

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 death of Miss Spelman, of William street, Galway, lately, was widely and deeply regretted. The solemn Requiem service in St. Nicholas' church and the funeral were numerously attended.

The following have been appointed Sheriffs of the county for 1901: William Daly, Esq., Dunsandle, Loughrea; Allan B. Follor, Esq., Lismany, Ballinasloe; William Sharp, Waltham, Esq., D. L., Merlin Park, Galway.

Lawrence Ward, of Patch, Clonborne, in company of his son-in-law, Collins returning from Clonnamaddy on Nov. 21, in a jenny's cart, laden with boxes, etc., fell to the ground, the jenny taking fright. Ward was unconscious and soon died from injuries received. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Collins was unhurt.

An important meeting of the North Galway Executive of the United Irish League was held in the Town Hall, Tuam, on Nov. 17. Mr. Thomas Higgins, president U. I. L., N. G., occupied the chair.

LEITRIM.—Mr. J. E. Meohan presided at recent meeting of the Manorhamilton Branch of the National Organization. Attendance large. Mr. Patrick Gaffney proposed and the chairman seconded the following resolution: "That we record our disapproval of the utterances of Mr. Harshington, M. P., when dictating to the Irish Parliamentary party on the course to pursue in reference to Mr. Tom Healy, M. P. That, while we believe it to be only fair to extend to our Parliamentary representatives a large measure of freedom of action on undefined subjects, we hold and maintain that it is the Irish people alone who have the right to formulate the policy and dictate the actions of the Irish Parliamentary party, and that their decision has been pronounced in a unanimous verdict in the polling booths upon Mr. Healy and his friends during the recent elections."

MAYO.—The death of Lord Oranmore and Browne occurred recently in Castle Margaret, Clarendon, aged 80 years. During the past 30 years he had been a representative peer for Ireland in the British House of Lords.

Dr. Anthony Gill, son of Mr. Joseph Gill, Westport, has been appointed house surgeon to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin.

On Nov. 24, the postoffice in Ballyconnell was entirely destroyed by fire. There were only three in the house; Miss Knox, postmistress, Miss Whelan, telegrapher, and a servant on the premises, and they escaped.

A very large and successful meeting of the Balla Literary and Debatant Club was held at their rooms on Nov. 25. The Very Rev. Canon G. Gibson, president, presided. The secretary submitted rules laid down by the committee for the working of the society, which met with the approval of the president, who dwelt on the necessity of introducing the most interesting literature into such a society, and added that nothing should be of so much importance to the public mind as the history of the land in which they dwell. M. J. Kenny and P. Cunnane, honorable secretaries.

On Nov. 25 a torchlight procession, followed by a meeting, was held in Westport to commemorate the thirty-third anniversary of the murder of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. The procession started from the Octagon and marched round the town, returning by the Mall and James street. Here a meeting was held, the speakers addressing the crowd from a brake. Mr. Joseph Gilroy, president of the Labor League, presided, and in a short speech referred to the object for which the people had assembled. Mr. E. Barry, solicitor, went over the incidents up to the arrest and execution of the martyred three.

ROSCOMMON.—The United Irish League is making great progress in County Roscommon. The tillers of the soil are fully alive to the importance of giving the organization all the help possible, as its only purpose is to make Ireland truly the land of the Irish people, and not of a pack of aliens.

A very interesting lecture entitled "A Trip Around the World" was recently delivered in the Grand Concert Hall, Boyle, by the Rev. Father Walker, C. C. The lecture was illustrated by magic lantern views; there was a large and representative audience whose interest in the proceedings from start to finish was held at the highest pitch.

SLIGO.—Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Lord Bishop of Elphin, lately left Sligo for Rome. His Lordship is accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor McLoughlin, P. P., Roscommon. They will be in the Eternal City four weeks.

Died.—Nov. 23, at Drummond, Riverstown, John Downes, aged 60 years, deeply and deservedly regretted by a large circle of friends. The funeral by Ballinakillick was numerously attended. Friends in New York, Boston and Chicago will learn of his demise with regret.

An old and respected inhabitant of Drummond, named Bartley Bohan, died on Nov. 17 as a result of an accident on his way home from the town of Sligo. It appears that on the day in question he left Sligo with a cart load of timber, and was accompanied by a neighbor. On reaching Carrickmacross the cart was overturned, and the cart was crushed, and the driver was killed.

McARDLE.—Nov. 23, at Mater Hospital, Constable Patrick McArdle, 15 D. M. P., aged 47 years.

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lighted lamp, became a restive, with the result that the animal upset the cart, and Mr. Bohan got a very severe crushing, causing internal injuries of a serious description. He was conveyed home, but never rallied. The funeral took place on Nov. 19 in the family burial ground at Kilmorgan, and was both large and representative, testifying to the respect entertained for the deceased, and the sorrow felt at his demise. He was father of Mr. Patrick Bohan, of this town, with whom the greatest sympathy is expressed.

Recent meeting of the members of the Ballyrush branch of the United Irish League was held for the purpose of presenting an address to the Rev. M. J. Conway. There was an unusually large attendance and great interest was taken in the proceedings. Mr. P. Brennan presided.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—Dr. J. J. Nolan, Coroner for County Carlow, lately held inquest at Carrickbeg near Feenagh, upon the remains of Edward White, a laborer, in the employment of Mr. Vigore, of Knockbeg, who was found dead at the Earl of Bessborough's gateway. It appears that White, who was a man of about 60 years of age and a widower without a family, was in Bagnastown on Nov. 24.

The Martyrs.—The anniversary celebration of the Manchester Martyrs in Bagnastown this year was most imposing. It was the first of the kind, and much praise is due to the president of the Volunteer Club, Mr. Michael McDonald, for the energy displayed by him in inaugurating and bringing it to a successful issue. It is hoped that though this was the first, it would not be the last martyrs' procession in Bagnastown.

The funeral of Miss Maria Doyle, Balton, took place Nov. 27 to the local cemetery, and was very numerously attended. By those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance while she lived with her uncle, the Very John Magee, of Stradbally, she will never be forgotten. High Mass was sung by her brother the Rev. D. Doyle, Mountmellick, the deacon and sub-deacon being Rev. P. Ramsbottom, Hacketstown, and Rev. P. Loughlin, Rathvilly, master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Kearney, Administrator, Tullow, Rev. W. Byrne, Kilmaree, presided.

DUBLIN.—A meeting of the members of the Father O'Growney Branch of the Gaelic League was held in the rooms, 47 York street, Dublin, Sunday, Nov. 25. The classes were conducted by Messrs Shortall, Gibney, Murphy and D. Healy.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Nov. 25 dedicated a new church at St. Margaret's, County Dublin. In the course of an address he drew attention to the scandalous plays which it had become the custom to produce in Dublin, and said that for many causes they were of a class that would not be presented even in London. The difficulty was to know how to deal with the subject. He firstly advocated a boycott of such plays by the people, and secondly, he thought that the respectable newspapers should refuse to publish a certain class of advertisements. If they would boycott the theatres to that extent, and not publish the advertisements of such plays, it would have a very salutary effect.

Golden Jubilee.—On Nov. 25 a preliminary meeting of the friends and past pupils of Rev. Christian Brother Swan was held in the schools, North Richmond street, to take steps to testify to him on the occasion of his golden jubilee their appreciation of his lifelong services to the cause of religion and education in Ireland. Mr. J. F. Molony, Q. C. presided. A subscription list was opened, a large sum was handed in, and the meeting adjourned.

A public meeting of the supporters of St. Vincent's Orphanage (Glasnevin), was held recently in the chapel attached to the institution. The neighborhood were quite a festive appearance. The Papal and green flags displayed on the institution, the neatly laid out grounds were adorned with handsome bunting on Swiss poles, and a large banner bearing on a scarlet ground the words "Welcome to His Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin," spanned the entrance. His Grace Archbishop Walsh presided.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. SMITH.—Nov. 20, at the Mater Hospital, John Christopher Smith, member of Dublin Operative Bakers, Bridge street.

PASSMORE.—Nov. 3, at Balgaddy, Clondalkin, Jane Passmore, youngest daughter of David Johnston, of Mount Lucas, Phillipstown, King's County.

KEARNEY.—Nov. 25, at the Mater Hospital, Thomas Kearney.

LONG.—Nov. 26, at 12 Lower Mountpleasant avenue.

O'SHEA.—On Nov. 28, at 8 Emily place, Thomas O'Shea, carpenter, for 25 years employed in T. & C. Martin's, North Wall, and youngest brother of the late, John O'Shea (Old Guard).

CONDON.—Nov. 30, at Burlington House, Fairview, Ellen Condon.

REILLY.—Nov. 24, at 42 Bessborough avenue, North Strand, Mary Reilly, late of Eglington lane, Seville place.

KELLY.—Nov. 27, at St. Joseph's Monastery, Clondalkin, Brother Francis John Kelly, in the 86th year of his age, and 48th year of his religious profession.

MOLLOY.—On Nov. 27, at 21 North Frederick street, Anne Molloy, widow of Reuben Molloy, late of North King street and Belfast terrace, N. C. R., aged 70 years.

CONNOR.—Nov. 26th, at Brunswick Street Hospital, Margaret Connor, aged 70 years.

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KILDEARE.—The marriage of Mr. Joseph Muldowney, of Branna, Ballinakillick, to Miss Maggie Hickey, Emily Square, Athy, took place in St. Bridget's church, Ballinakillick, Nov. 21. Rev. J. Conolly officiated.

It is with feelings of regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Peter Tynan, which occurred at his residence, Foxhill, Athy, on Nov. 19. The deceased had been ailing for the past two years, but hopes were held out that he would recover up to about three weeks since, after which he gradually sank and expired early on the above date, fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church. He belonged to a fine, respectable family in the County Kildare, and was brother of the Rt. Rev. Mr. Tynan. Although never taking an active part in politics nor being a member of any of the local public bodies, he was a loyal Nationalist, always contributing liberally to any fund which had for its object the benefit of his country or the relief of the poor. He was highly esteemed, and was shown by the large concourse of people the following day, remains to the Moore's churchyard, where he was interred on Nov. 21.

KILKENNY.—William Connet late Treasurer of the Bessborough estate near Pittown, on the Carrigrohilly road, has been held for trial at the Spring Kilkenny Assizes on a charge of keeping money which he received for timber sold on the estate. He was liberated on giving bail.

The anniversary of the martyrdom of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien was celebrated in Kilkenny by a procession through the city headed by the St. John's Brass Band, followed by the Mayor and members of the Corporation, after whom came several clubs and societies. The procession, which was addressed by Mr. P. J. Smith, a prominent member of the Gaelic League of Dublin.

KINGS.—Mr. Laurence Kelly presided at recent meeting of the Ballycumber Branch of the United Irish League when were present James Feeley, Michael Ginnin, Peter Flynn, Michael Daly, John Egan, John R. G. Pat. Cantwell, Pat. Kelly, John Meera, Michael Hackett, Michael Dwyer, Michael Guinan and Peter Kelly were appointed to attend the great convention in Dublin.

LONGFORD.—Died, Nov. 27, at the residence of her son Philip Hourican, Dumbeggan, Margaret, aged 81 years, widow of Philip Hourican and mother of Rev. Thomas Hourican, Dumbeggan, Michael Hourican, merchant, Rathmore, and James Hourican, Dumbeggan, Solicitor Office and High Mass and funeral were very numerously attended.

Grand entertainment in aid of the Covent Bazaar Fund, were held in the Town Hall, Grand Canal, Saturday, Nov. 24, and were most successful. The choir gave their services, which made the entertainment doubly pleasant.

On Nov. 28, at Market lane, Kinsale, Mrs. A. Harris.

NEEHAN.—On Nov. 29, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Cork, John Neehan, formerly of King street, aged 84 years.

TWOMEY.—On Nov. 30, at Watercourse road, William Twomey.

KEANE.—On Nov. 29, at 8 Pouladuff road, a sickle case.

MURPHY.—Nov. 29, at Sluggers, Whitechurch, Catherine Murphy.

O'SHEA.—On Nov. 29, at Leinha, Johanna O'Shea, of Coolnacarriga.

DORGAN.—On Nov. 21, at the Cork Hospital, Richard Dorgan, late of Madden's Buildings.

KERRY.—The Earl of Kenmare, Lieutenant of Kerry, has appointed James D. Crosbie, Ballyheigue Castle, a deputy lieutenant for Kerry in place of Mr. St. John B. Douglas, deceased.

Wm. Lucitt, a farmer of Maulin, near Ballyheigue, died Nov. 19 from the effects of injuries received a few days previously. He was returning from the Causeway Fair when a spirited young horse he was driving got beyond control. In endeavoring to check the animal he lost his hold of the reins, and falling backward became entangled in the cart. He was dragged along a distance of about three miles.

The death of Mr. B. O'Connor Horgan, solicitor, occurred at Nelson street, Tralee, Nov. 28, after a brief illness. The deceased was well known and esteemed throughout his native county. He was an able lawyer, a classical scholar, and had a great knowledge of Irish, in which he took a great pride, and did his utmost in Tralee to forward the movement for the revival of the mother tongue. He was an ardent and consistent Nationalist, and was prominently identified with every Nationalist movement. The funeral to Kiltomey was very numerously attended.

LIMERICK.—An obnoxious Land Agent.—A resolution was passed a short time ago by the Creora Branch of the United Irish League that the members would not allow a gentleman of the hunt to ride with hounds over their lands, because of his action in connection with Mrs. McMahon's farm, a widow residing at Clackacloka. With a view of putting the resolution into practical effect the members of the Creora Branch, with members of other branches numbering 150 assembled at Kiltomey, lately.

Where the county hounds were expected, with the intention of preventing the members of the club from hunting over their lands if the gentleman objected to be among them. On inquiry by members of the League they were informed that he was not present, and with this assurance there was no opposition to the hunt.

The six tenants on Major Conyngnam Ellis' estate at Kiltomey, against whom judgment has been recorded, have each been served with a notice from the Sheriff intimating that his chattel interest in his farm at K. I. conela, near Abbeyfeale, will be put up for sale by public auction at the County Court House, Limerick. This latest attempt to shake the determination of the tenants in their struggle for a purchase has been treated with indifference. The landlord betrays his absence knowledge of a parish which enjoys the distinction of never having offered air sufficient to sustain a grabber for a single day, a fact attributable to the patriotic efforts of the parish priest, Rev. Father Casey, and to the organized condition of the parish under various organizations for the past 21 years.

On Nov. 23 the anniversary of the Manchester martyrs was celebrated in Limerick City. A departure was made this year in the mode of celebration, a torchlight procession at night taking the place of the afternoon procession on Sunday. The decision of the committee was a wise one, for rarely has there been such a number of people taking part in any demonstration in the city—9,000 persons being present. A start was made about 8 when the brake which contained the members of the committee started from the Town Hall, next followed the Boherbuoy Brass Band, with scores of torches. Then the St. Mary's Band, with more torchbearers. It was a grand and impressive sight. In the opinion of many there was never such a scene in Limerick before. Near the cemetery the bands halted, and the sad strains of the "Dead March" broke forth. The quick step of the crowd was changed immediately, and the remainder of the journey was traversed solemnly. The Mayor delivered the oration. On arriving at the monument Mr. John Crowe was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. W. Whelan, B. C., seconded by Mr. James Dalton. The chairman, having referred to the fast crowd which had assembled, said they were met there that night to honor the memory of the Manchester martyrs. The manhood of Ireland glories in celebrating the anniversary of the martyred three. It gave him the greatest pleasure in the world to see such a large gathering of the people of the noble city of Limerick. He then formally introduced the Mayor. The Mayor, in the course of his address, said this was the third and thirtieth time that the people of Ireland and the people of Limerick had come to do honor to the memory of the men who died in the people's cause. The Mayor's speech was indeed full of the old patriotic vim, and Limerick, by electing him chief magistrate, has honored itself as much as it has honored John Daly, the patriot and ex-political prisoner.

TIPPERARY.—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. J. Lynch, of the Teachers' Organization. He was for years head teacher at Cahil National schools. He retired a few years ago on a pension, and his colleagues continued him in position of president of the local branch of the National Teachers' Association. He was taken suddenly ill and died the same evening. His demise is much regretted by a wide circle of friends.

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WICKLOW.—Rev. Joseph Wade, Rathfrim, has been appointed parish priest of Garrystown, County Dublin. The people of Rathfrim deeply regret his departure, while being pleased at his promotion.

The death of Mr. Jerome Murphy, of Drummond, occurred Nov. 30, to the great regret of his family and friends both in Ireland and in the United States. The funeral to Kiltomey was very numerously attended.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—Mr. Patrick Bolton, Tulla, has been appointed overseer of the roads worked by the people of the county and not under contracts. He was appointed by the County Council.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Michael Gleeson, an esteemed resident of Rahaline, who died a few days ago at the age of 80 years. The remains were interred at Fenloe, and great numbers attended the funeral.

CORK.—The anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs was celebrated in Skibbereen by a public demonstration, headed by the brass band. Shortly before 9 o'clock the procession passed through the town and proceeded toward the Abbey burial ground, where sleep the remains of many a true patriot, not only those who participated in the 67 movement but who identified themselves with the stirring times before. This is only one of the many graveyards in Skibbereen, where all that was mortal lies of brave men who distinguished themselves in the battles of the Western World and came home to die. On arrival at the Abbey they were addressed by Mr. Daniel Coughlan, who said they were assembled to celebrate the memory of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, who died for Ireland and many of their companions in arms were sleeping within the graveyard. He hoped that the act he made by those true Irishmen would stimulate the young men of the present generation until by their efforts they made Ireland a nation.

On Nov. 28, a meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Conakilly, for the purpose of taking steps to pay a tribute of respect to Mr. O'Leary on his return from Rome. Mr. James O'Brien presided. The chairman said he was glad to see the parishioners of Conakilly there, who were all admirers of the Right Rev. Mr. O'Leary's excellent qualities. Now that he was returning to labor and work for them again they should show their appreciation of him by paying him a tribute of respect. On the proposition of Mr. Moriarty, seconded by Mr. Glynn, it was unanimously adopted that an address of welcome be presented to Mr. O'Leary on his arrival in Conakilly, and a public demonstration be accorded him, and subsequently that he be entertained at a public banquet. A committee consisting of Messrs James O'Brien, chairman, F. Moriarty, Stephen O'Brien, T. Hill and John Crowley, was appointed to carry out the arrangements.

Very Rev. Dean Keller, the pastor of Youghal, is now Monsignor, having been appointed Domestic Prelate by the Pope during an audience at which he was presented by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne. This mark of esteem on the part of the Sovereign Pontiff will be welcomed with pleasure not alone in Youghal, but wherever there is an Irishman who takes an interest in the affairs of his native land. A model priest, a cultured and courteous gentleman, a sincere friend and wise counselor, and a thorough Irishman, who not content with giving expression to his national sentiments, took of his coat and bore his share in the fight. The manly part he took in championing the rights of the evicted tenants on the Ponsonby estate is fresh in the public mind. Not content with advocating their cause at home in Ireland, he crossed to England to plead for them in the principal cities. And his labors culminated in his being sent to prison by Judge Boyd, of the Bankruptcy Court, because he would not consent to reveal the secrets of some of his parishioners who confided in him as their pastor. This would be sufficient to win for him the esteem and admiration of every lover of liberty. Dean Keller was appointed parish priest of Youghal in 1885. He was then Father Keller. He was next elevated to the archdeaconship, and subsequently made Dean of Cloyne on the demise of the late Very Rev. Dean O'Regan. Now another honor has been conferred on him at the hands of the Sovereign Pontiff, and he is worthy of them all.

WESTMEATH.—The trustees of the Greville Nugent's estate have asked too high a purchase price from the tenants, and the latter are holding out for better terms.

Very Rev. the Dean of Elphin presided at a recent meeting of the Athlone Branch of the United Irish League, which was numerously attended. It was decided to forward £5 affiliation fee to the Central Executive. Denis O'Connell, John Prior and Dr. MacCormack were appointed delegates to the national convention, and in the event of Dr. MacCormack not being able to attend, Mr. John O'Meara. The work of organizing St. Mary's Parish was entrusted to John Fitzpatrick, T. Dalton and James Egan, who were delegated to ask Mr. Joe McNamara and other Nationalists in the district to assist them. The work of organizing the district in the Roscommon section of the town was entrusted to Messrs Bannion, B. Fitzgerald, J. Dunning, J. Dolan and other Nationalists.

WEXFORD.—The remains of Mr. Richard Robinson, almost a centenarian, were interred in St. Mary's cemetery, New Ross, lately. Mr. Robinson held a large farm near Clonroche until a few years ago.

John Hall, aged 60 years, who lived in Tomnaboley, Boolavogue, while attending a threshing machine, was caught by the spindle and sustained fatal injuries.

Miss Howlin obtained the degree in modern literature, having studied during her university course at Alexandra College, Dublin. She matriculated in 1886, gaining first honors in French and honors in English, also. At the first arts she obtained an exhibition with honors in French and Latin, and was awarded the Jellicoe Memorial Scholarship given in connection with the examination. At the second arts competition she took second place with first class exhibition, obtaining first class honors, and second place in German and honors in French, English and Latin. She also held the Queen Victoria Scholarship in Alexandra College. This clever young lady has taken this year second place in modern literature, with second exhibition and honors. At the last annual general meeting of the Royal University the degree of B.A. was conferred on Miss Howlin, who secured honors in modern literature. The young lady is a sister of James Howlin, Ballycroghan.

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KELLEHER.—Nov. 27, Patrick Kelleher, Craughnalaught, Blarney, aged 14 years.

RUSSELL.—On Nov. 27, at 12 Roche's terrace, Queenstown, Hannah Russell, Ballynoe, aged 66 years.

ABERNETHY.—On Nov. 27, at Banteer, Ellen Abernethy.

McCARTHY.—On Nov. 23, at Mount Muck, Macroom, Eugene McCarthy, aged 65 years.

Manchester martyrs celebration in Tipperary said: "Fellow countrymen, three and thirty years ago three brave Irishmen died on the scaffold of Salford jail in the cause of Irish liberty. They went to their death fearlessly and unflinchingly. The last words uttered by them standing on the threshold of eternity, were: God save Ireland. And these words will be connected with them and treasured and re-echoed by the Irish people till the end of time."

WATERFORD.—Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton, Western Australia, lately the guest of the Lord Abbot and community of Mount Melray Abbey, addressed the students of the seminary, and said that the object he had in view in addressing them was to obtain recruits for his diocese in Western Australia.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—The total of evictions in Ireland for the third quarter of the present year was 1,209, 300 in advance of the previous year. Ulster contributed the largest number—602. In Connaught the evictions for the three months were 280, in Leinster 177, and in Munster 150.

ARMAGH.—At a meeting of the members of the Ballycrumney branch of the United Irish League held Nov. 25, Mr. Michael Gravy presided. A large number having joined, the chairman congratulated the members on the great progress that had been made in so short a time.

The celebration in honor of the centenary of the Sacred Heart Order of Nuns were held in Armagh on a magnificent scale. An interesting cinematograph exhibition was given by the Study Hall in the presence of a large assemblage, and at night an operetta was successfully produced by a number of the lady boarders.

DERRY.—The members of the United Irish League in Derry County are enthusiastic in their support of the principles of the organization founded to root the Irish people in their own soil, to relieve them of the long-endured and robbing burden of landlordism, and to make Ireland not a miserable province of the British Empire, but an independent nation.

DONEGAL.—A meeting of the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Branch of the United Irish League was held at the League rooms, Ballybofey, Nov. 25, at which the Right Rev. Mgr. McGlynn presided. It was proposed seconded and passed that Mr. T. Magee, Mr. James Conolly and Mr. John McNally, Knockfarr, be the delegates on the occasion.

A meeting of the O'Donnell Branch of the United Irish League was held lately in the Literary Institute, Litterkenny, Mr. John Ward, vice-president, in the chair.

DOWN.—On Nov. 26 the annual Memorial Ore was held in St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Downpatrick, which was decorated for the occasion by the Sisters of St. Patrick's Convent of Mercy, Mount St. Patrick. After the last Mass the Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the High Altar and a number of young ladies kept watch during the day, the large bell of the church tolling at intervals to indicate the change in the visits and to summon visitors to the church. In the evening there was a large congregation. After devotions, the Rev. Father Quinn, Killybegh, preached. Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament was then given.

On Nov. 26, amid manifestations of profound sorrow, the remains of the late Most Rev. Dr. McGlynn, Bishop of Down, were removed from the episcopal residence, Violet Hill, where they had been lying in state since Saturday, to the Cathedral, Hill street.

FERMANAGH.—A meeting of the members of the Arney branch of the United Irish League was held on Nov. 25 after Mass. Rev. Father Eugene McMahon presided, and delivered an appropriate address. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously: "That in order to secure any success for the National cause there should be unity among all Nationalists—priests and people. That we believe this cannot be done without forgetting the past, and that any man raking up the past is the enemy of his country."

MONAGHAN.—The members of the Carrickmacross branch of the United Irish League held a meeting Nov. 25 in the Foresters' Hall, which was numerously attended.

TYRONE.—Cookstown will stand with the rest of Ireland under the banner of the League. At a large meeting Mr. J. G. Harbison, solicitor, presiding, the town adopted the League and declared its determination to have no further parleying with factious or so-called Nationalists of the Healy-Craw type.

The splendid new church St. Patrick's at Broomfield Donaghmore, is now nearing completion. The roofing is finished, the windows are in, and the tower is almost complete. It is an imposing structure, situated along the main road from Carrickmacross to Castleblayney, and to the stranger traveling along this road through a district whose chief features are hills and cabins, this noble Gothic edifice of solid limestone, beautifully executed in the pitch-face style of masonry, comes as a complete surprise. When finished it will rank among the grandest of the country churches of Ireland. Despite the indefatigable energy and almost herculean efforts of Father Conlan to keep up the funds, his hands are now empty. Father Conlan is now engaged preparing for a bazaar in aid of the new church which is to come off in January next. But while pushing on his labors at home, he appeals to the Irish public in general, and to the children of St. Patrick over the world for support toward the completion of this grand temple.

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