

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.

The death of Mr. Michael Keaveny occurred April 1 last, in New Orleans, La. He was son of late Mr. Michael Keaveny and Catherine Divilly, and was a native of Gloom, Glenties, Donegal, and widely respected.

On Aug. 7 the body of a woman, supposed to be Mrs. Kate Lynskey, Knocknacarra, Carna, was found floating in the roads outside the Galway pierhead by three fishermen named Colman, Flaherty, Stephen Flaherty and Patrick Mulken.

OLD GALWAY.

There was lately on view in Galway in the windows of Mr. Dillon, jeweler, an old play bill of a performance given at Kirwan's Lane Theatre, Galway, in 1783. This old document recalls bygone days in Galway when there was a first class theatre, and the old city was the flourishing metropolis of the West.

Rev. John Mylotte, administrator, Innishobling Island, has consented to act as treasurer for the relief fund inaugurated for the relatives of John Kerrigan, his wife, and of Michael Barrett, who were drowned returning from Westport on June 24th last. The fund is worthy of support. Contributions will be thankfully acknowledged by Rev. John Mylotte, Adm., Innishobling Island, via Clifden, Galway, Ireland.

After a most promising season for crops of all kinds, unprecedented heavy rains began to fall on Aug. 5 in the County Galway, laying low hay, straw, oats, wheat, barley, etc., not to speak of the damage to the potatoes, turf, cabbage, turnips, etc., which are sodden and useless. The dreaded blight made its appearance in every part of the county.

With regret we record the death of Mr. John Henry O'Sullivan, of the American Hotel, Prospect Hill, Galway, July 21. The deceased, who was a very young man, and a medical student, had nearly finished his course. He had been attending lectures and pursuing his studies in Edinburgh, where he got a severe attack of illness from the effects of which he never recovered. The remains were conveyed to the Pro-Cathedral of St. Nicholas, where solemn High Mass was celebrated. Father Gribb, celebrant; Father Dooley, deacon, and Father Considine, sub-deacon. One of the largest congregations ever seen attended.

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LEITRIM.

The Leitrim and Cavan Light Railway has had a prosperous period for half a year ending July 1st.

The death happened Aug. 1, at Jarvis Street Hospital, the result of an accident, of John William Gwynne, D. M. P., son of the late John Gwynne, Drumranne, 28 years.

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MAYO.

Mr. Michael J. Heverin, solicitor, Castlebar, has been appointed secretary to the Roscommon County Council.

A dead body was found on the shore at Carramore, Louisburg, July 27. There was nothing found on deceased to prove who he was. Some believe that the remains were those of either Kerrigan or Barrett, drowned in a hooker returning to Innishobling from Westport, June 27.

An inquest was held Aug. 6 at Hallatx, England, regarding the death of John Omeila, aged 45 years, a harvester, found at midnight with his head battered in, in a barn at Shilben, where he was working. He was from Killamoye, County Mayo. Deceased was all right forty minutes before he was found.

ROSCOMMON.

The Corrigeenroo cycling and athletic sports (the first of this class ever held in the locality) came off on July 29, and were well attended.

SLIGO.

Mrs. Bridget Linn, of Corkmore, Templeboy, died on Feb. 25, last, at the age of 78 years, deeply and widely respected.

Mr. John Gilbride, D. C., Creveola, left Mr. Clancy's of Lisnagowan at about 7 P. M. on July 25 in his usual health and died suddenly on his way home. Next morning about 7 the body was found in a lane leading to his house. No one had passed that way during the night. He had been under medical care for years past for a weak heart. At the inquest the verdict was "Death from heart failure." The funeral to Aughdookey was very largely attended. Mr. Gilbride, who was 58 years of age, was highly respected.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

On June 22 a ceremony took place at Carlow Gaol, commencing at the Church of St. Peter's, and concluding at the Convent of the Poor Clares, which is of infrequent occurrence, and which is one that most powerfully appeals to those in the world, making them realize the true inwardness of the religious vocation and the sacrifices which await men and women who are called to the glory of God and the salvation of their souls. The ceremony is a commemoration of the Enclosure of the Convent of the Poor Clares in 1840.

fulfilment of all their hopes in being enabled to live the life of their Order in all its primitive austerity and strictness. On the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel seven years ago the Community of Poor Clares Colletines at Levenshulme, near Manchester, England, on the invitation of the late Rev. Daniel Byrne, sent Mother Abbess Seraphine and two other nuns to establish a foundation in Carlow, Graigue. Two other nuns followed the first religious, and a little community was formed, consisting of Mother Abbess Seraphine, Mother Vicarress Angia and sisters Herberta, Agnes and Stanislaus. During the years elapsed and up to last week, the Poor Clares put up with very inappropriate accommodation, unpleasantly situated on a peninsula extending into the Barrow from the southern side of the bridge connecting Carlow and Graigue. Having the approval of the late Most Rev. Dr. Lynch, Bishop of Kildare and late Most Rev. Dr. Comerford, the Community patiently bided their time, and the reward at length came in the new convent in which they were enclosed on Sunday. During the week the Mother Abbess of Levenshulme, Sister Josephine, and Sister Mary Magdalen arrived at the Carlow-Graigue Convent, the two former for a brief sojourn and the latter the only daughter of Mr. James McCann, Chairman Grand Canal Company to become a member of the community. The members of the community left their convent for the last at a quarter to twelve and walked to the choir where they occupied places before the High Altar. High Mass, Curam Episcopi—Most Rev. Dr. Foley being throned at the Gospel side—was sung by Rev. Arthur Murphy, Nass, assisted by the Rev. L. Kehoe, Carlow College, as deacon, and the Rev. P. Campion, Graigue, as sub-deacon. The Rev. George P. Byrne, as master of ceremonies. Very Rev. Father Matthew, O. S. F. C. preached After Mass there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass Fenelon presided and the Carlow Cathedral choir sang the sacred music. Subsequently the Bishop and clergy were entertained by the Mother Abbess and the Sisters.

On July 30 a meeting of the committee of the presentation of the venerable Archdeacon Brady P. P. in the golden jubilee of his ordination was held in the library, Sixty-five place, Dr. T. G. McGrath presiding. Mr. P. P. Wallis-Healy, as honorary treasurer, submitted the list of subscriptions, and all vouchers for payments in bank. His accounts having been audited were found correct, and on the motion of Dr. C. M. O'Brien he was authorized after providing for liabilities incurred in connection with the publication of the address and advertising and other necessary expenses for the balance as a contribution from his parishioners and friends toward the erection of new class rooms and to present a check to the Archdeacon other required adjuncts to the Female National School.

The Feast of Portiuncula, or the Grand Pardon of Assisi was celebrated with unwonted solemnity at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Church street, Dublin. The feast opened at 2 o'clock on Wednesday with procession round the church. On Thursday, the feast itself, Mass was celebrated every hour from 6 to 10 o'clock, and at these Masses very large crowds were seen to approach Holy Communion. Solemn High Mass was sung at 10 o'clock, Father Mark celebrant, Father Benignus deacon, Father Fiacre sub-deacon, and Father Peter master of ceremonies. At the evening devotions the festival sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Paul, O. S. F. C., to a large congregation. He sketched the history of this grand indulgence of Portiuncula, and exhorted his hearers to thank God for the favor bestowed upon them through the instrumentality of the gentle and seraphic Francis of Assisi.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. McNAMARA—At 18 Lower Mountpleasant avenue, John J. McNamara, aged 63 years, late of Roseville, Ruan. O'GRATH—At Kilmanshan, Kell's John McGrath, in the 82d year of his age. WELSH—Aug. 1 at Lisdoonvarna, Rev. R. J. Welsh, P. P., Killucuan, aged 84. MURPHY—Aug. 2, at Dunshaughlin, Rosanna, relict of the late Thomas BROWN—Aug. 1, at St. Patrick's Hospital, John Brown, aged 60 years. Intermment from Denville street. BROWNE—Aug. 1, at 48 York street, John Browne, aged 26. M'CORMACK—Aug. 1, at Stradbroke House, Blackrock, John M'Cormack, in his 77th year. MURPHY—Aug. 2, at Dunshaughlin, Roseanna, Thomas Murphy. O'REILLY—Aug. 2, at Killooley, Margaret O'Reilly. DOYLE—July 16, at Denver Colorado, John P. Doyle, Cooney Cottage, Grand Canal Inchicore. FLYNN—July 31, at 15 Usher's Island, Elizabeth Josephine Flynn, C. Thomas street. M'CABE—Aug. 1, at 33 Lower Gloucester street, Thomas McCabe, late of Manor street. METCALFE—July 31, Michael Metcalfe, of 30 Grenville street. MURRAY—July 25, at 32 Bolton street, Anne Jane Murray. M'CABE—Suddenly, Patrick McCabe, of Clonsilla road, Kingstown.

BREEN—July 12 at 63 Percy place, Mary Breen. MEE—July 27, at No. 8 James' street Dublin, Michael Mee, late of Bath-coole.

KILDARE.

The death of Father R. J. Kesh, parish priest, Killucan, happened Aug. 1 at the age of 84 years, in Leeson-down, County Clare.

Mr. Stephen Murphy, Kellynure House, Rathangan, died July 31, aged 70 years, deeply and deservedly regretted.

Dr. Joseph Smyth, coroner, held an inquest on Aug. 1 at Newtown Temple Mills, near Celbridge, touching the death of James McCann, found drowned in the Celbridge Mill race on that morning. Deceased had been missing since the previous Sunday, when he was observed walking near the spot where he met his death. It is believed McCann attempted to cross to the other side of the bank by means of a footbridge which is in a bad state of repair and toppled into the water. Verdict: Found drowned.

KILKENNY.

Mrs. Matthew Dublin, of 28 Innesfallen parade, Dublin, died July 23. She was daughter of late Mr. Edward Murphy, Graigue. Her demise is deeply regretted by her friends in Ireland and in the United States.

KINGS.

Rev. Father Kingston of Bury was ordained Priest by Rev. Rev. M. R. O'Connell in the Convent Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Ennis, County Clare on Aug. 1, 2, and 3. Many of 69 attended.

LONGFORD.

The North Longford Executive of the United Irish League will have a meeting in the interest of the Parliamentary Party in Edgewoodstown on an early date. Good results are expected.

The members of the Edgewoodstown branch of the United Irish League held a meeting July 29. Mr. P. M. M. O'Brien presided in the chair. The question of a parish contribution to the Parliamentary Fund was discussed. A subscription list was prepared to help to defray the expenses in connection with the proposed demonstration, when a good sum was collected.

Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Armagh and Comar, performed the impressive ceremony of consecrating the new bell of the Church of St. Patrick, Ardagh. The use of the new bell was introduced into Ireland by St. Patrick and several of these bells are still in use in Ireland.

The present and people of Ardagh are proud of the new bell which is worthy of the high position of the Church. The bell is a beautiful specimen of the art of the bell foundry, and is a fitting memorial to the memory of the late Bishop of Armagh and Comar, who was a most distinguished prelate and a most devoted pastor. The bell is a beautiful specimen of the art of the bell foundry, and is a fitting memorial to the memory of the late Bishop of Armagh and Comar, who was a most distinguished prelate and a most devoted pastor.

LOUTH.

The members of the Drogheda Corporation at recent meetings passed a resolution of regret on the death of Very Rev. Mgr. Murphy, late pastor of the town. Mr. Kelly proposed, and Mr. Kealey seconded the motion.

A most enjoyable excursion was set under the auspices of the Workmen's club of Drogheda on June 22. The services of the "Nora Creina," Capt. Lyons in command, were secured, and the carrying capacity was taxed to its utmost extent. The boat left at 7 A. M., and arriving in Kingstown, a delightful day was spent amongst the scenery of the Dublin and Wicklow hills. The excursionists had to leave Kingstown early to suit the tide, and Drogheda was reached at 7 o'clock.

On July 28 the interment of the remains of the Right Rev. Mgr. Murphy, St. Peter's, Drogheda, took place. The church erected through the exertions of deceased, to the memory of the martyred Oliver Plunkett, was crowded by a congregation not alone representative of his own parishioners, but of the members of several public bodies of South Louth. Cardinal Logue presided; celebrant of the Mass, Rev. John Clarke, St. Peter's, Drogheda; deacon, Rev. Owen J. Clarke, Dundalk; sub-deacon, Rev. Peter Johnson; master of ceremonies, Rev. John Segrave, Termonfeckin; chanters, Rev. J. Byrne and Rev. J. Duff. The Right Rev. Mgr. Byrne, Dunganon, dean of the archdiocese of Armagh. Ninety priests were in the choir.

MEATH.

Richard Barry, Justice of the Peace for County Meath, died Aug. 2, at his home, Cookstown, Batterstown. The funeral to Glasnevin was very numerously attended.

The members of the Oldcastle Total Abstinence Society (under the direction of Mr. Frank Hanratty), accompanied by the society's brass band visited Drogheda, July 29. They were met at the station in the morning by Dr. Bradley, president of the Oliver Plunkett Total Abstinence Society and the committee of same and escorted to the Oliver Plunkett Hall. Here they were made the guests of the Drogheda T. A. S., and after being entertained, proceeded in the afternoon westwards along the Boyne, where a very enjoyable evening was spent. The band accompanied the party and discoursed excellent music in the Church of St. Columbkille.

On Aug. 5 the new organ was formally opened in the presence of a large congregation. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Casey, Kells. The Rev. Mgr. Gaughran presiding. The sacred music was rendered by the recently trained parish choir under the leadership of Mr. Collinge who presided at the organ.

QUEEN'S.

The Nationalists of the county are taking great interest in spreading the influence of the United Irish League amongst the people, as in the past together and branches of the National organization are being founded in a great number of parishes, where the organization was not represented. The Nationalists are now fully aroused and nothing short of the land for the people and self-dependence will satisfy them.

WESTMEATH.

With deep regret we announce the death of Rev. R. J. Kelly, P. P. of Drogheda, which happened in Drogheda on August 22. He was a most distinguished prelate and a most devoted pastor. He was a member of the Nationalist organization and was a most active worker in its ranks. He was a most distinguished prelate and a most devoted pastor.

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Mr. James Lynch, farmer Ballyrushen on July 26 was kicked by a horse and fatally injured.

Rev. J. J. Crowley, of St. Ambrose church, Brooklyn, N. Y., a brother of Thomas and William Crowley, of the Roundhill Mills, Bandon, is spending a few days with his relatives in Bandon. He has been on the American Mission since his ordination forty-one years ago, and the present is his third visit to the Old Country.

On July 30 Frederick and William Walsh met with serious injuries while at work in the Berehaven mines. Frederick was feeding the engine when his clothing became entangled in the machinery, and he was dashed with great force several times against the ground. When the engine was stopped it was found that he had one arm broken and was otherwise badly injured. His brother William in trying to rescue him received very severe bruises on the head.

Patrick Slattery of Fermoy, a bandman in the Sixth Dragoon Militia, stationed at the Old Barracks, Fermoy, was on July 27 trying to enter the barracks by scaling the wall at Mess House lane, when he fell on to the ground and was killed.

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TIPPERARY.

The Oblate Fathers of Inchicore, Dublin, have just concluded a mission in Youghal Arra. Nearly all the male parishioners have joined the new St. Patrick's Total Abstinence League branch, and Father O'Halloran, P. P., is very pleased.

The death of Sister Mary Veronica Gleeson occurred July 27 in the Presentation Convent Ballingarry, aged 27 years. She was a daughter of Mr. M. H. Gleeson, Clongher, County Louth. The Solemn Requiem Offices and High Mass took place in the new Chapel.

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