

# OUR IRISH LETTER

NEW FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

## GALWAY.

The Misses Farmer and Mr. Michael Farmer, for long an assistant in McDonnell's Tuam, left Castlebar for Chicago lately. They were escorted to the station by nearly every one in town, and good-byes and "God bless you" followed the train that bore them off. They will be welcomed at the Rock Island Depot, Chicago, by their brother James and Sister Elsie, who preceded them some years ago.

The death of Mrs. Gullfoyle took place suddenly at Nun's Island, Galway March 31. The deceased was one of the most esteemed ladies in Galway. She and her sister, the late Mrs. Corry, as members of the chapel choir and at local concerts, lent their talents to the cause of religion and charity. The remains were conveyed to the Pro-Cathedral of St. Nicholas, where Solemn High Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated. Most Rev. Dr. McCormack and a large number of clergymen attended. Interment was in Fonthill Cemetery. Funeral numbers only attended.

## LEITRIM.

Manorhamilton and Glenties bands paraded the streets of Manorhamilton on St. Patrick's Day.

The death of Mrs. Annie Conboy, Clonloughed, Manorhamilton, occurred March 7, aged 86 years. She was the mother of Thomas Conboy and George Conboy.

St. Patrick's Day passed off in Carrick-on-Shannon with the customary gaiety. The Shamrock was worn by all who used to wear it. On this occasion it was sported by people who never wore it before. During the day the national flag was unfurled from the town hall, and as it was hung to the breeze the large crowd assembled in the streets cheered enthusiastically. It was an inspiring sight.

## MAYO.

Among the contributions to the building fund of New Church for Castlebar are: The late Miss Ellen Gibbons, \$500; Mrs. Flannery, Scaranton, \$50; Rev. P. O'Flaherty, \$200.

On March 13 the funeral of Mr. Edward Henry, Aghagower, took place. The shopkeepers in Westport were present. The following were the chief mourners: Miss Mary and Alice Henry (daughters); W. C. Henry, Edward Henry and Patrick Henry (sons); John Carney (brother-in-law); Patrick, Alice and Mary Carney, Patrick and Maggie Burke, William, Peter, Mary, Ellen and Bridget Regan, and Mrs. Knight. Very Rev. Canon Flattery, Aghagower, assisted by the Rev. J. O'Toole, Adm., Kilmorna, officiated at the grave.

The South Mayo executive of the United Irish League at recent meeting, Mr. Connor O'Reilly, presiding, passed this resolution: Proposed by Pat Jennings, seconded by Joe Mellott—"That we call upon the Leaguers of South Mayo not to touch one perch of land on the eleven or twelve months' system—this iniquitous system is the cause of all the privations of the people—but to leave such land on the landlords' hands."

The committee of the Knock '98 Martyrs' Monument Fund wish to bring under the notice of Irishmen at home and in exile that the above deserving fund has received the practical and financial support of the ecclesiastics of Mayo. It also counts among its contributors some of the most fearless and distinguished United Irish Leaguers. The Rev. J. Fallon, of Knock; the Rev. D. O'Hara, Kiltinagh; the Rev. M. Hannan, Knock; Dr. Burke, Kiltinagh; Conor O'Kelly, president U. I. L.; Thos. Brett, hon. sec., South Mayo U. I. L.; James McGarry, hon. treasurer, South Mayo U. I. L.; Michael Delaney, Provincial Director U. I. L.; Bryan Byrne, Knock; U. I. L.; John Killeen, Claremorris U. I. L.; Michael Waldron, V. P. Ballyvaughan U. I. L.; John P. Rougenen, Kiltinagh U. I. L.; W. C. McCann, M. D., Kilkenny; Miss Jane Jordan, Kiltinagh. The above names are a few of the many good priests and sterling laymen who have subscribed in order that the names and deeds of men who can claim as descendants such devoted workers in the Irish cause as Dr. Exter Jordan and Mr. Wm. O'Malley, should be handed down with unflinching honor to a grateful posterity. May women, subscribe and show the Cromwellians of the present day that the spirit of your noble ancestors is in you as active and determined as in their time. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Wm. J. Cunningham, Hon. Sec.

## ROSCOMMON.

We regret to chronicle the death, on Ash Wednesday, at the Convent of St. Columba, of Marie, Bion, Calvados, France, in the third year of her religious life. Mary, in Jesus Christ Sister St. Columba, daughter of Michael O'Hara, Lakeriew, Coohehall, Boyle, and wife of Very Rev. P. O'Hara, of our Mile House, Roscommon, deeply regretted by her parents, sisters and brothers, and a large circle of friends, aged 34 years.

Mr. Thomas Gormley presided at recent meeting of the members of Creve branch of the United Irish League, which is being organized under the auspices of the Association of this branch with the Ballymore and Kiltinagh branch (which is under the chairmanship of Very Rev. Canon Hamilton) was under discussion, there was no president elected. The decision on the amalgamation of the branches was postponed. The officers elected are: Michael Quinn, vice-president; John Mulhern, secretary; James O'Grady, treasurer; Committee: James O'Grady, Peter Kelly, Peter McDermott, Thomas Gormley, Thomas Keeney, Bernard Burke. Several members were elected.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in a festive manner in Roscommon.

Eleven o'clock Mass was offered up by Rev. John Corcoran, at which he preached an eloquent panegyric on St. Patrick. The streets were crowded many national emblems were conspicuous. The day was fine, although a chilliness was at time experienced. In the evening the Roscommon Life and drum band paraded the streets playing national airs. At various intervals the crowd gave vent to their feelings regarding the Boer war, and old Kruger was most enthusiastically cheered, while Chamberlain and the Lord Mayor of Dublin were most relentlessly groaned. The wearing of the national emblem was recognized by all as having a twofold meaning, in the first place it was a reminder of the faith bequeathed by St. Patrick, which despite merciless opposition and awful persecution has been preserved unscathed by the Irish people, and love of fatherland.

## SLIGO.

The ladies of Collooney have decided to hold a parish bazaar in aid of the Ballaghaderreen Cathedral. Several valuable prizes will be offered, including editions of Ven. Archdeacon O'Rourke's works.

Died—At Knocknagess, Sooley, Collooney, March 22, John McLoughlin, aged 93 years. March 8, at Tanrago, Elizabeth, and on March 16 William J. A. McTernan.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Rogers, Ballymote, which occurred on March 7, aged 58 years. Although deceased had not been in the enjoyment of very good health for a considerable time, still her death came as a shock to the people of the town and district. The greatest sympathy was expressed with her family in their sorrow. The funeral took place on Friday, and was both large and representative.

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

The town of Carlow lost two of its old and respected inhabitants by the deaths of Mr. Richard Williams, of Tullow street; and Mr. Patrick Hughes, Tullow street. The former died March 8, the latter on March 13, aged 65 years. He was identified with the Fenian movement in 1867, the Land League National Federation, and the United Irish League. The funeral to Killeestown was numerous attend.

The death of Mrs. Murphy, Tullow street, Carlow, occurred March 4. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral, where Office and High Mass were offered. Most Rev. Dr. Foley of Kiltalbot and Leghlin presided. Celebrant, Rev. A. F. Murphy, Naas; deacon, Rev. E. Bourke, University College; sub-deacon, Rev. U. Moran, master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Cullen.

### DUBLIN.

Michael Mahon, farmer, was found dead at Kiltarden, near Tallaght, March 25. On his wife returning from market, she found him dead on the floor, with his legs tied together and his head and face battered in. A sum of money which he had in his possession was missing, and it is supposed more than one person were concerned in the outrage. No arrest has been made.

Recent deaths in Dublin DEEGAN—March 3, at 19 Usher's quay, James Deegan, for many years in the employment of Messrs. Ganeley's. LAWLOR—Feb. 14, at 1 Paradise place, John Lawlor.

FARRELL—On March 3, at 67 Church street, Michael Farrell.

GORMAN—March 2, at Ballyfoyle, Queen's county, Mrs. Annie Gorman.

ADAMS—March 22, at 18 Middle Mountjoy street, Mrs. Julia Adams, aged 50 years. Dempsey—At 1 Derry parade, North Circular road, William Dempsey (late of James street, and 9 and 10 John street, West).

EDWARDS—March 22, at 11 Clonliffe road, Mr. Edwards, late of 28 Wellington quay, aged 70 years.

GARTLAN—On March 22, at 37 Stephen's Green, Dublin, George H. Gartlan, B. L. aged 51 years.

LYNCH—March 22, at 9 Redfern terrace, Rehoboth place (late of 49 Dolphin's Quay, Lane), Mrs. Sarah Lynch, an advanced age.

MEEHAN—At Ballymoyle, Roseville, Patrick Meehan, aged 83 years.

MEVOY—March 21, Joseph Mevoy, 21 Turrough terrace, Fairview.

O'HAGAN—At 14 Queen's square, in the 86th year of his age, Christopher O'Hagan, late of the D. W. & W. Railway.

MURPHY—March 22, at 43 Upper Ann Murphy—March 22, at 43 Upper Grand Canal street, Patrick Jose Murphy aged 44.

ROONEY—At George's Hill, Mary Ann Rooney.

DILLON—MARCH 23, at 7 Mountjoy Prison Cottages, Margaret Mary Dillon.

DONNELLAN—On March 22, at Elphin street, Strokestown, Thomas Donnellan.

HARFORD—March 22, at Drishogue, Christopher Harford, aged 25 years.

### KILDARE.

During the past week the deaths of two very old inhabitants of Naas occurred, in the persons of Mrs. Manders, Sallins road, and Mrs. Michael Mooney, Millbrook. The former by far the oldest, used to state when asked her age, that she was fifteen years old when George VI. attended the Curragh Races in 1821, and this would show her to be 94 years old. Mrs. Mooney was 80.

On March 13 the foundation stone of the Father Preradegast Memorial was laid by Mr. Denis McDermott at the Market Square, Athy. The '98 Memorial Committee assisted at the ceremony, and a number of the general public were present. The monument will stand 12½ feet high, and weighs 15½ tons. It is a handsome Irish Cross. The work is being executed by Mr. J. Walshe, Carlow. Mr. McDermott thanked his townsmen for the honor conferred upon him by selecting him to lay the first stone of the memorial to their patriotic priest and martyr, Father Preradegast.

### KILKENNY.

The death of Mr. Henry Moors, merchant, of Gowran, happened on March 13, aged 91 years. The interment was in the local cemetery after

the regular services. Great numbers attended the funeral. A conference of delegates representing co-operative societies, district councils and others was held lately in the board room, Donaghmore Workhouse, to consider the best means of promoting the establishment of an agricultural school at this workhouse. There was a good attendance.

## KINGS.

A very singular discovery was made recently in the river bed of the Camcor near Wilmer road Bridge, in Birr, in the form of a very large quantity of ball cartridge, of the late Martin-Henry pattern. So numerous were they that the police tried in bucketfuls. The cartridges had an appearance of having been in the water a few days only.

## LONGFORD.

The National Festival was celebrated in Longford and the other towns in the county by the religious ceremonies inseparable from the day. "The chosen leaf of hard and chief" was everywhere displayed, and the time in the far and misty past was recalled when the glorious Apostle of Ireland explained how three Gods were in one by presenting the shamrock to the ancient Irish as a type of three in one.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Bridget Cooney, Longford, on March 18. Deceased was of advanced years, and lived with her brother, Mr. J. Cooney, merchant, Main street. The funeral to Drumlish was very largely attended.

## LOUTH.

On the 19 of March a man named Byrne, while felling trees in Ballycallie, was struck on the head by a branch of tree in falling and sustained a fatal fracture of the skull.

At the annual distribution of prizes of the Royal Irish Academy of Music, held at the Dublin University, March 13, Miss Annie McCough, daughter of Mr. John McCough, Peter street, Drogheda gained a certificate of proficiency in teaching the pianoforte, also first prize for harmony.

## MEATH.

Mr. A. John Lowry, of Oatlands, Navan, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Meath.

## QUEENS.

The death of Mr. Richard Behan, Courtwood, occurred in Dublin March 18, aged 28. His remains were conveyed to Monasterevan, and thence to Killeenard Cemetery.

The Annual exhibition and sale of work, under the auspices of the Queen's County Home Industries Association, held at the Earl of Portlinton Park, on St. Patrick's Day, the County of Portlinton, president of the association presented for sale a variety of specimens in London. Prizes will be given in the following classes: Wood-carving, plain needlework (hand sewn), children's frocks, patchwork (of washing materials), fancy work, silk embroidery, Mountmellick work on linen, drawn work, sprigging, lace, crocheted lace, woolen crochets, sock knitting, stocking knitting, fancy knitting, gloves, tatting, yarn spinning (not less than half a pound to be entered), tweeds, basket making, carpentry and ingenuity in home industry. Thus the members of the British garrison keep the Irish people before the world as a pack of needy beggars, which they are not, while they who make them appear so are eating up in idleness the substance of the people they hold up to the world as beggars. The Irish only want the British to stop robbing them. They also are determined to rule themselves.

## WESTMEATH.

The death of Sister Agatha (Miss Elizabeth Black) happened in the Loretto Convent, Mullingar, March 19, aged 40 years. She was daughter of Mr. Christopher Black, Brownstown, County Meath. She had spent nineteen years in the religious life, eight years of which she labored in the Loretto Convent, Mullingar. Requiem Office and Mass were celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral for the repose of the soul. Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, presided. Celebrant, Rev. P. Daly, Mullingar; deacon, Rev. N. Woods, Mullingar; sub-deacon, Father Fitzsimons, Tullamore.

## WEXFORD.

The steamer Eskdale, of Whitby arrived at Barry, with the loss of a seaman, John Daley, of Wexford, who was washed overboard and drowned during a gale in the Atlantic on March 2. A gallant attempt was made by the crew to rescue. Daley was shipped at Penarth.

Died—March 18, at Robert street, New Ross, Garrett Doyle, aged 58 years; on March 13, at Crossbeg, Johnnie Poye, aged 13 years; on March 12, at Arnestown, Ballymitty, Bridge McCormack, aged 56 years; Feb. 25, at Philadelphia, U. S. A., Michael Quinn, Derry Hill, Ennisconry.

We regret to chronicle the death of Sister M. Dominick of the Presentation Convent, Wexford, which occurred March 22. The deceased was the only daughter of the late Mr. Maurice Phelan, Youghal, County Cork, and was only in her 28th year. She entered the religious life at the age of 20, and was in the fifth of her religious profession.

Mrs. Lawrence J. Curran, New Ross died suddenly March 20. Day before she died she was out and enjoying her usual state of health. She was daughter of Mrs. Williams, Tullamore, and sister to Mr. W. G. Williams, New Ross. On Thursday the interment took place in St. Mary's Cemetery after Office and High Mass in the parish church.

## WICKLOW.

Died—March 19, at Ballynglass, Catherine Byrne, Ballynglass, M. R. 23, Mrs. Ann Walsh, of Ballyderry, Ballynglass.

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

In Ennis St. Patrick's Day was observed with all its traditional surrounding and religious services. Great numbers of persons from the rural

districts were in town, pleasantly enjoyed themselves.

Father Clancy presided at a meeting of the members of the Killimer and Knockerra Branch of the United Irish League, held March 11. Present: Rev. M. A. Clancy, Thomas Tally, James Crowley, Isaac Cooper, Tim Nolan M. Corbett, Pat Howard, John Mulqueen, James Casey, Thomas Cunningham, Pat Mangan, Maurice Nugent, Matt Mulqueen, etc. The chairman proposed, and Mr. T. Nolan seconded that six members be appointed delegates of the branch on the West Clare Executive. A unanimous resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mr. Patrick Lynch in the loss he sustained by the death of his son Michael.

The death of Mrs. James McMahon Main street, Milltown-Mahay, occurred on March 21. She was daughter of late Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Ballybrickenane. Office and High Mass were held in the parish church. Celebrant, Rev. John McMahon (brother-in-law), deacon, Rev. J. Murphy, Ballybrickenane; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Gunning, in the choir: Rev. J. Kingston, Rev. J. Cahir, Rev. E. J. Scannan and Rev. M. Gleeson. Among those who attended the funeral were Patrick and John Killeen, Joseph and Thomas Burke, John McKelly, P. McNamara, Rhine; C. Matthews, M. O'Gorman, John, Michael and Thomas McMahon, Michael and C. Curtin, etc. The interment was in Kildimo.

## CORK.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. W. J. Barry, Lansdowne Villas, Victoria Road, March 21. Mrs. Barry was wife of Mr. W. J. Barry, of the firm of Daly and Foley, shipping agents etc. Canton, Co. Cork, and sister to Rev. M. O'Flynn, Adm. SS. Peter and Paul's parish.

The great National festival was observed in Rebel Cork by a general display of the "chosen leaf." The National emblem was associated with a Boer flag. A large section of Nationalists refrained from the wearing of the green because of the Queen's order to the Irish soldiers to wear it. The city churches were crowded at the early Masses. On Sunday at the 12 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral the panegyric of St. Patrick was preached in Irish by the Very Rev. Canon Lyons, Monasterevan. On Saturday night the members of the Cork Young Ireland Society held a social gathering at Flanagan's Hotel. The president of the society (Mr. John Crowley) occupied the chair. The cloth having been removed, several toasts were given, including "The Night we Celebrate," "Ireland a Nation," and "Our Guests," all of which were capably responded to. Great numbers were able to follow the preacher in his discourse in the Irish language—a language that England robbed and murdered the Irish people for daring to speak, and which she had fondly hoped was buried in the oceans of Irish blood, spilled by her to destroy it off the face of the earth. It and the Irish people still survive, and will survive when British power shall be but a very faint mark in the history of the world.

A representative meeting of the Duncannon branch of the United Irish League was held March 18 for the purpose of making arrangements for the monster demonstration to be held at Britway, and to select delegates to the executive, to be formed in Middleton. The meeting was in Cork.

DRISCOLL—March 22, at Probusus, Francis Driscoll, District Councillor, aged 43.

O'SHEA—March 22, at River View House, Corlis, Skibbereen Ellen (Nellie) O'Shea, daughter of the late Mr. Peter O'Driscoll, aged 33 years.

MCCARTHY—On March 22, at the Square, Bantry, John J. McCarthy, KENNELLY—On March 20, Ellen Kennelly, at Market street, Listowel. O'CONNOR—On March 20, at the home of her son, Rev. C. S. O'Connor, C. C. Mitchelstown, Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, Newtown House, Charleville.

ROCHE—On March 21, at Tankards-town, Mary Anne Roche.

CURTIN—On March 15, at the South Infirmary, Francis Curtin (formerly Panamora Terrace), aged 60 years.

MCCARTHY—On March 15, Hannah A. Carthy.

CALLANAN—On March 15, at Strand street, Passage West, James Callanan, aged 71 years.

O'SULLIVAN—On Feb. 26, at Lyons, Lizzie O'Sullivan, classical teacher, South Mall, Cork.

O'CONNOR—On March 16, Agnes O'Connor, Monkstown.

BARKY—March 4, at Douglas, Mr. John Barky, publican Douglas.

MULLVEY—On March 13, at Emly, Maria Mullvey.

POWELL—On March 13, at For View Kinsale, Norah Roche, late of Brown's Mill, Kinsale.

O'NEILL—On March 14, at Military road, William O'Neill, carpenter.

## KERRY.

Mr. J. A. Coyne, National School Inspector in Tralee for past eight years, has been transferred to Cavan. During his term in Tralee Mr. Coyne was deservedly esteemed and his transfer occasioned regret Mr. Coyne's successor is M. W. H. Welby, from Galway.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. McQuinn, wife of Mr. Thomas McQuinn, Gortallen, which occurred March 19. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, belonged to a highly respected family and her demise occasioned deep regret. The funeral took place to Kiltinahan, the cortege being one of the largest and most respectable witnessed in the locality for years.

The National holiday was ushered in at Tralee this year with a heavy snowfall. There was, nevertheless, many holiday makers in town. The cherished shamrock was everywhere in evidence. The military band paraded the streets after eleven o'clock, followed by the men stationed at the Ballymullen barracks, and the Royal permit to the men in red to sport the shamrock was availed of to a lavish degree.

A meeting of the members of the Lixnaw Branch of the United Irish League was held on Sunday, March 18. Mr. M. Mangan, chairman, presided. The others present were: T. Dowling, T. M. Auliffe, J. Brown,

J. O'Shea, M. M. Auliffe, J. O'Brien, P. Jordan, J. M. Auliffe, T. Bawler, D. C. J. Fitzmaurice, M. O'Connor, D. Burns, J. Horgan, P. Sheehy, T. Cotter, T. Costello, M. O'Connell and others. The chairman said he was glad to see that during his absence they had not forgotten the laborers—who were the backbone and show of every movement started for the benefit of the country and the people.

## LIMERICK.

Among the celebrations of the National Festival in Limerick March 18 was the singing of High Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Pennywell. Father Conway, celebrant; Father Griffin, St. John's, deacon; Father Kane, sub-deacon, and Father Carroll, master of ceremonies. After the first Gospel, the sermon was preached by Very Rev. Father Nolan, O. S. A., from the text: "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and appointed that you go forth and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

The funeral of Mrs. Riordan, Newbridge, Rathkeale, took place March 13 at the family burial ground, Lis-makerry. The deceased was sister of the late Mrs. Margaret Cummins Hayes, Main street, Limerick, and belonged to the leading families.

## TIPPERARY.

An emergency man named Stapleton on March 21 attempted to shoot a man named Ryan in the village of Golden, near Cashel. It appears that the two men happened to meet in a public-house, and two revolver shots were fired, and it was found that Ryan had received a wound on the back of his neck. Stapleton is an emergency man and a water bailiff.

The feast of Ireland's National Saint was fittingly observed in the City of Kings, Cashel, and taking into consideration the fact that our great saint was closely identified with the historic old city, it is not to be wondered that the people kept the day in a manner befitting such a national holiday. All sported "the chosen leaf of bard and chief," and many of the fair sex wore green favors. The weather was fine, but cold, and early in the morning a smart fall of snow occurred, making it unpleasantly cold. The Cashel brass band played to the church and during the service, and again around the town after 12 o'clock Mass.

March 14 an old and respected inhabitant, Mr. Redmond O'Brien, died at Roan, near Killeenau. He had been in failing health for years. On March 16 his remains were removed to St. Mary's Church, Killeenau, where Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated, after which the interment took place in the family burial place adjoining.

## WATERFORD.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Egan, which occurred at her residence, South Parade, on March 17. The remains were interred at St. Mary's Ballygunner. The funeral was numerous attended. Deceased was widow of Mr. John Egan, who for many years conducted a wine and grocery store near the Cathedral, in Barronstreet, Waterford City. The business is now conducted by his son, Rev. J. J. Egan, of the Waterford Diocese, is a son of deceased.

An important public meeting in furtherance of the United Irish League was held in Cappoquin March 17, and was the auspices of the local branch of the League. The meeting which was held on the Square, was attended by the Nationalists of West Waterford. The Cappoquin Brass Band paraded the town, and discoursed in excellent style patriotic tunes. The arrangements for the meeting were admirably carried out by R. W. Cullen and L. Cantwell.

On motion of Mr. R. W. Cullen, seconded by Mr. John Flynn, Mr. Laurence F. Cantwell presided. Mr. Thomas Power (chairman Waterford Co. Council) proposed the following resolution: "That we endorse in its entirety the programme of the United Irish League." Stirling addresses were also delivered by John Cullinan, Basha; Thos. Barry, Mallow; P. F. Walsh, Mallow; P. O'Gorman, Lismore; A. Heskin, Mallow, and E. Fitzgerald, Sotr, Mallow.

## UTSTER.

### ANTRIM.

The death of Rev. Charles McGill, C. C. Main Head, happened March 13, aged 33 years. Solemn Office and High Mass were held in St. Mary's Star of the Sea, and the funeral took place immediately after; both were very numerous attended.

A meeting of the Ballymore branch of the United Irish League was held on March 11. Mr. D. Dempsey, president in the chair. After the usual business was transacted D. Dempsey, George McFall and John Mullan made complimentary remarks regarding the late Mr. James O'Kane. The following resolution was unanimously adopted and passed in silence: "That the Ballymore Branch of the United Irish League desires to express its sense of the loss sustained by the Catholic community of the town in the lamented and unexpected death of Mr. James O'Kane. As an Irishman who loved his country, and until recent years, a prominent member of the National organizations in this parish, his patriotic zeal was seconded only to his ardent and devoted attachment to the ancient Faith of our Fathers—so the Church sustains the loss of a devoted son, our country an earnest worker, and the town one of its most enterprising and successful business men. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mrs. O'Kane and family, with the sincerest sympathies of the members of this branch."

### ARMAGH.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at Lurgan by a Pro-Boer demonstration. Two thousand Nationalists marched through the streets with green banners bearing patriotic mottoes, while bands accompanying the procession played Irish airs. In the Orange districts the demonstrators shouted "Go on Kruger," and "Down with the British!" and uncompromising references were made toward the Queen and General Buller. At night small parties of

nationalists continued to parade, proclaiming their Pro-Boer sentiments.

On St. Patrick's night a concert, under the auspices of the Children of Mary Table, in aid of the National Cathedral fund, was given in the Synod Hall, Armagh. Cardinal Logue was present. The programme, composed principally of Irish music, was arranged artistically and deserved the plaudits which the various items called forth.

## CAVAN.

In this county the festival of Saint Patrick was fittingly celebrated by the religious ceremonies which Saint Patrick himself established in Ireland some one thousand four hundred years ago. Banners and the "chosen leaf of bard and chief" were everywhere displayed.

Mr. J. A. Coyne, National School Inspector in the Tralee District of County Kerry, during eight years past, is now in the District of Cavan.

## DERRY.

The festival of the National Apostle was observed in Derry City with impressive religious fervor. Early Masses were celebrated in St. Eugene's Cathedral, the Long Tower and St. Columb's, Waterside, and the congregations which attended filled the sacred edifices, whilst the numbers who received Holy Communion told eloquently of the piety and fervor of the people. All the large factories were closed. Hundreds came into the city to join the St. Patrick's Day procession. "The chosen leaf" was worn by all classes and creeds. It was laughable to see the sudden love the Derry Apprentice Boys and the "heavenly" sons of William from the lodges have taken for the triple leaf. In the afternoon a procession of several bands and many beautiful banners was formed, and marched to the city walls, of which a circuit was made. Two hundred additional police under County Inspector Leatham, were drafted into the city, but the day passed over without any unpleasant occurrence. In the past the same happy condition would have existed only for Orange devilry and ruffianism.

## DONEGAL.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Gavigan, Belleek, took place March 11 to the Abbey, Ballyshannon, and was numerous attended. Mr. Gavigan is a floral artist in the Belleek Pottery Co.

On St. Patrick's Day the band turned out in Ballyshannon, the members wearing green sashes fringed with gold and embroidered with harp and shamrock. A large number of persons formed a procession behind. At the head of the procession was carried by persons a beautiful new flag of green silk, 7 feet by 4, from corners of which hung green tassels mounted on twelve feet poles of emerald green, the cross poles being tipped with gold. The front of the flag was emblazoned in gold and the motto, "Erin go Bragh." On the reverse side centre was the likeness of Mr. Wm. O'Brien neatly encased in gold. The band, which was the admiration of all, by its fine military appearance and excellent music, struck up "Patrick's Day" and the procession marched through the streets.

## DOWN.

The festival of the National Apostle in the year 1900 will long be remembered in Castletown. Not since 1884 has there been such an assemblage seen in its streets as that which was witnessed on Saturday. Shortly after first Mass St. Malachy's Brass Band paraded the streets, playing National airs. Then after last Mass the local bands set out to meet the bands and contingents who had signified their intention of coming from a distance. Shortly after 1 o'clock the vast procession entered the town.

## FERMANAGH.

Alexander Paterson fell over the wall at the West Bridge, Enniskillen, March 4th, and was drowned. His comrade, named Bell, made a heroic effort to rescue the drowning man, but failed.

On March 11 the remains of Mrs. Gavigan Clybore, Belleek, were removed from Clybore, for interment in the Abbey, Ballyshannon.

## MONAGHAN.

This festival of Ireland's patron saint was observed in Monaghan with that religious ardor and Nationalist enthusiasm for which the people of the historic county have been remarkable. At the Masses the attendance was very large. Ireland's triple leaf was everywhere to be seen.

On March 18 another glorious page was added to the history of the ancient diocese of Clogher, already rich in historic traditions of faith and patriotism. The occasion was the dedication of the new Church of St. Joseph at Monaghan. The new church is a magnificent Gothic building and harmonizes with the Cathedral of St. Macarten. It is situated at the southern end of the town, on a site given by Lord Rossmore, and very near the Convent of St. Louis and the Christian Brothers' establishment. The altars—of which there are three—the high altar, the altar of St. Joseph and that of the Blessed Virgin—of marble, are the gift of Mr. Peter Kelly, Monaghan. The ceremony of dedication was performed by Cardinal Log