

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.

Mr. Edward Martyn, of Tillyra Castle, County Galway, has given the very generous donation of \$200 to the trustees of the Irish Language Fund.

MAYO.

Seldom has a death occurred in Foxford district which evoked so much general regret as that of Mrs. Horakan, which took place on the night of Oct. 23.

MAYO.

The Mayo News of November 3, said: The conduct of Her Majesty's Attorney General, in stepping in to render homeless and homeless two poor families in the mountainous district of Arderyr surpasses anything yet attempted by Irish officials in helping forward the ruin of the victims of Irish landlordism.

LEITRIM.

The death of Mr. Peter Monahan, aged 73 years, took place at Droghda on Oct. 22, to the sincere regret of his sorrowing family and a large circle of friends.

ROSCOMMON.

The great annual fair of Croghan, recognized as one of the most important held in Connacht, took place in most disagreeable weather on Oct. 23. The supply and demand were not as large as previous fairs.

SLIGO.

Mr. J. Mulligan, president, presided at recent meeting of the Conway Cross Branch of the United Irish League. There was a full attendance.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.

Miss Margaret Meany, daughter of Mr. Edward Meany, Leighton Bridge, was recently professed a Sister of Mercy in the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

partments, which are perforated and relieved by inlays of colored marble; such as Vert d'Aipis, Brache Sangur, In. Above this altar table there are richly diapered panels, as candle branches, supporting a reredos of unique design, displaying varied marbles.

DUBLIN.

The master and pupils of the Christian schools, Synge street, Dublin, have subscribed \$43 to the Irish Language Fund. There are ninety of the pupils learning Irish.

The Central branch of the Gaelic League in Dublin has reported that during the month of October the number of 'Simple Lessons in Irish' sold by the League was 5,796 of books, and 400 copies of Keating's Poems were disposed of.

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His health was impaired when he came to Grenard, and on Thursday he took ill in the Commercial Hotel, Grenard, where he was attended by the priest and Dr. O'Dwyer and Dr. Kenny, who considered his removal to the workhouse infirmary necessary.

LOUTH.

The solemn ceremony of the profession of a nun took place at Ardee recently. The young lady who became a professed Sister of Mercy was Miss Katie McMahon, daughter of Mr. James McMahon, of Armagh Her name in religion is Sister Mary Theresa. Very Rev. Canon A. Rogers, Ardee, officiated, assisted by Rev. Thomas McCullagh, Ardee.

MEATH.

The death of Mr. Thomas Berry, Mora Castle, at the extraordinary age of 104 years, happened on Oct. 19. The funeral to the ancient cemetery of Faughart was very numerous attended. Friends of his, and of the members of his family, will learn of his death with regret.

A solemn office for the repose of the soul of Mother Bernard Farrell, of the Convent of Mercy, Navan, lately took place at the convent chapel at Leighspark.

QUEENS.

A meeting of the Port Arlington National Teachers' Association was held on Oct. 27, Mr. Walker, Emo presiding. The New Program was the chief theme of discussion, the teachers regarding it as a compound containing some good sound grain but with a very large quantity of chaff. It was the general opinion that it is totally unsuited to the majority of Irish schools, as it requires more apparatus than can be obtained by local outlay. They believe that it must be greatly modified.

WESTMEATH.

A young man named Duane met with a shocking accident in Mullingar on Oct. 27. He was endeavoring to cross the gate leading into Mr. Peter Daly's yard in Spout Lane, and slipped off the pier, falling on some spikes on the gate. One of them penetrated his thigh, and he remained impaled clutching the pier. He screamed loudly and attracted the attention of a woman who called for assistance and Constable Scrimgeour. Guards heard the shouts. They took him off the gate and brought him to the infirmary. He is progressing favorably.

A great national demonstration was held in Castletown on Oct. 28 at which Mr. John O'Donnell, M. P. attended. Mr. Joseph Kinsley presided. Mr. Joseph Farrell proposed and Mr. Joseph Kelly seconded the following resolutions which were unanimously passed: "That we desire to place on record our approval of the United Irish League, and we pledge ourselves to use every means in support of its principles. That the time has now arrived when the Government should introduce a Compulsory Purchase Bill that will wipe away landlordism."

WICKLOW.

On Sunday, October 28, a retreat for the members of the confraternity was opened in the Dominican church, Athy, by the Very Rev. Dr. Keane, O. P. The religious exercises were attended in great numbers. The death of Mr. Denis Heaton, Ballymore-Eustace, on Oct. 24 was heard with wide-spread regret in the counties of Wicklow and Kildare, where he was well and popularly known. On Friday his remains were conveyed to the church Ballymore-Eustace, where Office and Requiem Mass were celebrated. The interment was in the family burial place, Two Mile House, followed by a large funeral cortege.

WEXFORD.

A man named Doran from Ballyellis on Oct. 29, had his two legs ground up in a threshing machine in Carnew. He died of the injuries.

On October 30 the death occurred at the extraordinary age of 105 years of Mr. John Byrne, who for many years was coachman to late Mrs. Connell of Retford. Deceased, who had a vivid recollection of the '98 rising in Wexford, retained his mental faculties to the last, and was interred in Barnack town churchyard, the funeral cortege being large and representative. It is believed he was the first in the County of Wexford who remembered the '98 insurrection and this is not to be wondered at since it is unquestionable that he had attained his 105th year.

At a recent meeting in the Town Hall Wexford, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Gaelic League, Mr. Benjamin Hughes (Mayor) presided. On the motion of Alderman Cosgrave, seconded by Mr. James Lee it was decided to establish a branch of the League in Wexford. Alderman Cosgrave and Mr. D. O'Sullivan were appointed hon. secs., and the Mayor president.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.

John Grady, aged 90 years, was found dead in his home at Laccarva, Feakle, Oct. 26. He lived alone. The discovery was made by a neighbor named Conway.

John G. Martyn, Cregan's Castle, died Oct. 23, in Taylor's Hotel, Ardara. His ancestors came to Clare on obtaining land grants in the Barony of Cregan's, now Burrin, from Charles II, where the family have resided since. During the land agitation, when so many old relations and associations were severed, the late Mr. Martyn lived on terms of the greatest cordiality and good feeling with his tenants and the people without sacrifice of principle. The funeral took place on Oct. 25 to the family burial ground in Ballyvaughan.

At recent meeting of the members of the Doonbeg Branch of the United Irish League these gentlemen were elected to office for the ensuing year: Laurence Whelan, president; Michael McNamara, vice-president; Mortimer

MELNORWAY treasurer: Thomas Downes, secretary.

On Oct. 20 a melancholy occurrence took place in Jail street, Ennis. Thomas Galvin, employed by Mr. P. E. Mooney, Co. C, was driving a horse and car from the railway station when the animal dashed at a furious pace along the Jail road, the driver being thrown from the car. When it came to the Old Ground Hotel it kept on straight, knocking down a little boy named McCloskey, and continued its career, dashing into the shop of Miss Lally. Thomas McCormack, tailor, living in the Turnpike, was leaving the premises, and was trampled on by the infuriated animal and knocked between the car and the front of Miss Lally's premises. The horse's head and shoulders were in the front door, while one of the shafts of the car went through the window. Mr. E. T. Stevens extricated the unfortunate man, who was unconscious. They conveyed him to the Cathedral, where he was attended by Father Devaney. He was subsequently conveyed to the County Infirmary, where he was attended by Dr. Paris, surgeon, and Dr. Coghlan. He never recovered consciousness, and died in an hour. The little boy, McCloskey, was also conveyed to the Infirmary, where it was discovered that he was suffering from a fracture of the ankle. The horse, after considerable difficulty, was freed from the car by Mr. Dawson, little the worse for his escapade. The frontage of Miss Lally's premises was a complete wreck. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and orphans of McCormack, who so tragically met his death.

LIMERICK.

On Oct. 26 the session of the Catholic Literary Institute of Limerick City, 1900-1, was opened. Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, founder of the Institute, attended and delivered a most instructive and comprehensive address on "Technical Education." There was a very large attendance.

TIPPERARY.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas Keating of Monkgrange, Knocklofty, at the early age of 47 years. He had been in delicate health for some time, but his premature demise was unexpected. He was an intelligent farmer, a good neighbor and devoted husband, who leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss. He was interred at Grange on Oct. 24, the funeral being large and representative.

CORK.

Miss Annie O'Reilly, assistant secretary of the Macroom Branch, reported that Irish is taught in the Convent National Schools in the town to pupils of the fourth class and upward, including about ninety children, during school hours, for two days in the week and on Saturdays. Irish is also being taught in the Intermediate School. Miss O'Reilly desires to thank the Rev. Father Hyde, of Cardiff, on behalf of the children who competed at the Munster Fairs for the Irish books he sent them.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

CUMMINS—On the 1st, the Rev. Laurence Cummins. O'KELLY—At Dromedary, Nov. 2, Ellen, wife of Denis O'Kelly. GRIFFIN—On Nov. 1, at Wallstown Richard Griffin. MURPHY—On Nov. 2, at Castle street, Lassart, Mary Murphy, sister of the Rev. Daniel W. Murphy, Dover New Hampshire, U. S. A. KELLEHER—On Nov. 2, at 20 Commercial road Timothy Kelleher, aged 60 years.

SULLIVAN—On Nov. 2, at Mercy Hospital, Bessy Sullivan, 55 Grattan street.

DINNEEN—On Nov. 2, at Mount John, John Dinneen, aged 58 years.

MURPHY—At 66 Watercourse road, James Murphy.

QUINN—On Nov. 1, at an advanced age, Thomas Quinn, 1 Castle View Terrace, Lower road.

DALY—On Oct. 26, at 1 Smith street Hannah Daly, daughter of the late Florence O'Sullivan, George's street.

WALLACE—On Oct. 25, at 40 Clarence street, Margaret Wallace.

MURPHY—On Oct. 26, James Murphy, late of Butter Market, Cork, aged 48 years.

M'CARNEY—On Oct. 28, at Boyle street, Bandon, Jane M. M'Carney.

CONNOR—On Oct. 28, Annie Connors, Tareton, Macroom.

WALSH—Oct. 28, at 2 Merchant's quay, Mary Walsh, aged 70.

LYONS—At the Incurable Hospital, John Lyons, Jr., Curragh, Banter.

LEE—On Oct. 29, at 18 Ashburton Cottages, Abbey, relict of the late Patrick Lee.

DENEHY—On Oct. 29, at 50 Great Britain street, Annie Denehy.

BUCKLEY—On Oct. 30, at 25 Eason's Hill, Catherine Buckley, niece of the late Revs. Michael and Denis O'Callaghan.

CASEY—At 11 Prince's street, Mary Casey.

LOMASNEY—On Oct. 26, at Malloy, Elizabeth Ryal Lomasney, relict of the late John Lomasney, of Castletownroche, aged 85 years.

KERRY.

The death of Mr. Maurice Leen, Knockanes, Ballybeggie, occurred Oct. 27, at the age of 58 years, having been fortified with the last rites of the Church. He was a true patriot and staunch and practical friend to evicted tenants. His funeral was very numerous attended.

On Oct. 27 a meeting was held in the Town Hall, Listowel, to arrange for the annual celebration in honor of the Manchester Martyrs. Mr. James Bunyan presided. The chairman having explained the object of the meeting, it was decided to hold the celebration on Sunday, Nov. 25, and to make it as large and as patriotic as the occasion demands and deserves.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, a very imposing ceremony was witnessed at the Franciscan Church, Killarney, when 60 postulants were received into the Third Order of St. Francis. At 4 o'clock there was Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, during which the Rosary was recited. After Benediction the postulants went up to the altar rails, where they were solemnly received and vested with the scapular and cord. During an interval in the ceremony the director (Very Rev. Father Aidan, O. F. M.), gave a short discourse on the great favor conferred on the postulants and

the advantages to be gained by continuing to be faithful members of the order.

A great open-air demonstration under the auspices of the United Irish League, was held at Tuagh, near Beaufort, on Sunday, Oct. 29, in support of the Parliamentary Fund. Contingents were present from all the surrounding districts. The Killorglin Pipe and Drum Band supplied the music. Mr. Denis Foley proposed and Mr. John T. Foley seconded the following resolutions: "That we improve on the Irish party the necessity of making every effort to bring about a compulsory (land) sale bill. That we express pleasure at the election of a united Irish party to struggle for Ireland's freedom. That every effort should be made to discountenance landgrabbing and the grazing of evicted farms in every district, as it injures the tenant and lengthens the life of landlordism. That we are glad to see the Board of Guardians are proceeding with another scheme of laborers' cottages, as everything should be done to improve the condition of the laborers."

DERRY.

A deputation from the Cumann Litteirach na Gaedhige, which means Catholic Literary Society, of Derry, waited on Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty and requested him to preside at the Celtic-Mor on Nov. 26, in St. Columba's Hall, Derry. He regretted that his visit to Rome would preclude his attendance, but expressed his sympathy with it with the society, and with the language revival movement. Before the deputation left he gave to one of the members a subscription in aid of the Fais Uladh, to be held in Belfast on Dec. 1.

The funeral of Mrs. Bernard McKenna, Tirkane, Maghera, took place Nov. 1. Scarcely a family in the parish of Maghera but was represented, while from Belfast and other centres came many friends. Solemn Office and Mass for the Dead was said by Father O'Kane. She had the satisfaction of receiving from the hands of her recently-ordained son all the consolation of the Church.

DONEGAL.

Rev. T. McCafferty of Inver recently forwarded one hundred dollars to the trustees of the Irish Parliamentary Fund. This sum was subscribed by the patriotic people of the district.

The body of Catherine McCann, aged 22 years, of Corker, Ballyshannon, was found on the seashore near Kibarron Castle, October 21. Deceased was missing since the morning of Saturday, October 6.

DOWN.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Waterfoot branch of the Gaelic League was held lately in St. Peter's Hall, Parrenpoint, the Very Rev. H. O'Neill, P. P., presiding. Mr. Crawford, honorary secretary, read the annual report. The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with. Mr. P. T. Burns seconded, and the old committee, with the addition of Mr. MacGibney, B. A. be re-elected.

WATERFOOT.

The Nationalists of Dungarvan are erecting a memorial to Edmond Power, Ballygoghan, Dungarvan, who was hanged at the Old Market House in that town in 1799, for participating in the historic rebellion against British government and robbery and murder in Ireland. Those in charge believe that all Waterfootmen would gladly help this patriotic project and therefore appeal to them for subscriptions. Donations may be forwarded to Mr. Thomas McCarthy, town clerk, Dungarvan, Mr. John Walsh, secretary, or Mr. Thomas O'Connor, and Mr. Patrick Sheehan, treasurers.

On Oct. 17 the funeral took place of Mr. Edmond Mansfield, who died at Ballintlea, in his 76th year. He lived and died an exemplary Catholic. The remains were removed to the old parish church, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. McCann.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

County Antrim County Council has appointed these gentlemen to act on the Ballymena School Attendance Committee: John Patrick, Dunmanning, Samuel Carson, Terrygowan, Patrick McKeever, Coagh Mills, David Russell, Broughshane, George Raphael, Galforan.

A Catholic deputation waited recently on the Library and Technical Instruction Committee of the Borough Council, Belfast, in support of the claim of St. Malachy's College to a grant in aid of technical instruction. After hearing Dr. Dempsey and Prof. O'Gorman, the committee agreed to recommend the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to take a grant of \$2,900 to be spent on apparatus and necessaries. Similar grants were made to the Royal Agricultural Institution and Methodist College.

On Oct. 26 the remains of the late Mrs. Scullin, 112 York street, Belfast, were removed to the family burying ground, Moneyglass. The attendance was very large and representative. The cortege proceeded by York street, Donegal street, Clifton street and Antrim road to Moneyglass.

ARMAGH.

Miss Katie McMahon, daughter of Mr. James McMahon, Armagh, was professed lately a Sister of Mercy in the Convent of the order in Ardee, County of Louth. Her religious title is Sister Mary Teresa. The parents and friends of the newly professed were present.

Rev. Charles Quinn, parish priest of Camlough, in a recent letter to the secretary of the Gaelic League said: "In all my schools I shall introduce the teaching of the language of our race next week. Our teachers are now well qualified to teach our language. Good priests, fortunate teachers and happy parishioners! Would that all Ireland were like you!"

CAVAN.

Miss Mary Sherry, aged 23 years, was

found dead in the house of John Smith, Pullamore, on Oct. 13. She had been employed in the place for some time. A verdict of death white insane was given by the jury.

Died—James McKenna, Lislin House, Mullagh. The deceased was a staunch Nationalist and a vigorous champion of freedom.

On Oct. 25 Miss Mary Frances McCabe (in religion, Sister Mary Agatha) daughter of the late Mr. Edward McCabe, Lisnabunbury, Killinkere, received the habit of the Poor Clares in the Convent of Ballyjamesduff. The Rev. B. Gaffney, Administrator, Castleraghan, officiated. There were present several clergymen as well as many friends of the young lady, among whom she had the happiness of seeing her mother and two sisters, Miss Annie and Miss Tessie McCabe.

A meeting of the members of the Madabawn branch United Irish League was held Oct. 28. Attendance numerous. Mr. A. Hamill presided. The members subscribed forty dollars to the general election fund.

The death of Miss Elizabeth Eakin, Cotehill, occurred Oct. 29, at the early age of 25 years. Deceased was a popular young lady. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for years.

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