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.—We regret to chronicle the demise of Mr. Thomas Sweeny, Mount Bellew, which occurred on Jan. 2. He had a large number of acquaintances, by all of whom he was held in high esteem.

Rev. Thomas Burke, pastor, celebrated the New Year midnight Mass in Kinvara church. The altar was beautifully decorated. Great numbers attended the impressive ceremonies, which ushered in the new century. Te Deum was sung sweetly by the choir. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed the ceremonies.

The death of Mrs. Cecilia Cooke, Upper Abbey street, Galway, occurred Jan. 6. The remains were conveyed to the Pro-Cathedral of St. Nicholas Wednesday, where solemn High Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated. After Mass the remains were removed for interment at Forthill cemetery. The funeral cortege following was very large, and was a tribute to the respect entertained for the deceased.

An awfully sudden death occurred in Galway City on Jan 8. Mr. John McTige, bootmaker, Eyre street, had been doing his usual business, and suddenly while passing along the street, fell down and expired. The deceased, who kept a bootmaker's shop in the main street, was always a very steady and religious man, a zealous member of the Sacred Heart Society, and a regular attendant at its Masses and monthly communion. The interment took place at Forthill cemetery. Great numbers attended the funeral.

The annual concert at Dunmore, under the patronage of Very Rev. Canon Lyskey, for church purposes, came off recently, and was a decided success. A novelty on the program, which was received with great applause, was an Irish chorus, "The Wearing of the Green," by the school children, and also an Irish song, "Shule, Shule Agra," sung with much feeling by Mrs Cassidy." It is very singular to read of songs in the Irish language at an Irish entertainment in Connacht mentioned as "a novelty." The people in Ireland must have completely ignored their ancient language, when it is spoken of in this way even in Connacht. If this feeling and condition prevail generally in Ireland, there can be but very faint hope for the revival of the Gaelic language.

LEITRIM.—Robert William Masterson, youngest son of Mr. P. Masterson, ex-National Teacher of Strathcarne, Mohill, secured second place at the recent Irish examinations.

MAYO.—Police Sergeant McGarry, of Kilmaine, on Jan. 11 left the barracks shortly after 9 o'clock. As he did not return Constable Crawford set out in search of him, and found his dead body in the weather protection shed of the belfry attached to the Protestant church. Deceased had a service revolver in his right hand, one chamber of which was discharged and two loaded. Since Christmas he had been strange in his demeanor, owing to the death of one of his children, but no one ever thought that he would take his life. An inquest was held on the body by Mr. Kelly, coroner. Having heard the evidence a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was given.

ROSCOMMON.—On January 9, in St. Patrick's New Church, Elphin, Office and High Mass were celebrated for Mr. Patrick Lavin, at which a great number of priests attended. The funeral cortege to Shankhill was long and representative of all creeds and classes in the district.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Patrick McDermott, Lisboy, Elphin, which occurred Jan. 12 at the age of 60 years. The funeral cortege to Caldra included 80 carriages and a great number of horsemen. Father Creighn officiated at the interment.

SLIGO.—The municipal elections in Sligo town resulted in the success of the following: In East Ward—Bernard Collery and Michael Keane; North Ward, Bernard McTernan and Thomas Flanagan; in West Ward, John Finan and Edward Connolly.

The death of Mrs. Downs, Knockbeg, Colooney, occurred Jan. 10, at the fine old age of 87 years. Interment was in Ballisodare cemetery. The funeral cortege was large and representative. Father Dillon, Collooney, officiated at the grave.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—On January 4 an inquest was held at Borris by Dr. Nolan, coroner, on the remains of Norah Breen, killed on the Great Southern Railway on Jan. 3, near Borris. The jury found as follows: Norah Breen came to her death from shock and hemorrhage, the result of a railway accident, by being knocked down by a train from Borris to Bagnalstown, at the Borris crossing.

DUBLIN.—Fire desroyed the Phoenix Park Distillery, at Chapelizod, Dublin, on Jan. 17.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

O'ROURKE—Jan. 14, at 20 Upper Abbey street, Mrs. Bridget O'Rourke.

REILLY—Jan. 16, at 94 North King street, Charles Reilly, at an advanced age.

BRADY—At 132 James' street, Susan Mary Brady.

HAYES—Jan. 15, at 7 St. Joseph's [illegible] avenue, Fairview, Thomas Hayes, late assistant superintendent telegraph department.

BRADY—Jan. 16, at "Liscahill," Haddon road, Clontarf, Mary Brady, late of 14 Lower Drumcondra road.

MURPHY—Jan. 12, Patrick Murphy, 94 Capel street (late Parnell's Cross, County Wexford), aged 45 years.

NOONAN—Jan. 12, at 13 St. Augustine street, James Noonan, son of David Noonan, of 9 Mark street.

O'CALLAGHAN—Jan. 13, at 3 Rathdown road, N. C. road Henry O'Callaghan, for years buyer in Messrs. Clery & Co.'s.

FOLEY—Jan. 15, at 5 Thorncastle street, Ringsend, Gregory Foley, age 76.

LEDWIDGE—Jan. 9, at Mount Carmel Convent, New Ross, Teresa (in religion Mother Aloysius), daughter of the late Patrick Ledwidge Dublin.

MOONEY—Jan. 16, at the Parochial House, Athboy, Bridget Mooney, housekeeper, aged 57.

O'SHAUGHNESSY—At 24 Mountjoy street, Susan O'Shaughnessy, daughter of the late Michael O'Shaughnessy, Ennistymon.

WOGAN—Jan. 12, at Baldwinstown, John Wogan, aged 85 years.

FLOOD—Jan 15, at 7 Herbert place, Irishtown, Jean Flood, Ringsend N. S. only daughter of Michael and Jane Cawley aged 24 years.

HALLIGAN—At 4 Ranelagh avenue, Alice Halligan, in her 80th years.

FLOOD—Jan 17, at 66 Great Brunswick street, Teresa Flood, daughter of the late George Walsh, Ringsend Basin, aged 56 years.

HANLON—Jan 16, at 13 St Patrick's terrace, Inchicore, John Hanlon, late engine driver G S W Railway.

REILLY—Jan 16th, at 94 North King street, Charles Reilly, at an advanced age.

KILDARE.—We regret to record the death of Mr Patrick Dempsey, Kylaglush, Monasterevan, which occurred at his residence on Jan 11, after a short illness. Office and High Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Courtwood, Rev G P Gowing, celebrant.

KILKENNY.—A meeting of the members of the Thomastown branch of the United Irish League was held Jan. 13, Mr. M. Hogan, president, in the chair.

The death of Very Rev Thomas Kelly, D D, Dean of Ossory occurred Jan 14, at St Canice's Presbytery, Kilkenny, after a brief illness. The deceased, who was 68 years of age, was a distinguished alumnus of Maynooth College, and was ordained 45 years ago. His first mission was at Mooncoin. Having spent about five years there, he was removed to St Mary's, Kilkenny, the Cathedral Parish. After being for some years in St Mary's, he was promoted to the Pastorate of Lisdowney, and afterward to that of Castlecomer, where he was elevated to the dignity of Dean, and dischafged the dutie of his sacred calling until twelve years ago when, on the death of the late Very Rev Dean MacDonald, he became Parish Priest of St. Canice's in Kilkenny, the parish, it may be added, in which he and his forefathers were born lived and died. The remains were removed to St Canice's church where Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated. The attendance of clergy and laity at the requiem services and at the funeral was very numerous.

KING'S.—The United Irish League branch of Kinnitty held a meeting lately. It comprises the united parishes of Kinnitty, Cadamstown, Longford, and Roscommon. The committee requested the secretary to write to the Central Branch for 500 cards, in addition to 100 already received.

LONGFORD.—The death of Mr. Eugene Gallagher of Longford occurred on Jan. 10, greatly regretted. For many years he managed the business house of his brother-in-law, Mr. Peter Flood, of Granard. He was a son of the late Mr. Owen Gallagher, and a brother of Mr. John Gallagher, Cootehall, and Mrs. Smith of Carrigallen.

Members of the Abbeylara branch of the United Irish League held a meeting in Carragh, Jan. 13. A contingent came from the upper side of the parish to show the spirit of Nationality that is in them and how willing they are to work in the cause of the United Irish League.

LOUTH.—At last quarters sessions in Drogheda, the Sheriff, Mr. J. J. Russell, presented a pair of white gloves to the Judge. Not a case was on the calendar for trial.

The obsequies of the late Rev. Mother Joseph took place Jan. 15 at the Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, of which community the deceased nun had been a member for forty eight years. Office and Requiem Mass commenced in the Convent Chapel at 11 o'clock, the Venerable Archdeacon Segrave, Drogheda, presiding. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. O. Clarke assisted by Rev P. Finegan, deacon; Rev. M. J. Quinn, C. C. sub-deacon, and Rev. B Donnellan, Adm., master of ceremonies. The chanters were Rev. J. Clarke, Drogheda, and Rev. J. Dignum, Ravensdale. Interment took place in the convent cemetery.

MEATH.—In the County Council Chamber of the Navan Courthouse, Jan. 14, a special meeting of the Meath County Council was held, Mr. Kennedy, chairman, presiding. The following report was read from the committee appointed under the Agricultural act: The general scheme for the County Meath comprises (1) itinerant teachers and prizes for laborers and other small holdings; estimated cost, £942. (2) Training of domestic servants and promotion of home industries; estimated cost, £392. (3) Live stock, incorporated with the live stock schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction; estimated cost, £760. There shall be separate prize competitions in each of the twenty-one electoral divisions.

A very successful variety entertainment, in aid of the funds of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, was given in Slone Hall by some of the Drogheda Oliver Plunket Dramatic Class. The program included magic lantern views, songs, dancing recitations, marionette performance, and concluded with a laughable farce. The magic lantern views were much admired, particularly local views from photos by the O. P amateurs. The songs, sentimental and comic, were excellently rendered, and in the topical department the local allusions were so happily and wittily conceived as to bring down the house. "Shamus O'Brien" splendidly recited, was warmly applauded, and a side-splitting farce concluded a most successful entertainment. There was not a dull moment from start to finish.

QUEEN'S.—On January 8, amid manifestations of sorrow, the remains of the late Rt. Rev. Mgr. Phelan, Maryborough, were interred in the New Cemetery in the presence of an exceedingly large attendance of the clergy and laity. The Office was followed by Requiem High Mass, celebrated by the Rt Rev Mgr Murphy, Kildare.

After Mass Jan 13, a meeting was held at Clonenadoo in support of the United Irish League and to organize that portion of Mountmellick parish. There was a large attendance. The chairman introduced Mr Wm. Delany, M P, who said it would need the strength of a powerful organization to protect the liberties of the people and carry a measure of compulsory sale upon just terms. Such an organization is to be found in the United Irish League. He was sure when the people of Clonenadoo take up the movement they take it up in earnest. The spirit and courage with which they took up the 98 movement contributed in no small degree to its success. "Ireland a Nation, and the land for the people" should be their motto and watchword, and they should resolve to carry them to victory under the banner of the United Irish League. A great number of members were enrolled.

WESTMEATH.—On January 17 the farm of Conmaskill, Delvin, containing 124 acres or 23 perches with dwelling house and out offices held at £18 per annum were submitted for sale by Mr William Casey auctioneer, Delvin and after very spirited competition was knocked down to Mr. James Tormey for $10,000.

The elections of town commissioners of Mullingar were held on Jan 15, and resulted in the success of Christopher Corcoran, George Brophy, Jr., Patrick Keelan James Gaynor, John Wickham Michael Cassidy.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr William Murray, of Kenny which took place on Jan 9. Mr Murray was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in Westmeath. The interment took place on Friday. The funeral was one of the largest seen for many years in the county. The Rev P. Daly and Rev N Woods officiated at the graveside.

WEXFORD.—Philip Crane, of Ballymitty, was found drowned in the river under Clonmines Castle, Wellingtonbridge Jan 8.

On Sunday January 13, a men's branch of the Confraternity of the Holy Family was formed, or established in Newtonbarry. The attendance was very large, including men and boys from the age of 14 upward. The Rev R. B. Doyle who is conducting the Confraternity said it was a pleasure to see so many assembled at the first meeting.

DIED—January 12 at Killane Castle Mary Aylward, aged 78 years Jan. 12 at Faythe, Wexford, Elizabeth Jane Barr, aged 38 years. Jan. 10 at Garryduff, James Howlett. Jan. 9, 1901, at Riverview House, Newtonbarry, William Macutchen, aged 69 years.

There were laid to rest in the little New Ross, Jan. 13, the remains of Sister Aloysius, the oldest nun in that convent, or perhaps in Ireland. Sister Aloysius had been known in the world as a Miss Lewidge, and was a Dublin lady. She became a religeuse sixty ears ago, fifty of which she devoted to the service of God in Mount Carmel, New Ross. She was in declining health for a long time, and died on Jan. 10, considerably over eighty years of age. Solemn Requiem Office and High Mass were offered for her soul. The school children marched in procession to the grave.

WICKLOW.—On January 15, at Ballye, Ashford, occurred the death of Peter O'Carroll, aged 64 years, greatly regretted.

At recent meeting of the members of the Glendalough branch of the Gaelic League Mr. Larkin explained the broad and slender sounds of the consonants. Before meeting broke up Mr. Larkin sang two songs in the Irish language. A committee meeting was held after at which the following resolution was adopted: "That we the Glendalough (County Wicklow) Branch of the Gaelic League, congratulate the Kerry County Council on their patriotism in voting five hundred dollars toward the preservation and restoration of our National language." There was an order made to send the resolution to the chairman of Kerry County Council and to the press.

The chapel attached to the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, was the scene on Jan. 8, of a solemn and impressive ceremony—the profession of Miss Elizabeth Kearney (in religion Sister Mary Augustine), daughter of Mr. P. Kearney, G. S. and W. Railway, Limerick. The Very Rev. Dr. Carberry, Wicklow, officiated. The young nun made her solemn vows in the presence of the community and the clergy and friends invited. Among those present were Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, St. Michael's, Limerick; Rev. Father Cregan, Limerick; Rev. Father O'Reilly, St. James', Dublin; Rev. Father Kelly, S. J., Sacred Heart, Limerick; Rev. Father Quigley, O. P., Prior, Cork; Mr. and Mrs. Kearney (parents); Mr. Richard V. Kearney and Master P. Kearney (brothers), Mr. and Miss Heydon Grenagh, Killarney; Mr P. Muldoon, Dublin; Mrs. Delany, Dublin.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—Rev. Michael Crowe, Tomgraney and Bodyke parish, had to give up his mission owing to sickness. The parishoners all regretted his departure. Father McCreedy, from Glasgow, takes his place.

The contest for the four seats on the Kilrush Urban Council resulted in a magnificent victory for the labor men, James Clancy, Sr., McCarey, Thomas Roughan, and —— Hollingshead. The defeated candidates are Dowling (outgoing), J. P. Clancy (outgoing), J. Cuilligan (outgoing), Galvin (new candidate).

CORK.—The death of Mr J. B. Roche, on Jan. 12, at his residence, Westview, Breenmana Road, Cork deprives Cork of one of its most worthy citizens. Mr Roche represented for many years the North Centre Ward in the Corporaton as Councillor and later on as Alderman. During his connection with the corporate body, from which he retired a few years ago, he was twice high sheriff. As Corporator and sheriff he discharged his duties with dignity and among his colleagues he was held in the highest esteem. In 1892 he received the Commission of Peace and in his capacity as a justice he exercised the quality of mercy with justice. In all his good works he was as unostentatious as he was generous. In commercial circles he held a high place and conducted a very prosperous business. The deceased gentleman was popular among all classes of the citizens and his death occasioned universal regret. He was a brother of Councillor Augustine Roche.

We regret to chronicle the death of the Rev John Crowley of the diocese of Cork. He was a native of Bandon, where he was born 58 years ago. He entered St Patrick's College, Maynooth where he was ordained. After a short time as chaplain to the Presentation Convent, Bandon he was appointed curate of Durrus. Later on, curate in Carrigaline, Ovens and Enniskeane. In the latter place he spent many years. Transferred to the curacy of Kilmichael after some years spent in this arduous mission his health broke down two years ago. For a time both he and his friends hoped that cessation from work and change of air to his native Bandon would restore him to his health, but he gradually became weaker and weaker until on Jan 10 at his sister's residence, on the Blackrock road, he passed peacefully away. Office and Requiem High Mass were celebrated in St Finbarr's church on Saturday morning. The remains were taken by rail to Bandon to rest in St Patrick's church, until the interment after last Mass on Sunday in the new cemetery.

The Ballymore Church.—The Church at Ballymore, four miles from Queenstown, stands in need of repairs and improvements. It will soon be a century old. It has been maintained by the parishioners, and during the many decades that it has been built it has done good service. The church is picturesquely situated overlooking the East Ferry and overlooking a historic cave on the seashore near the ferry, where Catholics in the penal times assisted at the Holy Sacrifice. Most Rev Dr Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, seeing the sacrifices the country folk have made to keep the church in the neat condition it has always been kept in and realizing that the time has come for thorough improvement and renovation, decided on making an appeal to assist in creating a fund as will make Ballymore church practically a new church. With good judgment, Dr Browne delegated the Rev P. M. Murphy, Queenstown, to organize a grand drawing, and for that purpose to collect the necessary funds and procure suitable prizes for the occasion. The grand drawing and fete was held on Feb. 1. The prizes were valuable and numerous.

The Kenmore branch of the United Irish League is doing fine work for the revival of the Irish language. The attendance of Irish students at the bi-weekly classes held in the Male National School is good, and the pupils have set themselves constantly to Celtic studies, and will soon become proficient in Gaelic lore. Rev. P. Garvey, Rev M. D. Allman, and Mr. James O'Shea, secretary, have done gigantic work to forward the movement. Mr. John Murphy, N. T., and Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, N. T., who voluntarily placed their invaluable services at the disposal of the Gaelic League, should feel proud of the rapid progress of the Irish pupils. A concert in aid of the movement was held lately in the Town Hall. There was a large and very appreciative audience, a fact which goes to show how much in earnest the people of Kenmare are to keep the National language alive.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

KENNY—On Jan. 8, at 11 Prince street, James Kenny.

O'CALLAGHAN—At 5 Fair Hill, John O'Callaghan, cattle dealer and nephew of the late Canon Foley, of South Kilmurray.

CROWLEY—On Jan. 8, at Shanacashel, Kilmichael, Florence Crowley, aged 95.

HAYES—Jan. 14, at Mount Massey, Macroom, Timothy Hayes, aged 74.

DEMPSEY—On Jan. 13, at Macroom, John Dempsey, aged 54.

COLLINS—On Jan. 14, at Mounig House, Skibbereen, Ethel May Collins, Mounig House.

O'CALLAGHAN—Jan. 13, at 3 Rathdown road, N. C. Road, Dublin, Henry O'Callaghan, for many years linen buyer at Clery & Co.'s.

BUCKLEY—On Jan. 13, at St. Michael's, Blackrock, Margaret Buckley, late of Barrack View.

REGAN—On Jan. 14, James Regan, late G. S. W. R.

LONG—On Jan. 14, at 99 Queen's Crescent, London, Dr. R. P. Long, late of Cork.

O'CONNOR—On Jan. 13, Edmond O'Connor, aged 37 years, of Friar's avenue, Sunday's Well.

STACK—On Jan. 15, Timothy Stack, for more than twenty years assistant of Cash & Co., Ltd.

FENTON—On Jan. 13, Margaret (Maggie) Fenton, Corbally.

LYNCH—Jan. 16, at Mylane, Ovens, Jeremiah Lynch, aged 56 years.

SULLIVAN—At 50 St. Finbarr's Road, Ellen Sullivan.

STEPHENS—On Jan 15, at the South Ingrmary, Margaret Stephens.

M'CARTHY—Jan. 17, at Meenachoney, Donoughmore, Denis McCarthy.

MULLINS—On Jan. 17, at South Infirmary, Mary Mullins.

KERRY.—The death of Mr. John D. O'Sullivan, Kilfalney, near Currans, occurred on Jan. 9, at the patriarchial age of 90 years; deeply and widely regretted. He was father in law to Mr. Thomas Lyons, Castle street, Tralee. The funeral, to Ballymacelligott was very largely attended.

The opening of the new century was celebrated in Cahirciveen with a solemnity most creditable. The great number who availed of the privilege of partaking of the Holy Communion at the Midnight Mass was calculated to impress and edify all who were witnesses of the solemn scene. Although the night was by no means pleasant for traveling the people came from the remotest portions of Cahirciveen and Filemore some journeying over nine miles and long before the ceremonies commenced the church was filled. The High Mass took place durig the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The music was excellently rendered by the choir organized by the Presentation Sisters, and to the loving hands of these good ladies was due the decoration of the altar and sanctuary. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the solemn services to a finish.

LIMERICK.—The death of Rev. Brother J P Molloy of the community in charge of St Joseph's Schools, Limerick City, occurred on Jan 17, after a brief illness. After office and High Mass the funeral left for the new cemetery and was numerously attended.

The Pallasgreen branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on Jan 13 to elect officers. Rev J. Sullivan presided.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Mrs. Russell, wife of Mr John Russell, National School Teacher, occurred Dec 19 at her home in Ballina. The Requiem services and the funeral were very numerously attended. The interment was in Templederry.

On January 15 Mr J B Toohey, Clonmel, left for the Antipodes on the invitation of his uncle, Father Brereton, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

An English syndicate named the Hibernian Development Company has taken over the entire mining property of silver mines near Neagh. Silvermines is well known in the mining history of Ireland, and in the days gone by very large quatities of lead, zinc, silver and copper were raised there. Of the mines, the most important and interesting are those on the great mineral channel. Boate states that this mine was first discovered by the English about the year 1600, but the researches made during the present century and the statemetns in the annals would suggest it had been worked by the acient Irish as were also the mines to the westward, at Garrykennedy, and to the eastward at Garrane. Silvermines was supposed to be a lead mine, but afterward they found it contained "three pounds of silver to the ton of lead," also "quicksilver." Under the King the mine was farmed by Sir William Russell, Sir Basil Brook and Sir George Hamilton but the mine was destroyed and the works burned down in 1641 by Hugh O'Kennedy, brother of John MacDermott O'Kennedy, who was its legitimate owner. After the troubled times the English company seems to have again worked it till its lease expired, about 1730; subsequent to this it was worked by different companies, who found and opened up new lodes, till eventually it came into the hands of a Mr. Hudson, who at the beginning of the last cenury sold his interest to the General Mining Company of Ireland—a concern which carried on active operations till about 1870. After the time of the English company various lodes were discovered in the county to the westward, some of them containing argentiferous copper and lead, other argentiferous lead, the latter giving 80 oz. of silver to the ton. In 1858 Capt. Thomas King, while exploring the ancient lead and silver mines, discovered electric calimine, it evidently beng due to the chemical decomposition of the blende that had been run as attals or wastes into the ancient levels. This for some time was profitably worked. It is this property which the Hibernian Development Company has secured. Mr. G. H Kinehan, M. R. I. A. in the journal of the Royal Geological Society of Ireland for March, 1886, has a good deal to say of the Silvermines district and its history. The village known by the name of Silvermines is situated south of Nenagh. Some of the mines at the village were worked so long ago that when opened, about the year 1860, the attals (pyrie and sphalerite) in the stulls and old levels were found to have undergone a complete chemical change into peroxide of iron, with barbonate and silicates of zinc. In recent years some of the lead from this locality has given as much as 80 oz. of silver to the ton, in addition to some native silver. Boate, in his notes of the silver mines, County Tipperary, records quicksilver as found prior to 1640. Lead, copper and other minerals have been found and worked in different places; there have been pre-historic workings on the silver-lead at Garrane, near Toomávara; at Silvermines, near Nenagh, and at Garrykennedy, on Lough Derg.

WATERFORD.—The election of Councils to the Catholic Young Men's Society took place Jan. 13. Alderman L. A. Ryan (president) declared the following gentlemen elected: J. Wall, W. Fitzpatrick, T. Moore, J. Corcoran, P. O'Loughlin, J. Ryan, M. J. Ahearne, M. Gallagher, C. Dunne, Jr., J. Power, M. Ryan, T. Walsh.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—Under the auspices of the Society of St. Malachy's Children of Mary a lecture, entitled "The Sign of the Cross," was delivered in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, Jan. 8, by the spirtual director, Rev. J. Nolan, C C, St. Malachy's. The lecture was illustrated by 200 pictures, after the paintings of Dore, Raphael, Rubens and a number of the most famons masters.

At the meeting of members of the Henry Joy McCracken Branche of the United Irish League, held in the Henry Joy McCracken Hall on Jan. 3 the president, Mr. Carlon, opened the proceeding by wishing the members a hundred thousand welcoems and a happy New Year, speaking in Irish. One hour is alloted each meeting night for the study Irish, all the members taking advantage. It was proposed by Mr. Huge McGaughlin, and seconded by Mr. Huge Barry, "That we protest against the cowardly brutality of Dublin Castle and their tools, the Bashi-Bazouks, at Foxford, on Mr. Dillon addressing his constituents. We call on every branch of the League throughout the country to denounce it.

Amidst manifestations of sorrow, the remains of Miss Jane McDonagh, Greenlough, were laid to rest in the Greenlough buryiug ground Dec. 31, 1900. The funeral, representative of all denominations, was large. Mass was celebrated by Rev. C. H. Kerlin.

After Mass Father Kerlin preached from the text "Be ye, then, also ready, for at what hour you think not the Son of Man may come.

ARMAGH.—The municipal elections held lately in Armagh City resulted in the elections of George J Wake (Nationalist), Joshua McNiece, Wm. J. Fleming, Wm. Dowie and Maxwell Thompson. Out of a register containing 2,093 electors the number of voters who polled totaled 10,77, and of this number only two papers were spoiled. The placing of Mr Walke at the head of the poll gave universal satisfaction.

On January 13 Keady parish chapel was filled with a congregation the occasion being a lecture by Very Rev P M J Rock of Louisville, Kentucky, America, entitled "Impressions on a visit to Rome," and which was delivered in aid of the new circulating library established in Keady by the Christian Brothers. The lecture was an eloquent description of the lecturer's visit to Rome and his impressions thereon. Clergy present: Very Rev Canon Coyne, Keady, Rev Patrick Vallely, Keady; Rev Peter McEnane, Keady, and Rev. Francis Devine, Derrynoose. Benediction of the most blessed sacriment was given after the lecture.

With regret we announce the death, in her 85th year, of Mrs Bridget Carroll, Bailieborough, which occurred on January 15. She was daily visited by the clergy, and a short time previous to her demise, by her son, Very Rev. Edmund Carroll, St. Mary's, Cray, Kent. During the last two weeks she was tended by her sister, Mother Raphael, Mercy Convent, Channel Islands. The funeral was the largest that passed through Bailieborough for years, the cortege consisting of sixty carriages, many horsemen and a concourse of pedestrians. As a mark of respect the houses in the town were closed during the funeral. Father Edmund Carroll could not leave England to attend the funeral.

DERRY.—The Messrs Barrie, Hunter, Baxter, McCandless, Todd, and McLaughlin were elected members of the Coleraine Urban Council at recent elections.

Peggie O'Doherty died at Glengamna near Draperstown, on January 6, after having attained the extraordinary age of 107 years. Her remains were removed to their last resting place at Straw on the 9th. Deceased was born in Derrynoid, in the year 1794, whence she removed to Glengamna over half a century ago. Since then she lived alone in a little cot by the roadside, where she carried on a little dealing, by which she maintained herself up to twenty years ago, when she became through old age, unfit to make her own livelihood. Since then she has been supported by the neighbors and friends. She was of a lighthearted disposition, and up to a few days ago she delighted in singing in the lauguage of her forefathers, for she was a fluent speaker of the old Gaelic tongue. She was able to converse most interestingly on the famine and penal days, and could narrate many memorable events. Deceased was able to go out and visit her neighbors up to three days before she died.

CAVAN.—One thousand persons received holy communion at the Midnight Mass in Gowna at the opening of the new year and century. The scene was most edifying, Rev. M. Corcoran, pastor, was celebrant at the Night Mass. The music appropriate to the occaision was rendered in excellent style. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the impressive ceremonies to a close.

On Sunday, January 13, a meeting was held in the Market House, Swanlinbar, to found a branch of the United Irish League. The attendance was very numerous. Mr. T. McGovern, M. P., was unanimously voted to the chair. He showed the good results of the League in Ireland and dwelt on the work accomplished by the magnificent convention in Dublin, where faction was crushed. A committee was appointed, and collectors selected for the various districts.—Hugh Maguire, Hon. Sec.

DONEGAL.—Mr. Gallagher presided at recent meeting of the members of the Letterkeney House League, when they selected Messrs. Gallagher and Ward as their candidates for the Urban Council. They pledged themselves to do all in their power to have the selection of the League placed at the head of the poll.