

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.

Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S. J., who for years was rector of the Jesuit College in Galway City, has left Galway. The new rector is the Very Rev. Father Weaver, a Galwayman, who has spent many years in the Jesuit Colleges in Italy, Spain, France and other places.

LEITRIM.

On Aug. 12 one of the largest, most representative and enthusiastic meetings held in Leitrim for years was held in Killynure, under the auspices of the local Branch of the United Irish League.

MAYO.

John McGovern, aged 22 years, national school teacher, was drowned on the strand of Enniscrone, Aug. 8, whilst bathing.

ROSCOMMON.

The seal of the Strokestown Rural District Council is of a pretty design. In the centre is a bust of Charles Stewart Parnell, surrounded by Shamrock.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Edward Fitzpatrick, Gurteen, was admitted, Aug. 14, to the hospital at Carlow suffering from injuries received under very singular circumstances.

KILKENNY.

The estimated quantity of coal in the district around Castlecomer is one hundred and eighteen millions of tons, but it is not worked.

DUBLIN.

Mr. H. Hubert Swamy, M. D., F. R. C. S., chief assistant to Sir William Stokes at the Meath Hospital, Dublin, has been appointed consulting surgeon to the British invading forces in the South African republics.

On Aug. 10 the remains of Mr. Michael McGrath, father of Dr. McGrath, of the North Strand, Dublin, and for twenty years a member of the staff of the Dublin United Tramway Company, were borne from the Church of St. Agatha, North William street, to Glasnevin.

In the Church of St. Paul's Parish, Arran quay, Dublin, Aug. 12, after the first Gospel of 12 o'clock Mass, an appeal in aid of the national schools of the parish was made by the Rev. Francis Coffey.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

MAHER—Aug. 12, at the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, John Maher, late of 9 Inns quay.

NAUGHTON—Aug. 12, at 28 Bayview avenue, May Naughton.

REILLY—Aug. 10, at 23 Wolsely street, Maria Reilly, mother to Sister M. Josephine, Convent of St. Louis, Middleton, Armagh.

UNION—At 3 Moore street, Dublin, Christopher Union, member of the Old Guard.

DOYLE—Aug. 15, at 52 Lower Dominick street, Mr. James Doyle, in his 74th year, late of 152 Phippsboro road.

DUNNE—At 46 Power's court, Dublin, at an advanced age, John Dunne, car proprietor.

HAYDEN—Aug. 16, at 37 Cornmarket, Mary Hayden, for many years with the late Mrs. Ellen Doyle, 2 Spitallsfields.

MONKS—At 124 Lower George's street, Kingstown, and of 67 Augier street, Dublin, Jane Monks.

COYNE—On Aug. 16, at 31 Blessington street, Christopher Coyne.

MULVANY—Aug. 16, at 60 Bolton street, Mary Jane Mulvany, late of Harlickstown, aged 13 years.

FETHERSTON—At 4 Erne Terrace, Aug. 13, Mary Fetherston.

FINNEGAN—Aug. 14, at 32 Hadlington road, Joseph Patrick Finnegan, for thirty years in the employment of Boland's.

HUDSON—Aug. 15, at Mercer's Hospital, James Hudson, aged 60 years, for forty years in the employ of Millar & Beatty, Grafton street.

LOGAN—July 16, suddenly, at 23 Upper Gloucester street, William Logan, aged 80.

SWEENEY—Aug. 13, at 5 Aughrim Villas, Aughrim street, Mary Sweeney.

KILDARE.

The parish priest of Naas, Rev. Thomas Morrin, met with a serious accident on Aug. 9 at the postoffice. He was in the act of leaving the office when he tripped over a mat and fell heavily.

About the crops.—Father Kinshella, parish priest of Caragh and Downings, says: "The general condition of the crops is bad. The potato crop is blighted. The material condition of the people is not improving, but their hopes are raised by the return of fine weather."

Mrs. Cantwell, Duke street, Athy, assisted by Miss Cantwell and Miss Noud, gave a pleasant picnic to friends on Aug. 12. The trysting place being the sylvan hill of Mulaghersena, an ideal spot among enchanting scenery and admitting of a picturesque view of four counties.

On Aug. 9 the River Barrow, from the incessant fall of rain, overflowed its banks and did considerable damage. At the north end there is a vast expanse of water covering several thousand acres of meadows on the estate of Edwards Minors, extending to Inchicooley and Derrylea.

WESTMEATH.

John O'Neill, a shoemaker, has mysteriously disappeared from Athlone. Six weeks ago he was seen in Connaught street, but his subsequent whereabouts has not been discovered.

WEXFORD.

The death of E. John Hinton, Cummeestown, occurred Aug. 13. Deceased, who was a well known auctioneer and merchant in Wexford, was popular. He was stricken down by paralysis a few years ago.

Marshall, M. Kavanagh, J. Holohan, J. P. P. Tintern, on Aug. 8 in the church of Ballycullane.

Among the passengers who arrived by the Ross boat in Waterford City on Aug. 14 were Raymond Kavanagh, a farmer, and his newly married wife. The couple were united in the holy bonds six weeks before.

KINGS.

Father Bergin, parish priest, of Philipstown, in writing on the condition of the crops in his district, said: "The general condition of the crops is poor. The potato crop is diseased, and much injured by rain."

A meeting of the Emderry Gaelic League Committee was held recently in the Male National School on Sunday Rev. J. Kinsella in the chair. The members of this branch are doing good work in the interest of the language revival.

LOUTH.

Most Rev. Dr. Brady, Bishop of Boston U. S. A., on tour in Ireland, visited Drogheda, Aug. 10, where he was the guest of his brother, Mr. Thomas Brady, of Shop street.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. N. Moran, Julianstown, wife of Mr. Nicholas Moran. The funeral took place on Aug. 6, the funeral cortege to Moorchurch being one of large proportions.

The Dundalk representative of the Belfast Evening Telegram says: "The coming election in North Louth will be contested. It is stated that Mr. T. M. Healy, M. P., will be opposed at the coming election by Mr. Michael Davitt."

MEATH.

Soon after the morning train from Dublin arrived in Athboy, Aug. 11, a sad accident occurred, which has cast a gloom over the parish.

MUNSTER.

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The death of Mr. John McGrath, Kilmaham, Kells, at the age of 82 years, happened on Aug. 2. Three of his children he gave to the service of religion. Two, one of whom survives, entered the Order of the Sisters of Mercy in Kells, and the third, the Rev. Hugh McGrath, is curate of Skryne.

On Aug. 25 last a convention of delegates from the branches of the United Irish League established in North Meath was held in the Town Hall, Kells.

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He carried a handbag, in which he had a deposit receipt for £120, four £10 notes, a single note, a sovereign and two tickets for America. When they arrived at the quay they employed a man to carry their luggage to Mr. Curran's, in Bridge street, Kavanagh, taking the bag in his hand.

On Aug. 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Lady's Island was the scene of a great religious function to signalize the feast day of the parish.

Mr. Kranke Browne has been appointed Clerk of the Crown and Peace for County Wicklow, in succession to the late Dr. Toomey.

One of the most successful Retreats given in the Sacred Heart Church, Antrim, was brought to a close on Aug. 12. The Retreat was opened on the previous Sunday.

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lately by the Gaelic League, at Cahair-civen, in aid of the O'Connell Memorial Church, the Very Rev. Denis J. Canon O'Riordan, in proposing a vote of thanks to the members of the league said: "I am sure it will be a source of gratification to the performers and to the audience to learn from me that arrangements are being made to have the work on the Memorial Church resumed. I have now \$15,000, and in a short time the workmen will again be busy on its walls and on the roof, and this stately edifice will rise in its impressive outlines a noble monument, not alone to an illustrious Irishman, but to the faith, patriotism and generosity of the Irish race."

A meeting of the members of the Knocknagoshel branch of the United Irish League was held Aug. 12. J. J. Greany, president.

LIMERICK.

In the Southern Cross, Adelaide, issue of July 6, was the death notice: KENNY—At Balla McKenny, Colton, Bridget Kenny, June 20, in her 86th year. A colonist of sixty years having arrived in the colony 1st of October 1840, in the ship Mary Dugdale, Born in County Limerick, Ireland.

The death of Father Walsh, pastor of the united parishes of Ardagh and Carrigerry, occurred Aug. 15. Deceased was one of the oldest clergymen in the diocese, and was parish priest of Ardagh during the evictions on the Glensharrold estate. The Office and High Mass were at Ardagh Parish Aug. 16, prior to interment.

The death of Dr. Joseph M. Donovan, Galbally, happened on July 28, at the early age of 23 years, was deeply regretted.

TIPPERARY.

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The foundation stone of a new Catholic Church at Ardara was laid by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell on Aug. 12. All preparations had been made for the placing of the stone by Mr. E. J. Toye, architect, Londonderry.

On Aug. 5, the remains of the late Mr. Richard Allingham were removed from Tullyhark, Ballyshannon, for interment in Mullinahally graveyard.

Deceased had been suffering from old age and the debility attending it, and passed peacefully away on Aug. 3, surrounded by the members of his family.

Mr. John R. McConnell, chairman of the Downpatrick Town Commissioners and under-agent for Lord Dunleath, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County Down.

Mr. Francis Heron, Ardegon House, Killybegs, who opposed unsuccessfully, fully Colonel Sharman Crawford for county councillor for the division of Killybegs at the last election, will stand as a Unionist candidate for East Down at the forthcoming election, and a committee is making arrangements for a contest.

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