

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.

CONNAUGH

GALWAY.—The death of Mrs. Michael Forde, of Rathbane, Ardahan, occurred Dec. 14, deeply and widely regretted. Rev. T. E. Considine celebrated the Requiem Mass and performed the funeral obsequies. The funeral was the largest witnessed in the parish within living memory. The coffin bore the inscription: Catherine Forde, died December the 14th, 1900, aged 63 years.

A meeting of the Dunmore branch of the United Irish League was held lately, at which Mr. J. Fahy presided.

LEITRIM.—We regret to record the death of Mr. Hugh Conlan, Cloonlougher, Maunohamilton, which took place on the 8th inst. During life the deceased was a true and faithful son of the Church, a kind neighbor, a worthy friend, and a tender parent. Rev. P. McMorrow officiated at the grave. A large concourse followed the cortege to the family burying ground in Cloonclare.

The storm which raged recently over the whole of Ireland was greatly felt in South Leitrim. At first it was believed no damage of any great importance was done, with the exception of damage to houses in the towns and country districts. On Saturday, Dec. 22, news was communicated to Dr. P. Mulcahy, coroner for South Leitrim, that two lives had been lost owing to the storm. The first was at Cornachest, near Carrigallen, where Francis Kiernan was swept away by the storm and killed. The facts in this case were conveyed to the coroner, who did not think it necessary to hold an inquest. The second party was a young fellow named Terence McTiernan, who lived at Farnagut, near Mohill. It appears deceased was after returning from Drumlish with articles to make his home comfortable and happy for Christmas. Having left the supply in a side he went out to look after cattle, and got on to a hay rack to get a supply of hay, when the storm carried him off the rack, and he was hung against the ground with great violence. His spinal column was broken.

MAYO.—The death of Mr. Michael Corless, Claremorris, occurred Dec. 7, after a few days' illness. He was aged 53 years. The funeral to the ancient burial place, Kilcolman, was very numerous. Rev. Dr. McTiernan, and Father Nicholson and McEvilly officiated at the funeral. In the procession were friends and sympathizers from Ballinrobe, Ballylaurie, Castles, Tuam Castellar, Westport, Ballahadreen, Swinford, Kiltinagh and other surrounding towns.

The deepest sympathy is felt for Matthew Donnelly, of Burran, Castlebar, on his bereavement—the loss of his good wife in the recent storm. Burran Bridge, about four miles from Castlebar, was reached when the storm was at its height. They had passed the bridge, the walls giving shelter, but a few minutes after, horse, cart and occupants were swept over the embankment. The poor woman never spoke. The man and horse escaped. He ran to the nearest house and got help. The poor man's great grief was intensified when he found the following day the wires were broken, and that he could not telegraph to his boys in England. "Welcome be the Will of God," said the poor man.

ROSCOMMON.—On Dec. 23, Patrick Bannahan, car driver to Mr. Prent, Strokestown, was found dead in a drain at Durham, near Roscommon. The deceased had driven some parties from Strokestown to Roscommon, and left for home about midnight. He was unacquainted with the road, having been mail car driver between Strokestown and Longford, and asked directions from several persons. It is supposed that the horse took the wrong turning at the cross roads. This road is full of ruts, and the wheels of the car caught in one and threw the deceased into the drain, which is two feet deep and contained two inches of water at the place where the deceased was found lying face downwards.

A successful meeting was held recently at Ballydangan Cross Roads, parish of Moore, at which Mr. R. A. Carr, organizer, addressed the people, and a branch of the League was established. Mr. John Miller, who was chairman, delivered an eloquent address.

SLIGO.—The death of Mr. James McAviney, of Fernanagh street, Clones, brother to the butcher shopper, Sligo, occurred on Dec. 22.

Mr. James Elliot, a shopkeeper and commercial traveler, Drumkerran, and who was well known in Sligo, was found dead in a closet in his garden Dec. 15, with a bullet wound near the heart.

John Coen, son of Martin Coen, of Carrrowmore, was killed by a portion of an engine house in Sligo falling on him. The premises belonged to the Waterford & Limerick Railway, by whom the deceased was employed. He was aged 16 years.

Father M. McManis presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Sovereign Branch of the United Irish League. The following resolution is referred to ranch lands was proposed by Mr. John McLoughlin, and seconded by Mr. Patrick Clarkin, expresident, and carried unanimously: "That the same be referred to the Executive Committee of the Association among

our people of the vast bullock runs of this country."

ULSTER

CARLOW.—The death of Miss Winny Donohue of Sleaty street, Carlow, Graigue happened on Dec. 21, at the early age of 23 years, after a short illness, deeply and widely regretted. Requiem services and funeral were largely attended.

DUBLIN.—A very serious accident occurred on the Harcourt street branch of the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway, north of Carrickmines station, the driver of the 8.05 a. m. up train falling off his engine while in motion. Something went wrong with the axle box of a wheel and Laurence Lawler got down on the step to examine it. Whether he slipped off the step or struck the abutment of the bridge which carries the roadway over the railway is not clear, but he got a very bad fall. The stoker stopped the train and had his mate placed in the van and brought to Harcourt street, whence he was conveyed to the hospital. Lawler served the company and the public for over thirty years. He was well known to and popular with the passengers on the Harcourt street line.

The Executive Committee of the Gaelic League met on Dec. 15, the Rev. M. P. O'Hickey, vice-president, in the chair.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.
LACY.—Dec. 18, at 8 Richmond row, Mary Lacy, eldest daughter of Laurence McDonnell, 7 Portobello Harbour.

O'CARROLL.—Dec. 19, at 5 Herbert road, Sandymount, Mrs. Jane O'Carroll.

RYDER.—Dec. 18, at 124 Harold's Cross, Ellen Elley Ryder, daughter of Mrs. Black, 41 New street, aged 29 years.

WATERS.—Dec. 19, at his residence 9 Clyde road, Thomas F. Waters, of 51 O'Connell street.

BROOKS.—Dec. 26, at 15 Abercorn road, North Wall, James Brooks, late member of the Boilemakers and Iron Shipbuilders' Society.

CARPENTER.—Christmas Eve, at Stillorgan, Jane Carpenter, of Dungraun.

CODY.—On Dec. 24, Miss Anne Cody, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Walker, 4 Blessington street.

DEMPSEY.—Dec. 24, at 33 Great Britain street, Bridget Dempsey.

GORS.—Dec. 24, at 10 Granby row, Thomas Gors, formerly of Tombay, County Carlow.

KINSELA.—Dec. 25, at Mountlavin, View avenue, Harold's Cross, Caroline Moulkin Kinsele, at an advanced age.

M'CARTH.—Dec. 22, at the Convent of Mercy, Sligo, in the eighteenth year of her religious life, to the inexpressible grief of her mother, brothers and sisters, Ellen Frances, in religion St. Mary Benedict, second daughter of Mrs. McCarthy, Irville, Ahascragh.

ODWYER.—On Dec. 24, at her daughter's residence, 45 Harrington street, Dublin, Johanna Costin O'Dwyer, relict of the late Matthew O'Dwyer, formerly of Dunganvar, County Waterford.

ROCHE.—Dec. 22, at Castle street, Ennis, James Roche, general draper.

SWEENEY.—Dec. 24, at Currawee, Achill, Patrick Sweeney.

TWAMLEY.—Dec. 25, at 15 Garden lane, Patrick Twamley.

KILDARE.—The members of the Merrinstrevoan Brass and Band gave concerts on two nights, at the National School. This was the first occasion on which the members organized entertainments, and the promoters are to be congratulated on the zeal with which they pushed the matter forward. In the preparation of the program, and the general arrangements of the services, Miss Julia Kelly deserves especial mention.

At the meeting of the Athy Board of Guardians lately, Mr. T. J. Whelan, chairman, presiding, an application was considered for outdoor relief from a woman named Wynne, whose husband is serving in the P. S. army in South Africa. Mr. Plewman moved that they give Mr. Healy, M. P., an account, to be brought before Parliament, and had been challenged, so it was only fair that they should give him all the information and support his statement with evidence incontrovertible. It was decided to have the list forwarded to Mr. Healy.

On the evening of Christmas Day Michael Brien and Heydon found in a drain at Rockfield, of the Quarry near Athy, the dead body of Rice Corcoran, who for forty years acted as carrier between Stradbally, Queen's County, and Athy. The body was found in four feet of water. The horse which he drove was found dead at the same spot, and appears to have strangled itself in the effort to escape, as although encased in tackling and hampered thereby, its head was turned to the cart and the position of the body of the animal almost reversed. On the edge of the bank was found a little terrier which accompanied the deceased in his journeys to Athy. The affectionate and faithful little animal must have been there nineteen hours, as a watch found on deceased was found to have stopped at 8:15 o'clock, this being presumed to be the hour at which deceased was drowned on Christmas Eve. This conjecture as to the hour of drowning is confirmed by the fact that when the watch was fully dried it commenced and continued to go without being wound. Deceased drove a horse which he purchased recently at the Castlefermot Fair, and as the animal did not know the road it is presumed that this is responsible for the fact that Rice went out of his way and crossed the canal bridge at the workhouse, on the road leading to Killeco, instead of that of the Fever Hospital, leading to Stradbally.

KILKENNY.—Recent meeting of the members of the Oringford branch of the United Irish League was attended by P. Dunphy, T. Harrington, J. Marshall, P. Loughlin, J. Tone, M. Lanigan, M. Kavanagh, etc. Much business of local importance was transacted.

Mr. George Morris, Clonmore, son of Mr. Michael Morris, died at the residence of his brother, Dr. Morris, Lady lane, Waterford City, recently. Solemn Office and High Mass were held in the Church, Mooncoin. The following clergy officiated: Rev. Canon Phelan, Mooncoin; Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Maynooth; Rev. W. Walsh, Ballyhole; Rev. J. Purcell, Piltown; Rev. J. Brennan, Sligerue; Rev. J. Roe, Adm., Thomastown; Rev. W. Cahill, Templeoran; Rev. M. Holohan, Mooncoin.

The first ordination to the priesthood, held in the Cathedral, Sacramento, Cal., took place lately, the young man ordained being Mr. Thomas Dermody, who came to Sacramento from the Parish of Ballyhale, a month ago, to take Orders after twelve years spent in preparation. The ordination was conducted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace. Father Dermody, of Downsville, assisted 'the newly-ordained priest. There were also in attendance: Father Godfrey, Franciscan Church; Father Comerford, San Francisco Church; and Father Leahy, of the Sisters' Hospital. The sermon was preached by Father Quinn.

KING'S.—A case of eviction with a long and painful history occurred on Dec. 27, outside Shinroe and on the County Tipperary borders. It was on the White estate, now under the control of the Court, Mr. Charles M. Manners, land agent, Edenderry, being the receiver. The occupier of the farm as James Maher. There were six bailiffs and a large force of police to protect them, but the anticipated resistance was not offered beyond the strongest remonstrances by the unfortunate family as they were driven from their home.

LONGFORD.—The new bell for the parish church (St. Mary of the Assumption), Edgeworthstown, arrived recently. Its total weight is 28 cwt., and was cast by John Murphy, Dublin. It bears the inscription: "Ferdinandus Martinus Canonice Parochus de Mostertine Me Fundi Fecit in honorem Beatae Mariae Assumptiois Anno Domini 1900."

On Sunday, Dec. 9, Peter Mollaghan was found dead in a drain in a by-road, which leads through Edgemore, a few miles from Ballinacree. He died at home at 12 o'clock Saturday, and proceeded to the town of Arva, seven miles distant. His dead body was found next day in abovementioned drain by Francis Brady, of Edgemore.

LOUTH.—On Dec. 14 a very interesting lecture on Australia was delivered by the Rev. P. Moore in the Hall of the Oliver Plunkett Total Abstinence Society, Drogheda. Father Moore, a son of Mr. Laurence Moore, is enjoying a holiday in the old land after many years' assiduous work beneath the Southern Cross. The lecture was greatly appreciated by the large audience.

MEATH.—The United Irish League is making good headway in this county. Many branches of the national organization are in active connection with the executive in Dublin.

DIED.—Owen Haughey, of Flower Hill, Navan, Dec. 19, at 70, at Greenwood, Slane, Patrick Devin, aged 83 years. Dec. 3, at Ludlow street, Navan, Rose McNamara, Dec. 18, Theodore Keillett, of Bridgefoot, Emda, aged 61.

QUEEN'S.—The death of Rev. Mother Mary Catherine Nolan occurred on Dec. 19 at the Bridgeline Convent, Abbeyleix, in the sixty-fourth year of her age and the fortieth of her religious profession. The deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Mrs. Nolan of Ballinglass, and a niece of the late Prof. Keble. Her sister, M. Stanislaus Nolan, is reverend mother in the Convent of Bechworth, Australia. During the forty years deceased spent in religion she filled all the important offices in the convent. She was five years Mistress of Novices, six years assistant in the General Chapter, and twelve years Reverend Mother. During her last years she made improvements in the convent, which is now one of the finest, most commodious and most comfortable in Ireland. Her obsequies were held in the parish church, Abbeyleix, on Friday. The lady attended in large numbers, and among the clergy present were Very Rev. Mgr. Phelan, Maryboro; Rev. W. Healy, Johnstown; Rev. T. O'Neill, Ballynash; Rev. J. Connolly, Ballynash; Rev. D. Gilligan, Raheen; Rev. J. Lador, Abbeyleix; Rev. T. Monahan, Doonane; Rev. T. Kearney, Adm., Tullogh; Rev. W. Cassin, Adm., St. Mary's, Kilkenny; Rev. E. Prendergast, Waterford; Rev. W. P. Bourke, Ballon; Rev. A. Delaney, Clonegal; Rev. C. Coyne, Maryboro; Rev. P. B. Quinn, Raheen; Rev. W. Murphy, Ballinakil; Rev. J. Farrell, Abbeyleix; Rev. Joseph Delany, Curragh Camp. After the High Mass the remains were removed in procession order through the convent grounds to the Nuns' cemetery and interred.

WESTMEATH.—A very successful meeting to establish a branch of the United Irish League was held at Dunshaughlin lately. On the motion of Mr. Patrick Everard, Mr. Patrick Brien presided.

WEXFORD.—Leo XIII. recently sent his special blessing to Very Rev. Canon Doyle, Ramsgrange, on his reaching the age of 83 years.

Mr. Nicholas Devereux, Sigginstown, was accidentally drowned at Wexford Quay on Dec. 21. He was very popular. The sad event is deeply and widely regretted.

Mr. John Farrell, Ballyknock, Rosbercon, New Ross, was found dead on the road near his own home recently. He was aged 55 years. For many years he was in the grocery business in Dublin.

In the jewelry establishment of Mr. Ebbs, Main street, Gorey, was on view lately a gold watch, which the friends of Rev. Brother Burke presented to him as a testimony of the esteem in which he is held. The watch bears the following inscription: "Presented to Brother C. S. Burke by his Gorey friends on leaving that town, October, 1900."

WICKLOW.—Recently there passed away at Ballyknockan a centenarian in the person of Mrs. Anne Cullen. She possessed all her mental powers to the last. Many and vivid were her recollections of the Rebellion year; her husband, who long predeceased her, when a mere boy was captured by the soldiery in that stirring period. The funeral to the family burial place at Balleboys was very largely attended. The Rev. Father Duffy officiated.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—The death of Mrs. Maria Doohan, Killrush, occurred Dec. 20, deeply regretted. The funeral to Shanahyke was very numerous. Attended by Priests in attendance were Rev. P. Hogan, Killrush; Rev. J. Hannan, Killrush; Rev. Father Ryan, Killrush; Rev. Anthony Clancy, Killimer.

CORK.—On Dec. 22 the members of the League of the Cross in Kinsale had erected in their Termination Hall a nicely executed white marble slab as a token of esteem, in which they held the founder of the hall, the Very Rev. Canon O'Mahony, P. P., Kilmurray.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan has made the following changes: The Rev. Geo. McDonnell, chaplain Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor, to be C. C. Kinsale; the Rev. John McSweeney, chaplain St. Raphael's Asylum, and St. Joseph's, Mayfield, to be chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor; the Rev. John Ahern, C. C., Goleen, to be chaplain St. Raphael's and St. Joseph's, Mayfield; the Rev. James O'Sullivan (Diocese of Cloyne) to be C. C., Goleen.

On Dec. 23 Mrs. Michael Cahalan, residing at Maulisregan, near Rosareens, met with a terrible catastrophe. While her daughter was at Mass the poor woman, who was subject to weakness, fell into the fire. She was badly burned about the legs and body. Father T. O'Hea of Rosscarbery, was soon in attendance, and administered the last rites of the Church. The poor sufferer expired on Sunday night.

A district court-martial assembled at Cork Barracks Dec. 24 to try Lance Corporal Campbell, Seventeenth Lancers, for insubordination in connection with the departure of the draft of the regiment for South Africa. Accused was one of a number of men who left barracks at Ballinaclogh as a protest against the refusal of permission for the entertainment offered by old soldiers previous to the younger men's departure. At subsequent parade he threw his cap in the face of the officer in charge. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. It is hoped that the National members of Parliament will have a keen look-out and see that this man be not prosecuted while in prison.

On Christmas Eve Patrick Lyons passed away at the Mitchelstown Hospital at the age of 106. He was a member of an old and respectable family, many of whom have been remarkable in modern, as well as ancient times, for their prowess and culture as athletes and scholars. Excepting a little deafness, he retained his faculties to the last, and often conversed on the stirring events of ninety years ago. He attended with a large party at the great Tenant Right meeting held by O'Connell at Kelly's Rea, near Ballylanders, in 1839, and had a vivid recollection of some of the events which led to the burning of Kilsfinane, and the execution of poor Staker Wallace in 1798. His remains were interred in Temple Mollonga, on St. Stephen's Day.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.
BRITTON.—On Dec. 23, at the North Presentation Convent, Gerald Griffith Street, Sister Mary Dominick Britton, in the 31st year of her age, and eighth of her religious profession.

OMAHONY.—On Dec. 23, at Coachford, Hannah Maria O'Mahony, of Bridgetown, Inlisearra.

MURPHY.—Dec. 23, at South Ringhskiddy, Eliza Murphy.

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

FINUCANE.—On Dec. 13, Jane Finucane, of Kiltbereen.

DUNLEA.—On Dec. 11, at New York U. S. A., Corney, second son of the late Denis Dunlea, Ballyvolishieen House, Carriganavar.

FOLEY.—On Dec. 18, at Ballyculling, Katie Foley.

SARAHAN.—On Dec. 27, at 10 Broune street, Mary Sarahan.

RONAYNE.—On Dec. 27, Grace Mary Ronayne, Ardeallagh House, Youghal.

DALY.—On Christmas Day, Honora Daly, of Evergreen Cottage.

SHEEHAN.—On Christmas Eve, at 8 Cross street, John Sheehan.

HICKEY.—Dec. 24, at 26 Thomas street, Limerick, Catherine Hickey, in her 90th year.

FLYNN.—Dec. 21, at Pope's Quay, zork, Ellen Flynn, Ballymartin, Lismore, County Waterford.

STOPPORD.—On Dec. 25, at Marine Ville, Monkstown, County Cork, Christina Stoppord, at an advanced age.

KERRY.—The members of the Castleland branch of the United Irish League, at a meeting on Dec. 23, decided to hold a great demonstration in the near future. Mr. T. Kearney occupied the chair.

John Kirrisk, aged 27 years, met with a sad accident at Fries, on Dec. 20, from which he succumbed in a short time. Deceased and two other men were breaking stones at a limekiln, and in order to protect themselves from the storm erected a board used for covering the kiln, weighing six hundredweight. The board was blown down, hitting the deceased on the head, fracturing his skull. His companions escaped unharmed.

The death of Mr. Jeremiah Finnegan, New street, Killarney, occurred Dec. 16, after an illness of three months. The funeral to Kilcummin cemetery bore testimony to the respect in which the deceased was held.

LIMERICK.—The death of Mr. Patrick McMahon, occurred at Thomondgate, Limerick, on Christmas Day. The deceased was held in the highest esteem by all classes.

Two grand concerts of Irish music were held at the Theatre Royal, Limerick, lately, in aid of St. Joseph's Boys' Orphanage and Industrial School, and proved a great success, a substantial sum being realized. The program consisted of hand selections, choral items, Gaelic solos, step dancing, recitations, etc. The boys of the orphanage gave a very creditable display of Irish step dancing, dumb-bell and musical drill exercises, while the rendering of Irish music by the choral class was excellent. Master J. J. Furey, gold medalist at Dublin and Galway Fela sang in a delightful manner "Callin Deas Cruite na mBo" and "Astrugh gan Peata an Mhaoir Agam."

At the close of the Limerick County Council meeting a deputation from the Land and Labor Association attended from the Choraline branch, and asked that the Council make a grant for the purpose of opening coal mines at Ballyrod, nine miles from Limerick, to give employment. Coal is to be found in various parts of the County Limerick, and at Ballybrood the "black diamonds" are deposited not far below the surface. It was pointed out by a deputation that the County Council had no power to make a grant, but that application might be made to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Mrs. John Pollard Tinnock, Ballingarry, occurred on Dec. 20, aged 84 years.

A heroic rescue from drowning took place recently in Clonmel. A man named Logan was sitting on a high wall, opposite Grubb's Island, and, overbalancing himself, he fell into the water. The river was very high, owing to heavy rains, and there was a strong undercurrent at the spot. A young man named David Slatery, of Irishtown, without waiting to divest himself of any of his clothing, jumped in at the risk of his life. After considerable difficulty he succeeded in rescuing Logan. Heroism should not be allowed to pass without recognition.

WATERFORD.—WILLIAM WELSH, who had been in the employment of George White & Son, Thomas street, Waterford, during thirty years, was found drowned in Killybarry on Dec. 23.

A shooting accident occurred on Sunday, Dec. 23, at Ballymacloche, which resulted in William Delahunty, of Ballymacloche, losing his life. Three young men went out shooting at Ballygunner, and when Delahunty was getting over the boundary fence between Mr. Meade's land and Mr. Snow's, he slipped, with the result that the gun went off the charge of shot lodging in his left leg. Dr. Jackman was summoned from Waterford, and having dressed young Delahunty's wound, ordered his removal to the County infirmary. He progressed favorably until Tuesday evening when serious complications set in, as a result of which he succumbed within twenty-four hours. The deceased was only 25 years of age.

At recent meeting of the members of the Killybegh branch of the United Irish League Mr. James Quailly presided. The following resolutions were passed unanimously: "That we pledge ourselves to adopt the rules put forward at the National Convention, held in Dublin. That we renew our condemnation of the grabbers of Mrs. Morrissey's farm at Ballyneety. That we condemn the grabber, of Lauragh, for his cowardly and treacherous act in grabbing the farm from which Daniel McCann was evicted; and we call on the Nationalists of Ballinaclogh to show their disapprobation of this grabber's reprehensible conduct by expelling him from their branch." Among those present W. Burke, John Quailly, James Foley, John Beresford, J. Hickey, P. Kelly, John J. Lynch, Thomas Corcoran, Thomas Croty, J. Whelan, J. Morrissey, P. Coffey, Thomas Whelan and T. McCann.

LEINSTER

ANTRIM.—Great difficulty is experienced in Belfast for settling the Lord Mayorality for coming year. Sir Robert J. McConnell, Bart., the present Lord Mayor, is not offering himself for re-election, and the City Council has been at its wit's end in endeavoring to secure a suitable successor. The question was referred to an Ad-hoc Committee, which held various meetings without getting a person willing to bear the honor.

On Dec. 14 an act of heroism was performed by a Redemptorist priest, Father Lowham, in Clonard Monastery, was awakened by cries from a large pond adjoining the Monastery. The night was stormy, and he was unable to locate the cries. Shouting out "What's wrong?" an appalling voice came from the water—Quick! I'm drowning. Father Lowham threw on some garments, rushed down to the edge of the water, heard a faint sigh, and in a twinkling the priest had of his robe, plunged into the water. Some powerful strokes brought him near a drowning woman who caught him by the throat-band of the shirt. Both went down, but being an expert swimmer Father Lowham succeeded in bringing the drowning person to the bank, where, with the help of other members of the community, she was drawn out of the water. After restoration had revived the half-famished woman she was conveyed in an ambulance to the Royal Hospital. The rescued woman, a spinner, arrived in Belfast on Friday from Lurgan in search of work and stumbled in the darkness

into the water by the mill. A number of large mills are in the neighborhood of the Monastery.

ARMAGH.—A great storm of wind and rain passed over the County Armagh during past few weeps and caused great loss of property and many lives were in danger.

CAVAN.—The death of Mr. Matthew Donegan, Kingscourt, occurred on Dec. 15. The sad event was widely and deeply regretted. The funeral was very numerously attended.

A sad accident occurred at Cross-doney, a station on the Midland and Great Western Railway, near Cavan, on Dec. 14, whereby John Brennan, a traveling buyer, lost his life. Deceased traveled from Cavan to Cross-doney by the 4.45 p. m. train. He was seen in the waiting-room at Cross-doney Station, and was afterward found lying across the railway line with both legs cut off. His death occurred a few minutes after his being found.

The visit of Most Rev. Dr. McGennis to Rome was chosen by the laity of the diocese to make arrangements for the presentation of a carriage and pair of horses to him on his return. On the bishop's home-coming notification was made of the people's intention to accept the offering, fixed Monday, Dec. 17, as the date on which he would receive the committee. On that date the gentlemen nominated attended at Cully House, and having made the presentation were entertained by Most Rev. Dr. McGennis.

DERRY.—On Dec. 21, a well-known "character" named John McShane, 67 years of age, was found dead standing erect in a small stream in Glenullin near Garvaghy.

A fierce storm of wind and rain from the southwest prevailed around Garvaghy Dec. 20. Occurring to a day on the anniversary of the great storm of December, 1894, it awoke vivid remembrances of that disastrous night. The storm reached its highest point at 10 o'clock, from which hour from all sides reports came of roofs stripped down, trees uprooted and corn stacks tumbled and tree blown down. The mail car from Coleraine had great difficulty in making the journey and was over an hour late. The large window of Garvaghy Post Office was blown in. The Green Mills suffered serious injury, the roofs of the buildings being stripped. Mr. Bernard O'Kane, Maybooy, had fourteen corn stacks blown down, and another farmer fourteen Mr. Thomas McCook Tamneymore, had his stable knocked down by two trees falling on it, but he succeeded in rescuing his horse from the ruins.

DONEGAL.—The death of Mr. John M. Boyle, Dunglor, on Dec. 12, was deeply and widely regretted. The Requiem service and the funeral were very largely attended by clergy and laity.

An appeal to the Irish people has been issued by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, Mr. John Redmond and Mr. Stephen O'Mara, the National Trustees, re-appointed at the Convention, for funds to enable the work of the Irish party to be carried on in Parliament.

Immense shoals of herrings are off Glengad and Malin Head, but the local facilities are wholly inadequate. In fact there are no herring nets in the district, the fishermen dealing usually in cod and other deep-sea fishing. For some time past Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell has been co-operating with the M. P. for the district, Mr. Wm. O'Doherty, and it was arranged that one of the Board's large boats was to be put on the fishing ground, and that instructors were to be sent to improve the men's methods. Representations are being made to send on two large boats with the necessary equipment. The shoals are immense, and the local fishers are at a loss to take advantage of the occasion. Fishing stations under the Congested Districts' Board established at Burtonport and Downbeg's Bay were successful.

DOWN.—The Month's Mind Office and High Mass for the repose of the soul of Rev. John McAllister, Banbridge, were held on Dec. 27. Very Rev. John O'Brien, Banbridge, presided.

FERMANAGH.—Under the guidance of the patriotic Father Keenan, the Holywell branch of the United Irish League is doing fine work for the national cause. At the great National Convention held recently in Dublin the members were ably represented by H. Gallagher, Thomas Corrigan and James Kearney.

At meeting of the members of the Enniskillen branch of the United Irish League, held Dec. 21, Mr. P. Little, of the Urban District Council president, presided. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. James McGovern, seconded by Mr. P. Dolan, and passed unanimously: "That we congratulate the National Convention on its successful efforts to restore unity in the ranks of the Irish Nationalist Party, and we fully approve of the action of our delegates in voting for the expulsion of the promoters of faction."

MONAGHAN.—Died—McDonnell, Dec. 13, at Mullidromond, Hugh McDonnell, Brother Rev. Patrick McDonnell, P. P. Newbliss. The funeral to Castleblaney was numerously attended.

On Dec. 16 at the conclusion of Vespers at the Church of St. Joseph, Bunhill row, London, Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, who was rector of the Mission for 12 years, was presented with a purse of one hundred sovereigns in recognition of his labors as Poor Law Guardian and in reorganizing the schools of the Mission. When the reverend gentleman was first elected a member of the Hoiborn Board of Guardians none of the institutions of the Board had a Catholic instructor. Mainly by his efforts Catholic instructors have been appointed to each of the Board's establishments. The testimonial was subscribed to by a large number of sub-Catholics. Father Fitzpatrick is a native of Monaghan.