

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 dead body of Mr. Peter Maloney of Moycullen, was found in the River Corrib, Galway City lately. How he was drowned is not known. No marks of violence were on the remains.

A grand concert in aid of the fund for the erection of a stained glass window at St. Patrick's church, Galway City, was given at the Temperance Institute, before a very large and appreciative audience. A good sum was realized.

A very brave rescue from drowning in the headrace of the Kirwan's Lane mills, Galway City, was effected by Mr. Geary of Nuns Island. A man named Kearns fell into the canal at O'Brien's Bridge, beside Mr. Simmons' cycle school. He was drowning when Mr. Geary rescued him.

The one hundred and sixty-one tenants on the Blake estate, of Annaghdown, Drumgriffin, near Headford, have purchased their holdings. The estate covers an area of almost five thousand acres.

LEITRIM.—A new creamery will soon be erected in Bellebridge. The farmers in the district have taken one hundred and twenty shares in the business.

MAYO.—A very interesting marriage took place at Roundport Chapel, Hollymount, County Mayo, on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Mr. Paul Grogan, bank inspector agricultural department of congested districts board, was married to Una, the youngest daughter of Mr. M. Farragher, C. E., Gardanfield House. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. Farragher, P. P., Arran Island, brother to the bride, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Connolly, P. P., second cousin to the bride, and Rev. B. Prendergast, P. P., Hollymount, County Mayo. The best man was James J. Grogan, brother of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Katie, Della and Tessie Farragher, sisters to the bride. The happy pair left by the evening train from Claremorris to the south of Ireland, on their honeymoon.

At last mass, Nov. 25, the congregation in the Ballina Cathedral exceeded anything in the way of number seen there since the mission in last May, the occasion being to receive the Papal Blessing. Most Rev. Dr. Conmy, who was a week at home from Rome, ascended the high altar and gave the Papal Blessing, after which Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Father J. Naughton, Adm., and Rev. P. Hewson, Seminary, Ballina.

ROSCOMMON.—The death of Mr. Michael J. Neelan, Castlereagh, occurred lately. The deceased, whose family were noted for sterling patriotism, was a well known figure in every Nationalist movement since the stirring days of '96 and '97. His death is very much regretted at home in the United States.

We regret to chronicle the death which occurred Nov. 30, at the Glebe Loughglillyn, of the Very Rev. Canon John McDermott, at the great age of 88 years. Though the venerable clergyman was advanced in years, he was active in the administration of the duties of the parish. Having entered St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, he passed through a distinguished course, and was ordained priest immediately before the famine years of '45 and '47. He spent the earlier years of his priesthood as a curate in Stroketown, Sligo, Ballymurray, and Curraghboy, and in '71, on the death of Dr. O'Connor, was appointed P. P. of Loughglillyn.

Michael McGann, of Rooskey, died on Nov. 14 after a few days' illness. He was 86 years of age, and died as he lived, an honest and honorable man, a sincere and fervent Catholic. Sixty years ago he obtained commission rank in the revenue police, and served with distinction till that force was disbanded. In Cork and Tipperary, where he spent most of his official life, he is still remembered with affection. In Rooskey, where he spent the evening of his life as a quiet country farmer, he conciliated to himself the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was the last of a good old stock, four stalwart brothers, that lived to be octogenarians. High Mass was celebrated for his soul's repose on Nov. 16. Father Lynch was celebrant; Father Mahon, deacon; Father Whyte, sub-deacon, and the President of Sligo College, Master of Ceremonies. The splendid gathering of country folk that thronged the church during the Requiem, and the long line of carriages that followed his remains to their last resting place at Oguilla, bore eloquent tribute to his memory.

It is with extreme regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Andrew Ford, of Clooneen, near Frenchpark. This estimable old gentleman passed away after a lingering illness, on Nov. 15, at the ripe age of 80 years, (survived by the rites of the Catholic Church, of which he was during his life a truly devoted and pious member. His remains were conveyed to the parish church at Bredogue on Nov. 16, accompanied by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. A solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on Nov. 17 for the happy repose of his soul.

SLIGO.—The death of Mr. Luke McDermott, Bunninadden, at the great age of 84 years, occurred on Nov. 30. He was a well known figure in the Nationalist movement, and was during his life a truly devoted and pious member. His remains were conveyed to the parish church at Bredogue on Nov. 16, accompanied by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. A solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on Nov. 17 for the happy repose of his soul.

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LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—Lord Dusany has appointed Mr. B. Watson, a son of Mr. Robert Watson, of Ballydartin, as agent in Ireland, and has given him Rock Lodge, Trim, County Meath, for a residence.

At a recent meeting of the Tullow Teachers' Association a resolutions committee was appointed to draft resolutions on matters affecting education. A copy was ordered to be sent to the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

Patrick Kelly, of Pollerton road, Carlow, has been committed to Carlow House Asylum. He belonged to the Dublin Fusiliers, and had been all through the war in the big engagements at Dundee, Colenso, etc., sweeping unscathed. However, while at the Cape he received injuries by a stone rolling down on his head from the injury he became subject to "pip-pip" fits and was sent home. Lately he became so violent that he had to be arrested.

On Dec. 4 the impressive ceremony of the consecration of a new bell took place at St. Clare's Abbey, Carlow. The bell is the gift of Mrs. Blake, wife of the late John Aloysius Blake, M. P., for Carlow. It was solemnly blessed by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Brophy, of Carlow College, Very Rev. George Byrne, Graigue, and Rev. Patrick Campton, Graigue. As the external chapel is not yet completed the ceremony was of a private character.

DUBLIN.—Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, on Nov. 30 paid a visit to the St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, and the circumstance was made important by the fact that the visit was especially with the object of inspecting the new physical laboratory and the methods of developing "hand and eye" training in connection with this institution.

We regret to chronicle the death, at an advanced age, of the Rev. Brother Francis, which took place on Nov. 27 at St. Joseph's Monastery, Clonsilla, after a short illness. Through 48 years of religious life he endeavored himself to every one with whom he came in contact by his childlike simplicity, and to the poor especially he proved a sincere and faithful friend by his cheerful words and wise counsel. The solemn Requiem Office was chanted at 11 o'clock, and followed by Requiem High Mass. Celebrant, Father Vincent, O. D. C., deacon, Father Angelus, O. D. C., sub-deacon, Father Dominic, O. D. C., Rev. Thomas Farrell, chaplain, master of ceremonies. After Mass the interment took place in the convent cemetery.

The Very Rev. Canon Arthur Ryan delivered a lecture at the Catholic Club, Dublin, Nov. 23, the title of which was "Irish History in Song." He illustrated the lecture with the singing of songs of the different periods, playing his own accompaniments on the piano "Avenging and Bright" he used to illustrate the Pagan legend the dominant sentiment of the Pagan times being that vengeance was sweet. Then the light of Christianity came upon the country, to which he attributed appropriate music. With the time of Bryan the Brave, he associated "Rich and Rare." That was a time when the country was under the law, and then with the invasion of the Danes and the invasion of the Normans came lawlessness and disorder. The next period he referred to was that of Queen Elizabeth, when Ireland was in the state described by Spenser, and which was only illuminated by the confederation of Kilkenny and Owen Roe. Referring to the time of James, he said that although he was contemptible he was fought for by the Irish, because after all he was the Catholic King. This led to the Jacobite literature and song, and he sang the "Irish Brigade." In the eighteenth century Carleton was a landmark, and the lecturer sang an air which was taught to him by his mother, to whom it was handed down by Carolan himself. Here he said it was remarkable that at the epochs were epochs of rebellion. It almost seemed as if Ireland had no history for centuries except the history of rebellion. In connection with '96 he sang pathetically the "Croppie Boy," and recited "Who Feels to Speak of '96?" During the Irish Parliament there was no song, and immediately that Irishman left the path of constitutionalism there was a note of song, and he sang "The French Are in the Bay." He connected the Emmet insurrection with "When He Who Adores Thee," and the "48 time with "Annie Dear," and the "67 movement" with "Dear Land," a song which was written by an Irish lawyer, who was a '48 rebel, but afterward went on the bench.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.
BROWN.—Dec. 1, at 1 Market street, Dublin, John Brown, late of G. P. O., son of John and Grace Brown, late of Ballybrigan.

CREAN.—Nov. 30, at Montpelier Hill, Thomas Crean, late R. I. C., County Mayo.

FISHER.—Nov. 29, in the Convent of St. Louis, Ramsgrange, County Wexford, Alice Fisher, in religion Sister Mary Agnes, aged 93.

HAWE.—Dec. 1, at 4 Charleville terrace, N. C. road, John Hawe, in his 84th year.

JOYCE.—Dec. 2, at 115 Harold's Cross, James Joyce.

MADDEN.—Dec. 1, at Castlefarm House Hospital, J. H. Madden, auctioneer.

O'ROURKE.—Dec. 1, at Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, William O'Rourke, late of 60 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook.

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DUFFY.—Dec. 3, at 59 Walling street, Agnes Duffy, aged 9 years.

FLOOD.—Dec. 4, Alfred J. H. Flood, supervisor Inland Revenue, eldest son of the late Henry Flood, Athlone.

GEOGHEGAN.—Dec. 4, at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, the Rev. Michael Geoghegan, C. SS. R., aged 63 years.

KELLY.—Dec. 3, at 21 Castle street, Bray, Michael Kelly, water main inspector.

M'DONNELL.—At the North City Infirmary, James McDonnell, sergeant D. M. P., aged 21 years.

MOORE.—At Shaw's lane, Bath avenue, Anne Moore.

RAFTER.—Dec. 4, at Holles row, Peter Rafter.

KILDARE.—The death of Miss Marlon Gibbons, Bray, Athy, which occurred on Dec. 4, at an early age, was deeply regretted by her family and friends. The funeral to St. Michael's Cemetery was very numerous.

Very Rev. Father Hickey paid a visit to St. Thomas Aquinas College, Newbridge, recently. Most Rev. Dr. Flood, Archbishop of Tuam, Father Hugh Hughes and Glendon, of St. Saviour's, and Father O'Neill, of Tallaght, accompanied the Very Rev. Provincial. The visitors were welcomed by the Very Rev. Rector and community, and were accorded an ovation by the college boys.

Owing to the continuous downpour of rain for some time past, considerable tracts of land in and adjoining Monasterivan are flooded, many places to a depth of four feet. Derrynaught suffered very much, some of the inhabitants being forced to leave their homes. Derrynaught, which had not recovered from the previous flooding, is in a lamentable state, and portions of the road leading to Athy are covered by nearly two feet of water. All the land adjoining the barrow between Monasterivan and Athy is inundated. Newbridge was also affected, some people from the commons having to leave their homes. The Liffey was swollen to such an extent as to almost hide from view the arches of the bridge at the lower end of the town.

KILKENNY.—At the monthly meeting of the corporation of the ancient and historic city of the Irish Confederation—Kilkenny—held Dec. 3, the Mayor, Mr. J. Purcell, presiding, Mr. McGeachy proposed that the freedom of the city be conferred on President Kruger. The Mayor seconded the proposition. Alderman Nowlan proposed that the corporation seal be affixed to the resolution, and that it be forwarded to President Kruger. Passed unanimously.

Mr. P. Dunphy presided at a recent meeting of the United Irish League of the United Irish League.

KING'S.—Mother Teresa Ball, of the Presentation Convent, Tabanah, died Dec. 1, deeply regretted by all classes and creeds in the surrounding districts.

A most representative gathering of Kings County men took place Dec. 2 at Frankford. The platform was erected in the centre of the town. Contingents were present from Shannouadoge, Eglish, Drumculleen, Cadamstown, Kinnity, Ballyboy, Knockhill, Mount Bolis, Rathlin, while almost every man in Frankford was in attendance. The brass band of the town played selections of national airs. Just before the business commenced a government reporter took his place at the reporters' table on the platform, but Mr. O'Donnell, M. P., protested, and he had to take his place in the midst of his helmeted comrades. On the motion of Michael Kilmartin, seconded by John Gath, Thomas Dooley presided.

LONGFORD.—At a recent meeting of the members of the Drumlish and Ballinauck Branch of the United Irish League Mr. J. O'Neill presided.

LOUTH.—The death of Mrs. Bridget Callaghan, of 2 Shop street, Drogheda, occurred Nov. 30, widely regretted. Funeral numerous attended.

The Rev. Thomas Cassidy, parish priest of Monasterboice, County Louth, who was sent to America by Cardinal Logue 12 months ago to collect funds for the Armagh Cathedral, arrived at Queensdown Dec. 1 from New York. He stated that his mission necessitated his visit to different parts of the United States. He stayed some time in Boston and New York. During the passage on the Oceanic from New York there were 1,000 persons, and he held special service, during which a large number of passengers attended.

MEATH.—Mr. Philip Carolan has offered \$3,700 for the farm of the late Richard Tevlin, in Robertstown. The property is in the courts and the judge will have to sanction the sale.

A public meeting to establish a branch of the United Irish League in the parish of the Yellow Furze was held at Dean Hill Cross, four miles from Navan, Nov. 10. The chair was taken by Mr. Mat Farrell, Navan.

QUEEN'S.—The Noble Hearted Three. The anniversary of the Manchester martyrs was celebrated by a procession, headed by the Mountmellick Pipe and Drum Band, which marched through the town to the '98 Memorial of the Graigue end. Here a halt was made and speeches were delivered by Mr. L. McEvoy, Mr. W. Devereux, M. P., and others. A large force of police was drafted into the town.

WESTMEATH.—Mr. William O'Brien has addressed the following letter in reply to a resolution of the Delvin Board of Guardians, calling for the exclusion of Mr. Healy from the Irish Party: "Mr. J. King, Clerk of the Union, Delvin.—Dear Sir: I am honored with a copy of the resolution of the Delvin Board of Guardians protesting against the admission of Messrs. Healy and Carow into a party

which was elected in spite of them, and in a report of a policy to which they have given a bitter and unscrupulous opposition. I do not find it necessary to add anything to the views I have already respectfully placed before the country on the subject. I am content to await the decision of the National convention with the confidence that the country will decide the question as easily and decisively as at the general election. Yours faithfully, William O'Brien, Mallow Cottage, Westport, Co. Mayo, Nov. 30."

Mr. John Daly presided at recent meeting of the members of the Rathowen branch of the United Irish League, which was numerous attended. Those present subscribed thirty dollars to the Parliamentary Fund. The following resolution was proposed by the chairman: "That in view of the attempt made by a combination of graziers and grass-grabbers to stamp out the United Irish League in North Westmeath, we pledge ourselves to work with more energy and determination in the future." Mr. Kiernan, in seconding, said he observed a few weeks ago in the local papers where Mr. Kit Taaffe stated before Judge Curran in Mullingar that the election had practically killed the League in North Westmeath, we pledge ourselves to work with more energy and determination in the future. It is never was more full of life since its inception in the district than at the present time. The only thing he saw with a d-disease, and which was fast approaching dissolution, was grass-grabbing and when its death occurred—of which he had no doubt in the near future—he would ask the committee not to inter its loathsome remains in Rathowen district, its proper resting place being the south side of Ferra Hill, made famous by the execution of Edward Fagan thirteen years ago and whose farm is still in charge of emergency men.

WEXFORD.—Ballindaggin G. A. C.—The annual meeting of this club was held in the schoolroom, Ballindaggin, lately for the purpose of electing officers, etc. There was a very large attendance, and several members joined the club.

WICKLOW.—Mr. James R. Etchingham, member of the staff of the Wicklow People, was found dead recently in his bed in Bray. He belonged to the Blackwater, County Wexford, and was a brilliant pressman.

The magnificent new monument of Billy Byrne of Ballymanus, a Wicklow chief in the '98 movement erected in the market square, Wicklow, was unveiled with all due ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 9, by Rev. Father Patrick J. Kavanagh, the historian of that great and glorious epoch in the history of Wexford County and Ireland. To the members of the Wicklow Men's '98 Association in Dublin is due the honor of this patriotic work an example for all Ireland.

Dr. Joseph Radnor Cardiff, Medical Officer for Carrigyrine and Corner for South Wexford, died at his residence, Carrigyrine, on Nov. 19. Dr. Cardiff was born some sixty-four years ago at Kilewain, County Wick, and at an early age went to St. Peter's College where he was known as a diligent and apt student. Seeing the progress the young man was making, his uncle, also a Dr. Cardiff, had him sent to Dublin to study medicine there. Here he gave great promise of the ability which afterward helped to rank him so high in his profession. Having graduated highly and becoming fully qualified, he returned to his native place, where he, however, remained but a short time. The Medical Officership of Carrigyrine becoming vacant at the time, it was in 1860, the young doctor applied for and was elected to the position. In a few years he had made a name for himself, and soon his practice far exceeded beyond the bounds of his own district. So widely and great had his professional reputation grown that in all serious cases in the south of the county, Dr. Cardiff was generally consulted. Dr. Cardiff had not been long settled down at his profession till it was seen that in addition to being a good doctor he was also a good Irishman. Joining the Home Rule Club in Wexford he was one of its most active members, and from time to time showed that he was a Nationalist of the best sort. When the Land League movement was given birth to he was one of the first to become a member, and to establish a branch in his district, over which he presided for many years. During the hot days in the reign of "Duckshot" Forster, the deceased was a prominent figure in the movement in his native county, attending every public demonstration, and always on the list of speakers. For his participation in the movement he was obliged to put up six months in Kilmainham as a suspect, in company with Mr. Parnell and many others. He was on intimate terms with the late Irish leader and the other prominent men of the time. It may be remembered that on occasion of Mr. Wm. O'Brien's famous escape from the courthouse at Carrick-on-Suir in his efforts to reach Manchester, it was at the house of Dr. Cardiff he rested, and had a change of clothing. When, through the death of the late Mr. Farrell, Faree, the Coronership for the South of the County became vacant, the Nationalists adopted Dr. Cardiff as the League candidate, and returned him unopposed. On Nov. 21 the remains of Dr. Cardiff were taken to Adamstown Catholic Church for solemn Requiem Office and High Mass, after which the large funeral cortege—which was greatly augmented along the line of route—started for the place of interment, Kilmanonk. The Office was chanted by the Rev. Jeremiah O'Connor, Wexford, and the Rev. David Bolger, C. C., Ratharogue.

MUNSTER.
CLARE.—The opening of the classes of the Scariff branch of the Gaelic

League on Nov. 18 was very successful. The crowds attending exceeded all expectations. The large school room was filled by persons of every class and age, anxious to learn the language of their forefathers. A large number of Father O'Growney's "Simple Lessons" were distributed, and Father Murphy, who knows Irish perfectly well, and who has kindly volunteered to give his services immediately, opened business by a very practical instruction on initial difficulties. It is already expected, from the enthusiasm of the members, that they will be in a position to give a Bandon Union; L. Collins (Pres. Bandon Assoc.) grand Irish concert about next Easter. Nearly all the school teachers were present, and the children, who crowded round the doors, seem determined that they must "be Irishmen too."

CORK.—A signal victory was recently achieved in the parish of Ardfield, Clonakilty, and a notable triumph for the people's cause by the reinstatement of three evicted tenants to their holdings, through Rev. John O'Hea, after the lapse of nine years. The landlords are the Misses Hungerford, of Dunowan, and over nine years ago three tenants, viz. John Duggan, Sr., John Duggan, Jr., and Timothy Donovan of Dunowan were evicted. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, who had been on a pilgrimage in Rome during the past two months, arrived in Clonakilty Nov. 30. The whole town was in a fever. Before the arrival of the train the approaches to the station were thronged. As the train steamed into the platform some fireworks were let off, and as the reverend gentleman alighted he was received with vociferous cheering and cries of "You are welcome home." Mr. James O'Brien, chairman Urban Council, then said that on his own behalf, and on behalf of his fellow townsmen, he welcomed the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary home. They admired him both as a man and distinguished ecclesiastic. Mr. Stephen O'Brien read the address.

One of the greatest demonstrations held in the county in ten years was that which took place on Nov. 18 at Ballinapittle, under the auspices of the United Irish League. Contingents attended from all the surrounding districts. A substantial platform was erected in the centre of the village for the occasion and marked enthusiasm prevailed throughout. Mr. Eugene Crean, M. P., the member for the division, and Mr. James Gilhooly, M. P., drove over from Bandon and were very cordially received. A government notetaker under the protection of a body of police, took notes of the various speeches from beneath the platform. Rev. Father Deasy, C. C., Ballinapittle, presided, and addresses were made by Messrs. E. Crean, M. P., J. Gilhooly, M. P., and others.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.
MURPHY.—Dec. 3, at 49 Morrigh Terrace, Evergreen road, James Murphy, of Ballinaberna.

RIORDAN.—Dec. 2, at 157 Bandon road, Cork, John Riordan, of J. W. McMillen & Sons, Cork Steam Mills.

MAGNER.—Dec. 7, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Thomas Francis Magner, of Cork City.

HART.—At New York, Sept. 29, William Hart.

HEGARTY.—Dec. 4, at Nelson's Place, Daniel Hegarty, builder.

COOPER.—Dec. 1, at Millstreet, Mary Cooper, of Millstreet.

RALEIGH.—Dec. 4, at 6 Old George's street, Cork, Ellie Raleigh.

CRILEY.—Dec. 3, at Ballyknocken Mournebeary, Abina Buckley, daughter of the late P. Walsh.

SULLIVAN.—Dec. 5, at Ringaskiddy, William Sullivan, vintner.

DORGAN.—Dec. 5, at White's Cross, Eliza Dorgan.

MURPHY.—Dec. 1, at the Munster and Leinster Bank, Killarney, Elizabeth Mary Murphy.

HURLEY.—Nov. 30, at 5 Sunday's Well, Mrs. Ellen Hurley, at an advanced age.

CORKERY.—Dec. 2, at Strand street, Kanturk, William Corkery.

MADDEN.—Dec. 1, at Castlefarm House, Hospital, J. H. Madden, auctioneer.

KERRY.—Mrs. J. Murphy of the Leinster Bank, Killarney, died Dec. 1. Mrs. Murphy was the wife of Mr. Nicholas J. Murphy, of the firm of Messrs. James J. Murphy & Co., brewers, Cork. At half-past ten on Monday solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral in the presence of a large congregation. At 12 o'clock the funeral started for the New Cemetery. The cortege was large and representative of all classes.

LIMERICK.—James Stuppel was killed by the fall of a concrete roof over a tank at the residence of Mr. J. Gibbins, Garrowse, Bruree, on Dec. 3. It appears that Stuppel, with others, was removing the structure, and deceased removed some of the props, with the result that the entire mass (weighing several tons) fell, instantly killing him.

The Redeptorist Order has lost one of its great men by the death of the Rev. Michael Geoghegan, which occurred at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, Dec. 4. Father Geoghegan had been in failing health for many months, and was confined to bed since August. He knew death was near, and received the last sacrament from the Very Rev. Father O'Lavery. Father Geoghegan was a Galway man, and was born March 3, 1837. At the age of 27 he joined the Redeptorists, was professed at Bishop Eaton, Liverpool, March 19, 1864, and ordained Oct. 23, 1865. He spent some time in Limerick as a young priest, and subsequently many years in Dundalk, and in England and Scotland, where he was successful in missions and retreats. He was an eloquent preacher, and a man of high attainments, being, perhaps, best known as an Irish scholar of eminence. Only last year the Gaelic League published a book of hymns in Irish from his learned pen. In recent years Father Geoghegan returned to the scene of his early labors in Limerick, and his death is described by one of the Fathers as

the most perfect he had ever known. Solemn Office for the Dead and Requiem Mass took place at Mount St. Alphonsus on Thursday at 10 a. m.

TIPPERARY.—With regret we record the death of Mr. John Wyse, which took place Nov. 29, at his residence, Church street, Tipperary. Deceased was a sterling Nationalist, and took an active part in the Fenian Rising in '67. His gentlemanly demeanor and straightforward ways endeared him to all. The funeral to the family burial ground in Thomastown on Dec. 2 was the largest that left Tipperary in years. The Tipperary Foresters (John Mitchell Branch), of which the deceased was a member, since its inception, headed by their band, marched in processional order after the remains.

WATERFORD.—At recent meeting of the members of the Waterford City Council Mr. Michael Wyse proposed that the civic flags be in future of green color, with the arms of the city in white thereon, not as at present, the city arms in black on a white ground. In future the green flag will float over Waterford city, and may infuse a little more love of country into the citizens generally.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—Ballygalget Literary Society held its monthly reunion Nov. 26. The lecturer was Father Nolan, St. Malachy's, Belfast. Father Nolan's lecture was illustrated by illuminations. Father Nolan's efforts to further devotion to our Lady of Lourdes deserve best wishes. Father (McBride, at the close of the lecture, said it was not a lecture, but a sermon, or rather a series of painted sermons. During the evening a number of hymns and other sacred items were rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. P. McHenry, Miss Burns officiating at the organ. The Very Rev. Hugh Magorian, Rev. James Lennon, Portlaffery, and the Rev. Francis McBride, Ballygalget, having spoken, and Father Nolan having responded, a pleasing function was brought to a close.

ARMAGH.—Rev. Father Cassidy, parish priest, Moateboice, who was authorized by Cardinal Logue to collect in America funds for the erection of the Armagh Cathedral, arrived at Queensdown Nov. 30 in good health. His mission was a success.

Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, has received special permission from the Pope to add two new canons to the Chapter of the Archdiocese of Armagh, and has been pleased to raise to the canonical dignity Very Rev. Charles Quinn, Camough, and Rev. Hugh McCoscar, Moy.

CAVAN.—At the great Irish national convention held in the Rotunda, Dublin, Dec. 11, County Cavan was represented as follows:—Stradone Brauch, Luke Lee, Patrick Fay James Brady, Knockbride East Branch John P. McIntyre, John McBreen, Killeshandra Branch, John Reilly, Michael Reilly, T. F. McCabe, Shercock Branch Peter Cassidy, Thomas Marron Thomas Smith.

HEGARTY.—One of the most pleasant "socials" ever held in the Temperance Hall, Coleraine, took place on Nov. 30. Eighty-nine sat down to tea. The following clergy were present: Rev. B. Mulholland, A. Campbell and W. O'Doherty. A number of lady friends presided, assisted by a band of willing stewards. Dancing commenced shortly after 10 o'clock, under the supervision of Mr. B. Bradley, who acted as master of ceremonies, and was kept up until 4 o'clock next morning. Richard Olphert, James Kane and John Doherty supplied the music.

DONEGAL.—At recent meeting of persons interested in the revival of the Irish language, held in Belfast, this resolution was unanimously adopted, proposed by Mr. Ward, Donegal: "That the following gentlemen, with power to add to their numbers, be requested to take steps to form a county committee to organize Donegal, in the interests of the Irish language." Messrs. P. M. Gallagher, P. O'Byrne, P. Gallagher, Conor O'Boyle, T. Sleavin and John C. Ward." Mr. P. M. Gallagher, solicitor, seconded.

DOWN.—The annual meeting of the Holy Name Society connected with the Dominican Church, Queen street, Newry, was held recently in the sacristy of the church, Father Hammersley presiding. Fathers Falvey and Kieran were present.

FERMANAGH.—At the great National Convention, held in the Rotunda, Dublin, Dec. 11, Messrs. Hugh Gallagher, Thomas Corrigan and James Keanny represented the Holywell branch of the United Irish League. Very Rev. Canon O'Connor presided at recent meeting of the members of the Newtonbutler branch of the U. I. L.

MONAGHAN.—Messrs. Patrick Finnigan and Thomas Brannigan represented the members of the Aughamullen East branch of the United Irish League at the great Irish convention held in the Rotunda, Dublin, Dec. 11.

Mr. Daniel MacAleese, M. P., for North Monaghan, died at Monaghan Dec. 1, after an illness of three weeks. He was 67 years of age. Mr. MacAleese, who was a Nationalist, was elected without opposition at the general election. He was editor of the Belfast Morning News, and has also been editor of the Ulster Examiner. He was proprietor of the People's Advocate, Monaghan, and was a Town Commissioner.

TYRONE.—The members of the Fintona branch of the United Irish League delegated Messrs. Michael Maguire, Michael Gavin and O. Donnelly to represent them at the great National Convention held in Dublin on the 11th of Dec.