

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.

Collis Victoria, which is the proud title of the Hill and Abbey of Knockmoy, near Tuam. From an ancient petition it would appear that the monks of the abbey of Knockmoy were possessed of the rectory of the well-known church "Jure suo nascitur." The abbey of Collis Victoria, or Abbeyknockmoy, was founded by Cathal O'Connor, King of Connaught, about the year 1190.

Galway county is one of the spots in Ireland where the real Irish spirit continues to move the people. Their support of all movements for the improvement of the country and the people has been ever loyal and vigorous. Now the inhabitants are in the front ranks of those who are waging war against alien rule and working energetically for the restoration of the land to the tillers, and the revival of the native language.

LEITRIM.

Bernard Kilkenny, who lived near Mollish died recently at the extraordinary age of 111 years. His father fought in 1798 under Gen. Monroe, was made a prisoner and executed.

The funeral of Mr. James Pitts, Newcastle West, to Drumcollogher cemetery, took place on Sept. 1, and was numerously attended. The deceased was son of the late Edward Pitts, who conducted a wholesale and retail hardware and leather concern in Newcastle West, and nephew of the late Mr. James McEnery, whose brewery in Newcastle West gave employment to hundreds until in the sixties the brewery monopolists crushed out the smaller industries over the country and brought ruin on many an honest, skilled and unskilled man. Mr. Pitts was most unassuming and gentle, possessing genial traits which endeared him to all. A gentleman of education and culture, with a strong desire to assist in every project to advance his native town, it is felt that a great loss has been sustained. The deepest sympathy is extended by the people to his sister in her affliction.

MAYO.

The Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, selected Very Rev. Dr. Kilkenny, pastor, Claremorris, as assistant in the great National Synod lately held in Mayo College.

Mr. William Hynes, Ballyhannan, was evicted lately from his holding. The landlord is Mr. John Smyth, Williamstown, County Galway. The people of the town have great respect for Mr. Hynes and sympathize with him in his trouble.

Rev. John P. Connolly, pastor of Achill, County Mayo, has made an appeal for financial assistance to help him in having three churches in his parish renovated and repaired. British misrule has so effectually destroyed all Irish industries that Father Connolly's parishioners have a terrible fight every day in the year with the wolf-hunger. Many hundreds of them of both sexes are compelled every year to go to the country which has ruined their own in order to earn a few dollars in saving the harvest of the Britishers. Under these conditions the pastor is forced to seek assistance from the Irish in the United States and in other countries. His appeal will be generously responded to, particularly by men from the grand old Irish province of Connaught. But for the deliberate misrule and robbery of the country by the British appeals of this kind need never be made by Irish priests, and they ought to state it in their appeals.

On Sunday, Aug. 26, a fine demonstration, preceded by a procession, headed by the Castlebar band, was held in commemoration of the great victory won by the French and Irish soldiers over the British redcoats over 100 years ago, when they routed the Saxons from the historic town. The procession numbered 2,500 persons, and after parading the streets of the town the vast concourse halted outside the residence of Dr. D'Exeter Jordan, when Mr. James Daly was moved to the chair.

ROSCOMMON.

The members of the Roscommon Labor League are taking great interest in the movement to revive their native language. They will be addressed at their meeting by members who know all about the old tongue of the Gael.

Members of the Kilkenny branch of the United Irish League met on Sunday, Sept. 2, when it was unanimously resolved to hold a collection in aid of the General Election Fund at the Chapel gate. The people will contribute generously to this fund, if they wish to have a firm party in the next Parliament, as they had of old, to safeguard their interests, and to compel the government, Liberal or Tory, to abolish the system of landlordism and agrarianism so fatal to the Irish people.

On Sept. 6 Mr. Richard Corr, United Irish League Organizer, Roscommon, and Mr. M. McEgan, Elphin, were liberated from Sligo Prison after three months' imprisonment for speeches made at a United Irish League meeting.

SLIGO.

On Sept. 5 Rev. W. O'Dwyer, of St. Mary's, Sligo, previous to his departure for his Australian mission, took the station for Sligo, where he was met by a large number of his friends at the station. The college O'Dwyer personal

friends and admirers, made it the occasion for presenting him with a beautifully illuminated address, designed and executed by the Ursuline Sisters of St. Joseph's, and a handsome silver chalice.

Mr. Michael Brennan presided at recent meeting of the United Irish League. The committee were unanimous in thanking the branches for sending their bands, banners, and large contingents to the meeting which was held here on Aug. 26.—C. McEteen and Michael Higgins, secretaries.

The death of Mrs. Cella Breen, Charlestown, which took place on Aug. 22, at the early age of 72 years, has caused great regret. The deceased was a member of one of the most respectable families in her native parish of Killybegh. On Thursday, Aug. 23, the remains were removed for interment to the family burial ground, Killybegh. The large assemblage which attended to pay its last tribute of respect was good proof of the esteem in which she was held. The Rev. M. Keaveny, Rev. M. J. Devine, and the Rev. P. Morrisroe, Maynooth College, officiated.

The Sligo Champion of Sept. 8, among many items of interest to Sligo people, had the following on the Gaelic movement and how it is progressing: Mr. William O'Malley, M. P., for Conema, in speaking to his constituents last week, gave a portion of his speech in Irish, and he says he did not get a real cheer till he began in that language. His constituents were overjoyed at hearing a speech in their own tongue, and he has gone up a hundred per cent. in their estimation. This should be a hint to other M. P.'s, if they wish to reach the hearts of those they represent. Another sign of the times is that the Rev. John Melvin, P. P., Templeboy, and the Rev. Patrick McNulty, P. P., Skreen and Dromard, read the acts before Mass in Irish. This is a step in the right direction, as there is a large number of persons in those parishes who know Irish well, though unfortunately they habitually use English. It is an example which should be followed by other priests in Erris and Tyrone, where all the people know their native tongue. In those districts sermons in Irish would reach the hearts of the people in a way which English sermons never could do. The greatest credit is due to Fathers Melvin and McNulty for their patriotic and spirited example.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

The death of Mr. Joseph Nolan, Carriage, happened Sept. 2, at the fine old age of 88 years. The funeral to St. Mary's cemetery, Ballyglass, was very numerous.

The funeral of the late James Kelly, whose death from an accident in Dublin Bow Yard, took place on Sept. 4, in St. Mary's cemetery, Carlow. The remains had been conveyed from Kingsbridge on Monday and reposed overnight at the residence of his father. There was a very large attendance of townspeople at the funeral, testifying to the esteem in which the poor young fellow was held. The procession on its way to the cemetery halted at the Cathedral, and the coffin having been carried in, the prayers for the dead were recited by the Rev. J. Corbett. The cortege then wended its way to the cemetery, where the last prayers were recited by the Rev. J. Guilan, Adm.

DUBLIN.

The members of the Clondalkin branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on Sunday, Sept. 2, at which Mr. Bernard Dowd presided. The question of how best to organize the parish in support of the United Irish League was discussed. Ultimately, on the motion of Mr. H. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. James Ryder, it was decided to summon a special meeting.

On Aug. 30 a tragedy occurred at Sandycove railway station, resulting in the death of Edward Stephens, draper, residing at 19 Gastine row, near Kingstown. Mr. Stephens, accompanied by Mr. John Jenkins, of Millmount House, Sandycove, traveled to Dublin and returned by the train leaving Westland row at 11:15 P. M. On the train reaching Sandycove the deceased remarked to his friend: "Oh, Jock, here is Sandycove," and standing up, opened the carriage door while the train was still in motion, stepped out, and was caught between the platform and the footboard of the moving train. Injuries sustained proved fatal.

KILDARE.

The committees appointed by the Synod of Mayo having been engaged during the week in considering the matters submitted to them, the decrees passed and considered after wards in private congregations of the Bishops came up for confirmation at a solemn session of the whole Synod, held in the College church, Sept. 2. The session was opened by the celebration of Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost. In addition to the members of the Synod the Mass was attended by a large congregation of the laity. The members of the Synod walked in procession to the church, Cardinal Logue, the Archbishop, and Bishops being accompanied by their Theologians. The Cardinal Archbishop presided at the Mass, being assisted by the Right Rev. Mr. Byrne and the Rev. Joseph McRory, Mayo College.

On Aug. 31 Michael Shiel, aged 18 years, died suddenly at Killea. He was harvesting with others on the farm of Mr. Jackson. Early in the afternoon he saw a rabbit run from under a stook end, and ran in pursuit of it. He caught it and brought it back. From having run so quickly he complained when he returned to his fellow-harvesters that he felt hurt. However, in a short time, he appeared to get all right, and resumed his work. Returning home with his father, who was going through Mr. Jackson's farmyard, both stopped to view a binding machine. In doing so the father noticed his son getting weak and before

the former could reach the latter he had fallen to the ground dying. The father having clasped his hands vigorously he soon recovered consciousness and strength enough with his father's help to walk home. In a short time after he was seized with a vomiting and died in thirty minutes.

KILKENNY.

Capt. Larasy, of the Transvaal Irish Brigade recently wrote an interesting letter to "The Kilkenny People," in which he speaks enthusiastically of Boer valor and fighting powers, and pays a glowing tribute to the brave Irishmen who shouldered the Mauser on the side of right and justice in South Africa.

At a meeting of the Castlecomer Board of Guardians, held lately, Messrs A. M. Kenny, V. C. in the chair, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Farrell, and carried, Mr. J. B. Dobbs dissenting: "That we congratulate the people of Callan Johnstown and Tularoan, on their patriotic action in establishing the United Irish League in their districts, and we wish them a successful success. We take advantage of the opportunity of calling on our County Councilors to take steps for the organizing of the entire county in the ranks of the only National organization."

KINGS.

Mr. T. P. Lacy presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Ballinacorney branch of the United Irish League, held Sept. 2. How to best collect funds for the Parliamentary elections was fully discussed, and it was finally agreed to call a special meeting for the purpose.

On Sept. 2 a very important meeting of the Tullamore branch of the United Irish League was held in the Young Men's Hall, Thomas street. The president, Mr. Wm. Adams, occupied the chair, and the other members of the committee present were John Moran, Wm. Duffey, Joseph Kearney, James Walsh, James Gannon, Thomas English, and John Quirk. In the absence of Mr. Patrick Nugent through illness Mr. John Shiel acted as secretary. Several questions of importance to the locality and others of importance from a National standpoint were discussed, and action taken thereon.

Historic Clonmacnoise was the scene of a great United Irish League demonstration on Sunday, Sept. 9. It was the patron day of St. Kieran, and thousands visited the ancient churches and holy wells in the hallowed district. Pilgrimages were made around the cell of St. Kieran, Coghna church, and the Church of the Kings. Large contingents attended from Birr, Clonban, Belmont, Banagher, Stortour, Ballinacorney, Tisarran, Shanonbridge and Ferbane. Mr. John O'Donnell, M. P., from Westport, was present. Mr. Michael Reddy presided.

LONGFORD.

On Sept. 2 a very large meeting was held at Edgeworthstown under the auspices of the North Longford Executive of the United Irish League. There were contingents from all parts of North Longford, with bands and banners, parts of South Longford and Westmeath were also represented.

LOUTH.

At recent meeting of Nationalists in Monasterboice, Mr. Patrick Donegan, chairman of Louth Drogheda District Council, proposed "That the Nationalists of Fieldstown and Monasterboice endorse the principles of the United Irish League, and believe it indorsed by all Irishmen it will assist in the attainment of independence." Mr. Nicholas Norris said the resolutions embodied all they desired.

An old and respected townsman of Drogheda, Mr. Patrick Fay, Peter street, passed away on Sept. 3. His interment took place on Sept. 5 in the new cemetery, and the long cortege that followed the remains showed the deep interest toward the family of the deceased.

On Aug. 30 a representative meeting of the Nationalists of Drogheda, under the auspices of the United Irish League, was held in the Mayoralty rooms. The attendance included gentlemen who for the past ten years were in the fratricidal strife which estranged the best and truest of Irish Nationalists.

MEATH.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Catherine Fay, which took place at her residence, Academy street, Navan, on Aug. 29. The deceased came of an ancient and respected family, and is deeply regretted by the residents of the district around the town.

QUEENS.

Mrs. Mary Teresa Higgins, wife of Mr. John Higgins, confectioner, Maryborough, died of burns, on Sept. 2. On Aug. 31 she was going to bed and somehow her clothes took fire from the candle, and fatal injuries were sustained.

When ex-political prisoner James J. Egan lately unveiled the '98 Memorial in Mountmellick, the process on was formed at the Canal Harbor. It was headed by the Mountmellick Boys' Brigade, organized by Mr. L. Hayden and Mr. E. Burgin. The banners of the Wolfe Tone and '98 Memorial Association and the Old Guard Union, Dublin, were carried before the procession, while the bands were placed at intervals between the contingents. Thus formed the procession marched through the town to the site of the memorial.

The death of Mrs. John Shiel, Luggacurran, occurred Aug. 21, at the age of 50 years. The deceased, who was wife of a sterling Nationalist, was evicted from her father's home during the Luggacurran campaign, and has since resided with her father-in-law, Mr. M. Shiel, Crossard. She leaves four sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. She had been ill a long time but her death was an extremely happy one, fortified by all the rights of Holy Church. The funeral took place on Aug. 25, when the remains of the

deceased were interred in the family burial ground at Wolfhill.

On Aug. 22 at the Bridgide Convent, Sliver, Miss Katie Walsh (in religion Sister Mary Dominic) made the solemn vows of profession. Miss Walsh is the daughter of Mrs. Catherine Walsh, Main street, Maryborough. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. J. Kearney, Adm., Tullow. Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, received the young lady's vows.

WESTMEATH.

Mr. P. Brady presided at a fine meeting of Nationalists in Clonmellon lately, when it was proposed by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Farmer, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting is in full sympathy with the National Convention in seeing the necessity for a General Election Fund, and we promise to make it a success by making a house to house collection."

The death of Mr. Thomas P. Hughes, Greville street, Mullingar, occurred on Sept. 1. Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral, and the remains were conveyed to Walshestown cemetery, the funeral cortege being very large and representative.

The members of the Executive of the United Irish League in North Westmeath held a meeting in Mullingar, Aug. 30, for the purpose of considering, among other business, the appeal for funds issued by the M. S. Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., and Alderman O'Mara, of Limerick for the general election. Arrangements for a general collection were postponed pending the holding of another meeting, but in the meantime the following were empowered to take subscriptions on behalf of the fund: Messrs. Owen Wickham, M. Murtagh, W. Gillivan and Patrick Connellan.

WEXFORD.

On Sept. 3 and 4 a grand bazaar and fête was successfully held in Wexford in aid of the fund organized for the erection of a monument in the Bull Ring, to commemorate the memory of the men of '98. It was a great success. The people of Wexford town and all who assisted in the good work have reason to be proud of the result.

On Aug. 29 passed to her eternal reward after a week's illness, Mrs. Ellen Neville, Ballykerogue. Deceased who had attained the age of 70 years always enjoyed good health, and was one of those who put their faith in early rising. The deceased was one of the famous Tottenham tenants but escaped being numbered among the victims of the father of the battering ram—for it was at the instigation of Col. Tottenham the ram first made its appearance in this country at Foley's Fort. Although not obliged to undergo the ordeal of eviction, Mrs. Neville was one of those dragged down to give evidence before the star chamber court at Arthurstown, when it was sought to build up evidence for the jailing of Canon Doyle and the Shelburne men, who were making things lively for Government and landlords in South Wexford. Coaxing and coercion failed alike to intimidate Mrs. Neville, and she went to Wexford Jail rather than inform on her priests and neighbors. The remains of deceased were laid to rest in the old churchyard at Ballykerogue. Her funeral was very largely attended.

WICKLOW.

The death of Mrs. Mary Jane Breslin, of Bridge street, Ardee, County Louth, occurred Sept. 3. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. Tobias Hogarty, merchant, Donard. The remains were conveyed by train to Holywood, thence by road to Blessington and interred in the cemetery there.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

The death of Mr. Anthony Conidine, of Maurice Mills, occurred on Aug. 29. He was postmaster in Inagh district for thirty years. His funeral was numerously attended. Rev. Father Clancy was the officiating clergyman.

A County Clare exchange of Sept. 9 contained this very interesting item: "Turning over a file of the Clar Journal of 1891, we found the following paragraph, which will interest readers: 'There has been lately discovered on the estate of Mr. Anesley, near Doolin, in this county, a very rich copper and lead mine, which is now worked with great success by Thomas Williams & Co., of Anglesey, Wales, who have purchased the right to the royalty from the proprietor. The ore was washed at the mine, which lies convenient to the coast of Liscannor, from whence it is exported to the company's smelting works in North Wales.' What has become of this mine?"

CORK.

Mr. Joseph Griffin, of Cork City fell into the river off Bunkeite Bridge and was drowned, on Sept. 2. Jeremiah Colbert, farmer, met with an accident at Ballyre, Killybegh, while assisting at threshing operations. He was supplying the machine, when his right hand was dragged in, getting fearfully mangled and crushed. Dr. Twomey, of Youghal, found that amputation of the hand and wrist was necessary.

Master Timothy Quinlan, Clongowes Wood College, son of Mr. M. Quinlan, principal of the Warner's Lane National Schools, Bandon, has achieved brilliant success in the Intermediate Examinations. Last year he won first place in all Ireland in the Junior Grade, and this year scored the same position in the Middle Grade. These are highly creditable successes, not alone to the clever young pupil, but to his teachers at Clongowes, and to his father, whose careful preparatory training at his own school has been a great factor in these achievements. On Sept. 1 occurred the death of Mrs. Vaughan, Kealkil. About two months ago she became seriously ill.

The deceased had been workmistress in the Kealkil National School for the past 30 years, and the records of the school testify to the diligence and efficiency with which she worked in that capacity. The interment took place on Monday, at the family burial ground, Kilmichael. A large concourse of relatives and friends accompanied the remains. The Rev. J. O'Connell and Rev. T. Murphy officiated.

The death of Mrs. Husley, Curragh, Skibbereen, occurred at her home, on Sept. 1. She was sister of the late Mr. C. D. O'Sullivan, president of the Hibernian Bank, San Francisco, who for years sent large sums every year to the late Most Rev. Dr. O'Hea, to be applied in aid of local charities. The funeral was attended by all the people in the district.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. O'LEARY—On Sept. 4, Cornelius O'Leary, at 18 Sullivan quay.

O'CALLAGHAN—At no 1 Magazine road, Patrick O'Callaghan, at an advanced age.

O'CONNELL—On Sept. 4, at No. 2 Railway Cottages, Killybarry, Bridge O'Connell.

HARTIGAN—On Sept. 3, at Fort Cottage, Charleville, Maggie Hartigan.

GREENE—On Sept. 6, at Dungourne, Rev. J. D. Greene; Office and High Mass at Mogeely.

MURPHY—On July 30, at Filleul street, Dunedin, New Zealand, Michael D. Murphy, M. D., second son of the late Daniel Murphy, Egmont, County Cork aged 52 years.

COLLINS—On Sept. 7, at 1 Dyke Parade, Elizabeth Collins.

DUGGAN—On Sept. 2, at 10 Evergreen street, Mary Jane Duggan.

O'MAHONY—On Sept. 4, at 2 Kyril's street, Mary Margaret and infant twins, the dearly beloved wife of Denis O'Mahony.

GRiffin—Sept. 2, Joseph Griffin, Ballythomas.

FITZGERALD—On Sept. 3, Jane Fitzgerald, 20 Pope's quay (late of Clonroy).

ROCHE—On Sept. 5, at 314 Blarney street, Mrs. Roche.

MURPHY—At Kanturk, on Sept. 6, Matthew Murphy.

HARTNETT—On Aug. 30, at 87 Shandon street, Daniel Hartnett.

O'Riordan—On Sept. 1, at 12 North Main street, Mary Bridget O'Riordan.

HURLEY—On Sept. 1, at Curragh, Skibbereen, Mary Hurley.

REGAN—At Macroom, Michael John Regan.

KERRY.

Most Rev. Dr. Kalin, Archbishop of St. Louis, Mo., returning from Rome, accompanied by his secretary, Rev. J. A. Treacy, arrived at Killarney Sept. 5. He was born in America of Irish parents. He celebrated his silver jubilee as Bishop on May 23 last, in Rome, after visiting Kenmare and Cahirciveen. He sailed for the United States on the Etruria on Sept. 16.

The following clerical changes have taken place in the Kerry Diocese: Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan transferred from Cahirciveen to Kingwilliamstown. He will be placed in Cahirciveen by Rev. Humphrey O'Riordan, P. P., Lixnaw. The Lixnaw vacancy will be filled by the Rev. James Connihan, P. P., Castlemaine, and the latter parish will be under the pastorship of his brother, Rev. John Connihan, parish priest of Kingwilliamstown.

An enthusiastic demonstration was held in Kenmare on Sunday, Sept. 2, under the presidency of Right Rev. Mgr. O'Sullivan, to inaugurate a General Election Fund.

LIMERICK.

Mr. John Daly, Mayor of Limerick, it is reported, will be a candidate for the representation of that city at the General Election. He will be an independent Labor Candidate.

Rev. F. Graham, pastor, Cradoc, has been appointed by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, to the pastoral charge of Ardpatrick, in succession to Rev. John Sheahan, P. P., transferred to the united parishes of Ardagh and Carrick-kerry.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the remains of Mr. John O'Shaughnessy were conveyed from Ardagh church to the family burial ground at Lismakeery for interment. The immense cortege—the largest seen in the district for many years—bore ample testimony to the popularity of deceased, and to the high esteem and respect in which he was held. John O'Shaughnessy took a most active part in the '48 and '67 movements, being one of the men who rose in arms to strike a blow for Ireland.

TIPPERARY.

Edward Meera, of Glenreigh, Holycross, on Aug. 30, was knocked down at Lisnagonogue Bridge, near Thurles Railway Station by a goods train, and received injuries to which he succumbed on Saturday, Sept. 1, never having recovered consciousness.

General regret was felt at the announcement of the death of Mr. Patrick Quinlan, Manganstown, which took place on Sunday, Sept. 2. The deceased, though a man of great physical strength and activity, fell into a chronic state of debility, to which he finally succumbed. His obsequies were celebrated on Sept. 4, and the remains were laid in their last resting place in Killybegh cemetery; funeral was attended by great numbers of friends from the surrounding districts.

On Sept. 1 the remains of late Father O'Brien, Lowell, Mass., were conveyed from the home of his sister, Mrs. Bonfield, of Shalee House, to the Church of St. Mary's, Nenagh, where Requiem Mass was celebrated. Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, celebrant; Rev. J. Crowe, Youghal, deacon; Rev. Daniel O'Meara, Toomevara, sub-deacon; Rev. J. Glynn, Nenagh, master of ceremonies, and Rev. John Cunningham, Roscrea, chanter.

WATERFORD.

On Aug. 31 the body of a little boy, Patrick Casey, was picked up on the mud-bank of Dungarven estuary. During the previous night his mother had

been looking for him, and as no one saw him, it is surmised that he fell off the quay and was drowned. He was seven years of age. On Aug. 30 a little boy named John Casey fell off the quay. He had been fishing, but a young man named O'Donnell, seeing him drop, stepped on to the fender of a vessel and pulled him out. On Friday two boys fell off and had narrow escape.

On Sept. 1 the Great Southern and Western Railway Company took over possession of the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway, and most of the officials connected with the line took up their residences in Dublin. The officials of the Waterford and Limerick line and the members of the Comus Club entertained their friends to a farewell supper. M. J. J. Murphy, secretary of the Waterford and Limerick Company, presided. This move will not benefit the trade of Waterford.

Pupils of the Christian Brothers' College, Lismore, have made a fine record in recent Intermediate examinations. Every boy presented by the institution passed. This is very rare in the case. Over 3,000 students were presented for examination in the Junior Grade, and although the Board awards only one exhibition for every ten boys who pass this grade, two of the students of the above college, Master Robert H. Grant and Master Cyril L. Baker have crowned with honor their Alma Mater by carrying off two of those coveted distinctions having each won a scholarship of £20 a year for three years, and securing at the same time a high place in the exhibition list. They scored nearly 5,000 marks each out of a possible 6,000, and passed with honors in every subject in which they were examined.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Mr. John Thompson has been appointed a magistrate for the city of Belfast.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward McHugh member of Parliament for South Armagh at Margate, England, on Wednesday, Aug. 29. The deceased was born in 1846 at Rosemary street, Belfast; was a son of the late Mr. Edward McHugh, founder of Messrs. B. & E. McHugh, drapers, Rosemary street. Mr. McHugh was educated at St. Joseph's Clonalkin, near Dublin. In 1872 he established a branch of the firm in New York, under the title of McHugh & Donnelly. He was a sterling Nationalist.

ARMAGH.

It is rumored in conservative circles that Col. Sanderson, M. P., for North Armagh, will be opposed at the general election by a tenant-farmers' candidate. The policy of the colonel, although it might please the Orange-men, has not been satisfactory to the tenant-farmers on the land question. The name of Mr. James Orr, Cranagill, Armagh, member of the Armagh County Council, has been mentioned as a candidate.

CAVAN.

The crops around the district of Killyshandra, as in most other districts of Ireland, have been seriously injured by the recent storms of wind and rain.

With regret we record the death of Miss Annie Donohoe, which took place on Aug. 13, after a long illness. The deceased was only 25 years of age. The funeral to Kingscourt was largely attended, nearly thirty cars following the hearse.

DERRY.

St. Columba's College, Derry, has achieved a splendid record in the recent intermediate examinations. The total number of pupils passed reached thirty-eight, and these included many of the brilliant successes in the educational struggle. The first place in the junior grade has been secured by a pupil in St. Columba's and in that grade and the other grades a large number of special prizes were captured. Very Rev. Dr. McHugh is president of the college.

DONEGAL.

Patrick Harte, Slate row, Ballyshannon, was discovered dead in his home on Sept. 1. The deceased had been suffering from melancholia, but was no suspected of having any design on his life.

DOWN.

On Sept. 2 a successful meeting of the Bryansford Branch of the United Irish League was held at Tollymore. Rev. William Dempsey presided, and explained the constitution of the League and utility of establishing a branch. Rev. William Dempsey was unanimously elected president.

MONAGHAN.

The many friends of the Sisters of St. Louis, Essex Castle, Carrickmacross, will be pleased to learn that the Lace School was awarded an extra prize at the Horse Show by the Royal Dublin Society for the excellence of the lace exhibited. Great care is taken in the teaching of the Irish language.

A quiet little wedding took place recently at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Clones, between Mr. James Brady, County Councillor, Aghabog, to Mr. Patrick Whelan, chairman Monaghan District Council, the officiating clergyman being Rev. F. McDonnell, P. P., Killyevan.

TYRONE.

On Wednesday, 20th, the remains of Mr. James McGoldrick, Tullycar, Castledrag, were interred in Milltown Catholic cemetery, Belfast. Deceased was son of Mr. John McGoldrick, Tullycar, Castledrag, and came to Belfast a short time ago to commence business. He was in his usual health until about two weeks previous, when he contracted typhoid fever and succumbed, fortified with all the rites of Holy Church. The funeral was largely attended.