

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.—St. Brendan's Church.—Dear Sir.—The many generous friends, whose practical interest in this church has enabled us to begin, will be pleased to learn that it is nearing completion. The walls will be ready in a few weeks to receive the roof, under the shelter of which we hope to celebrate the first Mass on Christmas morning for our generous benefactors. The site chosen is a very picturesque one, on the shore of historic Lough Corrib, at the head of Annadown Bay and in view of the ruins of the ecclesiastical buildings commenced over thirteen hundred years ago by St. Brendan, to whom the church will be dedicated, and of whom it will not be unworthy when completed, but when that may be I cannot say, as the funds in hand are only sufficient to complete the shell. May I earnestly request all who have promised, or who are disposed to help us, to send in their contributions, and all who have undertaken to collect to forward same as soon as convenient? In return, in addition to our heartfelt thanks, we renew our assurance that the priests and people of Annadown will never assemble in St. Brendan's without asking God to reward a hundredfold the good friends who assisted in sheltering a temple somewhat worthy of its sacred, sublime purposes, as well as the glorious saint whose memory it will keep green, and whose holy example it cannot fail to recall to the recollection of a poor but devoted people whose ancestors he instructed and edified. Yours faithfully, (for committee), Laurence Ansbro, P. P. S.

LEITRIM.—On Dec. 3 a fire broke out in the premises of Mr. J. J. Rodden, Carrick, which destroyed the establishment. It appears that dense volumes of smoke and flames were observed by Mr. James Costello, town postman, issuing from the house. He ran to the barracks and gave the alarm. A large force of police was speedily on the scene, and had the hose playing on the fire. The flames spread rapidly, and after some time it was apparent that all efforts to get them under control would be futile, and the operations were confined to saving the adjoining premises. That was at length accomplished, but the gable of Mr. Church's house collapsed. By great difficulty the occupants of the house were saved, Miss Rodden having to jump from the top story into a rug held for her by four men. A little child was also saved in a similar manner. A determined effort was next made to save some of the goods in the shop, but to no purpose. Some of the account books were recovered by Mr. Rodden and Mr. Costello, at great personal risk, the shutters having to be broken open with a spade, and in the narrow aperture made an entrance was effected. The police were ably assisted in coping with the flames by the people of Carrick, who worked with a will. Father Geraghty, B. J. Connelan, J. Costello and J. Belrne being prominent in their efforts to save life and property. The damage is only partially covered by insurance, and the greatest sympathy is felt for Mr. Rodden, who is popular.

MAYO.—On Dec. 13 a young man named McHale, from F. Sheehill, near Ballinacorney, was killed by the up goods train from Ballina to Dublin. Deceased came into Foxford to spend the evening with friends, and on his way home along the line was overtaken by the goods train, knocked down and killed. His body was entangled between the life-guard of the engine and the sand pipe.

ROSCOMMON.—We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. James Mulvaney, Abbeytown, Boyle, which occurred at the residence of his mother, Abbeytown, Boyle, on Dec. 6, at the early age of 18 years. Deceased was a boy who was very well liked by all classes, for he was most courteous, and his acts were characterized by such geniality that wherever he went he became a favorite. The greatest sympathy is felt for his bereaved mother and family.

At St. Mary's Catholic church, Athlone, lately, Mr. M. H. Drury, Boyle, was married to Miss Lily Doyle, daughter of Mrs. Doyle, Connacht street, Athlone, assisted by the Rev. W. Walker, Boyle, officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Thomas E. O'Brien, County Councillor. Mr. Patrick O'Connor, County Councillor, was best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Rosa Beahan (niece of the bridegroom) and Miss Josephine Doyle (sister of the bride). Mrs. Doyle entertained a number of guests to a sumptuous dejeuner, after which the happy couple left for the Continent on their honeymoon.

SLIGO.—The death of Master Walter Henry, Clonacool, occurred Dec. 6, and was deeply and widely regretted. He was only 19 years of age. The requiem services and funeral to the ancient cemetery of Killeammin Abbey were largely attended.

The death recently of Mr. John Hammon, Clifton, was regretted as very few deaths are regretted. During forty years, he was the most esteemed and respected person in the parish and in surrounding districts. At the High Mass presided Most Rev. Dr. Barry, Bishop of Clifton, brother of the deceased.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Julia Byrne, wife of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Burrell street, Carlow, which took place Dec. 12. On Friday Office and High Mass for the repose of her soul took place in the Cathedral. The Rev. J. Robinson, Tinryland, presided. The funeral to St. Mary's cemetery, was very numerously attended.

DUBLIN.—On Dec. 14, while a fire brigadesman named Joseph Sheridan, of Buckingham street station, Dublin, was engaged at a height of seventy-five feet at fire escape practice, the machine suddenly overturned, owing to the strong wind that was blowing. Sheridan, who held on to the escape in its fall, when picked up, was found to be terribly injured. He was removed to Jervis Street Hospital, where, on examination, he was found to be suffering from fracture of both arms near the wrists, and severe injuries about the head.

A meeting of the Star of the Sea branch of the Gaelic League was held at the National Schools, Sandymount, Dec. 7. The meeting was well attended, and over fifty ladies and gentlemen joined the League. The chief business transacted was the appointment of committee and officers. Very Rev. Canon O'Hanlon, M. R. I. A., was elected president. The Canon, who is known to fame as the author of the "Lives of the Irish Saints," is an Irish scholar of great ability. He strongly urged the new members to persevere in their study of Irish, which is much easier to learn than Latin, Greek, Italian, or even French. Under such a gifted and enthusiastic president the branch is bound to flourish. Mr. Edmond O'Neill gave the new members their first lesson in Irish, which was listened to with great attention and appreciation by all.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

FINNAMORE.—Dec. 9, at the Adelaide Hospital, Joseph H. Finnamore, of 7 Emmet street.

KIERAN.—Dec. 13, Patrick Kieran, Ballinagh, 85 years.

KINNANE.—Dec. 13, at 50A Harcourt street, Mrs. Sarah Kinnane.

BYRNE.—Dec. 14, at the Richmond Hospital, Upper Grandgorman, Michael Byrne, late of Marrowbone lane.

RYAN.—Dec. 10, Thomas Ryan, 20 North Summer street.

TIMMINS.—At Claxson's Bridge, Milltown, Robert Timmins, aged 69 years.

STEWART.—At 34 Lombard street, West, Michael Stewart, ex-actor Grand Carmelite Confraternity, Whitefriar street.

WRIGHT.—Dec. 12, at 76 Seville place, Mrs. Ellen Wright, late of 91 Marlborough street.

BARRY.—Dec. 10, at 18 Usher's Island, Margaret Barry, daughter of Nicholas Kavanagh, 29 Marrowbone lane, aged 22.

Lynch.—Dec. 9, at Dunbar, Michael Lynch, merchant.

QUINN.—Dec. 9, at 61 Hebron terrace, Cork street, Patrick Quinn, cooper.

FINEGAN.—Dec. 10, at 9 Windsor terrace, Fairview, Kate Finegan.

GOING.—Dec. 10, at 4 Great Clarence street, Maria Going.

KEHOE.—Dec. 10, at St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Kingstown, Mary Angela Kehoe, in religion Sister Mary Gonzales, Joseph elder daughter of the late Denis Kehoe, 32 South Richmond street, Dublin.

QUILLINAN.—Dec. 12, at 4 Eglington terrace, Cabra road, Edmund Quillinan, aged 51 years.

JESSOP.—Dec. 9, at the South Dublin Union, Andrew Jessop, assistant master.

FINN.—Dec. 9, at 3 Old Mountpleasant, Ranelagh, Mrs. Finn, youngest daughter of the late Daniel and Margaret O'Brien, 41 Cuffe street.

CORRIGAN.—Dec. 19, at Lower Camden street, Elizabeth Corrigan, sister of Alderman J. K. Hendrick.

KILDARE.—In Ballinakil church Dec. 2, the Rev. J. Connolly imparted the Papal blessing to a large congregation after giving a graphic account of the Irish Pilgrimage to Rome in which he took part. The members of the Association of the Immaculate Conception from Knock and Ballinakil went to the parochial house and presented him with an address of welcome. The drapery house of the Misses McDonnell's, Market Square, Kilkenny, was destroyed by fire on Dec. 11, also destroyed by same fire the premises occupied by Edward Quin, fruit merchant, and Charles Murphy, pump-sinker.

Died.—On Dec. 11, at Hillsboro, Newbridge, Lawrence Dawson; Office and High Mass at St. Columba's, Newbridge; funeral immediately afterwards to Killeammin New cemetery, Dec. 9, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. Bridget Quinn, Clonsalt, Kilkcock; funeral from Clonsalt for Lady's Chapel was very numerously attended.

KILKENNY.—Died, Dec. 12, Stephen Archbold; Office and High Mass at St. Canice's, Kilkenny; interment at St. John's, Kilkenny. Dec. 7, at his brother's, W. R. Morris, M. B., 37 Lady Lane, Waterford, George, eldest son of Michael Morris, Clommore House, Piltown, aged 31 years; funeral numerously attended.

KING'S.—On Nov. 30 Mr. Barry, late secretary of Edenderry '88 Club, was entertained and presented with an address and well filled purse of gold, by his friends in the town and neighborhood of Edenderry, previous to his departure for the United States. The address was a beautiful work of art and was adorned with emblems of a national character, among which were views of the tombs of Father Kearns and Colonel Perry, at Monasteris, Edenderry, and of the monument erected to the memory of the Manchester martyrs, in Mostyn Cemetery, Manchester. It also bore a finely executed portrait of Mr. Barry.

LONGFORD.—An enthusiastic meeting of those interested in the Gaelic

movement was held recently in Longford. Father Dolan has given the greatest support to it. Mr. G. McInerney was appointed treasurer, and Mr. T. J. Boyle, secretary, and they were instructed to write for a supply of books, etc., for the class. Mr. P. Hanley suggested that the merchants of the town should be asked to give a subscription and their patronage to the class. He subscribed five dollars.

LOUTH.—The death of Hugh Green, Dunek street, Drogheda, occurred Dec. 10 at an advanced age. After requiem services the interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Deceased was formerly of Kilsarne, Navan, County Meath. His death was deeply regretted.

MEATH.—The death of Nicholas O'Connor, son of Nicholas O'Connor, Cushinstown, Ashbourne, occurred Dec. 9, deeply regretted. The funeral to Crossmore cemetery was very numerously attended. The family is popular in the districts around its home.

On Nov. 24 took place the funeral of Mrs. Maguire, Keis. It was the largest ever in the district for years. Interment was in the big church yard. At a recent meeting of the members of the Kyle branch of the United Irish League, Mr. Patrick Grogan presided.

QUEEN'S.—On Dec. 11 the ceremony of profession took place in the chapel attached to the Convent of the Mercy, Ballinacool, Galway. The young lady who made her vows, Miss Mary Lalor (in religion Sister M. Bonaventure), is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Lalor, Cloneygowan House, Mountmellick. Two of her sisters are nuns of the Mercy Order—one in Loughrea and one in Carlow. Want of health compelled her on two previous occasions to abandon convent life before her vocation could be crowned by the ceremony of profession. The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of the diocese, officiated, assisted by the Rev. John Donovan, Loughrea.

WESTMEATH.—On Dec. 11 a most enjoyable concert was given by the pupils of the Loretto Convent, Mullingar, as a welcome home to the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, who returned from his first visit to Rome after his consecration.

After the first Gospel of the last Mass on Sunday lately, Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, delivered an interesting discourse on his visit to Rome. He said that in his audience with the Pope he informed him of his projects of building a college and a cathedral in Mullingar, and asked the Pontiff's sanction and blessing. The Pope expressed the deepest gratitude to the people and blessed them and commissioned the Bishop again to do the same in his name. He said the cathedral was much needed in the great diocese of Meath. He had received a promise of \$10,000 from one gentleman, and Father John Martin had already given him a check for \$2,000. He (the Bishop) would give \$5,000 which would leave him as poor as any one in Mullingar. He has had experience in church building. He went to Clara when the church was without a roof, but by God's blessing he completed it and left it without debt. He trusted in God for the completion of this cathedral, too. He called on the people of the diocese to show an inspiring example as it would be their parish church. The See of Meath will be fixed in Mullingar, as the cathedral will be there.

John O'Neill died suddenly in the lodging house of Mrs. Margaret Ross, at the Cross Keys, Mullingar, lately. He wore a long beard and his hair flowed down to his shoulders. He was a very quiet inoffensive man, and comfortably clad. He lived by alms, a penny being the maximum he would accept. After his death there was found in his possession £30 in cash and a deposit receipt of the Hibernian Bank for £70. He also left a will, by which his property goes to Miss Rose, in recognition of her kindness to him, a portion being allotted for Masses for the repose of his soul. An inquest on the remains was held before Mr. Coroner Gaynor. Evidence was given that the deceased, who was 80 years of age, was eccentric, and used to say he would be king of Ireland when Ireland would be free. Dr. Dillon Kelly deposed that in his opinion the deceased died from syncope, brought about by taking a dose of salts. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

WEXFORD.—Rev. Sylvester Edward Eng, S. J. of the Augustinian Priory, New Ross, died Nov. 10, deeply regretted, at the age of 31 years. He was a native of Dublin. A fine Gaelic football contest came off in Barrett's Park on Sunday, Dec. 2, between a New Ross team, named the 'Boreen-na-Slawn Shillimers' and a Camlin team, named 'Rovers.' It was a most exciting contest.

Members of the New Ross branch of the Gaelic League, held a meeting on Dec. 5. The first business of the meeting was the election of officers. It was decided to get the classes into working order as soon as possible, and Thursday, the 13th, was the date fixed for the first meeting. Mr. Connolly, a well-known Irish student, offered his services as tutor. The secretary was directed to write to the central body for rules, books, etc., and to take the necessary steps to have the branch affiliated.

WICKLOW.—The funeral of Miss M. Gibbons, Bray, took place on Dec. 6, and was largely attended. The Office and High Mass took place in the parish church.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—At recent Cork Assizes, Thos. O'Halloran, Quin, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in connection with the recent defalcations at Quin postoffice. A fine meeting of the members of

the Killimer and Knockerra Branch of the United Irish League was held lately in Dunelm.

A fine meeting of the Ennis Gaelic Branch was held at the National school rooms recently, the occasion being a lecture by the Rev. A. J. Moloney, St. Fintan's College, Ennis. In addition to the pupils of the classes, a large number of the outside public attended, and it was gratifying to note the enthusiasm prevailing. Several of the speakers delivered themselves in the Irish language, and were followed with keen interest by the audience. Mr. McNamara moved that Father Little preside, and said it was not alone in Ennis and the County Clare, but all over Ireland, that the name of Father Little was honored on account of the good he was doing in promoting the progress of the sweet, noble language of the Gael. Father Moloney's lecture was of a learned and patriotic character, and was the theme of conversation and recollections. The audience appreciated his discourse to the utmost extent.

CORK.—Information reached Kanturk lately that there have been numerous moonlight raids in the Ennis-mounth districts. The raiders—ten in number—appear well disguised and fully armed. It is reported that they visited the houses of John Lister and a man named Fitzpatrick where they got firearms. The police are investigating and it is rumored that several arrests are in contemplation.

A dray driver named Credon, who was working at St. Patrick's Quay, Cork, Dec. 5, was accidentally crushed between his dray and one of the steamers. He was taken to the North Infirmary, where he died soon after.

A dramatic incident occurred at Monster Assizes, in Cork City, on Dec. 19. While the jury was being sworn for the trial of Cadogan, charged with causing the death of a land agent named Bird, at Henry's Quay, Meade was ordered by Mr. Meade—as a Catholic juror to protest against this proceeding. I served on eight commissions of assizes, and was Mayor of Cork three times. This is an outrage on the Catholic community of Cork. It is a good example. It followed generally the British will have to discontinue the offensive conduct.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

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

NIJAN.—Dec. 5, at Main street, K. J. Ni-Jan, Bessie Nunn.

HARRY.—Dec. 4, at Oldcourt, Laurence Harry.

CREEDON.—Dec. 5, at the North Infirmary, the result of an accident, Michael Creedon.

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

HART.—At New York Sept. 24, William Hart.

KERRY.—The death of Mr. Stephen Hoggard, clerk of the Crown and Justice for Kerry, occurred at Clonmel, Tralee, Dec. 7, after an illness of about a fortnight. He was in his 77th year. The remains were taken to Ballisodilly. While the Gaelic Branch of the United Irish League were in their meeting Dec. 8, a large force of police arrived and arrested the president, treasurer and secretary on a charge of intimidation. They seized all books and papers found on the premises. The president and treasurer were all taken on board but the secretary was brought to Clonmel, where he remained in custody. The arrests caused considerable sensation.

A meeting of the Kerry County Council was held recently for the purpose of considering schemes to be adopted for the county under the Technical Education and Agricultural Education acts. Mr. St. John H. Donohue, president. There was a full attendance. During the proceedings, in reference to a grant for the revival of the Irish language, Mr. McDonagh, Mahony proposed that we allocate five hundred dollars toward a scheme for the revival and preservation of the Irish language; that a committee to consist of members of the Council be representatives for the various Gaelic branches in Kerry be appointed to confer with the Council and undertake the working out of the scheme; that the same scheme be submitted to the department, as we are aware of the urgent necessity that exists for further aid and we earnestly appeal to the department for equivalent grant for this purpose. Mr. M. J. Ffynn, M. P., seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

A largely attended meeting of the Catholic parents of Waterville was held at Waterville lately, for the purpose of discussing the school question. Five years ago the parents were obliged to rent a room and pay a teacher for the education of their children. It transpired that there were 600 children prepared to go to school, but who are unable to do so on account of the distance to the nearest school. A temporary school was opened a few weeks ago; the average attendance, despite the inclemency of the weather, was 50, but as the clergy were not in favor of drawing the Commissioners' attention to the want of a school, it has been closed up, much to the regret of the Catholic families. It was decided to send the children to the Protestant school, and to send them regularly until such time as the clergy came to the rescue by supplying a much-needed want—a Catholic school in Waterville.

LIMERICK.—On Dec. 9, the dead body of Mrs. Lee was found in a stream on the side of the road at Ashhill, Kilmallock.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, took place Dec. 3 when the remains of deceased were laid at rest in Mount St. Lawrence cemetery, Limerick City. The members of the legal profession marched after the chief mourners. On the way to the cemetery the cortege met the Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment returning from march. The band ceased playing and the men saluted the remains by bringing their rifles to the "carry," while the officers

who saluted each in turn, gave the order "eyes right." The service at the graveside was conducted by Father O'Donnell, Adm.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. P. M. Grace, which occurred at Killaloe, on Dec. 6. The deceased was only a few days ill. The late Mr. Grace belonged to a highly respected Limerick family and was an esteemed and popular resident of Killaloe for forty years, thirty of which he spent as station master for the Waterford and Limerick Company. High Mass could not be offered owing to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and instead a Low Mass was celebrated. The funeral took place to Killaloe cemetery, and was large and respectable.

TIPPERARY.—Lord Donoughmore, of Knocktoppy, Clonmel, died suddenly in London Dec. 5, aged 52 years. He is succeeded by his son, Viscount Surland, who is private secretary to the governor of Hong Kong, China. The family has only an estate of 4,000 acres in Tipperary, which the tenants expect to purchase and get rid of landlordism.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Lomegan, one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of Clonmel, which took place at his late residence, King street, Dec. 9. Deceased had been in failing health for some years past, and his death was not unexpected. The funeral for the old church yard at Powers-town was large and representative and testified to the esteem in which deceased was held.

A very sudden death took place at Kilsall lately. Patrick Fitzgerald, aged 20 years, was called by James Carr at about 10 p. m. to assist him and another man with a cow that was sick with calf. Finding they could do no good, they agreed to go for a farmer living close by, Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, who was skilled about such matters. Carr offered to go himself, but the young man said he would go, and proceeded to cross three or four fields. His arrival at O'Donnell's about 11 p. m. Mr. O'Donnell, who with his wife was sitting at the fire, invited him in, but hearing some noise in the scullery ran out and found poor Fitzgerald lying on the ground. They did all that could be done for the poor fellow but to no avail, as he never spoke again and died in a few minutes. The deceased was a rural postman at Kilsall, and was the only son of a widow and was respected in the locality, being sober and steady.

Waterford.—Very Rev. Father Flynn, Ballybricken, Waterford, City, who had nothing to do with the attempt now being made to deconsecrate the old Franciscan church in Waterford by having it converted into a memorial to Lord Roberts for his inhuman conduct in the two republics of South Africa, where the late British red coats robbed and murdered the natives. Some poor, miserable creature with the name of Higgins is acting as "honorary" secretary to the Memorial Committee. Waterford has reason to be proud of this little and big syllable.

Michael Dwyer, aged 50 years, was drowned from his lighter on the quay, Waterford City, Dec. 9. Deceased, who had on him, was putting tar-paulin on a boat when he slipped off the edge of the lighter and was drowned before the other man in the boat could render any assistance. Dwyer, who was a respectable man, lived in Barker street, and leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss. The body has not yet been recovered.

A class under the auspices of members of the Waterford City Gaelic League was held in St. Patrick's school on Dec. 6. Attendance numbered 50. The class was conducted by Prof. Ahern, who gave a very interesting lesson, first illustrating the formation of the Irish characters on the blackboard, and afterwards writing simple words and phrases. All this part of the lesson was taken down by the pupils in their notebooks. So clear and effective were the explanations of the teacher that very little difficulty was experienced in writing the Irish letters, and the pronunciation of the words and phrases was made equally interesting and simple. After the blackboard work some of O'Growney, Part I, was gone through. A committee meeting was held after class, at which it was decided to affiliate the branch with the Dublin Executive, and to form a class for ladies.

ANTRIM.—A beautiful specimen of sculptural architecture has been erected to the memory of the late Mr. John Doherty, Falls road, Belfast, over his grave in Milltown cemetery. On Dec. 9 the remains of the late Mrs. Keenan, Clare, Glenshesk, Ballycastle, were removed for interment in the family burying ground of St. Patrick and Brigid's church, Ballycastle. The deceased was 74 years old. The funeral was very largely attended.

ARMAGH.—The Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh, while in Rome, visited the new college founded in that city by the Irish Christian Brothers, and was much pleased with the great work being done by the Brothers. St. Malachy's chapel, Armagh, Dec. 10, was packed to the doors with an immense congregation to attend the meeting of the temperance association of the parish. After the devotions, Rev. Michael Quinn delivered a most interesting address on temperance. He marshaled his facts and statistics in order to show the baneful effects of intemperance, and his beautiful discourse was rendered most effective by the pathetic incidents with which it was so ably illustrated. At its conclusion one hundred and fifty became members of the association.

CAVAN.—Lord Farnham, who died in a private hospital in Dublin, Nov. 29, possessed an estate in this county which covered an area of almost thirty thousand acres. His annual rental therefrom was about one hundred thousand dollars.

DERRY.—Right Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, has subscribed twenty-five dollars to the T. D. Sullivan Testimonial Fund. In his letter inclosing the donation he wrote: "No Irishman deserves better a recognition from his countrymen, for few in our day have shed such lustre on his native land. As a poet and song-writer he has been to Ireland what Burns is to Scotland and Beranger to France. His 'Story of England,' though unfinished, proved his powers as a writer of history, while his long and faithful services as a Parliamentarian elicited admiration. When we shall have all passed away his deathless songs shall live, and cheer the heart of many an Irish exile. Deep in the Southern Cross, who that has read his 'O'Neill in Rome,' his 'National Anthem,' his 'Non Possumus,' or the defiant strains of his 'God Save Ireland,' will say that Mr. Sullivan is not a true poet, and a true interpreter of the feelings of his countrymen?"

DONEGAL.—Mr. Mallin, Monaghan has become the purchaser of Graydon's Hotel, Bundoran, by private treaty for twelve thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. The hotel will be carried on as usual and in addition an extensive hardware business will be established. A potato plant of extraordinary growth was lately in the garden of Mr. Denis Kerrigan, Milltown, Ballyshannon. The plant was between five and six feet high. On Saturday week, in the presence of Messrs Peter Campbell, John McShea and Patrick McGarrigle, the plant was dug up and the stem was found to have about 60 branches. There were 85 potatoes in all got on the stems, weighing 23 pounds. Seven of the largest potatoes weighed 9 pounds. The potatoes were excellent in quality.

DOWN.—On Nov. 30 the remains of Mrs. Crawford, relict of the late Hugh Crawford Kankakee County, Montana, U. S. A., were removed for interment in Ballykilar cemetery. The deceased spent many years in America. On the decease of her husband nine years ago she returned to Ireland to spend the remainder of her days with her brother, Mr. Robert Marmion, Rathmullan, the only surviving member of the family. The cortege testified in a marked degree the wide popularity in which the deceased was held.

FERMANAGH.—The members of the Kilsco branch of the United Irish League held a meeting lately at which Mr. P. Scott presided, when these resolutions were adopted unanimously, proposed by Mr. P. Scott and seconded by J. McHugh: "That we affiliate and send the fee to the Central Executive." Proposed by Mr. P. Duffey and seconded by Mr. Phil Bourke: "That we call on all to support the compulsory purchase." Proposed by Mr. Mick Fanagan and seconded by Mr. P. Keenan: "Resolved, that we unite ourselves into one body determined not to support individual interests but to support the principles of the United Irish League to present a united front to the enemies of our country and to strive for the restoration of Ireland's independence." At a specially summoned meeting of the Ennis-Kill branch of the United Irish League recently held, Mr. Francis Little (president in the chair), the following were elected as a committee to represent the branch at the National Convention: Francis Duffy and John Ward. It was decided to recommend the delegates to support the principles of the League, and to vote on all motions. A communication was received from Messrs O'Donnell and Harrington, M. P.'s, as secretaries, acknowledging receipt of the recent resolutions of the branch, with letters from the Rev. P. Connolly, and recommending that a new committee of the reading room gentlemen be formed with a view to amalgamation with the branch. A committee was appointed to report on the question of new rooms.

MONAGHAN.—The late Mr. Daniel McAlleese, M. P., for North Monaghan, was aged 67 years. He was at one time editor of the Belfast Morning News, and also editor of the Ulster Examiner. He was proprietor of the People's Advocate, Monaghan. He was a native of Randstown in the County Antrim. A general meeting of the Clonmel United Irish League was held lately in the '98 Memorial Hall, Mr. Francis Maguire, chairman, presiding. It was decided to pay the registration agents out of the money collected for the Parliamentary Fund. Mr. Tracey proposed that the delegates to the convention in Dublin be instructed to support any resolution having for its object the expulsion of Timothy Healy from the Irish party. Mr. H. Murphy said that it should not be made a personal matter but a matter of principle. There were other men such as Mr. T. Harrington, and Mr. P. O'Brien, who had said that if the chairman took a certain course they would not obey him. He suggested a change in the terms of the resolution, to which Mr. Tracey agreed, and it was put and carried in this form—that the delegates from this branch be instructed to vote for the expulsion of any man from the councils of the Irish party who refused to sign the pledge to sit, act and vote with the majority of the Irish Parliamentary party. The following were appointed to represent the branch at the convention: Messrs. Edward Moore, Peter Cunningham and John Connolly.

TYRONE.—The annual sermon in aid of the Christian Brothers' schools, Omagh, was preached in Omagh by Rev. J. J. McGlade, after the late Mass on a recent Sunday, before a large congregation, who testified by their presence and by the large amount they contributed the high esteem in which the Christian Brothers are held as teachers.