamore, Margaret Dunne.

#### LONGFORD.

The death of the Rev. Eugene O'Reilly, C. C. took place at the Parish House, Granard, on Feb. 24. He was deeply regretted by the people. The Office and High Mass was held in St. Mary's Church, Granard. The Most Rev. Dr. Hoare presided. Celebrant, Rev. P. Newman, sub-deacon, Rev. D. Reynolds, sub-deacon, Rev. E. Conolly, master of ceremonies, Rev. P. J. Manley, Granard. The chanters at the Office were Rev. McCrocoran and Rev. P. Dolan, Adm.

#### LOUTH.

The death of Mr. Patrick Conroy happened March 8, at his residence, Foxhall, Monastereboice, which sad event was deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to the ancient cemetery of Monastereboice, was numerously attended.

#### MEATH.

Mr. James Fagan, for the patriotic members of the Killallon branch of the United Irish League, recently forwarded the affiliation fee to the Central Executive of the National organization. The Irish People of March 3 said, about the extension of the United Irish League "The organization of County Meath proceeds satisfactorily. Mr. James Layman, the energetic organizer of the League has been welding the Nationalists of the Royal County into a solid fighting force. The last place to fall into line was Oldcastle, where a branch—the bravest and the most gallant of them all—has been established."

The death of Mr. Christopher Forrester of Brownstown, Navan, occurred on March 1, at the very extraordinary age of 104 years. The deceased was a carpenter and farmer and always enjoyed excellent health. The deceased would often relate that his mother, on the day after the battle of Tara proceeded to Tara Hill for the purpose of assisting at the interment of the Croppies in conjunction with Lord Tara's men. Although 96 years of age her son proceeded to the polling station at the South Meath election of 1892 and recorded his vote, and again at the election following the petitions. The deceased had the unique experience of covering parts of three centuries in his course of life, that is, if statistics are correct in locating us in the twentieth century. The interment took place in Ardulmulchan cemetery, and the funeral obsequies were very largely attended.

#### QUEENS.

On March 11 there was a meeting in Arles of the District Councillors called by Mr. J. Byrne, to adopt means calculated by him to be the most effective for the Evicted Tenants Restoration Fund a success. Rev. J. Dempsey presided. Mr. Byrne was appointed treasurer, and Father Dowling secretary.

#### WESTMEATH.

Mr. Patrick McGrath, an evicted tenant residing near Ballymore, was arrested lately, charged with breaking in the door of his home, from which he had been evicted in August. He was a tenant of Mr. Sandford-Pakenham Mahon, who resides in the Isle of Wight. Mr. McGrath stated he had some fowl in the house and wanted to get them out. He was brought before Col. Hall, J. P., and committed for seven days to Mullingar Jail, and will be brought before petty sessions in Ballymore after.

#### WEXFORD.

Mr. William Mullins, Reedstown, has purchased his farm of 73 acres for five thousand, four hundred dollars, which is eighteen years' purchase at the annual rent. He also paid five hundred dollars as fine to the estate for the privilege.

The death of Alderman James Stafford, Wexford, happened March 15, at Ballybocker. The immediate cause of death was an abscess on the lung. Mr. Stafford was aware of his perilous condition, and left for his father's residence on Sunday. In his home he was assiduously attended by the Rev. P. Corish and Dr. Thomas Piers. The interment of the remains of Alderman Stafford, who had only reached the age of 39 years, took place at Ballymore St. Patrick's Day.

John Snott, horse trainer, met with an accident at Tagherm March 12 by which the poor fellow lost his life. It appears he was engaged training a spirited horse, belonging to Mr. Gregory Walsh, Clonoci, when the animal became restive, running at top speed toward the village, with the result that the poor fellow was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining injuries from the effect of which he died shortly afterward. With feelings of regret we record

the demise of one of the most respected inhabitants of South Wexford, Mrs. Catherine Power, at the residence of her husband, Mr. William Power, Mount Pill, March 8. The deceased, who had attained the age of 75 years, was sister of the Vicar-General and Dean of Ferns, Very Rev. Thomas Busher, Newtownbryer. On Saturday the remains of the deceased were conveyed to Tomhagard Church, where a Requiem Office and Mass were held. Rev. John Busher, Timahilly (nephew of deceased), celebrant. At the Office Very Rev. Mark Canon O'Gorman, Kilmore, presided. The chanters were Revs. A. Crowe, Mayglass, and W. Kelce, Rathangan.

#### WICKLOW.

Great regret was caused on March 5 by the death of Mrs. Mary Clarke, mother of Rev. Michael Clarke, Wicklow, in the 95th year of her age. The Requiem services and funeral were very numerously attended.

A concert was given lately at Dunlavin to aid parochial improvement, and was a success. The spacious hall was crowded. The artists acquitted themselves with great credit.

### MUNSTER.

#### CIARE.

Claremen are as active and self-sacrificing in the Irish cause to-day as they were in the days of O'Donnell, when they tore down the barriers that prevented a Catholic from representing his fellow countrymen and co-religionists on any public body. Numerous branches of the United Irish League are being founded all over the county to fight the cause of the "Land for the People."

#### CORK.

The death of Mr. Cornelius O'Donovan Coolduurragh, Union Hall occurred lately at an advanced age. The sad event was deeply regretted in the surrounding districts. The funeral was very numerously attended.

Very Rev. Father Bernard, of the Carmelite Order, recently conducted a mission in the church of that Order in Kinsale for the members of the male and female branches of the confraternities. Great numbers attended the Masses and sermons on the closing Sunday. The oldest inhabitant never saw so many approaching the altar and receiving Holy Communion as on that occasion.

Miss Catherine Sheehy, of Skilberreen, died March 13 at the home of her brother Mr. P. Sheehy, solicitor. She was aged 20 years. Most Rev. Dr. Kelly read the burial service at the interment.

**Recent Deaths in Cork.**  
**COGAN**—On March 8 at Church Hill, Passage West, Richard Cogan, ex-postman.  
**CORBETT**—On March 12 at Shannahill Place, Ballymore road, Edmund E. Corbett.

**O'KEEFE**—On March 13, at 3 Hena street, Killarney, Mary O'Keefe.  
**O'SULLIVAN**—On March 13, at 1 Marina Villas, Mary Anne O'Sullivan.  
**BUCKLEY**—On March 11, at Slive's lane, Margaret Buckley.

**HIGGINS**—On March 13, at 53 Green street, Nellie Higgins.  
**O'NEILL**—On March 14, at Main street, Clonakilly, Mary O'Neill, aged 60 years.

**COFFEY**—On March 11, at No 1 Garden Villas, Victoria road, Christopher Coffey, Sr. of Velvetstown, Buttevant, aged 74 years.  
**CONLON**—On March 14, at 153 Barney street, Margaret Conlon, late of Ballinacraig, aged 74 years.  
**O'LEARY**—On March 14, at Lockau, Denis O'Leary, Sr.

**O'DRISCOLL**—On March 14, at South Main street, Bandon, Daniel O'Driscoll, T. C., butter merchant, aged 65 years.

**LONGBRIDGE**—At Fermoy, March 10, Nora Longbridge daughter of the late Patrick Spillane, of Hetty Field, Ballinlough, Cork.  
**KELLEHER**—On March 10, at 4 Ryan's Buildings, Old Market Place, Anne Kelleher.  
**GEARY**—On March 6, at Ballinaicura, Kinsale, Daniel Geary.

**BARRY**—At 16 Gillaberry Terrace, John Joseph Barry, late of Ballinacraig.  
**VAUGHAN**—At Pullen House, Kanturk, on March 7, Timothy Vaughan.

#### KERRY.

John McCarthy, telegraphist, whilst trying to get on a locomotive on Fenit Pier, March 10, missed his footing, fell and the wheels ran over one foot, necessitating amputation from the ankle.

Mr. Michael Connor, who was found dead on the road leading from Kenmare, March 1st, was aged 60 years, a farmer, and resided near Cladanature. He was a widower, with three children.

The members of the Tralee Catholic Literary Society have elected these officers for ensuing year: President, J. H. Donovan; vice presidents, J. M. Harrington, Rev. Fr. Griffin, Rev. Fr. Casey, O. P.; treasurer, Mr. D. Slattery; librarian, Mr. J. J. Maher; secretary, Mr. C. F. Murphy; committee, J. Herlihy, James Burke, M. Downing, T. Flaherty, John McDermey, John Foley, J. O'Connell, L. D.; W. O'Neil, White, M. D.; J. J. McCarthy, M. J. Devaney, P. O'Kelly, J. J. Martin, P. Murphy. The Very Rev. Dean Carmody was unanimously elected patron.

The many friends and pupils of the Killarney Mercy Convent Schools at home and abroad will regret to learn of the death of Sister Mary Dominick, who for forty years labored with zeal for the religious instruction of the children. Sister Dominick, whose name was Mary Sheehan, belonged to a family which resided in Milltown. She was niece of the Rev. P. Devine and Rev. T. Devine, respectively parish priests of Annasaui and Dingle. The obsequies took place on February 27. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel by the Rev. P. Hayes, Adm. Immediately after Mass the interment took place in the pretty cemetery within the convent grounds. The remains were borne by the choir of the Presentation Monastery followed by the clergy. They came the Children of Mary and the Children of St. Joseph.

#### LIMERICK.

Mr. John Daly, ex-political prisoner, and Mayor of the City of Limerick, at-

tended a great meeting of Nationalists in Dublin, March 16, and denounced in the name of the truly patriotic people of the City of the Violated Treaty, the slavish conduct of the members of the Dublin Corporation who are to present a "loyal" address of welcome to Victoria when she breaks her 40 years boycott of Ireland on April 4. It were well if all the cities in Ireland had Chief Magistrates like John Daly.

A meeting of the members of the Herbertstown branch of the United Irish League was held lately. After the enrollment of members the election of officers took place. On the motion of Mr. Wm. Slattery, seconded by Mr. P. M. Ryan, the Rev. J. Humphreys was elected president. Mr. P. Hogan proposed and Mr. T. P. Ryan seconded Mr. Wm. Slattery, treasurer. Mr. J. Hartly proposed and Mr. M. F. Ryan seconded that Mr. P. Levery be secretary. These selections were passed unanimously. The following were proposed to act on the committee: T. Mulcahy, Wm. Barry, P. Hogan, T. F. Ryan, C. Bresnan, D. Condon, J. Hartly, John Condon, Jr., and T. J. Moroney. The following resolution was adopted unanimously: "That we condemn the vindictiveness of Mr. Arthur White, in keeping Mr. Slattery and other evicted tenants on the O'Gladys property, out of their holdings, that we call on the surrounding branches of the United Irish League to aid us in bringing about the settlement of this question of overholding these farms from the rightful owners, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary to all the surrounding branches particularly to the city of Limerick Branch."

The Earl of Dunraven is forming a corps of sharpshooters for service in South Africa, and the intelligence was made public in Limerick lately that volunteers will be selected from the district. Some Limerick men whose relatives are with the Yeomanry Corps have volunteered for service, and the matter was much discussed among the circles from which volunteers are expected. It was from the British Crown Dunraven and his kind received grants of vast estates robbed from the Catholic Church and the Irish chiefs, and they ought to fight for the Crown, of course, but that Irishmen should fight and die for the British is a fearful disgrace.

The death of Dr. Callaghan, Castlemahon, which occurred lately, caused great regret in the counties of Limerick, Clare and Tipperary. He was only aged 36 years. During his college course he captured prizes to the value of one thousand five hundred dollars. The remains were interred in the family vault at Castlemahon, the funeral cortege being the largest ever seen in the locality. Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated in the parish church, at which the Rev. Father Mulcahy was celebrant. Rev. John Quinlan, dean, Rev. Father Reeves, sub-deacon, Dr. Hallinan, Rev. Father O'Shaughnessy, Rev. Father Irwin and Rev. Father O'Shea, assisting.

#### TIPPERARY.

Married—Mulcahy and O'Donnell—At Mount Mellary Abbey, by the Very Rev. Archdeacon Sheehy, Dungarvan, assisted by the Very Rev. Dr. Sheehy, President of St. John's college, Waterford, the Rev. Thomas McGrath, Lismore, Rev. Richard Hibernan, Clongheen, the Prior of Mount Mellary, the Rev. James Ballyberry, Modilerry, the Rev. James Mulcahy, Ballyneale, brother to the bridegroom, Rev. James B. Coghlan, Lismore, and Rev. P. O'Donnell, Modilerry, brother to the bride. John Mulcahy Ballysheehan, Clongheen to Ellen, daughter of the late John O'Donnell Kilmaneen, Newcastle Glashen and Williams—At the Catholic Church Bannya Mr. Daniel Glashen, Ballagassa, to Miss M. Williams, Foxfort, by the Rev. Dr. Hayes.

#### WATERFORD.

The testimonial to Miss Kate Roche, ex-teacher of Dunhill Female National School, will soon be presented. The parishioners have worked harmoniously whenever the question of contributions for any object was concerned, and upheld the good traditions in the case, too.

**DIED**—Feb. 16, aged 62 years, Alice Kilrossney, Kilmacthomas. Feb. 15, at Knockane, Partlaw, Miss Johanna Rockett.  
Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, has just returned to the people of Waterford City the most general mission held for past ten years. The mission was opened in all the churches of the city, and will be continued for a month. The fathers conducting the mission are in the Cathedral, the Jesuits; in St. John's church and in St. Patrick's the Redemptorists; and in Ballybrickreen, the Dominicans.

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### ULSTER.

#### ANTRIM.

The first sod of the site of the new Church of the Holy Cross for the Passionist Fathers, Belfast, was cut March 11 by Rev. Father Basil, C. P. The site on which the new church is to be erected is one of the finest in the city, being situated on a commanding eminence. The celebrant was Father Basil, assisted by Fathers Daniel, C. P., and Faciens, C. P. After a procession round the site, when the first sod had been cut by Father Basil, those present were addressed by Rev. Father John McMillan, C. P., rector of Holy Cross.

The death of Mr. W. Church, Lisburn, occurred March 21 at Dublin Road, Lisburn. He had been in failing health for years, and two years ago resigned his position of editor of the "Lisburn Standard," which he had held for ten years. In his early days he was on the staff of the "News-Letter," and later he conducted the "Newry Telegraph" and the "Cork Constitution." He was connected with the "Freeman's Journal" and the "Belfast Evening Telegraph."

The remains of Mrs. McGowan, Market Road, Ballymena, were interred on March 10 in the cemetery, Crebilly. Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John Quinn, who delivered an impressive sermon on death, and referred in touching terms to the good qualities of the deceased.

### ARMAGH.

When the army recruits were leaving Lurgan a few days ago for South Africa, they sang "God Save Ireland" and the "Boys of Wexford." They also cheered for the Boers. Some of the ultra-loyal stay-at-homes sang the "Soldiers of the Queen."

The annual sermons in aid of the Armagh Christian Brothers were preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral March 11 before large congregations by Rev. Patrick Fagan, Kilshanran, Cardinal Logue presided at the morning and evening sermons. At the 12 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral, celebrated by Rev. John Quinn, Adm., Armagh, Father Fagan preached, taking as his text the words: "It is good for a man when he hath borne the yoke from his youth." He made an earnest appeal on behalf of the zealous brothers who were carrying on their noble work in Armagh with the greatest success, and who unselfishly devoted their lives to religion and education combined. After the sermon in the evening Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given, Cardinal Logue assisted by Rev. John Quinn, Adm., sub-deacon. The contributions were very generous at the morning and evening devotions.

#### CAVAN.

**DIED**—March 6, at 4 Clarinda Park, N. Kingstown, Susan Jane Morrow, the Park, Ballybarnes, Dublin. The remains were conveyed to Park Cemetery from Virginia Station. The funeral was numerously attended.

#### DERRY.

The Orangemen of Derry are going to have a good time during the visit of Victoria. It is forty years since she put her alien feet on Irish soil. She seems to think that all who saw her in those days are dead, and she feels her present new loyal "subjects" would like to see her now. Not one of the loyal Orangemen are going to the front, much as they admire Victoria and the British empire.

#### DONEGAL.

The members of the Donegal United Irish League have subscribed to the Central Branch of the United Irish League, Dublin. Father Cassidy made the remittance.

The death of Mrs. Condon, wife of Dr. James D. Condon, happened on March 6. Aged 56 years.

#### DOWN.

When the Very Rev. Joseph O'Connor had made the announcement at both Masses in Castlewellan, March 11, he referred to a reply received from Earl Annesley to a letter of thanks which he had sent, acknowledging on behalf of himself and his congregation, the generosity of his lordship in presenting to them and planting on the grounds in front of the church and Presbytery a few rare shrubs. The excellence of the improvement is beyond description. The shrubs were selected from his Castlewellan demesne, which excels the "Kew Gardens." The Castlewellan people are delighted with this substantial contribution toward the beauty and excellent appearance of their much admired little town, and all of them are teeming with praise of his lordship's bounty and full of gratitude to his lordship and his kindly and charming countess. Father O'Connor's very appropriate observations upon the occasion were deep and to the heart of every member of his flock. The Irish are always too prone to drop on their knees for every shadow of a favor that the whim of their alien masters may suggest. Annesley does not thank the farmers who give him many thousands of pounds sterling annually for the privilege of tolling on land robbed from the Irish. (A few shrubs are not much in return.)

#### MONAGHAN.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Callan, Corbane, Carrickmacross, which occurred March 15. She was mother of Father Callan, pastor of Bricliffe Fenagh. The Office and High Mass were very numerously attended by priests and laity. The funeral to Saint Michael's Curduff, was very long and representative of all classes and creeds in the community.

Sister Mary Liguori, who died on March 6 in the Convent of St