OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

On May 5 died in Castlebar Mrs. Mary McPhilpin, mother of Rev Peter J. McPhilpin, Aran Island, and of Mr. John McPhilpin of the Tuam News. The Requiem services and funeral were numerously attended Her death is deeply and widely regretted.

A very melancholy drowning accident occurred in Arran lately. Two young men named Griffin and Conneeley were coming from Kilronan in a canvas canoe by a short cut from Kilronan to the South Island when they were caught in a squall. The canoe upset and the men were lost. Some time after the canoe was driven ashore at Straw Island Search has been made for the missing men, but their bodies have not been recovered.

On April 26, Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the ceremony of reception took place in the chapel of the Convent of the Presentation Nuns Oranmore. The young lady who received the white veil and took for her religious name Sister Mary Antonia, is Miss Kathleen Cahir, daughter of Patrick Cahir, Esq., Knockroe House, Kilfenora, County Clare The Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Lord Bishop of Galway, celebrated Mass.

LEITRIM.

Mr Patrick McLaughlin, treasurer of the South Leitrim United Irish League Executive, lately forwarded one hundred and fifty dollars to the Central Executive, to assist the good work of rooting the tillers in the soil of Ireland.

The meeting of the Ballinamore branch of the United Irish League held May 6 was attended by Bernard Kean, chairman Resolutions were proposed and passed unanimouly, one of which called on the members to observe the rules, and the other discussed the action of the Ballinamore Rural District Council of the Bawnboy Union in the late co-option of a member. A letter was received from Mrs Catherin Ferguson, acknowledging resolution of sympathy with her husband Patrick McLoughlin, secretary.

The demise of Mr. Thomas Butler, merchant, Jamestown, occurred May 2 at the age of 60 years. The funeral, which took place on the 4th inst., bore ample testimony to the respect in which he was held.

MAYO.

The death of Mr. Thomas Sweeney, Claremorris, occurred May 8. His funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Claremorris.

Mr. J. Horan, guard on the Ballaghadereen branch of the Midland Great Western Railway, has been transferred to the line between Clifden and the ancient and historic City of the Tribes. He was very popular in Ballaghadereen, and his friends regret his removal.

On May 6, the mission which the Vincentian Fathers, Rev Father Jones and Rev. Father O'Donnell, opened on the previous Sunday in Ballyhaunis, closed with great solemnity. The sermons and lectures were very effective. On Sunday, long before the hour for opening, hundreds were waiting to be admitted, and at the commencement of devotions the church was filled, while hundreds had to be content with participation in the pravers from the exterior. Rev. Father Jones preached on the text: "If any man wishes to be saved, let him take up his cross, deny himself, and follow Me." The sermon was followed by prayers for our Holy Father, profession of faith, renewal of the baptismal vows, papal benediction and the Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament. Great numbers were enrolled in the brown scapular and the Society of the Sacred Heart.

ROSCOMMON.

At recent meeting of the members of the Cootehall branch of the United Irish League, Mr. John Hogg presided. The committee discussed the question of grazing under the eleven months' take, and were unanimous in upholding the rules of the League thereon.—M. Moran and M. Flynn, secretaries.

On April 30 the marriage took place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Castlerea, of Mr. Martin Gill, Lisolway, Castlerea, to Miss Maria Mulrennan, of Ballymulrennan, Castlerea. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. Sharkey, Castlerea, assisted by the Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly, Castlerea. Mr. Michael Gill, brother of the bridegroom, Tullamore, was best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Bridget and Miss Nellie Mulrennan, sisters of the bride. One hundred guests were at the wedding dinner and entertainment.

On Sunday, May 6, a great United Irish League demonstration was held in Strokestown. Bands attended from Tulsk, Strokestown and Kilglass. Very Rev. Canon Gately presided, and delivered a stirring oration, as did Messrs. J. J. Eardley and John Hayden, M. P. All shades of Nationalists were present on the platform and in the vast concourse which surrounded the structure.

SLIGO.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, on April 29 laid the foundation stone of the new church at Ballinameen. It was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and Saint Attracta. The building will be finished in a year and a half, and cost is estimated at $15,600. Father Foley, the pastor, will soon organize a bazaar to help the good work forward.

The death of James Martin, Kilmacbranny, Ballyfarnon, occurred in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, May 14. The remains were conveyed to his native place for interment.

At recent meeting of the Knocknarea branch of the United Irish League, Mr Kane, Bree, presided. A resolution of sympathy was passed to Mr. T. A. Vesey, Secretary to the North Sligo Executive, on the death of his sister. A resolution was also passed congratulating Mr. P. Flynn, upon his election as Chairman of the District Council. A resolution was also passed regretting the resignation of brave John McLoughlin, C. C., of the position of Secretary to the Sooey Branch of the United Irish League.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.

The death of Mr. Patrick Carroll, late of Potatoe Market Carlow occurred May 5, at 49 S Great Georges street Dublin. The funeral to Glasnevin cemetery was numerously attended. His many friends in the United States will learn of his death with deep regret.

DUBLIN.

The flunkies in Dublin are trying to raise money enough to erect a statue of the "Famine" Queen in Dublin The capital of Ireland will then be well supplied with the figures of alien robber-rulers Some years ago the enormous sum of two thousand dollars were raised in Dublin for this object, so that there is little hope for a statue yet.

Brother M. Kenny presided at recent meeting of the Old Guard Union, Dublin, when Messrs. P. Flood and J. F. Egan were initiated Brother Egan was presented with the silver badge and poplin ribbon of the O. G. U., as a special mark of esteem, for which honor he returned thanks Brothers Mitchell, Daly, Pender and O'Brien were deputed to wait on the Ladies' Committee of the Dublin Patriotic Children's Outing Association for the purpose of tendering the special services of fifty members of the Old Guard to act as an escort to the children on the excursion to Bodenstown on Wolfe Tone Day.

On April 31, under the auspices of the Royal Exchange Ward Ladies' Wolfe Tone Association, of Dublin, a grand Irish concert and entertainment in aid of the memorial, was given in the Workingmen's Club, Wellington quay. The program was an exceedingly attractive one, and pleased the audience

The obsequies of the Rev. Mother Vincent Flannery, of the Presentation Convent, George's Hall, Dublin, who died on April 28, took place on May 1. Mother Vincent entered the community fifty-three years ago Mother Flannery was a sister to the late Most Rev Dr Flannery Bishop of Killaloe, and a sister of the Rev P Flannery, Monsea, County Tipperary Mother M. Thomas, Superioress of the Presentation Convent, Terenure, County Dublin is also her sister Right Rev. Monsignor Fitzpatrick, Rathgar, presided at the Office

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

FARRELL—May 3, at St Vincent's Hospital, Denis Farrell Martinstown, Johnstown Bridge, Enfield.

MONAGHAN—April 30, at Estcourt, South Africa, of dysentery Michael Monaghan, 1st R. D Fusiliers

BRADY—At 36 Lower Gloucester street, Thomas Brady.

O'KEEFE—At Colenso, South Africa, of dysentery, Private James O'Keefe, R. D. Fusiliers, late of 7 Summer place.

LAWLOR—April 28, at Jervis Street hospital, James Lawlor, late secretary of the Dublin Operative Bakers' Society.

COLCLOUGH—May 7, at the Convent of the Holy Faith, Glasnevin, Sister Ellen Josephine Colclough, the beloved daughter of Mr Timothy Colclough, of Hazelhatch, aged 17 years.

KILDARE.

Thomas Barry, the railway porter who was killed by the engine running into the waiting-room of the terminus in Queenstown, April 24, was a native of Athy.

The death of Mr. Thomas Bryan, of Knockatillane, Kilbrode, occurred May 5, at an advanced age. The deceased was a nephew of Capt. Tom Bryan, of '98 fame, and related many interesting anecdotes of his uncle and other celebrities of that memorable year. After the obsequies in Kilbride chapel, the remains were followed to the family burial place by a large concourse of persons.

A dance in recognition of the services of those who assisted the stall holders at the Christian Brothers' bazaar, was held May 9, in the Town Hall, Athy.

KILKENNY.

The principles of the United Irish League are being universally adopted by the people in the County of Kilkenny. Many branches have been founded and many more are expected to be established soon in the parishes not yet organized. "The land for the people." is the grand and imposing motto of the League.

KINGS.

The parish of Seirkieran, though in the diocese of Ossory, is in the King's County. In 1894 the assistant priest of the parish was Rev. Thomas Phelan. The postal address is Birr. A new church will soon be erected in the parish.

On May 12 the death occurred of Miss Kate Agnes Moore, of Garr House, Rhode, Edenderry. She was only 18 years of age. The funeral to Garr cemetery was very numerously attended.

LONGFORD.

The death of Mr. James H. Derwin, of 8 Pleasants street, Dublin, son of Mr. Peter Derwin, Moydow, happened May 6, in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. After requiem services in St. Kevin's church the remains were conveyed by rail to Abbeyderg cemetery for interment.

On May 6 one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the County Longford was held at Drumlish, North Longford. Drumlish is the centre around which the famous land war of 1886 raged so fiercely. About ten thousand people attended. Contingents were present from Longford, Granard, Edgeworthstown, Arva Ballinamuck, Dromard, Clongish, Killoe, Clonbroney, Bornacoola, Newtownforbes, etc. On the motion of Mr. P. Devine, seconded by Mr. T. Kiernan, the chair was taken by Mr. James O'Neill, vice-chairman of the Longford Board of Guardians, president of the local United Irish League branch, and vice-president of the North Longford executive Stirring speeches were delivered by Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., and Mr. P. J. O'Malley, M.P

LOUTH

Died May 11, at Drogheda Road, Drogheda, Francis (Fannie), daughter of Mary Cooney, Chord Road. May 10, at Chord Road, Drogheda, Francis (Fannie), daughter of Thomas and Emily Ternan, aged 11

On May 6 a large and representative deputation of the Catholic teachers of the Diocese of Meath waited upon the late Catechist, Rev J Concannon, Donore, to present him with an address and testimonial indicative of the esteem in which he is held by the teachers

MEATH

Mr Michael Freeman, of Mahonstown has been appointed a justice of the peace for the county of Meath.

The beautiful address presented to Rev J Concannon, Donore by the teachers of the National Schools, over which he was patron, was the work of the Nuns of the Loratto Convent, Navan

On May 6 the ceremony of the consecration of Moynalty New Catholic Cemetery was performed with greatest solemnity in the presence of a large congregation from Moynalty and adjoining parishes The recent burial ground was closed two years ago by the local Government Board the directors of local affairs in Ireland Rt. Rev Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, officiated Father Woods of Athlone preached

QUEENS

The following deaths have been reported May 6 at Mount street, Mullingar Edward O'Connor May 6, at Corrs Cullen, Athlone, Michael Duffy, uncle of Edward Duffy Castle street, Athlone, interment in Clonmacnoise

On May 8 Miss Maud Gonne paid a visit to Mountmellick and called upon prominent Nationalists including Mr Laurence McEvoy, Mr Peter McEvoy, Mr E McEvoy and Mr John Twomey The arrival of Miss Gonne caused a great flutter among the local police and reinforcements were telegraphed for In the evening, when Miss Gonne started for Portarlington on her return to Dublin the Mountmellick band turned out, and with a large crowd accompanied her to the Harbor, where she delivered an address from her carriage. She thanked the people of Mountmellick for the warm reception She said the British government were the most determined enemies of Ireland and Irish nationality and advised young Irishmen not to join England's navy or army She was glad to find the name of John McBride a household word in Mountmellick she was happy to tell them that there were Irishmen at the present moment helping the Boers to defend their homes and their independence The address was greeted with loud cheers for Miss Gonne and for President Kruger and the Boers

WESTMEATH

A meeting of the Mullingar Teachers' Association was held in the Presentation Convent The following resolutions were unanimously adopted (1) Proposed by Mr Judge seconded by Mr Kelly "That we tender our sincere sympathy to Mr Murphy in his sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his sister" (2) It was proposed and seconded that Messrs Fillington and Farrell (Tyrrellspass) represent the Mullingar Association on the occasion of the presentation of address and testimonial to Father Concannon, at Donore, on 6th May."

WEXFORD

Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, has appointed Rev Michael Keating, Curate of Glenbrier, to be pastor of Craanford, in room of late Rev James Kavanagh

Died —May 5, at Doonooney, Thomas Kelly, aged 58 years. High Mass and Office were celebrated at Adamstown church. May 7, at Ballykerogue, Mrs. Mary Kent, aged 80 years, after a short illness.

The community of the Convent of St. John of God deeply mourn the loss of Sister Mary Regis Carney, whose death took place May 8. The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr. P. Carney, Templemore, Tipperary, and had only atained the age of 26, six of which she had devoted to the service of God.

WICKLOW

The death of Mr. Bartholomew Smith, of Brewer's Hill, Dunlavin, happened May 1st, at No. 15 Lower Tyrone street, Dublin, after a short illness. The funeral to Hollywood cemetery, Cunty Wicklow, was numerously attended.

The United Irish League is making splendid progress in Wicklow. On May 6 nearly every parish in the Eastern Division formed a branch of the organization, and it is expected that in the course of a few weeks, through the exertions of Mr. O'Kelly, the whole county will be thoroughly organized.

Rev. Father Dunphy has founded a branch of the United Irish League in the historic town of Arklow.

MUNTSER

CLARE.

Rt. Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe, lately made the following promotions: Rev. C. Stuart, C. C., to be Adm. Ennis; Rev. R. Devanny, C. C., Killaloe, to be C. C. Ennis; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C. C., Borrisokane, to be C. C. Killaloe; Rev. T Kelly, C. C., Scariff, to be C. C. Borrisokane; Rev. P. Murphy, Melbourne, Victoria, to be C. C. Scariff.

A profound sorrow was felt in Ennis May 11 when it was reported that Mr. Michael A .Scanlan, Chairman of the Clare County Council, had died in an awfully sudden manner during the night. Mr. Scanlan was in the enjoyment of perfect manly health, and was the previous day at the Limerick race meeting. Shortly after returning home he complained of not feeling well, but when he retired he was all right. About one o'clock one of his shop assistants, hearing what he thought to be a moan, entered Mr. Scanlan's bedroom and found him unconscious. He hastened to Dr. Mangan, but by the time the doctor arrived death had supervened. Mr. Scanlan was a native of East Clare, and previous to opening his extensive establishment in Ennis, was engaged in commercial pursuits in Dublin, Cork, and elsewhere. He was one of the best business members of the Town Commissioners. Under the new regime he was elected to both the Urban and County Councils, and was unanimously elected chairman of the latter body, to which his business capacity and mastery of financial details, with a thorough knowledge of the working of the new act, made him invaluable. His sorrowing brothers are Rev. John Scanlan, Cloughjordan, Dr. S. Scanlan, Tulla, and Mr. James Scanlan, Rosslare.

CORK.

Thomas Barry, the porter who was killed at the Queenstown railway crash on April 24, was a native of Athy, County Kildare. On that occasion the 2.05 P. M. special passenger train from Cork, containing seventy emigrants and twenty officials, dashed into the Queenstown terminus at a fearful speed, the brakes having failed to work The engine smashed through a number of offices and tore its way half into the station master's compartment before it was brought to a stop Barry, at the time, was in the lavatory, and was instantly killed, his body being buried under a heap of debris The poor fellow had been married five months before to a Miss White, of Cloyne, and was about to change to a new residence in Queenstown

Rt Rev Dr Browne, Bishop of Cloyne arrived at Youghal May 5 on his visitation Assisted by the Very Rev Dean Keller, Youghal, Very Rev Canon Pope Donoughmore Very Rev. Canon Hutch, Midleton Rev M Ahern Mogeela, and the local clergy he examined 400 children from Burnore and Youghal, subsequently conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation After last Mass on Sunday he addressed the congregation and congratulated the priests and people on the spiritual condition of the parish He said the one great danger to their faith arises from bad literature, by which he meant every book pamphlet magazine and newspaper which contained matter that would lead to the doubting or denial of faith He knows that Ireland is flooded every day in every week during the year with the vicious publications of London and other cities of England

Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan Bishop of Cork, arrived May 8 in Desertserges on his annual visitation In the church at Ahohill were assembled 300 children, many from the adjoining districts, on whom the Bishop conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation All the children were nicely attired At 11 o'clock Mass there was a very large congregation, including the parents of the children to be confirmed A sermon on the efficacy of prayer to the Blessed Virgin was very effectively preached by the Rev P Curtin, Newcestown In former years it was customary to have the visitation take place in the Enniskeane church, but this year a departure was made by the selection of the renovated edifice at Ahohill Of the Ahohill church a brief reference becomes necessary as indicative of the untiring zeal of the Rev Father McSweeney in the interests of religion as well as of the welfare of those committed to his charge. The reverend gentleman shortly after his transfer to the parish, found that the church stood sadly in need of renovaton and thoroughly overhauling Aided by his parishioners, he has made it a fine church now

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK

MacCARTHY—On May 9, at 43 Patrick street, Kate MacCarthy Lisanisky, Queenstown

BUCKLEY—On May 10, at Glynn, Mourne Abbey, Bridget Buckley

HORGAN—On May 9 at Carriganish, Timothy Horgan.

MORRISSY—At The Square, Passage West, May 8, Hannah Morrissy, aged 70 years.

Hurley—At Ballinspittle, on May 9, Mary Hurley.

McCULL—On May 9, at 7 North Mall, Miss Mary McCull.

MOYNAHAN—On May 9, at 55 Watercourse road, John Moynahan, late N. T. Blackpool Schools, aged 65 years.

COLLINS—At Market street, Skibbereen, on May 8, Mollie Collins, aged 6 years.

KAVANAGH—On May 10, at 66 Douglas street, Mary Kavanagh.

LOONEY—On May 10, at Windmill road, Ellen Looney.

HORGAN—On May 11, at 744 Wise's Hill, Bridget Hrgan.

O'SULLIVAN—On May 11, at 1 Cloughduv, Margaret O'Sullivan.

HARTNETT—On May 11, at 18 Millerd street, Amelia Hartnett.

BARRY—On May 11, at 70 Evergreen road, Mary Josephine Barry

BARRY—On May 6, at Blackrock, Annie Barry, daughter of the late Daniel Daly, Ballintemple.

O'CONNELL—On May 6, at Ballinoe, White's Cross, Elizabeth O'Connell aged 65 years.

CASEY—On May 1, at 9 St. Finn Barr's Place, Henry Casey.

SISK—On May 3, at 15 Nicholas street, Nicholas Sisk.

HINSHON—On May 6, Catherine Hinshon, of Horgan's Buildings.

BYRNE—On May 6, at Providence Hospital, St. Helens, Lancashire, Mary (in religon Sster M. Concepta), the beloved daughter of Denis Byrne, Magoola Inniscarra, aged 37 years.

CAHALAN—On May 1, at Shaunlaragh, Patrick Cahalan, teacher of Kilnadur N. S.

O'SHEA—On May 5, at 8 Eason's avenue, Daniel O'Shea, car owner, son of the late Denis O'Shea, Beeing, Dromahane, Mallow.

KERRY.

On May 15 happened the death of Sister M. Borgia O'Riordan, in the 26th year of her age, at the Presentation Convent, Rathmore.

LIMERICK.

At the recent horse fair in Tipperary Tobias Murphy, farmer, from Lodge, died suddenly in Meeting street Heart disease was the cause.

On May 2 the remains of Mr. Patrick Dooley, Patrickswell, who died at the ripe old age of 83 years, were consigned to their last resting place in the ancient cemetery of Patrickswell, within a short distance of historic Loughgur. During three-quarters of a century he took the deepest interest in his country's welfare. In his youth he saw thousands of his fellow-countrymen assembled rund the standard of the Liberator to hear the glowing prospects of their country's emancipation. He could recite Mr. Smith O'Brien's defiant ultimatum to a hostile legislature and the famous sword speech of Thomas Francis Meagher, and he would sometimes relate the awful tragedies of the famine years, how a splendid population of eight and a half millions was annihilated In the early sixties he became a member of the Fenian organization, and never lost confidence in the success of tht great movement, until that dark day in November, '67, when the brave Manchester trio were sacrificed on the scaffold at Salford to gratify the rage of our panic-stricken alien rulers. He lost a permanent and profitable employment during the Plan of Campaign struggle The veteran patriot now rests beneath the green sward of that ancient churchyard which was once sanctified by the benediction of our National Apostle.

May 10 the freedom of the city of Limerick was conferred on Mr Jas F. Egan sword-bearer to the Corporation of Dublin The fact of Mr Egan being a native of Limerick lent additional interest to the proceedings. The Mayor took the chair.

TIPPERARY.

By the death of Lady Lismore the Ladies Butler, daughters of Lord Dunboyne came into possession of the handsome fortune and estate left to them by the late Lord Lismore. Shanbally the family place is a beautiful property The house and gardens are very fine Lord and Lady Lismore and two sons both predeceased their parents and Lord Lismore could leave his estates to whom he pleased and he chose the two daughters of Lord Dunboyne The title of Lismore is extinct

The death of Mrs Mary Bryan Glengall, occurred May 15 to the great sorrow of her many friends in Ireland and in America She was mother of the Rev James Bryan Ballina Office and High Mass were held in the parish church The funeral was some of the largest seen in the district for years.

WATERFORD

The members of the Waterford County Council at last meeting protested against the highhanded course pursued by the members of the Local Government Board, they giving decisions on matters of which they are thoroughly ignorant and in opposition to the county councils, who know best what is good for the people.

Mr Henry Grainger has been elected Alderman of the centre ward of Waterford City, in room of late Alderman M J Hartley Mr Stephen Farrell, Chairman of the Workingmen's Club, William street, ran Grainger pretty close He could have made a good member of the Civic Council

ULSTER

ANTRIM.

Mr Roger Casement Magherintemple, Ballycastle, May 8, was sworn in trim before Mr Joseph P O'Kane

The Feast of St Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionist Order, was held with solemnity May 6 in the Church of the Holy Cross, Ardoyne Solemn High Mass was celebrated in presence of an immense congregation.

The Coroner in Liverpool held an inquiry into the death of Sarah O'Neill, of Loch View, Belfast, on May 8 She was 25 years of age, had decided to visit her sister in America and left Belfast on the steamship Magic in order to sail on the Campania When on the quay at Belfast she tripped and fell, but did not complain of injury. By the time the Magic arrived at Liverpool she had become unconscious and was removed to the Northern Hospital, where she died May 5. The medical evidence showed that the deceased in hr fall had sustained a fracture of the base of the skull. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

ARMAGH.

A successful entertainment was held in Caledon May 5, in connection with the National Cathedral Bazaar.

A conference of the clergy of the deanery of Armagh was held April 26, under the presidency of Cardinal Logue, in St. Patrick's Cathedral; a Solemn Office was sung, and a Solemn Requiem Mass offered up for the souls of the deceased bishops and priests of the archdiocese. The Cardinal presided.

On May 6 a successful athletic meeting in aid of the National Cathedral Bazaar (Sacred Heart Sodality Stall) was held in Armagh.

CAVAN.

Died.—May 2, at Castle Poles, Mary O'Reilly, mother of Rev. Francis J. O'Reilly, Whitefriar street, Dublin. May 2, at Cullentra, Anne McMahon, aged 60 years.

Mr. H. C. Maguire presided at last meeting of the Bawnboy branch of the United Irish League. They called on the Bawnboy District Council to pass no new works or repair old roads not of public benefit. They called on all members of the United Irish League to discourage the reading of anti-Nationalist newspapers.

DERRY.

On May 4 Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, made his triennial visitation to Desertmartin, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 116 children. After Mass, celebrated by Rev. Father Kearney, Rev. Father Kane preached. Confirmation was, after the sermon, administered to the children, and the pledge to abstain from intoxicating drinks until they complete their twenty-first year was also given.

The death of Rev. William O'Doherty, parish priest of Clonmany, happened on April 28, at the age of 77 years. Fifty years were spent in the religious life. His first mission was in his native parish of Clocha, where he spent three years. During twenty years he was curate in Moville, and 27 years were spent in the parish where he died.

On April 27 the remains of Mr. Chas. Brown, Bellaghy, were laid to rest in Church Island cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for years. Rev. Peter McNamee, P. P., officiated, and after Mass referred to the many good qualities of deceased.

The death of Rev. W. O'Doherty, Clonmay, on April 30 removed from the Diocese of Derry one of its oldest and most respected priests. The members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary were in attendance at the requiem services on May 2, wearing their medals and badges. The society was established by Father O'Doherty twenty years ago. The sodalists carried the coffin containing the remains of their late spiritual director and founder. Very Rev. Charles McFaul, Waterside, presided at he High Mass. The chanters were: Rev. J. McKeefry, Waterside, and Rev. H. Boyle, St. Columb's, Derry.

DONEGAL.

The death of the Very Rev. Father Logue, of Kilcar, on May 5, was widely and deeply regretted. The diocese of Raphoe lost a kind and genial priest, and the people of Kilcar a beloved and venerated pastor. The news of his expected death caused the deepest grief. He was appointed to th curacy of Kilcar in 1863, the year of his ordination, and succeeded Father O'Donnell as parish priest in 1868, being nearly thirty-seven years in the parish. Father Logue was born in Carrigart in 1837, made his classical studies in the Diocesan Seminary, Letterkenny, entered the Irish College, Paris, where he was ordained. During his long career as a priest he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, to his parishioners by his kindness and sympathy in all their afflictions, to his fellow priests by his hospitality and genial social qualities.

DOWN.

Rt Rev Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, made his triennial visit to Kilmegan parish on May 8 In the evening he assisted at the station of Confession On the following morning he celebrated firt Mass, when a large number received Holy Communion. The last Mass was celebrated by the Rev J McKinley. Afterward the Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. The appearance of the children as well as their knowledge of Christian doctrine, was highly creditable In the evening the meeting of the Sacred Heart Society was held, and was addressed by Dr Henry, who briefly explained the nature and spiritual advanoages of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Our Divine Lord, and urged the congregation to be faitful to the rules of their sodality.

MONAGHAN

These were among the deaths recently reported On May 3, at Carrickmacross, John McCartney May 4, at Bree Houe, Castleblaney, Thomas McMahon, Sr.

The new church being erected in Broomfield, Donaghmore by Rev Terence Conlan, mentioned in last issue, will replace the edifice erected one hundrd and forty yars ago, and now entirely unsuited to the period and to the wants of the congregation. It is rare to find nowadays one of these churches in actual use But in the parish of which we treat there is such a one. Work on the new church was commenced a year ago. It has been pushed on so energeticall ythat it is now ready for roofing It is a cruciform church in the Gothic style, built of a bluish-grey limestone, found in the district. In floor area it is 5,000 square feet. It is substantial, and when finished will be one of the finest country churches in Ireland. It is admirably situated adjacent to the main road from Carrickmacross to Castleblayney, and is named—most appropriately—after St Patrick. But though priests and people have set themselves nobly to the work, their resources are almost exhausted. It is a poor agricultural district and nothing but their ardent devotion could have inspired them to make the effort. There is no lacol magnate or wealthy parishioner to help with checks of three figures; the church is being built with the shillings of the poor. What magnates there be belong to the alien race and creed.

"The fertile plain, the softened vale,
Were once the birthright of the Gael."

are not so now. Th children of the foreigner fatten on the wealth of the land, while the Gael is forced to till the bare hillside and wring a scanty substance from the rocky mountain. In their difficulty the priests and people of Donaghmore look to the exiled children of the Gael—especially those from the parish and surrounding district—for assistance in this enormous undertaking Many of these are able to give a helping hand, and it is only necessary that they hould know the necessity there is for this church, and the heroic efforts the priests and people are making to erect it, in order that their natural sympathy and the racial sentiment of love for the old land and kindred may move them to assist. The parish is one whose people are Irish of the Irish. It is one of the few places in Ulster, outside Donegal, where the old tongue is spoken, and was one of the first places in the North to take part in the movement for the preservation of the Irish language, which is now so gallantly forging ahead. And, along with their native language, the people have preserved the traditions, sentiments and feelings of their ancestors, and that strong faith, purity and simplicity of life which is nowhere found to such a degree in Ireland as in places where the old tongue still lives. Altogether, they are jus tsuch a type of Irish as Irishmen all the world over might be proud of and proud of assisting. Father Conlan realizes that he need only mention the good work being done to secure a hearty and substantial response to his appeal. The people from his ancient and historic parish and surrounding districts will rally round him and make the church worthy of the place where their early years were spent.

FERMANAGH.

Patrick McCaffrey and John McGovern, Mullylesty, were brought up in the Courthouse, Enniskillen, May 11, on the charge of having caused the death of Hugh Thompson, at Carrickaloughan, Belcoo, on March 8. Mr. Irvine said that of course his Worship would continue to hear the case in private. Mr. Wray said there was not the slightest necessity to have the investigation conducted in private. Mr. Bull said that the legislature in its wisdom had given him power which he must exercise. The court was then cleared.