

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.

With regret we chronicle the death of Miss Considine, sister of the Very Rev. Thos. Considine, P. P., Ardara, who took place at St. Mary's, Ardara, Oct. 16. She was greatly esteemed by all who knew her, and the funeral, which was large and representative, bore evidence to the respect in which she was held.

The Tuam Herald of Oct. 12 contained this very interesting bit of editorial news: "The Peter Sweeney Memorial Fund. - We are glad, as with every one who knew the sterling worth as a patriot of the late Peter Sweeney, that the memorial being raised to him is spiritedly supported. This is as it should be. Peter Sweeney with all his heart and soul worked in season and out of season to raise our country from thraldom, especially did he exert himself in all the Leagues, instigating to break the yoke of landlordism off the tenant farmers of Ireland. Had Peter Sweeney devoted his time and splendid talents to his private interests, his family would now be independent. Every tenant farmer in Galway that benefited by the land war (and who has not) should remember Peter Sweeney and show practical appreciation of his sacrifices by subscribing to his memorial."

MAYO.

A very respectable resident of Cloonumper, a place about two miles from Ballyhaunis, was found dead on the railroad at Ballyhaunis. He had been run over by a train. The death of Mr. John Morrison, Killadoon, Loughborough, happened at his home on Oct. 14, at the fine old age of 82 years. The interment took place at the family burial ground, Killadoon. Father William O'Malley officiated at the grave.

Miss Haire, Cong., was received into the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at the Convent, Westport, Oct. 18, taking in religion the name of Sister Mary Bridget. At the same time, Miss Theresa Henry, third daughter of Mr. Richard Henry, merchant, Ballyhaunis, was received, taking in religion the name of Sister Francis Bernia. Most Rev. Dr. MacEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, officiated.

ROSCOMMON.

The death of Mrs. Catherine De Freyne, widow of Baron De Freyne, occurred on Oct. 13, at Caher House, Loughlyn, at the age of 73 years. Solemn Requiem services were held in Frenchpark church. The impressive ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the Boyle Technical Schools took place after last Mass Sunday, Oct. 14, before a very large concourse of persons. Very Rev. Canon Coyne officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Walker and the Rev. Father Humphries, in the performance of laying the foundation stone.

SLIGO.

Mr. John Hannon, of Clifony, brother-in-law of Right Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, died on Oct. 15, deeply and widely regretted. Father John Gallagher presided at recent meeting of the members of the Monasterevan branch of the United Irish League. All in the districts were invited to become members of the National organization.

Mr. D. Henry presided at last meeting of the Mullinabreena branch of the United Irish League. The following resolution was unanimously passed in silence: Proposed by James Gillespie, seconded by P. Finan, "That we deeply regret to hear of the death of Mr. Michael O'Donnell in the United States, and convey to his brother, Mr. Neil O'Donnell, D. C. (honorary secretary of this branch), and the members of his family our heartfelt sorrow in their sad bereavement." Deceased was a true and tried Nationalist in the old Land League days. He left his native home when he was only in the early stages of his career and was respected by all who knew him.

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The death of Mr. James Curran, of Mountmellick, Bagnalstown, happened Oct. 16, at the age of 80 years. Office and High Mass were held in Newtown church. Since the general election the people of Carlow have been encouraged to make greater exertions toward extending the influence of the United Irish League, as they see the country once more in solid battle array against felonious landlordism, and those who aided factionists swept out of the Irish Parliamentary delegation to the alien house of lawmakers.

DUBLIN.

The first party of the Irish pilgrims, numbering over two hundred, left for Home Oct. 18 for the celebration of the Holy Year. After a protracted illness, Mr. Theophilus J. McWeeney, chief of the Freeman's Journal reporting staff, died away Oct. 15. Sincere and widespread sympathy is extended to the wife and children, the two elder sons - Dr. E. J. McWeeney and Mr. H. O. McWeeney, F. R. U. L. - and the proud gratification of seeing them in distinguished positions in their country. Entertainment was given by the branch of the Gaelic League at the Grosvenor Hotel. The deceased was a true and tried Nationalist in the old Land League days. He left his native home when he was only in the early stages of his career and was respected by all who knew him.

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On September 14 occurred the death of Mr. James Brady, Galgou, Ballinacree, at the good age of 82 years, deeply regretted. On the following Sunday the remains were conveyed to the family burial ground at Ballinacree; the funeral cortege bore testi-

mony to the great respect entertained for deceased by all classes. LOUTH. There is an active branch of the Gaelic League in Naul. The classes are held every Sunday and Wednesday, and are being numerously attended. A new class in connection with this branch has been formed at Knockbrack for the convenience of students not in easy reach of the naul. Mr. A. Moore is in charge.

DEATHS IN LOUTH. GOGARTY—Aug. 19, at Cullinstown, Bridget Gogarty, sister of Rev. P. Gogarty, Cullyhanna. KELLY—October 1, at 36 West street, Drogheda, Josephine Mary Frances (Josie) Kelly, aged 14 years.

CLINTON—Oct. 7, at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin, William Andrew Clinton, Drogheda, aged 20.

BRANIGAN—Oct. 15, at Dunceer, Eliza Branigan. MEATH. RECENT DEATHS. ROGERS—At Academy street, Navan, Oct. 11, Jane Rogers.

TIMMONS—At Newgrange, Slane, Michael Timmons. QUEENS. The Nationalists of the county made good the election of their own selections as Members of Parliament. The county is in the United Irish League ranks. W. P. Delaney represents the Ossory Division, and Dr. McDonald the Leix Division.

WESTMEATH. The friends of Mr. J. O'Sullivan, town councillor, Mullingar, who took so prominent a part in Limerick during the stormy days of the old Land and National Leagues, and who was instrumental in founding the Sarsfield Branch, will deeply regret to learn of his death, which occurred at Mullingar, where he had been in business for years as watchmaker and jeweler. He was honored at his death, and the appreciation of his worth the people of Mullingar elected him T. C. being third on the list of fifteen candidates. He was chairman of the late County Convention, and was congratulated by all shades on the dignity and tact with which he conducted its proceedings. His remains were in Limerick on Monday evening at 10 o'clock, and the funeral took place from St. John's Cathedral at 3 p. m. yesterday (Tuesday), 23d ult.

WEXFORD. We chronicle with regret, at the early age of 27 years, the death of Mrs. Browne, wife of Mr. John Browne, North street, New Ross. She deceased had been in poor health for a year. She leaves five young children to mourn her loss. Mrs. Browne was a daughter of the late Captain Brennan.

James Forrestal, Rathnure, was ordained deacon at St. Peter's College, Wexford, on Oct. 14. The ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns. He will be ordained priest following Sunday. Father Forrestal was a student of St. Peter's College, Wexford, and concluded his theological studies at Salamanca University, Spain.

The marriage of Mr. Nicholas J. Lambert, merchant, Main street, Wexford, to Miss Bridget L. Keating, took place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Oct. 16. Mass was celebrated by Rev. John Lambert, brother to the bridegroom, and the ceremony was also performed by Father Lambert, assisted by Rev. Patrick Joye, Adm., Wexford.

An important sale of land took place on Oct. 18, when Mr. Condon auctioneer, Arklow, put up for sale part of the lands of Craun, containing a total of one hundred and thirty-six acres, statute measure, by the instructions of Mrs. Mary Isabelle Keegan, the owner. The parish priest, Father Keating, was the purchaser. It will