

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.

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HOARE—May 11, at 41 St. Joseph's Place, Ellen Hoare, aged 71 years.

KAVANAGH—At Our Lady's Hospital, late of the Dying, Thomas Kavanagh, late of 46 Lower Kevilla street, for over 33 years in the employment of Mr. Chas. Byrne, sailmaster, 46-47 Lower Kevin street.

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The death of Mr. James Whelan, Grange, Rathmore, occurred May 8. Deceased had attained the age of 74 years. His funeral cortege to St. Mullins was one of the largest which left the district for some time, and bore ample testimony to the respect in which he was held.

WICKLOW. Many branches of the United Irish League have been founded in the county lately and the good work proceeds apace. The day is not remote when the man who will till the soil may look over his farm without the fear of landlordism eating up the fruits of his labor thereon.

On May 13 a challenge handball match was played at Dunlavin—the home of many an exponent of the old game—between D. Gleeson shop assistant at Mr. Hoy's Dunlavin, and Edward Fallon, Donard. The rubber was for the best of five games of fifteen acres each. Gleeson won the second, third and fifth games, thereby winning the rubber. The fifth game was the most exciting one played, for Fallon registered eleven aces eventually, while Gleeson only three. Eventually the latter drew even and won a very closely contested rubber.

MUNSTER. CLARE. On May 9 Patrick Croty, aged 60 years and John McInerney aged 22, both of Truskelvie near Cross, were drowned while cutting near weed. The remains have not been found.

Miss Catherine Cahill of Knockree House, Kiltenera, lately received in the Presentation Order of Nuns, at the Convent Orammore, County Galway. Her religious title is Sister Mary Antonia.

A meeting of the members of the Killee branch of the United Irish League was held in the Temperance Hall, May 12, at which Father Clancy presided. Mr. D. Casey thanked the people for the honor conferred on him by sending him to Mallow to represent them. A large number joined the league. The appointment of officers was adjourned.

The death took place rather suddenly on May 20 at the County Infirmary, Ennis, of Rev. William Burke, P. P., Killee. The deceased entered only on Saturday afternoon for treatment for a sore on the back of one of his hands, caused by a scratch or prick of a nail or thorn. Erysipelas developed and he died quite unexpectedly.

Father Burke was only 42 years of age, a native of East Clare, and brother to the Very Rev. P. Burke, President of the Killee Diocesan College, Ennis. His early studies were at the old Diocesan College, Ennis, whence he entered Maynooth. Subsequently he studied at the Irish College, Rome. He was ordained 19 years ago. His first ministry was as Chaplain to the Sacred Heart Convent, Roscrea. He was, after a time sent to Kibarron, and subsequently transferred to Borrisokane. His next curacy was at Kildysart, and six years ago he was promoted to the charge of the parish of Killee.

CORK. Mr. B. O'Connor, Bantry, has been appointed a Justice of the peace for the County of Cork.

On May 13 a public meeting was held in the Trades-Union Hall, Kanturk, to establish a branch of the League. Mr. Michael Lucey presided.

A successful meeting of the parishioners of Kilmabegg and Killaughnabeg was held in the chapel yard, Leap, May 13, to establish a branch of the United Irish League. On the proposition of the reverend chairman, seconded by Mr. D. Mahony, it was decided to form a branch of the United Irish League. On the proposition of the Rev. John Burke, a provisional committee was formed, with Mr. Hurley as secretary pro tem. The secretary was directed to apply to the central secretary, Dehan, for the rules of the United Irish League and cards of membership.

The interment of Dr. Maurice Cremin, of Ardagh, took place at Ardagh Cemetery May 11. He was appointed over twelve months ago medical officer of Newtown Gore, County Leitrim, where he died suddenly on May 9, while discharging his duties. Office and High Mass, celebrated in Ardagh Catholic Church; Father Mulcahy, Ardagh, officiated; Father Kenrick, Donoughmore (deacon), Father O'Gorman (sub-deacon), Father John Reeves, Newcastle, master of ceremonies. Rev. Father Robert Ambrose, Bruff, and Rev. Father O'Shea, Castlemaheon, were chorists.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. TAYLOR—May 16, at Abbeymount, Mary Anne Taylor, of Glenbrook House, Glenbrook, at an advanced age. OSHEA—On May 15, at Walshe's Lane, Blackpool, Katherine O'Shea.

FLAHERTY—On May 18, at Ballinlough, Cork, Ellen Flaherty, aged 29 years.

MURPHY—On May 15, at Boyle street, Doneraile, Nora McCarthy.

TWOMEY—On May 15, at Ashgrove, Driminy, James Twomey, aged 23.

O'CONNOR—May 17, James O'Connor, late of Wiltou.

street, Bandon, John Murphy horse dealer.

FOLEY—On May 13, at 6 Newsom's Quay, North Mall, Mary Josephine (Josephine) Foley, aged 7 years.

MULLINS—May 12, at St. Patrick's Incurable Hospital, Jeremiah Mullins. CUNNINGHAM—On May 13, at Bellmount, Crookstown, John Cunningham.

MURPHY—On May 14, at Ballygorman, Denis McCarthy.

CULL—On May 13, at Meehan's Terrace, Queenstown, Timothy Cull, late boatswain R. N., in the 32d year of his age.

DESMOND—On May 12, at 68 Clarence street, Mary Desmond.

MURPHY—April 10, at Boston, Mass., America, Henry (Harry) McCarthy, aged 27 years, son of the late McCarthy (coastguard). 2 William Square, Grattan Hill, Lower Road.

McGOVERN—On May 13, at 7 Main street, Kinsale, Thomas J. McGovern.

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Lynch—May 13, at Ardmanning, Together Road, Kate Lynch.

DONOVAN—On May 12, Michael Donovan, The Square, Rosscattery.

KERRY. More than two hundred persons attended the recent meeting of the Gaelic League branch in Killorglin. The cause is going on grand in this portion of the Kingdom of Kerry.

Mr. Cornelius Moynihan presided at a recent meeting of members of the Gneevogilla branch of the United Irish League.

After a stay of five months in the United States almost entirely spent in the city of Philadelphia in the interests of the O'Connell Memorial Church, Cahireevreen, the Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, Cahireevreen, arrived home May 12. Since his appointment to Cahireevreen, twelve months ago, he has devoted himself to the work of completing the Memorial Church, a work not alone of national interest, but of local necessity.

The very reverend gentleman at both Masses on Sunday gave a financial statement for the past twelve months ending April 30. The period of his connection with the church. The amount in bank to the credit of the church fund is £226 0s 6d. A further sum of £150 has been promised by the parishioners and other friends in the district. There would then be £376 0s 6d on the credit of the church fund. That would complete a contract being given for the completion of the third story of the building which would enable it to be opened for divine service. In his recent visit to America, he had been able to visit Philadelphia only. He received great kindness there from the eminent and good Archbishop Ryan and many of the priests and expressed his great gratitude to them. From what he knew of the vast number of people in America and at home who would be willing to help on the church, he saw no reason why next year's statement should not show similar results, and he had no doubt whatever of the final completion of this Memorial Church to Daniel O'Connell.

Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan pastor in Cahireevreen, County Kerry, Ireland, who is working so strenuously to erect the Memorial Church to the immortal Daniel O'Connell, reports that he requires some money to enable him to at once contract for the roofing of the edifice when the sacrifice of the Mass can be offered therein. Needless to say that all the good people from Kerry will rally to his assistance in this most laudable, thoroughly religious and patriotic undertaking.

LIMERICK. The funeral of the late Rev. Timothy Halpin, Donoughmore and Knockree, took place May 16. Father Halpin was in his seventy-fifth year, and was pastor of the united parishes over which he ruled for twenty-two years. The remains were removed from the parochial house to Knockree church and in the grounds attached thereto the interment. High Mass was sung by Rev. R. Kirby, St. Patrick's Well; Rev. F. Mangan, deacon and Rev. F. Foley, Knockaderry, sub-deacon. Rev. Denis Shanahan, master of ceremonies. Very Rev. Dr. Shanahan, St. Munchin's presided.

A telegraph station has been established in Nine-Mile house, which will be of great convenience to the people in the surrounding districts.

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ULSTER. ANTRIM. On June 10, at Lisburn, will be dedicated the new church of St. Patrick. The Very Rev. M. McCashin, pastor, is working energetically to make the opening a success. For eleven years Father McCashin was on the mission in Belfast city and his friends there are giving him great financial assistance.

Robert Cobain, cattle dealer of Ballybracken, near Ballyclare, while on his way home from Ballymena fair, on the night of May 12, received a bullet wound in the neighborhood of Maxwellwalls, near Connor. Cobain halted at Mr. James Steen's public house and when there unpleasantness arose between him and Mrs. Steen. Mr. Steen fired two shots at Cobain, one passing through his left side. Steen was placed under arrest and conveyed to Belfast jail.

The Irish Weekly, Belfast, of May 12 said "With the entrance of the Redemptorist Fathers into their new Monastery and House of Retreat, Clonard, Falls Road, Belfast, Catholicity in Belfast made a great stride forward. Almost unnoticed, noble pile of ecclesiastical buildings has been raised in our midst, and a great work is being done for our working people. Unobtrusively the Fathers have pursued their way, faithfully and zealously doing the work for which the Bishop introduced them to Belfast."

ARMAGH. Mr. Bernard Toner, farmer, was found dead on the road near Fella, May 12. A wheel of his cart was on his body.

A concert and raffle were held May 11 in Tullymore in aid of the National Cathedral Bazaar. Rev. John Quinn, Adm. Armagh, presided. The building was crowded. Songs having been contributed by Miss Brannigan, Tullymore, Messrs. McGahan, Kane, Tullymore, and Matthew Hoy, Armagh, gave a highly interesting programme of songs, conundrums, plantation dances and instrumental selections. After the concert the artists were entertained in a generous fashion at the residence of Mr. Coyle, N. T., Tullymore.

CAVAN. On May 12 a largely attended meeting in support of the United Irish League was held at Scrabby, on the borders of the counties of Cavan and Longford. The new organization is being taken up with enthusiasm in the districts around Scrabby, and the demonstration testified to the earnestness of the people in the matter. Bands present, the Arva Brass Band and five drum bands from Mullabrown, Loughduff, Tyrone, Carramore, Drumish and Columbkille. The meeting was attended by Mr. J. Farrell, M. P. who represents Wex. Cavan, and by Mr. John O'Donnell, M. P. Mr. Felix McManus, County Councillor, presided.

MONAGHAN. A fatal accident happened to a farmer named John Hughes, Tybolland, about three miles from Monaghan. He was about 60 years old, and unmarried. It appears he had proceeded to Glasslength, bringing a horse and cart to fetch home supplies. While putting a bag of meal in the cart, the animal moved forward and the man was thrown out over the backboard. He fell on his head and sustained a fracture of the base of the skull.

DOWN. William MacDonald, mate of the steamer Macnab, was drowned recently in Carrickfergus. It is said deceased lived in Ballywalter, County Down. Deceased was 40 or 45 years of age.

May 1 marked an epoch in the Catholic history of Down, which will be a bright retrospect for the lovers of the faith who reside in the historic county. The occasion was the laying of the foundation stone of the Church of St. Joseph at Ballymartin, a solemn and impressive ceremony, which was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Henz. A brilliant day of sunshine prevailed, and its pleasant rays were never poured upon a more solemn scene beneath the shadow of the lofty Slieve Donard. The people of the parish were present from many miles, and their ardor for the welfare of the work was at once apparent.

DONEGAL. Very Rev. Canon McCartan, Donaghmore, preached in St. Patrick's Church Ballyshannon, May 13. He made a powerful appeal on behalf of Armagh Cathedral Fund, and took up a collection, which amounted to £300. After Mass the Very Reverend Canon announced the result and thanked the congregation for its liberality.

Mr. Samuel Donaldson, Justice of the peace for Donegal, died at his home, Gleanfort, Westclinton, May 17. To his efforts the district owes in great part the extension of the Donegal Railway to Glenties. To his arbitration the people entrusted the settlement of their differences and disputes.

DERRY. The Lord Chancellor has appointed to the Magistracy of the County of Derry Mr. W. J. Baxter, ex-chairman of the Urban Council of Coleraine, and Mr. T. G. Houston, M. A., principal of the Coleraine Academic Institution, and Mr. John Murphy, of Cecilia House, Lodge Road, Coleraine.

TYRONE. On May 8 Cardinal Logue, accompanied by Right Rev. Mgr. Byrne, visited Coalisland for the purpose of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on 250 children, boys and girls, from the parishes of Clonoe and Stewartstown. The clergy present were Very Rev. Mgr. Byrne, Dungannon; Rev. eter Quinn, Stewartstown; Rev. John Rock, Clonoe; Rev. B. Nugent, Lisson; Rev. P. McMullan, Coagh; Rev. O. McAleny, Cookestown; Rev. P. Brennan, Clonoe; Rev. F. McNeice, Coalisland. The ceremony was most impressive.

WATERFORD. Mr. George F. Malcolmson, Rathmore, Portlaw, has been appointed master of the County Waterford Hunt. He lost no time in getting to work. The kennels are being set up. Thirty couple of hounds have arrived from England. Dalton, huntsman with the Kilkennies, will have charge of the animals.

With regret we report the death of Miss Maggie Parle, daughter of Capt. Nicholas Parle, Harbor Master, Waterford. The sad event occurred May 12. The funeral took place on Monday at the cemetery attached to the Chapel of Ease and was largely attended by the representative people of the city and the surrounding districts. The chief mourners were: Capt. Parle, father, and William, Nicholas, John and James Parle, brothers.

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