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 Sisters of Mercy, Gort, have a flourishing technical school in connection with their convent. They give a great deal of employment in the various textile industries. In the convent over 20 grown up girls are constantly at work. Each one receives good pay every week. The technical schools are a great benefit to Gort.

The Annadown Athletic sports held on Sunday, Sept. 23, were most successful. The weather conditions were all that could be desired. There were 14 good events on the card, and each was well contested. As evidence of the wide popularity of the fixture large contingents were present from Galway, Athenry, Tuam, Headford, Moycullen, Ross and Oughterard.

In Killinin churchyard, near Creachmhail, recently, a memorial was erected over the remains of Anthony Raftery, a great Irish poet. To the efforts of Lady Gregory, Edward Martyn, Dr. Hyde, Thomas O. Concannin, is due the merit that the best of all the Connacht bard lies not in an unmarked and forgotten grave. There is no Gaelic speaker in the West with any pretension to an interest in Irish who has not some of Raftery's rhymes by heart, and such of his pieces as have been printed have amply justified the taste of the people of Connacht. His "Planudaidh Mhuigh Eo" and "An Posaidh Glegeal," to name but his two best known poems, are marvels of mellifluous versification. The volume of his work, which is in preparation, will be among the most interesting of Irish poetical literature. The stone in Killinin bears the word "Rachtiraigh," but it will identify the resting place of the bard for all time. A great gathering of country people attended the unveiling, and when the ceremony was over Dr. Hyde gave a short account of the poet's life, contrasting his time with the present, and appealing to revert to the old system. W. B. Yeats, Father Considine, Andrias MacFhloinn and Father MacDonagh joined in the appeal, and we may, we trust, look to the incident wakening the country from the Suck to Galway Bay, the scene of Raftery's peregrinations, and the place that has the honor of having caught him to its bosom.

LEITRIM.

Mrs. Peter Kiernan, of Cloone, died at Drumhallow, Sept. 17. She came of a family that has for many years held the highest respect in social and political circles. During her sickness she was attended by Father Doherty, Cloone. A largely attended funeral cortege accompanied her remains for interment to Cloone cemetery.

A convention of delegates from branches of the League and representative bodies in South Leitrim was held in the Town Hall, Carrick-on-Shannon, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the constituency. Dr. Mulcahy, president of the South Leitrim Executive, who presided, announced that Mr. Jasper Tully had been selected without a dissenting voice, an announcement which was received with great cheering.

The Nationalists of Manorhamilton are doing fine work for Ireland and the Irish people by their loyal and zealous support of the national organization—United Irish League. The Nationalists of the town fully understand what great blessing would accrue to the Irish people if in possession of their own lands; if, instead of sending the rents out of the country, to fill the purses of the alien landlords, that money could be kept in the country for the benefit of the farmer who earned it, and for those who are in Irish trade and commerce. At a recent meeting of the local branch of the United Irish League Mr. Denis McGowan, Sr., presided.

MAYO.

The Westport police recently prosecuted Patrick O'Grady, D. C., for disorderly conduct on the day of the auction of William O'Brien's cow at Carrabawn. If any man should be in the dock for disorderliness it should be James Moran, the rent office boy, whose gross incitement to a breach of the peace was obviated only by the good sense of the people, and the contempt with which they regarded the police-fenced Martin.

ROSCOMMON.

Owing to the recent interesting discovery made by the finding of St. Barry's flag in the Shannon, near Strokestown, excavations are about to be made at Kilbarry, Tarmon, with a view to tracing St. Barry's bell, which tradition relates, is buried adjacent to the spot where the flag was discovered. The bell was used in the abbey of Kilbarry, centuries ago. The progress of the excavations will be watched with the greatest interest by the people throughout the district of Tarmon and Kilbarry.

The fortnightly meeting of Breedogan branch of the United Irish League was held Sept. 16 in the League room, the president presiding. After the routine business of the branch was gone through, it was proposed and unanimously carried to make a house to house collection to those that did not contribute to the Parliamentary Fund yet. It was further resolved to return to Mrs. Dowd her admission fee, on account of infringing on the rules of the United Irish League.—M. Brennan and Patrick Murray, secretaries.

[illegible] will be completed soon in [illegible] and hand-some chapel, erected in memory of the late Dr. Gillooly. The present chapel for many years did duty as a court house, and owing to its structural defects and situation in the centre of the Market Square, where on fair days it is surrounded by cattle and buyers, it is most unsuitable as a house of prayer. The new church, which is to be called the Dr. Gillooly Memorial Church, was commenced in 1897. It is a very handsome building, 164 feet in length, with a width of 102 feet across the transepts. The width across the nave and aisles is 6 feet, and the height of the building from floor to ridge is 73 feet. The tower, as at present arranged, will rise to a height of 103 feet; but if the funds be forthcoming an additional 92 feet will be added before operation cease. The walls are of limestone from a quarry at Tremane, and the windows and doorways are silicious limestone from the County Tyrone. The windows are a special feature of the building, the most conspicuous being a rose window over the principal entrance, which is the gift of the bishops to their late confrere. There will be a main entrance and two side doors. It is intended to heat the building by steam, and light it by electricity. When finished the new church will be an ornament to the town and a memorial worthy of the prelate. The contractor is Mr Thomas Fee, Longford, and the work is being carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. Coote.

SLIGO.

Very Rev. Father O'Kelly, Prior of Holy Cross church, Sligo, is conducting a mission in Tralee, County Kerry.

Mr. Owen Healy, principal teacher Clooneenmore N. S., Easky, is qualified for promotion to the rank of first class, as the result of his superior answering at the recent examination of teachers held at St. Patrick's College, Dublin. He has also qualified for certificates of competency to teach drawing, vocal and instrumental music.

At a recent meeting of the members of the Ballisodare and Carrowmore Branch of the United Irish League Mr. William Mitchell presided, and the attendance was very numerous. After transacting routine business the case of Sherlock was taken up. It was stated that he has withdrawn his cattle from the Marsh farm leaving it as a playground for the rabbits and hares. The people of the locality had recourse to the 40-foot pole medicine in this case, and it is the opinion of the most eminent physicians, when properly applied, is certain to cure. The case of Pat. O'Hara and Thomas McDonough was next gone into. Both came before the meeting, and after hearing each man's statement a very satisfactory settlement was made. Six delegates were appointed to attend the convention.—F. Tighe, secretary.

The death of Mrs. Moran, Collooney, occurred Sept. 20, at the age of 55 years. Throughout the county the sad event was deeply regretted. She took a keen interest in politics, and in the days of the Ladies' Land League she was president of the Collooney Branch. The funeral took place on Saturday to Kilcross. All the districts in the county were represented.

LEINSTER

CARLOW

Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin administered the Sacrament of Confirmaton to one hundred children in the parish of Tinryland on Sept. 25. Rev J. Robinson and Rev. H. Dunne assisted the Bishop.

Miss Lillie Dillon, daughter of Mr. Patrick Dillon, Tullow, was professed a religious of the Presentation Order in the Carlow Convent on Sept. 20.

On Sept. 21, at Ratho, a Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. John J. Kelly, Rathrush, whose remains were interred the Saturday previous in the cemetery of the church. The ceremonies were attended by a large concourse, who joined fervently in the prayers for the dead.

DUBLIN.

Mr. Nanitte, the Nationalist candidate, and nominee of the United Irish League, was elected Member of Parliament for the College Green division of Dublin City, defeating by a great majority Mr. James L. Carew, the former member. Mr. Carew attended the garden party of the Duke of York when in Dublin.

The death of Miss Margaret Stokes, occurred on Sept. 20 at her residence in Howth. She was a most distinguished archaeologist and antiquarian, and devoted a great deal of time and attention to the study of the old and historic monuments in Ireland. Irish archaeology has lost one of the most talented and devoted students and all those who labor in the same direction will deplore Miss Stokes' demise.

On September 23, the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly conferred the following orders in the church of the college, Clonliffe, Dublin: Deaconship—Rev. Thomas Downey, O. S. A.; Rev. Eugene Walsh, O. S A.; Rev. Bartholomew Gorman, C M The following received tonsure and mihor orders: Joseph Fenelon, Clement Connolly, Sylvester Mulligan, Angelus Healy, Stanislaus Kavanagh, Edwin Fitzgibbon, Cornelius Killian, Bernard Harvey Albert Bibby All belong to the Capuchin Order.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

DINGLE—Milburn avenue, Drumcondra, Margaret Dingle.

HOPKINS—Sept. 21, the result of a severe fall off a bicycle, Charles T. Hopkins, of 4 Belgrave Square, West, Monkstown, in his 70th year.

KANE—Sept. 19, 1900, at 3 Bridewell lane, John Kane, cattle dealer.

KENNEDY—Sept. 21, at 5 Westbourne terrace, Bray, Thomas Kennedy, aged 81 years.

LYONS—On Sept. 20, at the Mater Hospital, Hannah Mary Kavanagh, Moneygarcon, County Wexford, beloved wife of J. J. Lyons, late of 74 George's street, Kingstown, and 23 Lower Dominick street, Dublin.

CAMPBELL—At 43 Chamber street, Mr. James Campbell, at an advanced age.

HEENEY—At Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Mrs. J. Heeney, late of 25 North King street.

HUNT—Sept. 26, at 77 Amiens street, Michael Hunt, formerly of No. 23 Grafton street), aged 84 years.

JOHNSON—Sept. 27 at Greystones, Edmond Johnson, of Nullamore, Milltown, aged 60.

KINCAID—Sept. 28, at 40 Dolphin's barn, John Kincaid, result of an accident.

BARRETT—Mary (Polly) Barrett, at 17 Mount Pleasant place, Ratamines.

DEVLIN—On Sept. 26, Michael Devlin, late buyer Todd, Burns & Co.

KAVANAGH—Sept. 26, at Rosemount, Dundrum, Dublin, James Kavanagh, aged 68 years.

REILLY—Sept. 25, Mrs. Mary Ann Reilly, 12 Granby row.

WHITE—At 96 Great Britain street, Mr. William White.

BARRETT—On Sept. 23, at 37 and 38 Molesworth street, James Barrett.

CANNON—Sept. 23, at 44 Upper Mercer street, Patrick Cannon.

CARROLL—Sept. 22, 1900, at 47 North Great George's street, Marcia Carroll.

KILDARE.

More than one hundred and fifty boys and girls of the local schools were entertained at Kildangan Castle Sept. 21. They were accompanied by their parents. The teachers and pupils were welcomed by Mr and Mrs. More O'Farrell, who took them through the pleasure grounds to where a marquee was erected. The boys and girls having been granted carte blanche to amuse themselves, a very pleasant time was spent. Singing classes were formed, after which tea was served by the hostess, asisted by Miss McDonnell. The port proved a very welcome item in the amusement. Mr. More O'Farrell was judge and handicapper, and Mrs. More O'Farrell was starter. The bag race for boys was the best of all ,and created roars of laughter. Over 60 boys and girls received prizes. After the distribution of prizes, Mr. Kearney thanked Mr. and Mrs. More O'Farrell.

KILKENNY.

At the convention of the South Kilkenny Executive of the United Irish League held Sept 27, James Farrel, Kilmacow, presiding, Mr. James O'Mara, son of Alderman O'Mara, Limerick, on the motion of Rev. Father Brennan, Slieverue, was unanimously selected to represent the constituency in the place of Mr. S. Morris, resigned.

On September 23 a representative meeting was held in the Gaelic rooms, Castlecomer, to found a branch of the United Irish League, and for the purpose of selecting delegates to the convention in Kilkenny.

KINGS

The death of Mrs Mary Anne Carry occurred at Ballymack House, Birr, on Sept. 23, deeply and deservedly regretted by all who knew her. After Office and High Mass the funeral took place to the cemetery in Longford, and was very numerously attended

Mr. James J. O'Donnell presided at a meeting of the members of the Boyna branch of the United Irish League held Sept. 16. Some new members were enrolled. Routine business having been disposed of, the secretary handed to the chairman a notice of his resignation. The committee were unanimous in passing a vote of thanks to the secretary for the manner in which he performed the duties of secretary, sparing neither time, trouble nor expense in forwarding the movement He was asked to reconsider his decision, but declared that he found it would be very inconvenient.

LONGFORD.

Mr. J. P. Farrell was unanimously selected by the United Irish League convention as a member of Parliament for North Longford.

Mr. Edward Blake was indorsed unanimously by the United Irish Leaguers in convention as member of Parliament for the South Division of Longford.

Longford correspondent of the Roscommon Herald in issue of Sept. 15 stated: "The splendid weather with which we have been favored during the past week has done a good deal to repair the injuries wrought to the hay and corn cropo by the devastating rains of July and early August. Farmers are getting their "harvests" secured in very good form, and with great rapidity. However, the potato crop—the staple crop of the greater portion of the county—is irreparably ruined."—

LOUTH

Recent deaths in County Louth.—Sept. 21, at Tanderagee, Joseph Flanagan; funeral to Ballinadrirna. Sept. 23, at Pretoria, of enteric fever, Stephen Connick, Fifth Lancers, third son of Thomas Connick, Dundalk, aged 23 years. Sept. 26, at North road, Drogheda, Miss Anne Hill, late of Fair street, Drogheda, at an advanced age; funeral to Chord cemetery.

MEATH.

On September 20 happened the death of James Crawley, of Gormanstown, in the Burlington Hotel, St. Andrew's street, Dublin. For 15 years he had been manager of the hotel in which he died.

A Nationalist convention was held in Kells Sept. 27 to select a Parliamentary candidate for North Meath Division. Mr. Patrick F. Maguire, chairman of the North Meath Executive U. I. L., presided. Mr. P. White, Dublin, attended on behalf of the Central Branch of the U. I. L. Proposed by Mr. Rowan, seconded by Rev. P Gallagher, P. P., that Mr. James Gibney be selected as candidate for the Parliamentary Division of North Meath. Mr. Reilly moved that Mr. John O'Connor be selected. Mr. Briody seconded. Proposed by Mr John Smith, Cross street, seconded by Mr. M. Leddy, that Mr. John Sweetman be selected. This proposition was subsequently withdrawn. On a vote there were for Mr. O'Connor, 54, and for Mr. Gibney, 11. The chairman declared M. O'Connor duly selected

QUEENS.

On September 16, at 12 o'clock, the impressive devotion of Quarant 'Ore was opened in the Parish church, Maryborough, by Solemn High Mass. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. J. Kearney, Adm., Tullow, who took as his text: "Take ye and eat" (Math., xxvi., 26) The church was filled to overflowing by a devout congregation Throughout the afternoon and evening and the whole of the succeeding day large numbers of devout worshippers visited the church. The solemn devotion concluded with High Mass, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It must indeed be a source of great gratification to the clergymen of the parish to see the fervor with which their people vied with each other to gain the graces which the ocasion offered.

WESTMEATH.

A drowning fatality occurred near Rose Castle, Mountnugent, Sept. 16 A young man named Cooke, residing in the neighborhood, was accidentally drowned in Lough Sheelan while bathing Much sympathy is felt with his relatives. An inquest was held by Mr. J. J Gaynor, coroner, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

The September meeting promoted by the Mullingar Race Company was brought to a successful conclusion Sept 24, at Newbrook. The attendance was not as large as at the June fixture, but it was of verv fair proportions.

The Nationalists of North Westmeath in convention held in Mullingar for the purpose of selecting a man to represent the division in Parliament, in succession to Mr. James Tuite, who has done so during the past fifteen years, agreed upon Mr. Laurence Ginnell, a Westmeath man.

WEXFORD

At the meeting of the Men's Branch of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford, Sept. 25, the Spiritual Director, Rev. James Hartley, whom Most Rev Dr Browne, Bishop of the Diocese of Ferns, has appointed to the curacy of Barntown, took leave of the members. It was with the greatest regret that the members learned of Father Hartley's departure. During the term of his ministrations Father Hartley was successful in getting several well-known clergymen (including the most Rev Dr. Lenihan) to preach at the meetings of the Confraternity.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Rev. John Furlong, of Horeswood, which occurred on Sept 25 at Kilmanock. Father Furlong was a native of Kilmore, where he was born forty-one years ago. On Thursday the funeral took place, and the religious services for the repose of his soul on Friday were numerously attended.

WICKLOW

Mrs Mary Hegarty, a much respected resident of Donard, died Sept. 28. The funeral to Hollywood cemetery was largely attended.

MUSTER

CLARE.

The death of Mr P Burke, Kilfenora, occurred on Sept. 23 It was deeply and widely regretted. For many years he conducted a grocery and spirit store in Kilfenora.

On September 25 an unique event was celebrated at the Convent of Mercy, Ennis. Not only the Rev. Mother Mary Imelda, but Sister Mary Patricia, and Sister Mary Regus celebrated their silver jubilee. The Rev. Mother is sister to the Most Rev Dr. Murray, Lord Bishop of Cookstown. Sister Mary Patricia is sister to the late Rev. Matthew Kenny, Castleconnell, and Sister Mary Regius is sister to the Rev. M. Corcoran, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

CORK.

Mr. Michael Hunt, teacher, Lower Glanmire National School, has been promoted to the first division of first class as the result of his answering at the examination of teachers held last July.

It is with regret that the people of Kinsale heard of the departure of Very Rev. P. J. O'Dwyer, O. C. P., Mount Carmel, Kinsale, who has labored unremittingly in their midst for seveal years. He leaves Kinsale to take up missionary work at the Antipodes. The occasion of his departure was availed of by the Confraternity of Mount Carmel to present him with an address and a handsome dressing-case. The presentation was made on behalf of the Confraternity by J. Barrett, rector; J. Falvey, R. McCarthy, R. Fitzgerald, W. Kelly, Hon. Sec. The Kinsale Gaelic Football club, of which he was an ardent supporter, presented him with a beautiful lace alb—a superbly finished article, made by the girls of the Convent of Mercy. The presentation was made by T. Doody, vice-president; J. McCarthy, W. Mackessy, captain; J. Healy and W. Kelly.

The Kerry Weekly Reporter of September 29 contained this interesting item: "Queenstown, Tuesday.—For some years past insane persons are being constantly landed at Queenstown from America. A batch of three landed this evening. While nobody objects to affording those poor afflicted people all the succor possible, it is robbing the Irish taxpayers to have to provide asylums for those persons. Many of them get into county asylums such as Cork, and they had no previous connection with the county. Those persons wear out their vitality in their fight for an existence in America, and they come back to Ireland insane. The question is clearly one which the Legislature would do well to inquire into, as it is a crying injustice, but it is only one of the many injustices which Ireland suffers from England;" but it is a new business to have the United States copy John Bull in this way, and so closely, too. Maybe it is part of the alliance.

The members of the United Irish League branch in Cahirciveen held a meeting on September 23 for the purpose of electing six delegates on the Divisional Executive of South Kerry. Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan, president, presided.

A convention was held in Macroom on Sept. 27 to select a candidate for Mid-Cork in the event of a contest. Rev. F. McAuliffe, P. P., presided.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

FARRELL—Sept. 21, at Kilbrogan Hill, Bandon, Patrick Farrell.

O'LOUGHLIN—Sept. 20, at Dower, Timothy O'Loughlin, aged 88 years.

FRANKLIN—Aug. 29, at St Paul, America, Julia Franklin, eldest daughter of William Godsil Gneeves, Bohernbee, aged 31 years.

ROCHE—At Cahirmee, Laurence Roche

FITZGERALD—At 89 High street, Sept. 23, Bridget Fitzgerald.

SAUNDERS—Sept. 22, at the South Infirmary, Hannah Mary Saunders.

DELANEY—Sept. 23, at Lackareigh, Kilmichael, John Delaney, aged 16 years.

MACCARTHY—Sept. 24, at 19 Glanmire road, Mrs. Helena MacCarthy.

MURPHY—Denis Murphy, Coppeen; interment Sept. 22 at Keanelgh.

FOGARTY—Sept. 18, at Green Cottage, Bruff, Margaret Fogarty.

M'CARTHY—On the Feast of St. Finbar, Sept. 25, 1900, at 383 Blarney street, Cork, Hanora McCarthy, late of Abbeyfeale, County Limerick.

O'FLYNN—Sept. 25, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Birdie O'Flynn, Douglas road, aged 14.

RIORDAN—Sept. 26, in Dublin, Philip Riordan, engine driver, G. S. & W. R. R., eldest son of Michael Riordan, of Cove street.

CARROLL—Sept. 26, at South Infirmary, John Carroll, of Skahabeg Cross road.

KERRY.

At the Christian Brothers' Schools, Dingle, Sept. 22, the local Dramatic Club entertained a large audience with a successful rendering of the historical Irish drama, entitled, "Robert Emmett," or the "Martyrs of Irish Liberty." All the artists being local amateurs, more than ordinary interest was taken in the play.

A very sad case of sudden death occurred Sept. 27 on board the Germanic, from New York, previous to her arrival, about 3 A. M. at Queenstown. When the Irish coast was signaled the passengers were informed of the fact, and those intending to disembark at Queenstown got out of bed and proceeded to dress, among the number being Kate Foley, a young girl aged 26 years, who had her sister with her, and were destined for Ventry, and just as they arrived off the harbor she suddenly expired. The body was carried on to Liverpool

On Sept. 24 the hand of death snatched away one of the most respected inhabitants of Listowel in the person of Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Upper William street. The deceased carried on a high-class tailoring establishment. He leaves a family to mourn his demise, one of whom, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, occupies a position in the Local Government Board, and who is the writer of the "Guide to the Laborers' Act." The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was of very large dimensions. The interment took place in the Old Churchyard close to the town, and the funeral service was rendered by Father Byrne.

The meeting of the members of the Killarney Branch of the United Irish League was held on Sept. 23.

LIMERICK.

Limerick City will be represented in the British Parliament by Mr. Michael Joyce, Nationalist. The Unionist candidate, Mr. Kearney, only received 474; Mr. Joyce, 2,571.

TIPPERARY.

Mr. T. J. Condon, M. P. for East Tipperary, was selected unanimously by the United Irish League convention to succeed himself as the Nationalist representative in the alien House of Commons. The convention was held in Clonmel.

The death of Mr. William Dunne, editor of the Longreach Standard, in Central Queensland, was lately reported as having occurred at the early age of 42 years. He was the son of the late Mr. Thomas Dunne, master of Carrick-on-Suir Workhouse. He went to Australia sixteen years ago.

After Office and High Mass in SS. Peter and Paul's church, Clonmel, Sept. 27, for the deceased priests and bishops of the diocese, a conference of the Clonmel deanery was held, the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, presiding.

WATERFORD.

Mr. M. J. McCarthy, principal Abbeyside National School, Dungarvan, has been promoted to first of first class—the "Blue Ribbon" of the profession—as the result of his examination last July.

Mr. Michael Fahy and his wife were returning to Clonea from Dungarvan Sept. 26, when the horse Mr. Fahy was driving ran away. A shaft broke the car struck Mr. Fahy and inflicted injuries from which he died in thirty minutes. The priest attended him before he died. The accident occurred somewhere between Leannybrien and Kilrossenty.

Rev. James Queally, of Ardmore, was the only priest at the Dungarvan Nationalist meeting to nominate a member of Parliament. He is the same patriotic Soggarth that he was twenty years ago, when he supported Jasper Douglas Pyne (late M. P. for West Waterford), to whose patriotism he paid a fitting tribute.

On September 24 the House of the Good Shepherd was launched on its useful and laudable work by the invocation of God's blessing on the undertaking. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, who attended and performed the ceremony, was welcomed by a large assembly of the principal inhabitants of the town and district. Having proceeded through the various rooms and completed the sacred ceremonies, he was entertained with those assembled at a dejeneur prepared by the good nuns who had charge of the mercy house,

Father O'Donnell, President of the Kill branch of the United Irish League presided at a recent meeting.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.

Mr. Joseph Devlin has guaranteed one thousand dollars as Belfast Nationalists' subscription to the Parliamentary Fund.

ARMAGH.

A serious accident occurred on Sept. 25 to Mr. Michael Garvey, of Ballyrath House, Armagh, County Councillor for the Division of Middletown. Mr. Garvey was superintending farming operations when the thumb of his left hand got caught in a mowing machine. The thumb was amputated by the doctors in Armagh County Infirmary.

An accident occurred on September 22, in Ballyworkan, two miles from Portadown. A number of persons resident in Laurel Vale were going home from Portadown on a car driven by John Donnelly, and, after passing a place known as "Pepper's Tree," it is said that the horse bolted. In jumping off the car the passengers were injured, and Catherine Cullen received a wound on the head from which she died in a short time.

CAVAN.

Mr. Thomas Connolly presided at a recent meeting of the Drumgoon branch of the United Irish League. There was a large attendance The collection in aid of the General Election Fund was opened, and a substantial, encouraging sum handed in by those present. Collectors were appointed for the townlands in the district and make a house-to-house collection.

DERRY.

Mr. T. W. Russell, Unionist, has been elected member of Parliament for South Tyrone.

The Marquis of Hamilton, son of the Duke of Aberdorn, has been elected member of Parliament for Derry City, defeating Count Moore, Nationalist, by 67 votes. The loss is clearly the fault of the disunion made by Timothy M. Healy, M. P.

The death of Mr. Samuel McKeever, Castledawson, happened on Sept. 20 at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. John Butler, Queen street, Belfast. The funeral to Milltown cemetery was very numerously attended. Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul by Father O'Brien.

DONEGAL.

On the arrival of Laird's steamer Thistle at Derry Sept. 25 from Glasgow it was reported that a passenger, Peter Cahill, Letterkenny, was missing, and the supposition is that he fell overboard and was drowned.

Died.—At West Port, Ballyshannon, Sept. 15, Mrs. Richard Donahoe. At Corlea, Belleek, on Sept. 17, John (Bawn) Gonigle, about 90 years. On Sept. 20, at the residence of James Lipsett, Castle street, Ballyshannon, John G. Patterson, of Carricknahorna.

DOWN.

The friends of the Very Rev. P. O'Kane, Downpatrick, will be glad to know that he has recovered from his severe illness, and on Sunday, Sept. 23, was able to attend at 11 o'clock mass in St. Patrick's Memorial church, celebrated by Rev. Charles McDonnell.

FERMANAGH.

Reports on the conditions of the crops in the districts around Enniskillen: Wheat—a fair crop and all reaped. Barley—None grown in this district. Oats—Looking well. Just two weeks of dry weather wanted to insure a good return. Flax—None grown. Potatoes—A poor crop. Mangels—Looking well. Turnips—Not good in heavy land, too much rain. Meadow—A great crop of hay. All fairly well saved. Pastures—A great grass season. On the whole too much rain has fallen. Fuel for fire is the worst lookout for the farmers for the coming winter, coal being so very expensive.

MONAGHAN.

A very large meeting of members of Killevan branch, North Monaghan branch of the United Irish League was held at Killevan on Sept. 23, Mr. Charles Toal in the chair. A further list of subscriptions was handed in, and the secretary ordered to have the branch affiliated. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thomas McCabe and seconded by Mr. Thomas Corr, and unanimously adopted, viz.: "That no delegate from this branch support any candidate at the convention to be hed for North Monaghan but those who are members of the United Irish League, and firm supporters of unity." Adopted unanimously.

TYRONE

It is worth while to wait even for years to see a Unionist converted to the principles of the Land League, and of the United Irish League. Addressing the constituents at Clogher, September 27, Mr. T. W. Russell said: "Gentlemen—In Great Britain men fight against but loyally accept the law when it is enacted, and the courts carry it out judicially. The Workmen's Compensation Act is a fine illustration of this fact. Here the Land Commission acts as if the Land Code spelt robbery to the landlords, and the great question is not how to carry out the intention of Parliament, but how to avoid and get behind it with the semblance of legal authority. This is my judgment, after patiently watching the procedure of the Land Commission for twenty years. Gentlemen it would be a scandal to ask thousands of Irish tenants to pay eighteen years' purchase."