

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.

The opening of the new hall in connection with the Temperance Society in Ballinacree took place Dec. 10, when a lecture was delivered by the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, who took for his subject "Irish Graves in Rome." The success of the temperance movement in Ballinacree is due entirely to the efforts of Father Joyce.

On the Bishop entering the hall a specially prepared choir struck up "Let Erin Remember," and later on "The Minster Boy," the band of the society also rendering a nice selection of music. The Bishop first described the scene of graves of the Irish Northern chiefs in Montorio, or the Janiculum, not far from St. Peter's in the Vatican. One of the graves was that of Rory O'Donnell, Earl of Tyrconnell, whom the poet calls O'Donnell Roe, who, after many battles fought and many labors endured for his faith and country, was driven an exile from Ireland, and received with hospitality by the Pope of Rome, where he died on July 29, 1608, in the thirtieth year of his age.

LEITRIM—The death of Miss Margaret Smyth, of Killarney, occurred on Dec. 12, at the early age of 21 years. The funeral to the family burial place at Kill was one of the largest seen in the district for years.

MAYO—The funeral of Mr. Richard Kelly, Fair Green, Westport, to Dugha, a cemetery on Dec. 16 was very largely attended. As an evidence of the esteem his many compatriots in Westport bore the coffin on their shoulders through the streets of the town, and to a considerable distance beyond it.

Mr. Peter Regan, who kept the Irish flag flying in Ballinrobe, is seriously ill in hospital with rheumatic fever since his return from Silesia. We are glad to say that, though progress is very slow, he is on the way to recovery. Ireland is much in need of more Peter Regans.

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, son of the late Thomas O'Connor, merchant, Swinford, who obtained second place and silver medal at the recent examination has been admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature by the Right Honorable the Chancellor Mr. O'Connor served his apprenticeship to Mr. H. B. Fitzgerald, solicitor, 205 Great Brunswick street, Dublin. He intends practicing in Swinford.

On Dec. 14 great excitement prevailed throughout the entire district of Castlebar, owing to a dreadful storm. Several houses were wrecked. The Protestant church suffered severely. Trees were felled to the ground and blocked the roads. When returning to her home from Castlebar Mrs. Donnelly was killed at Burren as the result of the storm.

ROSCOMMON—The death of Mr. John Hunt, who was chairman of the Second District Council of Boyle, occurred lately. Mr. Hunt was much esteemed by all classes and his demise is deeply regretted.

Mr. Patrick Flanagan, of Cartron, Manilla, was married on Nov. 27 to Miss Janet Mary Donohoe, Ballyara, Tubercerry, County Sligo, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner street, Dublin.

The death of Mr. Manus O'Keefe, son of Mr. T. J. O'Keefe, Abbeyville, Roscommon, took place on Dec. 18, after an attack of pneumonia. The funeral took place to the family ground at the churchyard, Roscommon, and by its representative character bore testimony to the respect entertained for the deceased, and the sympathy felt for his relatives at his death.

While cleaning the machinery at Glenmore Creamery, Courtnaflia, an employe named McAuliffe was caught by the coat by one of the large connecting belts which pass from the lower to the upper part of the machinery, and was instantly whirled from the floor to the roof, and had completed the circuit repeatedly before the engine driver became aware of his perilous position. The injuries sustained by McAuliffe, strange to say, consist of a few slight strains and bruises. Several slates were broken at the point where his boots came in contact with the roof.

SLIGO—The death of Mrs. H. S. Rooney, of Lakeview National School, occurred recently, and the sad event was deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing her when alive.

Miss Janet Mary Donohoe, of Miss Janet Mary Donohoe, of Ballyara, Tubercerry, was married recently to Mr. Patrick Flanagan, of Cartron, County Roscommon. The happy couple came off in the boat of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner street, Dublin.

MUNSTER.

CAPLE—Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, addressed a letter to the parish priests and heads of religious houses in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Monday, Dec. 31, 1900. It was in connection with the celebration of Midnight Mass, and High Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Catherine Rice, Ballylennon, took place at Ballynery Catholic church, Dec. 20. Rev. H. Dunne was celebrant. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place immediately afterward at Tullyland.

Mr. John Byrne, Dunroo, died Dec. 9, aged only 57 years. The sad event took place in Dunroo, Bagnalstown, of her children, one, Thomas, is in Holy Orders, and another is pursuing his studies at Maynooth. On Tuesday Office and Requiem High Mass were celebrated at Ballinkillen chapel.

DUBLIN—Mr. T. R. Lynch, a well known Dublin solicitor, died suddenly in the Stephen's Green Club, Dublin, lately. He had offices in Upper O'Connell street, and in Kells, County Meath.

A man named Dixon in the employment of the Inchicore Saw Mills on Dec. 20 somehow came in contact with the saws and was severely injured. It was for a time no hope for his recovery was entertained. He is in Steven's hospital.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. BRODERICK—Dec. 3, at 21 Dawson street, Mrs. Maria Broderick, at an advanced age.

CAKIAN—At 28 Belgrave road, Rathmines, Ellen Caran.

DOWLING—At 2 Franquill terrace, Charlotte street, Mrs. Rose Dowling.

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

MURRAY—Dec. 3, at Ard Ulah, The Crescent, Clontarf, John Murray, aged 80 years.

MURPHY—Dec. 7, at Prince William cottage, Grand Canal street, Thomas Edmund Burke, Ryevale Distillery, Leixlip.

MURPHY—Dec. 5, at 42 Mountjoy square, John Joseph Murphy.

HARNETT—Dec. 6, at the Carmelite College, Terenure, Mr. Timothy Harnett, aged 62 years.

POWER—Dec. 6, at 19 Lower Jane place, John Power.

BYRNE—Dec. 16, at 17 Avondale road, Catherine Byrne, of 58 Mary street.

DEERING—Dec. 15, John Edward Deering, of 36 Lower Sheriff street.

FINNEY—Dec. 16, at the residence of his sister, 122 Upper Church street, Martin J. Finney.

HYNES—Dec. 12, at Midplit House, Athlery, Patrick Hynes.

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

KILDARE—Bridget Collins, aged 70 years, died suddenly at her residence, Derrymount, Monasterivan, on Dec. 16.

The death of Mrs. Bridget Callan, wife of Mr. Patrick Callan, Moedell, Newbridge, on Dec. 18 came as a surprise to her many friends. On Thursday solemn Office and Requiem Mass were celebrated at St. Conleth's church, Newbridge, after which the funeral took place to the family burial place, Allen.

KILKENNY—Letters of administration of the estate of Elizabeth Lady Blundell, of Castle Blundell, Kilkenny, who died on Oct. 5, last, daughter of the late Major John Knox, of Dublin, and widow of Sir John Blundell, of Castle Blundell, third baronet, have been granted to her daughter, Mrs. Nicola Sophia Bercher of Lorum Rectory, Bagnalstown, Carlow, one of the next of kin. The estate is valued at about \$7,000.

A meeting of the members of the Moncon Branch of the United Irish League was held on Sunday, Dec. 16, M. P. Irish in the chair.

KING'S—A most enthusiastic meeting of the Nationalists of Philipstown, was held lately for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. John Kelly presided. Mr. J. J. Lynch, organizer, addressed those present, and it was decided to establish a branch of the United Irish League. The election of officers and committee then took place. A large number of members were enrolled and it was agreed to send \$100 as first instalment to the Directory.

Father Phelan lately received the following sympathetic letter from Right Rev. Monsignor Kelly, the distinguished rector of the Irish College, Rome: "Irish College, Rome, Nov. 15, 1900. My Dear Father Phelan: I beg of you to accept from me a small subscription to the fund for erecting and embellishing the new church of St. Kieran's. This noble and pious tribute to the Father of our Faith of Christ—St. Kieran—the first born of the Irish saints, appeals irresistibly to every child in Ossory, and I shall be grateful for your acceptance of my mite. To enhance the value of my part of the undertaking, I send in addition the invaluable Benediction of Our Holy Father, cordially bestowed upon this work, upon His Lordship, the Bishop for Ossory, upon yourself, and upon all who are your co-operators. His Holiness says that zeal in respect of the glorious traditions of religion consoles him very much, since it will convert the hearts of the children, and by God's special grace, renew in Ireland the lustre of the sanctity of olden time. I beg a remembrance in prayer from yourself and your devout parishioners, remaining yours sincerely in Christ (Signed), M. Kelly, Rector." To Rev. Thomas Phelan, P. P., Seiz Kieran's, Birr.

LONGFORD—In a recent communication to the papers about the new church which Very Rev. Canon O'Farrell has undertaken to complete, he wrote as follows: "It is now two and twenty years since the foundation stone was laid; and although during these years great progress has been made with the erection and furnishing

of the church the work remains unfinished. Just a year ago, at a public meeting of the parishioners at which Right Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Connaught, presided, it was unanimously resolved to make a supreme effort to complete the work. Since then contracts have been entered into and the work is making steady progress. The contractors are looking out for the instalments due to them. During the past year a considerable sum has been collected in the parish but this is not adequate to meet the large expenditure. The work of completing the church will cost ten thousand dollars, and of this about one-third has been collected. The resources of a rural parish such as this, and two-and-twenty years of incessant struggle against ever-increasing debts, are quite unable to bear this strain. In order to meet this liability it was resolved at a public meeting of the parishioners to hold a bazaar and fancy fair early next June. Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. has been our undertaking to complete St. Bridget's, and has promised a medal as a prize for the bazaar. St. Bridget, the patroness of the new church is intimately connected with Ardagh. For according to most eminent ecclesiastical writers she received the religious veil from St. Mel, the first Bishop of Ardagh in his cathedral at Ardagh. The venerable ruins of this ancient Cathedral, in which St. Bridget made her religious profession, are within a stone's throw of the new church, dedicated to, and under her name and patronage. St. Bridget's name is honored and venerated wherever any of the Irish are found. It is hoped that the clients of St. Bridget at home and abroad will lend a helping hand to complete her church at Ardagh. It would be a pity for her children to allow this church of hers to remain any longer unfinished. By a Rescript, dated May 29, 1879, His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, wanted the Apostolic Benediction to all who contribute toward its completion. Prizes for the bazaar or subscriptions will be thankfully received, and most gratefully acknowledged by James Canon O'Farrell, P. P., V. P., M. Burke, C. O. Saint Bridget's, Ardagh County Longford.

LOUTH—The death of Mrs. Catherine Dow, of Waterunder Drogheda, happened Dec. 5, at an advanced age. Her many relations and friends in the United States will learn of her demise with great regret. The funeral to Tullyland cemetery was very largely attended.

MEATH—United Irish League—A special meeting largely attended by representative men and all the people of the surrounding districts, was held Dec. 9 at Rathmolyon avenue from Enfield. The meeting was called for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League, and was convened at the special request of the principal Nationalists.

QUEEN'S—The Queen's County correspondent of the Nationalist, Carlow, said in a recent issue: "The various towns of the county are invaded with militia men home on furlough. There is a revival of the rowdy spirit characteristic of the homes of these warriors in dems such as are to be found in Lyster Lane, Maryborough. These people are a disgrace to Ireland, and should be made to feel their degraded position. Banish them all over the country."

A branch of the United Irish League was lately founded in the parish. Mr. John Callaghan, M. P., and Mr. D. H. K. Burke were in attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. James McLoughlin. Father Maher subscribed \$5 toward the new branch. The following officers were appointed: President, Thomas Breen, vice president, Edmund Lynch, honorable treasurer, James McLoughlin, honorable secretary, John Kealy.

WESTMEATH—Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Connaught, in his recent discourse in St. Mary's church, Athlone, about his visit to Rome, said the Pope had granted him a private audience. He said that he discussed had presented to His Holiness \$1,000 as a mark of its devotion and respect for the Holy See. He also imparts of the Pope's blessing to the entire people.

WEXFORD—The Catholic church, Balvane, Kilkenny, has had added to it a new porch and baptistry which is admitted to be thoroughly practical, effective, and suitable in every way for its purpose.

WEXFORD—On Dec. 16 the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon on the "Coming of the Lord." His text: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord."

At the recent prize-giving at the famous College of the Propaganda, Rome, where students from all parts of Christendom compete, the Irish College, captured some of the honors, one of the prize-winners being, the Rev. James Kelly, a Licentiate of the Theological Faculty. The young gentleman whose ordination will take place in the summer, is the son of Mrs. Kelly, proprietress of Kelly's Hotel, New Ross.

WICKLOW—Mr. Hugh O'Reilly, son of Mr. Michael O'Reilly, Ballinabinech, Ashford, died Dec. 2, in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, aged 27 years. The remains were conveyed by rail to Killyshee cemetery for interment.

Miss Teresa Agnes Shannon, of Ballytoys, near Blessington, recently sued Thomas Hudson, of the Manor Kilbride, County Dublin, for damages for breach of promise to marry. Miss Shannon is only 23 years of age. The defendant, it is said, is over fifty years. The jury awarded her \$830.

MUNSTER.

CLARE—Mr. J. Moloney, Brickhill, Cratloe, was lately evicted from his holding of 110 acres, at the instance of the Munster and Limerick Bank.

At a meeting of the members of the Cree Branch, United Irish League, held on Dec. 16, Mr. Matthew Kelly presided.

On Dec. 16 took place the funeral of late Mr. John Kenny Donohoe, to the family burial place, ancient Doonbeg. The cortege was one of the largest seen in the district for a long period of time.

CORK—The Cork Examiner, of Dec. 22, said: "Timothy Cadogan, condemned to be executed on Jan. 11th, for the alleged murder of the late Mr. William S. Bird, Bantry, continues in fairly good health. He is apparently resigned to his fate, and is careful to give every attention to daily spiritual ministrations. He eats and sleeps fairly well."

Since the formation of the Castle-Martyrs branch of the Gaelic League, it has done much to revive the mother tongue in the district. Men and women who manifested no interest in their language up to some weeks back are now making it the speaking one. Classes are held in the National School on two nights of the week. From an attendance of 30 pupils on the opening night, a steady increase is noticeable, about 60 pupils being now in attendance. Mr. J. Albert National School teacher, is doing a man's part for the revival of the Irish language.

The parishioners of Clonakilly and Derrisheen entertained their parish priest Right Rev. Monsignor O'Leary to a banquet at the Esplanade Hotel Court-martiny, as a testimony of the high appreciation in which they regard him for the many eminent services to faith and fatherland.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. O'SULLIVAN—On Dec. 16, at 29 Dunbar street, Mary O'Sullivan, Buttevant.

LONG—Dec. 9th, at Nohoval, Margaret Long.

HARRY—On Dec. 8th, at 55 Blarney street, Mrs. Hannah Barry.

O'CALLAGHAN—At Sallie Arms Hotel, Millstreet, Michael O'Callaghan.

FARRELL—On Dec. 18th, at 132 Old George's street, Catherine Farrell, of 41 Upper John street, aged 73 years.

MARTIN—On Dec. 21st, at 10 Grand Parade, Helen (Nell) Martin, Marazion.

DUNLEA—On Dec. 11th, at New York U. S. A. Corney Dunlea, Ballyvoishan House, Carrigrohane.

HEALY—On Dec. 13th, at Rock Terrace, Passage West, Michael Healy, Ferry Point, Passage West.

DENNEHY—On Dec. 12th, Ellen Dennehy, Moolmore, and mother of the Rev. Dr. Hennehy, Landisbridge.

FINCANE—On Dec. 13th, Jane Fincane, of Skibbereen.

O'CONNELL—Dec. 10th, Patrick O'Connell, Cork, formerly of Spring Grove, Kanturk.

BLAKE—On Dec. 7th, at 23 Great George's street, William Blake.

KELLY—Dec. 11th, at Market street, Kinsale, Michael Kelly, late P. C. and P. L. C. aged 82 years.

KIRBY—Dec. 16th, at Richmond, Passage West, Gerald Griffin Kirby, aged 23.

KERRY—The friends of the Very Rev. Michael Dowling, president of St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, will learn with regret of his death, which took place Dec. 9, at 36 Dea street, Dublin. Father Dowling was born 41 years ago at Ardara where he received his early education. After some years spent at a classical school in Pale he passed on to St. Brendan's Killarney, where after an exceptionally short course he secured second place at the annual diocesan baccalaureate. He entered the Irish College, Paris, in the year 1873 and was ordained soon after.

On Dec. 13, at his auction mart, William street, Listowel, Mr. John J. Galvin, auctioneer put up for sale a farm of 61 acres situated in Pillingdoher Laxnaw, the property of Mrs. Staughton, from which John O'Connor was evicted 18 months ago. The sale was made with the consent of the tenant, and all others concerned. Mr. Maurice Fitzmaurice purchased it for \$3,100.

Death of Mr. Batt Long, N. T.—The people of North Kerry and not a few of the "old boys" in foreign lands, will bear with regret of the death of Mr. Long, which took place at North Commons, Ardara on Nov. 28, after a short illness, at the age of 85 years. Shortly after the introduction of the national education system Mr. Long was appointed principal teacher of the Ardara school, which was then the only one in the parish. Here he worked successfully for over a quarter of a century, when he was transferred to Banna school, where he labored for a long period, until his retirement on pension in 1885. He was tampered to a most unpretentious man, painstaking to a large degree in his profession, and in days of school fees and small salaries moderate in the extreme in his demands upon parents. Though of a retiring disposition, he was a man of really brilliant parts, and in his time had very few equals in the "craft" of imparting to the pupils a thorough knowledge of mathematics, besides which he possessed the gift of attaching his scholars to him in a bond that never relaxed in after life. His remains were conveyed to their last resting place in Aifert, followed by a large concourse of people—many of them hoary-headed past pupils of the popular pioneer of national education in the parish.

LIMERICK—On Monday, Dec. 17, there passed away in our Presentation Convent, Doneraile, one of the gentle and devoted sisterhood, of whom the town is so proud, and to whom the parish is so indebted. Sister M. Stanislaus' name was McNamara, and her home was in Kilpeacon. She entered the convent in 1895, and was professed in 1897. It was a source of grief to her two reverend brothers—Rev. Patrick McNamara, Penicuik, Edinburgh, and Rev. Thomas J. McNamara, of the Cathedral, Plymouth, that they were unable to be present at her last moment. The latter had the melancholy satisfaction of assisting at the obsequies, at which he was celebrant.

On Dec. 12 a lecture entitled "Ireland and Her Foreign Relations" was delivered by Miss Maude Goone in the Athenaeum under the auspices of the Limerick Young Ireland Society. There was a very large attendance, and Miss Goone got a most enthusiastic reception. The Mayor presided, and among those on the platform were James Connery, J. H. Moran (lector), John Gossell, J. Power, honorable secretary, Limerick Young Ireland Society; Alderman Thomas Prendergast, James Moloney, T. B. Gough, P. Moloney. Among the audience were many Unionists, who took a deep interest in the proceedings. The Bohemian Brass Band performed a remarkably fine selection of Irish airs under the baton of Mr. Moore before the proceedings opened. As Miss Goone, accompanied by the Mayor, came on the platform the "Marseilles" was played, the audience standing while the well-known strains filled the air.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils in the day school at Laurel Hill Convent, Limerick, previous to the Christmas vacation, took place Dec. 20 in the school room. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presided. There was a large attendance of the clergy, as well as the parents and friends of the pupils. A most attractive program of vocal and instrumental pieces and dramatic selections, was given through in a highly creditable manner by the pupils. The performers were for the most part of very tender years, and they displayed remarkable talent and training in the exercises. At the conclusion the Bishop distributed the prizes.

TIPPERARY—The United Irish League is making great increase in the number of branches in gaitant Tipperary. The people are as true to the cause of native land now as they were during the fine fighting days of the Land League.

We regret to record that Mr. John Nagle, Coolman, Clonmel, father of the Rev. William Nagle, Clonmel, and the Rev. Edward Nagle, English martyrs, Preston, died on Dec. 21, fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. Funeral left for Kilsash on Sunday. Requiem Office and High Mass in Kilsash on Monday.

Having lain unworked for thirty years, the once famous silver and lead mines on Lord Dunally's property at Silvermines and Shaltee are about to be reopened. It is contemplated to start work in the Tipperary mines immediately after Christmas, and the utmost satisfaction is felt in Nenagh and district on the prospective increase of employment and its beneficial effect on trade generally.

WATERFORD—Rev. P. J. Flynn's course in resisting the desecration of the old Franciscan church in Waterford which the toadies are trying to convert into a memorial to Lord Roberts is meeting with the hearty approval of the people in the entire county.

The death of Mr. Daniel Hearne, son of Alderman John Hearne, builder, Waterford City, occurred Nov. 5 in Sydney, Australia, of pneumonia. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. John Hearne, who is one of the most esteemed citizens in Waterford.

The Waterford branch of the Gaelic League is doing good work for the revival of the Irish language. The following new members were enrolled: Prof. Kerr, Messrs. E. V. Drea, J. Murphy, J. McDonald, C. Dunn, J. Buckley and C. Kneeshaw. The great thing for learners is not to get discouraged when they reach the end of the first book and the beginning of the second.

The committee appointed to formulate a scheme for technical and agricultural education met in the Court House at Lismore on Dec. 17. The Rev. T. McGrath presided. He said the object of the meeting was to formulate a scheme suitable for the requirements of the rural district of Lismore, etc. Such a scheme, reduced to practice, will be of great benefit to the country.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM—Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P. for South Tyrone, addressed a crowded meeting in the own Hall, Ballymoney, lately, on the Irish land question. The building was packed to its utmost capacity with farmers. Mr. Russell said: "I have never stood upon a platform with a greater sense of responsibility than I do to-night. The occasion is a great one. The ground is historic. We are assembled to inaugurate a new movement—to begin what it is fervently hoped may be the final struggle in the emancipation of the land."

The inaugural address for the Winter session, 1900-1901, of the Belfast Young Ireland Society was given recently in the hall of the United National Club, Berry street, by Mr. Hugh C. Law, of Letterkenny, who lectured on "Patrick Sarsfield." There was a large attendance.

ARMAGH—An interesting discourse on reading and its influence was delivered in Armagh Dec. 16 to an immense congregation in St. Malachy's chapel, by Rev. Joseph W. Brady, C. C., Armagh.

Mr. James McGill presided at last meeting of the members of the Jonesboro' and Dromintee Branch of the United Irish League. Other members of the committee present: M. P. Rice, honorable secretary; M. McQuade, treasurer; J. O'Hare, O. McEntegart, M. Cassidy, P. Grogan, J. Carriston, J. Kelly, L. Hanratty and others. The chairman said the national convention was a great success. As one of the results they had a united Parliamentary party. Mr. J. Campbell was prepared to join the party, and it was probable he would make a good member now. Mr. Rice said, no matter what were his opinions on the procedure and methods of the convention, he felt it a duty to abide by its decision and support the party. Mr. Owen Mc-

Enleggart proposed, and Mr. John Kelly seconded, a resolution, which was passed, approving of the convention, and thanking their delegates, Messrs. McGill, Rice and O'Hare, who represented the branch at that historic assembly.

At a meeting of the Armagh County Council lately, Mr. Joseph Atkinson presiding, a rather stormy scene took place. In reading over the correspondence the chairman announced that a letter had been received from Mr. Babbington, clerk of the Derry County Council, and Mr. Lyons inquired what it was about. The chairman said it had nothing to do with the council and that it was about flax holes and fisheries. Mr. Lyons went over to the table at which the chairman was sitting and requested permission to peruse the letter. The chairman handed him the letter, and after Mr. Lyons had read same he handed it to the secretary and requested him to read it. The secretary did so, and it contained a strong resolution in favor of compulsory purchase of land. The chairman being a landowner, refused to place the resolution before the meeting for indorsement.

CAVAN—John Brennan, who lived in Bannagh, was killed on the railway near Crossodoney on the night of Dec. 20, when returning from the Bannagh market.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Owen Prior, Main street, Ballyconrath, which occurred after a lingering illness on Dec. 6, at the age of 67 years.

DERRY—A special meeting of Derry County Council was held in the Town Hall, Coleraine, on Dec. 15, for the purpose of considering a circular from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and schemes for the improvement of the breeds of horses and cattle. The Right Hon. Sir H. H. Bruce, Bart., chairman, presided. What the people want is not the improvement in horses and cattle, but the fixing of the tillers in the soil. The other things will come after.

On Dec. 15 Mr. Thomas Lindsay, coroner, held an inquest in Connor's public house, Strand, Derry, on the body of a man found on the shore of the River Foyle, at Broomhall. The man was identified as Samuel Platt, carpenter, of Taylor's Row, Coleraine, missing for a month. The remains were so much decomposed that the brother and son of the deceased were unable to recognize him except through marks upon the body. Evidence was given that the deceased left home without telling anybody. He traveled to Derry, and at the platform of the Waterside railway station he gave Mr. Candy, station-master, a bank book and house lease to be sent to his friends in Coleraine. Deceased was acquainted with Mr. Candy, having been employed as carpenter and joiner on the line, and he told him he was going to Liverpool. He then appeared in a great hurry and was sober.

At the time he left home he had £5 in his possession, but only the sum of 41s was found on the body. He also wore a different coat. Dr. Craig gave it as his opinion that death was due to drowning. Verdict—Found drowned.

DONEGAL—Very great regret was caused through County Donegal by the death of Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Ardara, which sad event occurred Dec. 8. The news of his demise, at a comparatively early age, came as a great shock to his friends. As a magistrate for the county he exercised the functions in an impartial manner. He was also a member of the Gentry's Board of Guardians, and was elected vice-chairman of the District Council on the formation of that body. The funeral took place on Monday at Kircree chapel. It was one of the most representative ever seen in the district.

DOWN—Very Rev. D. B. Falvey, O. P. Newry, has been re-appointed prior of the Dominican community. The appointment has been received with feelings of gratification in Newry.

On Dec. 15 the nomination in connection with the vacant Bishopric of Dromore took place in the Cathedral, Hill street, Newry. The ceremonies began with H. J. Mass. All the parish priests of the diocese were present, with the exception of Rev. Felix McLoughlin, Glen, who was ill. The three names will be submitted to Rome, and the result will be known in two months.

FERMANAGH—Mr. Philip McCusker, president, United Irish League, presided at last meeting of the members of this branch.

MONAGHAN—The election of Dr. Thompson, of Omagh, Tyrone, as Home Rule member of Parliament for North Monaghan, was about as good as could be done under the circumstances. Mr. T. Healy made an effort to have elected one that inclined to his side, but failed.

Mr. Patrick Flanagan presided at last meeting of the members of the Aghamullen branch, United Irish League. Twenty new members were enrolled.

TYRONE—The death of Mr. William Elliott, a well-known dry goods merchant of Strabane, occurred on Dec. 17.

On Saturday, Dec. 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), at the Franciscan Convent, Calais, France, where she passed her novitiate, Miss Lizzie McGinnis of Omagh, had the happiness of receiving the black veil, taking in religion the same of Sister Mary of Nazareth. She attended the National School, Cornabracken, and Loretta Convent, Omagh.

The following names have been added to the Provisional Committee of the Strabane Catholic Association: Patrick Kane, John McDermott, Ross-gar; James Kennedy, Felix Durnien, Neil McLoughlin, Thomas Reilly, H. McDevitt, P. O'Clery, James Dunne, Paul Gallagher, Peter Doran, Sr., James Toner, solicitor; Neil McMahon, John James McNamee, Thomas Dillon.