

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.

GALWAY.

Mr. Edward Martyn, I. N. D. L. T. L. Castle, Ardahan, has resigned his offices as Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant of the county, as he believes that all the misery and trouble in Ireland are caused by the British misrule. Mr. Martyn, at a Christian entertainment, would not allow "God Save the Queen" nor "The Absent-Minded Beggar" to be sung in his castle. His eyes have been opened, he says, to the crimes committed on the Irish people under the guise of British law and civilization. Would that more martyrs were in Erin!

LEITRIM.

Mrs. Michael Kilrane, formerly of Townymore, Redhill, died March 29 at Baggott Street Hospital, Dublin. She was daughter of Mr. Peter McCordrich, Currygrange, Newtownforbes, County Longford. The remains were conveyed by rail to Newtownforbes for interment.

The members of the Manorhamilton Catholic Young Men's Society held a meeting on March 24. Rev. P. McLaughlin, president, occupied the chair.

MAYO.

Died—March 10, at Inishook, The Nurse, Mrs. Richard Browne, aged 91 years. March 18, Aughagoker, Westport, Edward Henry, aged 70 years.

On March 11 happened the death of Mr. Henry Hill, Mayfield, Claremorris, from influenza. He had well-gone recovery and was able to go out for a few hours on Saturday previous. Notwithstanding the improvement, the end came the following night. His spiritual needs were attended to by Rev. J. Stephens, Crossboyne, and by the Rev. Father Burke. The remains were interred in the family burying ground in the old abbey of Ballinacorney. The funeral procession was very large and representative. The burial service was read by the Rev. James Stephens.

At the weekly meeting of the Boyle Board of Guardians on March 24 Mr. John Hunt, chairman of Boyle No. 2 District Council, presided.

ROSCOMMON.

The death of Mr. Killy, of Doon, Boyle, father of the Very Rev. President of Sligo College, Rev. Patrick Killy, professor, and Sister Mary Elizabeth of the Mercy Convent, Sligo, died of congestion of lungs, in his 83d year, March 30. Office and Mass in the Parish Church, Boyle, were numerously attended as was the funeral.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Comnaught Committee of clerical managers of National Schools and forwarded to the Board of Irish National Education: "1. That, where Irish is still the spoken language of the people, the system of bilingual instruction as practised in Wales be immediately introduced into the schools." "2. That, in those districts where Irish is no longer the usual language of the people, it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerated subject, within school hours, and at the earliest age at which the children are capable of learning it."

That in any system substituted for the present system of results examination, the incentives to industry and proficiency of careful teaching hitherto supplied by that system be substantially retained." Patrick Canon Kilkenny, Claremorris, chairman; Mgr. Henry Hewson, Belmullet; Mgr. John O'Hara, Crossmolina; Patrick Canon Lowry, Gorteen; Mgr. P. McLaughlin, Roscommon; Mgr. P. Hanly, Castlereagh; Hugh Canon Gately, Strokestown; Bernard Canon Coyne, Boyle; Joseph Corcoran, Portlanna; J. J. Yelley, Athlone; Jerome Fahey, secretaries.

SLIGO.

Died—On March 24, at Walker's Row, Sligo, James Dawson, aged 70 years. March 21, at Abbey Street, Sligo, Annie O'Hara, aged 31 years. March 16, at Leeds, of congestion of the lungs, Mr. Daniel Ward of Oldfield, Sligo, aged 30 years.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Sister Mary Agnes, of the Presentation Order, Holy Cross Convent, Waterford City, died March 26, in the 32d year of her religious life. She was daughter of late Mr. Edward Phelan, Borris.

On March 25 a renewal mission and annual retreat of the Sodality of the Sacred Heart was commenced in St. Andrew's Church, Bagnaistown. Three Redemptorist Missionaries (Fathers Griffith, Lowham and McDonnell) conducted the retreat.

On March 26 Rev. C. Horan, chaplain, Carlow Workhouse, delivered a lecture on "Irish Catholicity at Home and Abroad," in the room of the Catholic Institute, Carlow. The subject was one which appealed strongly to the religious and patriotic sentiments of the audience, and it was treated in a masterly manner.

On March 27 the remains of Miss Lily Crotty were removed from Barrack Street, for interment in Killeshill Cemetery. The children of Barrack Street National School walked after the hearse. The chief mourners were Mr. A. Crotty (father), Mr. H. C. Crotty (brother), Miss Montgomery (aunt).

DUBLIN.

Archbishop Walsh of Dublin had a long audience with the Pope March 25. The Pope condemned the war, which was costing the lives of so many men. The Archbishop said the Pope was anxious that the Catholic clergy should exert all their influence to stop the unjust war.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at 29 Drumcondra road recently for the purpose of establishing the National League. Rev. Dr. O'Connell presided.

Fr. O'Callaghan, St. Joseph's Berkerow, occupied the chair.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

MOORE—March 26, at 44 Chelmsford road, Eliza Moore aged 62 years.

REILLY—March 24, at 1 Elm Park Terrace, Terenure, John Reilly, for 26 years employe in D. U. T. Company.

ROCHE—On Monday, March 26, at the Royal Hospital, Kilmannham, Michael Roche, late of College Green.

SHAW—March 26, at St. Vincent's Hospital, William Shaw, of 29 Vincent's street.

M'BRIEN—March 28 at Langrish place, John M'Brien.

MCBOUGH—March 27, at 25 Upper Dorset street, in the 81st year of his age, Bernard McBough, formerly of Monaghan.

TRAYNOR—March 26, at Dargle road, Bray.

LOUGHRAN—ON March 21, at 1 Cottage place, North Circular road, Mrs. Anne Loughran, daughter of the late Patrick Ward, formerly of Garlistown and Oldtown, aged 65 years.

CASSERLY—March 20, at 25 Haughey street, E. James Casserly.

CASSIN—March 24, 1900, at 62 Summer Hill Catherine Cassin.

O'REILLY—March 20, John O'Reilly member of the Dublin Typographical Society.

SCANLAN—March 27, at 32 Wentworth place, Annie (Nannie) Scanlan.

CANTERBURY—March 27, at 1 York Terrace, Ringsend, and late of Arkow, John Canterbury, aged 80.

KILDARE.

Mr. Andrew Galbraith, of Ballyroan, died suddenly March 26, immediately after eating a fine dinner in usual health. From the moment he took sick he became unconscious and remained so until he died.

A meeting of the Ladies' Committee for the promotion of the drawing of prizes in connection with the Christian Brothers' Schools was held March 29 at the Christian Brothers' house, Agh, Mrs. Minch presiding. The secretaries—Miss Whelan and Miss Carbery—had a very comprehensive programme to be gone through. The committee agreed on the several points steps are being taken to have a Dublin band. The Christian Brothers gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £5 from Miss Keating and £1 from Lord Frederick Fitzgerald toward their building fund.

KILKENNY.

At St. Mary's Convent, Rochampton, London, England, on the Feast of Our Lady's Annunciation, Miss Helen Corbett, in religion Sister M. Gabriella, made her final vows. Sister Gabriella is a daughter of the late Philip Corbett, of Tullowherin, Thomastown.

Mrs. Patrick Kearns, of Newrath, near Waterford City, on the road to Mullinabro, was burned to death March 29. Her house took fire and in trying to save three cows in the outhouse, she perished, as also did the three fine cows.

At a meeting of the Kilkenny branch of the Gaelic League the following resolution was passed on the proposition of Alderman James Nolan, seconded by Mr. P. Walsh: "That the best thanks of the Kilkenny branch of the Gaelic League be given to Captain the Hon. O'way Cuffe for his kindness in presenting to the library of the branch the valuable book entitled, 'A Literary History of Ireland,' by Dr. Douglas Hyde; that the members value the gift highly; that the thanks of the meeting are also accorded to Captain Cuffe for the evident interest he takes in the movement for the preservation of our National language, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the donor and the local papers."

KINGS.

At the meeting of the Edenderry Guardians, March 24, Mr. P. Dugran, chairman presiding, Mr. O'Connell, Officer Slewin reported that Dr. Lancaster, Ballybogdan, had become incapacitated, and engaged Dr. Hamilton, Edenderry, for a fortnight. In reply to Mr. Shiel, Slewin said that Dr. Lancaster did not explain how he became incapacitated, but he (Slewin) heard that he met an accident hunting. It was unanimously agreed to call on Dr. Lancaster to furnish the board with a report as to the cause of his incapacitation for work.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Kinsella, Rathoe, County Carlow, which occurred at the residence of her son, Rev. John Kinsella, Edenderry, on March 26. Mrs. Kinsella had reached the age of 97 years. She was a sister of the late Rev. John Nolan, P. P. of Kildare, one of the pioneers of the Home Rule government and a potent ally of Isaac Butt. A. M. Sullivan and the other National Leaguers. Father Thomas Nolan, of Abbeyleix, was a brother of the deceased. The remains were removed from Edenderry to Kildare, and thence by rail to Carlow. At Carlow station they were placed in a hearse and taken to Rathoe Catholic church where the solemn obsequies were held.

LONGFORD.

Mrs. Bridget Egan, Laneshoro street Longford, died rather suddenly March 18.

The people of the districts which constitute the area under the control of the North Longford Executive of the United Irish League are nobly supporting the Irish cause. They recently subscribed \$100 to the fund.

LOUTH.

On March 27 Mr. Justice Meredith, Commissioner the Hon. Gerald Fitzgerald and recently Mr. Commissioner Lynch heard fair rent cases from the County Louth. Eleven cases were heard, but no question, save that of acreable rent, was involved.

MEATH.

On March 25 a meeting was held at Newcastle to establish a branch of the U. I. L. Mr. Thomas Lynch occupied the chair.

The Unionist and "shoneen" Justices of the Peace for the county presented this address of welcome to "Queen Boycott." They say she has no more loyal "subjects" in her dominions than the Irish! Of course this is a lie of the first water; but they don't care; they are honorable men, and each would be made by any one who doubted his word. Here is the address: "May it please Your Majesty, we, the Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenant and Justices of the Peace of the County of Meath, beg Your Majesty to accept our most cordial welcome on your present visit to Ireland. We believe that in no part of Your Majesty's wide dominions will you find more loyal subjects than in Ireland, and we desire, humbly, to assure Your Majesty of our devotion to your throne and person."

QUEENS.

John Whelan, aged 37, in the employment of Mr. William Dunne, Ballymanus, while riding a bicycle on the road near Stradally, March 24, ran into a pony and trap being driven by Mr. Michael Mara, Maryborough, and sustained fatal injuries.

The death recently of Father Thos. Feehan, pastor, Castletown, was very deeply and widely regretted, after thirty years of missionary labors. His many fine qualities—religious and otherwise—had endeared him to priests and people. Few preachers could exceed him in oratory and fervor.

Widespread regret was felt at the death of Mr. Augustine Edward Marum Arhoney House, March 27. Mr. Marum was a son of the late Mr. R. Mullen Marum, B. L. M. P., (whose death, it will be remembered, was the occasion of the famous North Kilkenny election of 1890), and his early death is rendered especially sad by the fact that his only sister (Miss Marum) died eight days previous from the same fatal disease—diphtheria. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Marum. The Office and High Mass took place on Thursday at Lisdowry Church. The funeral was very largely attended.

WESTMEATH.

Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, is the recipient of a handsome address from the Mullingar Town Commissioners. The presentation was made by Mr. James Boyne, chairman.

A sad burning fatality occurred on March 26 at Munroe, near Turin John McCormack, aged 2 years, was left alone in the house while his mother was gathering firewood. On her return, she was horrified to meet him outside, with his clothing in flames and nearly burned off of him. Two hours afterward he died.

WEXFORD.

On March 24 Solemn High Mass and Requiem Office for the repose of the soul of Sister Mary Dominic Phelan was celebrated in the Chapel of the Presentation Convent, Waterford. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of the Diocese of Ferns, presided. During the ceremonies the chapel was filled by the Nuns of the Community and friends of the deceased.

The people in the parish of the Lady's Island and Tausumshane are generously supporting the Evicted Tenants' Fund.

WICKLOW.

On March 27, as James McLoughlin, aged 55, native of Rossington was driving cattle to the fair in Carlow, he took ill suddenly at Greenlane Bridge and died. The police found £250 in his pocket.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

Father O'Gorman, Broadford, while driving to Limerick March 18 on a sidecar, and some cyclists having ridden up the horse became restive, and, swerving sharply, Father O'Gorman was thrown off, and sustained bruises and a cut on the forehead. The horse ran away and dashed against a ditch. The car was broken. Father O'Gorman was taken into Mr. O'Grady's house at Blackwater, and subsequently removed to the Presbytery at Broadford, where he is being attended to by Dr. T. Ryan, Broadford, and going on all right.

The death of Rev. P. Barry, Ennis, happened on March 24 in Saint Vincent's Hospital, Dublin in the forty-third year of his age. He was a native of Bridgetown, parish of Killahee. His early studies were made in the old Diocesan College, and after in Maynooth. He was ordained in 1882. The scenes of his missionary labors were Ruan, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Castleconnell, Roscrea and Ennis. Rev. Dr. MacRedmond, the Lord Bishop of Killahee presided at the High Mass Rev. M. Carey, Doora, was celebrant of the Mass; Rev. J. Scanlan Clonlara, was deacon, and Rev. S. Slattery, Roscrea, was sub-deacon. Rev. W. Burke, Killeedy, was master of ceremonies.

CORK.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mrs. John Lewis, of Carrigane, Mitchelstown, which happened on March 20. Mrs. Lewis was much esteemed by the people among whom she lived. The requiem services and the funeral were numerously attended. She was mother of Rev. Brother De Sales Lewis, of St. Francis' college, Butler street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In the death of Mrs. O'Shea, which occurred lately at Corliss, a most valuable life was brought to a close; while sadder still, her brother, Mr. Eugene Driscoll, of Frobenius, a District Councilor of Skibbereen Union, and in the prime of life, also died at the same time, and both funerals wended their way to the graveyard together.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

MURPHY—On March 29, at the Mercy Hospital, Timothy J. Murphy of No. 9 Vincent View, Marydyke, commercial traveler, aged 45.

NAGLE—On March 29, at Drom-down, Ballycough, Ellen Nagle.

REGAN—On March 29, at Castle-magner, Maurice Regan, aged 67 years.

AHERN—On March 29, at 83-a-on-avenue, Michael Ahern (late of Parade Market), aged 67.

DELEA—March 30, at 12 Corn Market street, Patrick Delea.

LYNCH—William Lynch, aged 61. For 28 years in the employment of Messrs. Allman, Dowden & Co., brewers, Bandon.

BUCKLEY—On March 29, at Nicholas street, Mrs. Julia Buckley.

AHERN—March 29, at 8 Horgan's Buildings, Timothy Ahern (late of St. Luke's).

FOOTE—March 30, at 40 Sarshold Terrace, Bridget Foote, at Fountainstown.

LORDEN—On March 28, at Lissarounke, Newcastle, Patrick Lorden.

POWER—On March 28, at The Rock, Mallow, James Power, aged 70.

CONDON—March 29, Joseph Patrick Condon, Main street.

LAWTON—On March 29, at New Road, Bandon, Thomas Lawton, aged 17 years.

SCANLAN—On March 24, at 7 Park Villas, Victoria road, Agnes Scanlan.

CLARKE—On March 26, at 40 Grand Parade, Henry Clarke.

HAYES—At Dawstown, Blarney, Margaret, relict of the late Cornelius Hayes.

DUFF—On March 25, at 28 Bandon road, Catherine Duff, of Kilmoney.

FLANAGAN—On March 25, at O'Flanagan, Orange Ferry, J. R. O'Flanagan, aged 85 years.

RIORDAN—On March 26, at Old Market place, Cornelius Riordan.

MURPHY—On March 27, at Wnter Hill, Lizzie Murphy, aged 19 years.

KERRY.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. P. Costelloe at his residence Springfield, on March 28. Deceased was widely respected, and his death evoked general regret. The funeral, at Abbeydorney, was numerously attended.

On St. Patrick's night the members of the Tralee Gaelic League had a pleasant reunion in their rooms. The Mass. A very pleasant feature was the presence of young ladies, enthusiastic members of the branch, including Mrs. E. Harrington, L. O'Gorman, E. Cremin, M. Courtney, K. Cremin and others. Numerous songs and recitations in the vernacular were excellently rendered. Among the contributions was an address in Gaelic by Mr. J. Kavanaugh.

Four matches in connection with the Listowel Hurling and Football Tournament were listed for discussion on March 18 but one of the teams (Newcastle West Lord Edwards) did not put in an appearance. The other football match between Ballygunton and Newtownshandee however, was played on in Listowel, and was witnessed with a good deal of interest.

On March 18 a most enthusiastic meeting was held at Rathmore Chapel March 18 to establish a branch of the League. Mr. Eugene O'Keefe presided. Mr. P. Finnegan, Killarney, gave a powerful address in which he enumerated the objects of the league, and urged the necessity for every district throughout Nationalist Ireland being banded under its patriotic principles. On motion of Mr. John O'Connor seconded by Mr. D. O'Keefe, a resolution was passed enthusiastically adopting the "United Irish League," hailing its progress with gratification and pledging the meeting to assist in the spreading of the organization. Mr. J. B. Roche, M. P., was called upon for an explanation of his conduct, and the toastiness of the Dublin Corporation was denounced. Mr. John Murphy, Killarney delivered a speech which was received with ringing cheers, and the meeting then proceeded to the appointment of officers. Mr. Eugene O'Keefe was elected chairman and Mr. Daniel D. Moynihan treasurer and Mr. M. O'Connor secretary. The Rathmore people will have no nonsense.

LIMERICK.

At a meeting of the Limerick Corporation March 23, Councillor Waelin proposed that we express our sympathy with the President, Kruger and the Boers in the loss sustained by the death of General Buller and we hope that this event will not injuriously affect the cause of the gallant people of the Transvaal in their struggle to preserve their independence, which has won the admiration of every country except England in the civilized world. Councillor Moran, seconded. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The bazaar and drawing of prizes for St. Joseph's church, Limerick, will be held July 20. The prizes are numerous and very valuable and include a silver medal from the Pope with his image thereon. Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, gives a prize that will take any of the first-class lines from Queenstown to New York, or from New York to Queenstown. Should this prize be won outside of Ireland, the fortunate person will be advised by cable. The tickets are only twelve cents each so that every one who desires to help the good work can do so. Tickets may be obtained from Father O'Donnell, Adm. Limerick, or from Alderman Quaid, 258 Bernard street, Chicago.

On March 18 a most successful meeting was held at Monaleen Chapel after last Mass, to establish a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. Wm. Noonan presided. The chairman recommended the League to the men of the parish. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we establish a branch of the League in Monaleen and pledge ourselves to work earnestly for its aims and objects." The following officers and committee were elected: President, Mr. W. Noonan, vice-president, Mr. Thomas Lane; treasurer, Mr. Richard Leonard; secretary, Mr. John Butler. Committee: James Nolan, H. Bugler, M. Naughton, John Nunan, Tim Nunan, B. Laffan, J. Fitzgibbon, J. Hurley, P. O'Mara, J. Murphy, J. McNeill, Jr., J. Leonard, P. Flynn, J. Hickie.

The death of Mrs. O'Malley, Murroe, occurred March 22. Requiem Services were held on March 24, and services and funeral were very numerously attended. All her daughters—four—are nuns. The Office and Requiem Mass took place at Murroe Parish Church. Very Rev. Michael Ryan, presided; celebrant, Rev. C. F. Ryan, Fethered; deacon, Father Horan; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Nolan; master of ceremonies, Rev. John J. Nolan.

TIPPERARY.

Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, has given the third donation of \$500 to the fund of the Ballingarry Convent Church.

Members of the Confraternity in Thurles have secured a site for their new hall. Singularly enough, it is the spot where the bird well stood in the Courthouse grounds. The lease runs for 999 years, at \$5 a year rent.

Died—On March 15, at Bartloose, Emly, Daniel Mitchell, aged 70 years, father of J. B. Mitchell (world's champion thrower). On March 12, at Clonoulty, Gools Cross, Mrs. Catherine Hammersley, aged 63 years.

The induction of the Rev. P. O'Keefe as parish priest took place at Cappawhite on March 25. The Very Rev. Canon Cahill, P. P., Tipperary, who officiated, ascended the pulpit after 11 o'clock Mass and said: "A word in

explanation why I am here as the Vicar of the Diocese, deputed by the Archbishop, and in his name, for the purpose of inducting Father O'Keefe as pastor of the parish. It was an ancient usage in the Church, but, owing to persecution, it fell into disuse, but has, in modern times, been revived. The profession of Faith was then read by Father O'Keefe. The Gospels and Keys were afterward delivered to him. The brass band paraded in honor of the occasion, and accompanied the Very Rev. Canon and Rev. Father O'Keefe, playing stirring National airs to aid from the church. The Canon thanked the band.

WATERFORD.

Mrs. David Malcomson, of Portland died at Ballinakill, near Waterford City, March 26, deeply regretted. She was a daughter of the late Samuel King, Mount Pleasant, in the same locality.

The few Tories, Unionists, Freemasons, Orangemen and three Catholics in Waterford City who are so bewildered at finding themselves moving in a "society" where they never dreamed they would or could be tolerated, have presented an address of loyal welcome to the "Queen of Boycotting," on her arrival in Ireland. Of course, they do not represent the sentiment of the people of Meagher's natal city, who scorn the pack of toadies and sycophants.

In the Presentation Convent Holy Cross, City of Waterford, died Sister Mary Agnes, March 21, in the 32d year of her religious life. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Edward Phelan, Borris, Carlow. Rt. Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, presided at the Requiem services, which were numerously attended by priests and laity. After the sacred ceremonies, the interment took place in the quiet convent cemetery, the Christian Brothers of Mount Sion carrying the remains to the grave.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

In Lisbon these genuine Irishmen and Irishwomen are keeping going in the style the work of reviving the Irish language. All who help out this most important work are performing a benefit to the future people of Ireland the value of which cannot be expressed in words. They are Very Rev. M. McCashin, Mr. Michael J. Hussey, Miss Kate Lavery, hon. secretary, Miss Mary Walsh, hon. treasurer, Miss Donagh, Miss Lenagh, Miss Teresa Downey, Miss M. Downey, Miss Celia Savage, Miss M. Johnson, Mr. James Keenan, Mr. Dan Maginness, Miss Katie O'Shea, Miss Bella O'Shea, Mr. John Beckett, Mr. Derry, Mr. John Downey, Mr. J. Scannell, Miss Jennie Downey, Mr. M. Rice.

On March 1, in the lecture hall of the Central Catholic Club, Belfast, an instructive and interesting lecture was delivered by Rev. J. Burns, Adm. St. Mary's, Mr. Phillip Ward, president Central Catholic Club Literary Society, presided. Present, Rev. A. Macaulay, St. Brigid's, Rev. H. Skelington, St. Patrick's, Rev. John Hill and E. I. Macaulay. The subject of the lecture was "A Chapter of Local Catholic History," and the reverend lecturer gave a lucid and convincing account of the progress of Catholicity in Belfast from the consecration of Most Rev. Dr. Denby as Bishop of Down and Connor in 1835 in the face of many difficulties and hardships.

The lecture was illustrated by a series of views. The Rev. A. Macaulay and others thanked Father Burns for his great treat.

Mr. D. Dempsey presided at recent meeting of the members of the Ballymoney branch of the United Irish League, when these resolutions were unanimously adopted: "That as the coming visit of Victoria to this country after forty years is intended to draw forth manifestations of loyalty and make it appear to other nations that Ireland is with her Government in this atrocious war, it behooves Irish Nationalists to give no cause for misrepresentation. That she cannot expect the people to believe that for such a long period she has dissembled her feelings for them, and, therefore, there should be no displays on her progress through Dublin or elsewhere. That in place of rejoicing at the conduct of our countrymen in the British army in South Africa—who bore the brunt of the fighting and made cover for the English regiments—we regret that the subjugation of the gallant Boers, who are struggling to preserve their independence may be accomplished to a large extent by Irish soldiers in their ranks, and we are glad that at the slaughter of the wretched Arabs at Omdurman, where glory was cheaply earned, it was the English troops that the foul and murderous work. That the reflection of the bill is to provide Catholics with a higher education affords the latest illustration of the gratitude of the British for the services of their Irish hirelings, and therefore the permission or command to her troops to wear the shamrock is the measure of the benefits intended to be conferred."

ARMAGH.

On March 18 Rev. M. McNamee, Market Hill, was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial from the parishioners of Ballymore and Mullabrick. Father McNamee was forced through ill health to resign the mission. This news was received with sorrow by the people. To testify their sympathy with him and to show their appreciation of the great interest he had displayed during past ten years in their spiritual and temporal welfare, the parishioners determined to present him with a testimonial. In raising it they received the co-operation of his clerical friends in the archdiocese and of lay persons outside. On Sunday a deputation consisting of Messrs. Morgan, Murphy, Cumming, Rice and McConnell waited on him at the parochial house, Market Hill, and handed over to him a well-filled purse of sovereigns. Father McNamee desired them to accept for themselves, and to convey to all his other friends his most sincere thanks for their kind expressions of sympathy, and for their generous contributions of any little service he rendered to them since he came to labor in their midst.

CAVAN.

The death of Edward McKernan

(formerly of Swallowbar), member of the Bakers' Trade Union, 8 Upper Bridge street, Dublin, occurred March 4, to the inexpressible grief of his sorrowing wife and family. Funeral was from his late residence, 17 Sherard avenue, in Glasnevin Cemetery, and was numerously attended.

The movement for the preservation and spread of the Irish language has taken a firm foothold in Keady, as fully evidenced by the great success of a meeting held in the Town Hall, March 26, under the auspices of the local branch. Rev. Patrick Vallety, Keady, the esteemed and energetic president of the Branch, presided, and the hall was taxed to its utmost capacity with a large audience. A well trained band from Darkley discoursed an enjoyable programme of national airs. The proceedings were opened by Father Vallety, who said he took part in the meeting with the greatest possible pleasure, because he believed on National and patriotic grounds that the revival and extension of the Irish language ought to command the active support of all classes of the Irish people. It was gratifying to note the progress of the cause throughout the country from day to day. He congratulated them on the treat that was in store for them that night. Mr. O'Shea, who was about to lecture to them, was one of the most distinguished of Irish scholars, as well as of Irish writers and orators. As a proof of Mr. O'Shea's qualifications as an Irish speaker he might mention that he had been selected from all Ireland to deliver the Irish oration at the annual Gaelic festival in Dublin in May.

Mr. O'Shea was made the recipient of a great ovation, delivered a learned, but a most practical and interesting lecture on the Irish language, in which he advocated its preservation, and showed clearly the tremendous loss which would accrue to the Irish people if the mother tongue were allowed to perish.

DERRY.

With regret we chronicle the sudden death of James Brisson, farmer, Loughash, which took place March 25, under melancholy circumstances. He was in his usual health on Sunday until the evening, when he went out to his out office to see that his cattle were all right for the night. On coming into the house and sitting at the fire he began to cut some tobacco and clean out a pipe to have a smoke. The servant saw that he was in the act of falling off the chair, caught hold of him, and took him to the door to get air, thinking he was in a faint, while his wife put water on his hands and forehead, but he never recovered consciousness. The suddenness of his death cast a gloom over the locality. His funeral took place on March 27 and was well attended by his relations and neighbors, who escorted his remains to the family burying ground at Glenmornan.

DONEGAL.

The interment of Mrs. J. Condon The Cottage, Ballyshannon, took place in the ancient burial place of Abbey Assaroo, March 10. The funeral was very numerously attended.

Mr. P. M. Gallagher presided at meeting of the members of the Donegal branch of the Gaelic League, March 18. It was resolved to hold a concert in the Temperance Hall, Donegal, at which Gaelic songs and choruses would be rendered by members. Songs readings and dramatic performance were given (in English) by a first class company of artists. The choir and soloist entered for and representing the branch at the forthcoming Fels Coill performed their pieces. The object of the concert was to raise funds to meet the expenses of sending the choir to Belfast. The choir, having now got fairly under way, are making rapid progress, and are expected to render a good account of themselves.