

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.

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MAYO.

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Francis Moran, Banagher, boatman, with the Canal Company, when on the steamer Fly, April 14, found a man drowned at the second lock, Grand Canal, Dublin. Deceased was about 59 years of age. In the pockets of his clothing were found a purse and two envelopes, one containing receipts, and the other two one-pond notes. The envelopes were addressed to "John Burns, Naas road, Clondalkin," and the receipts were for rates paid on 20th and 27th March, 1900, by John Burns. There were also in the pockets a pair of spectacles, a door key, a gold watch and silver chain, and 7s. 1d.

The death of Mr. Patrick O'Connor happened on April 19, at the home of his father, in Bohernacross, Edgeworthstown, at the age of 26 years, and the sad event was widely and deeply regretted. The funeral to Ardagh cemetery was numerously attended.

Mr. Nell Prunty presided at recent meeting of the members of Kilcoo branch of the United Irish League, the following officers being present: Mr. E. McGerr, treasurer, Mr. T. Jennings, assistant secretary. This resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we condemn the want of patriotism of the majority of the Longford traders and shopkeepers in withholding support from U. I. L., and call upon the Nationalists of this parish to patronize the establishments where cards of membership are exposed in the windows."

On April 15 a public demonstration, under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League, was held at Legan. Contingents attended from Longford, Edgeworthstown, Ardagh, Moydow, Abbeyshrule, Carrickedmond, etc. A large force of police under the command of District Inspector Scully, of Ballymahon, was present. The proceedings were characterized by the greatest enthusiasm, and the references to the South African war drew forth tremendous cheers for Kruger and the Boers.

LOUTH. A great demonstration was held in Drogheda on April 22. All sections of the Nationalists are reunited, and the war is being waged for the "Land for the People," with the vigor which characterized the best days of the Land League. The meeting was held on the Mall. Mr. Elcock, the patriotic Mayor, presided. Speeches were delivered by the county member, Mr. Richard McGehe; Mr. Wm. Redmond, M. P., and Mr. P. McHugh, Mayor of Sligo.

On Sunday morning, April 15, Thos. Brien of Oldbridge was knocked down in West street, Drogheda, opposite the Memorial Church by a hackney car, driven by Mr. Reilly. Mr. Brien, who was fatally injured, was at once removed to the hospital, where he was attended by Father Curry, St. Mary's, and by Drs. Adrian and Kelly, but he died the same afternoon.

WESTMEATH. The death of Miss Gerty Gaynor of Fully, Athlone, happened on April 9 at the residence of her cousin, Mr. Kenney Castlewilder, Grand, County Longford. She was 22 years of age. A few days before her death she was in Dublin to see Victoria.

A great meeting, under the auspices of the United Irish League, was held April 15 at Cloneyheligue, ten miles from Mullingar. The object of the meeting was to launch the organization in South Westmeath. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and the utmost harmony was manifested.

The meeting was most representative, comprising members of the County Council and several District Councilors as well as many persons from Mullingar, Castletown, Killebeg, Tyrell's Pass and Stramstown. Mr. Thomas Brennan presided, and addresses were delivered by Joseph Kelly, O'Connell, North Westmeath Executive, S. Gavin and Owen Cowley. A fine procession was formed, which gave animation and impetus to the meeting.

A great stock of wheat, a large rick of hay a new winnowing machine and many other valuable machines were destroyed by fire at the home of Mr. Thomas Cloney, Blackhall, Glynn, April 17.

On April 13 Wexford lost one of her benefactors in the death of Mrs. Joanna Condon, Whitechurch. Deceased was in possession of all her faculties to the last, and up to Christmas last was able to visit New Ross and ransack her business weekly, although the distance is five miles.

Wexford was visited by Signor Giuseppe Marconi, Italian banker, the father of the inventor of wireless telegraphy. Signor Marconi was the guest of Mr. H. Jameson Davis at Kilsbeg Ennisorthy, with whom he is connected by marriage. Signor Marconi's wife and the mother of the great inventor, was a Miss Jameson, from the banks of the Slaney, and a sister of Mrs. Davis of Fairfield.

On the Feast of the Annunciation at Cheilly, Paris, Brother Edgar Stafford late of the Wexford Supply Stores, and son of Mr. William Stafford, Ballyhoker, made his solemn vows and was professed into the order of Christian Brothers. The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Le Roy, Superior-General of S. S. P., and took place at the Mother House of the Order of the Holy Ghost, Cheilly. Previous to his going to Cheilly, Brother Edgar resided at Rockwell College, Cashel. At present he is paying a visit to his parents in Ballyhoker, after which he will proceed to Rockwell College to teach.

On Wednesday April 18 the solemn ceremony of the transference of the coffin containing the remains of Canon Kenny Canon Kirwan and Rev. Father Roche from the old parish church to the grounds of the one in course of erection took place in the presence of the parish clergy and a large concourse of persons. The coffin of Canon Kenny of New Ross who was buried twenty-five years ago was slightly decayed. The coffin of Father Kirwan, who died two years ago, and of Father Roche, a curate, who died five years ago, were in good preservation. The remains were interred side by side before the High Altar. The scene as the priests in surplices, attended by acolytes, accompanied the remains followed by a large and reverential assemblage, was in every sense an impressive one.

WICKLOW. Recent Deaths in Wicklow—March 29, at 1 Lettrim place, Murrough, Wicklow, William Clarke. April 9, Anne Doyle, at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, at an advanced age. St. Patrick's Day, at the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, Mother Ursula Maher, at an advanced age. March 19, at Baitinglass, Catherine Byrne, Baitinglass.

MUNSTER. CLARE. With regret we chronicle the death of Sister Frances Doyle, Ennistymon. The sad event took place after a short illness at the Convent of Mercy on April 7. The deceased sister, who was 65 years of age, was a native of Ennis, and was 47 years in religion. On Monday a solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at the convent Chapel.

Very Rev. J. Molony, celebrant; the Very Rev. N. Newell, deacon; Rev. M. McConnon, sub-deacon; Rev. H. Concannon, master of ceremonies, and Rev. M. J. Tully and Rev. J. Fitzgerald, chanters. The remains were carried through the corridor of the convent, through the grounds to the convent cemetery. The Rev. M. McGurran, Vilshean, headed the funeral procession, carrying the crucifix, attended by acolytes followed by Rev. J. Molony, Ennistymon; Rev. R. Newell, Ennistymon; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, Ennistymon; Rev. M. J. Tully, Lisacannon; Rev. H. Concannon, Lisdoonvarna; Rev. M. Crowe, Killeenora; Rev. M. Kiely, Killeenora. Among the general public which led up at the rear were Dr. P. O'Dwyer, Patrick Daly, T. J. Kerin, J. Hinchey, F. Arthur, C. Hayes, J. Brosnan, M. Carrigg, P. Clancy, Ennistymon Union; T. Carrig, J. Kearney, J. Connolly, J. Arthur, M. Kelly, P. Curtin, M. McCarthy, P. Hynes, A. Walsh.

The quarterly meeting of Mallow Teachers' Association was held on April 21, and was the best for a long time. The members were gratified to find that Mr. Tyrer, the esteemed chairman, was able to preside.

The public meeting of Nationalists held in the Assembly Rooms, Cork City, April 19, in furtherance of National unity was of a highly encouraging character. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Christopher J. Dunn, chairman of the Butter market. Trustees and ex-president of the Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping. He was supported on the platform by an immense assemblage of representatives of National opinion in Cork, and the scene was one of the grandest ever seen in Cork City. Every public body and society claiming to be National was represented.

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ULSTER. ANTRIM. On April 16 the annual reunion of

Branches St. Malachy of the Irish National Foresters was held in St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, in the form of a grand soiree and ball. Mr. Michael McCulloch officiated as master of ceremonies, and assisted by Mr. Thomas Macaulay, performed the duties in a manner which left nothing to be desired.

Cardinal Logue delivered a most important address on the Irish language in the lecture hall of the Central Catholic Club, Belfast, April 22. It was under the auspices of the Belfast branches of the Gaelic League. Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, presided. An address of a very artistic finish was presented to the Cardinal, who replied in the grand old language of the Gael.

On Friday, April 6, were laid to rest in Bay, Gengarriff, the remains of Mr. James Kenny, Cushendall. The cortege was one of the longest seen in the locality for many years.

A meeting of the members of the West End Gaelic League was held April 12, in St. Paul's national schools, Leeson street, Belfast. Mr. P. J. O'Shea presided.

ARMAGH. Members of the Armagh Urban Council, at recent meeting, passed a resolution urging a commission to inquire into the unsatisfactory condition of railway and canal communication in Ireland and its injurious effect upon trade and agriculture.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Hugh Carberry, of Armagh, who died recently in Pretoria from wounds received in the battle of Moddersdrift. He was one of the band of heroes,