

OUR IRISH LETTERS

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.—The members of Galway Branch, Gaelic League, at a recent meeting, the Rev. A. J. Conscience in the chair, passed a resolution of condolence to Mr. Nestor, on the death of his father. Notice of motion was handed in by O. Naughton—(1) That the members of the Gaelic League pledge themselves to support the Irish National League Movement, by giving preference to Irish manufacture, quality and price, being equal to the imported article, and (2) that members support those who subscribe to the Gaelic League's idea of "Ireland a Nation."

William Duffy, the recently elected member of Parliament for South Galway, is only 35 years old, but he has done good work for the Irish national cause. He was born at Louisa, and educated at St. Brendan's Seminary. He is honorary secretary of the South Galway Executive Committee of the United Irish League, and has been secretary of the County Galway Athletic Association. He has been imprisoned on two occasions during the Land League war on the alien possession of the lands of Ireland.

It is an example to be followed generally if the Irish language will soon be revived. On Jan. 23 a most enjoyable entertainment was held at the schools of the Presentation nuns, when a concert, in which every item was in the Irish language, was given by the school children. The first item was the recitation of Carroll's exquisite ode "Dawn Mailed in Bedding" by Miss Sarah Farrell, who delivered the piece with great spirit and with perfect pronunciation. The ode was then very sweetly sung by a choir of senior girls under the lead of Miss Ennis. A fantasia of Irish airs on the piano followed by Miss O'Toole. The third item was the beautiful old air, "Eileen Aroon" by Miss Ennis. Miss O'Toole, and Miss McManus, accompanied by Miss Kelly at the piano gave a very fine rendering of Irish songs on their violins and got a very warm reception. Both played with a beautiful touch and showed careful training. The boys of the infant school next made their bow, and Master Shedy recited in Irish "Let Erin Remember." The little lads, dressed in green sashes, then sang the air without a mistake in pronunciation, and most tunefully. They were warmly encored and repeated the last verse. Miss Smyth played a piano solo, "The Coulin," with great feeling, and then the girls of the infant class, under Miss Lillie Quinn, who first recited the song, gave the "Minstrel Boy." The next item was a really fine performance, the Misses Diskin, at the piano, played a duet, to the accompaniment of five violins. The ladies who so cleverly wielded their bows are the Misses O'Toole, Kelly, May, Katie and Fanny McManus. Miss Ennis gave one of the most pleasing in Irish in fine style. Miss Kelly again gave some Irish airs on the piano, and then a concerted piece was sung by the Misses Connolly, Smyth, Ward, Diskin, Henry and Nolan.

"The Harp," sung by the full chorus brought the concert to a close. After the concert the Rev. M. J. McHugh, president of St. Jarath's College, distributed prizes to the pupils who had shown the greatest proficiency in Irish during the past term. He congratulated the nuns on the great success of the concert and on the progress made in the teaching of the old tongue. It was probably, he said, the first purely Irish concert ever heard by the great majority of the audience, and it reflected the greatest credit on the pupils, teachers and all. The prize winners were the Misses Shedy, Flynn, K. Diskin, Farrell, O'Malley, O'Dwyer and McGrath.

DETRIM.—A man named Conny, who had been for years in Australia, was killed on his way home from Arva market Friday, Jan. 18. He was a native of Beaghmore, near Carrigallen. It appeared from the evidence at the inquest on Jan. 19 that he drove his horse and cart into a depression of the road near Moyne Cross Roads, a mile from Arva, County Cavan, and sustained such injuries as caused immediate death. Deceased was in his possession when found by the R. I. C. money and bill of exchange to the amount of six thousand and five hundred dollars.

The death of Mr. Conner Heslin, Farnham, occurred Jan. 9 at a fine old age, deeply and deservedly regretted. He was the father of Mr. P. Heslin, postmaster of Farnham, and Rev. Father Heslin, who died recently after his ordination. The Heslins of Farnham have long been known as one of the leading families in South Leitrim, and the funeral cortege showed the esteem in which they are still held. Rev. E. O'Reilly, C. C., officiated at the interment.

MAYO.—The members of the Cassin Amateur Dramatic club gave a fine rendering of an Irish patriotic drama, "The Rebel Chief." The audience was very large and heartily applauded the actors.

A young girl named Mary Louisa, of Milling, died on Jan. 17 on board the Cunard steamship Servia, from New York. The body was kept on board and landed at Queenstown. This was a sad act on the part of the Cunard Company. The relatives and the comfort of the poor girl, and the fact that she was a native of this country, should have been considered.

He was met at the fall gate by members of the League in Ballinrobe, who had a carriage and pair waiting. He proceeded to Ballinrobe on Saturday night, and notwithstanding the late hour of his arrival, he was met by the band and a great number of the town people, who gave him an enthusiastic reception.

ROSCOMMON.—Jan. 27 Strokestown "Young Krugens" played a match with the "Corbhill Stragglers," midway between the latter place and Strokestown. The match, which resulted in two goals for the "Krugers" to nil for the "Stragglers" was witnessed by a large number of persons. A meeting of Crovee branch of the United Irish League was held on Jan. 27. Mr. James Dolan presiding. After discussing various matters of interest, it was decided to hold a collection in aid of the Parliamentary Fund. The people should remember that it is not through apathy and inaction that concessions can be wrung from a hostile alien Parliament. The tyrant will not emancipate the slave unless the latter is bold enough to make him relinquish his grasp.

SLIGO.—We regret to chronicle the death of Dr. McMunn, which occurred in Dublin lately after a protracted illness. When the sad news reached Sligo of his early demise, he having only attained the age of 28 years, the deepest sorrow was manifested by all classes. On Jan. 28 John Taheny, a native of Broher, died in Boyle, under very sudden and sad circumstances. He brought some pork to Shambles, and while there trying to effect a sale he took ill and fell to the ground. In falling his head came in contact with a cart, and he received a small cut near the temple. Medical assistance was called into requisition, but all efforts to restore animation proved fruitless. The Coroner was communicated with, but he did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest. The remains were conveyed to Broher. The greatest sympathy was expressed with the family of deceased.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—The Carlow Urban District Council have appointed Mr. Peter Byrne, Montgomery street, Carlow, caretaker of "The Graves," and also issued an order for the proper care of so historic a cemetery. The annual meeting of the members of the Carlow Catholic Young Men's Society was held at the Racquet Court lately. Rev. John Cullen, Adm., presided.

The death of Rev. James Robinson, pastor of Tinryland, occurred Jan. 13. On that morning he was getting up to celebrate early Mass when his fatal sickness attacked him, and he passed away in the evening. The remains, clothed in the vestments of the priesthood, lay at his residence until Tuesday. Great numbers of his parishioners, and many friends from Carlow, visited the place. The Office and Requiem High Mass were celebrated in the Tinryland church. The sacred edifice was filled with a sorrowing congregation. Most Rev. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, attended by Right Rev. Mgr. Tynan, Newbridge, and Right Rev. Mgr. Burke Bagninastown, presided. The Rev. John Robinson, Leightonbridge, cousin of the deceased, sang the Requiem Mass, assisted by Rev. P. Foley, Tullow, deacon; Rev. Thomas Byrne, Hacketstown, sub-deacon; Rev. P. Byrne, Ballin, master of ceremonies.

DUBLIN.—The funeral of the late Mr. J. F. O'Meara, of Moira, Garville, Rathgar, took place on Jan. 25. He was a prominent and well-known official of the National Bank for twenty years, and the large attendance at the funeral bore testimony to the many friends which his kindly qualities had won for him. The interment was in Glasnevin.

A meeting of the Sacred Thirst Society was held lately in the Father Mathew Hall, Church street, Dublin. Very Rev. Father Nicholas, O. S. F. C., president, in the chair.

A lecture on the "National Importance of the Irish Language" was given Jan. 30 in the hall, 14 Granby row, by Mr. Denis Lynch, Alderman Doyle presiding. Mr. Lynch said it was necessary in the struggle for the independence of Ireland to safeguard the National essentials, the first of which was the Irish language. Ireland could effect for its ancient tongue what other nations had done for their languages. The United Irish League had made the Irish language one of the planks of its platform, and no one doubted the influence it wielded in the Irish-speaking districts. The schools were awakening to a sense of their responsibility, and it was a matter of delightful surprise to see how kindly Irish boys took to the study of the ancient language of Ireland. The lecturer was delighted to say the movement was making decided, healthy and steady progress.

The death of Rev. Austin J. Kelly, of Rathdrum, occurred Jan. 12, at the early age of 33 years, deeply regretted. He was a son of the late Mr. Kelly, Rathmines, and brother of Rev. Michael Kelly, Ovoca. He received the earlier portion of his education at Clonliffe College, and concluded his theological studies in the Irish College, Paris, where he was ordained seven years ago. With the exception of the two months immediately preceding his demise, he spent the entire of that time as curate of Lusk. A few months ago, when the parishioners of Lusk became aware that he was about to be transferred to Rathdrum, the greatest regret was expressed, and he was presented with a splendid address. On Tuesday the obsequies, Rathdrum, in the presence of a large congregation. Very Rev. T. Carbery, Wicklow, presided at the obsequies. Interment was in Glasnevin.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.—MRS. ANNE CLARKE.—Jan. 27, at 11 Elm Park Cottages, Terenure, Margaret Clarke, of No. 8 St. George's avenue, Cloncliffe road. CLARKE.—Jan. 27, Mrs. Anne Clarke, of 14 North King street. DUFFE.—Jan. 29, at St. Clare's Convent, Newry, Mary Jane (in religion, Sister M. Pacifica), eldest daughter of the late Thomas Duffe, of Balbriggan, in the 50th year of her age, and 25th of her religious profession. GILL.—Jan. 29, at Grange Lodge, Baldoyle, Maria Gill. McDONALD.—Jan. 28, at Holles St. Hospital, Mrs. James McDonald. Funeral from 81 Lower Dorset street. ARDIFF.—At the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Thomas Ardiffe, late of 33 Augier street, deeply regretted. BARLOW.—Jan. 27, at Woodside, Vernon avenue, Clontarf, Mary Barlow. BROPHY.—At the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Jan. 22, Mary Ellen Brophy aged 20 years. CRADDOCK.—Jan. 23, at 38 Upper Kevin street, Judith M. Craddock, aged 83. RYAN.—Jan. 23, at 21 St. Joseph's road, North Circular road, Mary Ryan aged 57 years. SINGLETON.—At 1 Richmond row, Portobello, George Singleton. WALSH.—Jan. 23 at the Hardwicke Hospital, Mr. James Walsh, late of Ormond Quay. BOYLE.—Jan. 30, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Kate Boyle, 4 Wentworth Terrace. LITTLE.—On Jan. 29, at White House, Castledillonham, Louisa T., daughter of the late Thomas J. Little, Kesh, N. S., Ballymote, and sister of Robert J. Little, Sub-inspector N. S. MOONEY.—At 28 Cloncliffe avenue, Ballybough road, John Mooney. CLARKE.—Jan. 27, at 6 Lower Oriel street, Ann Clarke. McDOWELL.—Jan. 26, at 128 Roysce Terrace, Philiboro road, Dublin, William McDowell, aged 34 years, son of W. J. McDowell, of 11 Charleville road, Dublin. McHALE.—Jan. 28, at 4 Airfield road, Rathgar avenue, William McHale.

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KILDARE.—In the Kingstown Police Court lately Nicholas Annesley, Erskine aged 43 years, of 29 Searoad avenue, Sandymount, Dublin, was put forward on remand on the charge of having caused the death of James Nolan of Hobarstown, Kildare, at Blackrock Railway station, on the night of Jan. 23. The accused is an Englishman. The annual meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Society, in Athy took place on Jan. 27. Mr. Thomas Hickey presided.

KILKENNY.—George Butler, Maidon Hall Bennetsbridge, has been appointed High Sheriff of County Kilkenny for this year. Last week Sister Mary O'Leary of Clonkilly, County Cork, died at Castlethorpe, at the early age of 28 years. The deceased was a sister of the Order of St. John of God, and was one of the community of the St. John of God Convent, Kilkenny. Office and High Mass were celebrated, at which Most Rev. Dr. Browning presided. The celebrant was Rev. P. McKenna; deacon Rev. E. Cody; sub-deacon, Rev. R. J. Walsh, master of ceremonies. Rev. Doyle, chanters, Rev. W. Cassin, Adm.; Rev. J. Murphy. The death of Mr. John Ward, teacher of St. Patrick's Male National School, Columbkille, occurred Jan. 8, aged 70 years. What made his death sad was the remains of his aged father, 92 years, and himself, were borne together to their last resting place in Dunbeegan. The school children followed the remains. He died fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, and attended by Rev. James Sheridan. Requiem High Mass was celebrated on the morning of interment.

KING'S.—The resignation of Mr. W. A. Gowing, Coroner for the Tullamore Division, as the result of long-standing indisposition, becomes a certainty. A number of candidates for the vacancy are in the field. Among them is Mr. T. O'K. White, Edenderry, solicitor. It is likely he will be successful, as during the past twenty years he has been a most ardent Nationalist.

The death of Mrs. T. Kelly, Birr, occurred Jan. 5. The remains were brought to the church on the Feast of the Epiphany, and placed before the High Altar. On the following day a Solemn High Requiem Mass was offered. After Mass, the funeral, which was large and representative, left for English cemetery.

LONGFORD.—The death of Mrs. Margaret Flood, Knappogue, occurred at her home on Jan. 23, deeply regretted. Early in June this year, the picturesque town of Ardagh, will be en fête. A grand bazaar has been arranged for the purpose of completing the church of St. Brigid, commenced in the summer of 1878, by the late Archbishop Reynolds. In the year 1881 the dedication ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Woodcock, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise and the sermon on the occasion was preached by Most Rev. Dr. McGettigan, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland. Although twenty-two years have elapsed since the foundation stone was laid, and during that period much progress was made, the work remains incomplete, and to effect its completion the people of the diocese are going to make a great effort. Very Rev. Canon O'Farrell P. V. F., has great confidence that the clients of the saint at home and abroad will assist him in the great work. He may rely with confidence that the Irish broad, and especially those who are bound by ties of kindred with the diocese, will respond generously to his appeal. They will show that they wish the church to be one of the most beautiful edifices in Ireland. This would be in keeping with the traditions of Ardagh, as

antiquarians tell us that, judging from the ruins, the ancient cathedral was one of the most perfect specimens of church architecture in Ireland, and one of the earliest. The historical associations of Ardagh are not the only features of interest connected with it, for it was here that Goldsmith laid the scene of his "She Stoops to Conquer." The poet was known to spend many hours amid ecclesiastical ruins, and in his poems references to the neighborhood are interspersed. It will thus be seen that, apart from the excellence of the object in connection with which the bazaar will be held, there are many other reasons why Ardagh has a special claim, not alone on the Catholics of the diocese, but on all anxious to perpetuate the name and fame of one of the most ancient landmarks in Ireland. Very Rev. Canon O'Farrell is busy with the preliminary arrangements connected with the great fête, and he hopes to put forward a programme of amusements which will not fail to attract large patronage.

LOUTH.—The death of Mr. John J. Hartin occurred in Dundalk, Jan. 15, the result of an accident. He was brother to the Rev. Patrick Halpin, Southport, and the late Rev. Bernard Halpin, Oldcastle. Councillor John Downey, an old and tried Nationalist, is Mayor of Drogheda for this year. Mr. Downey's career as a member of the Corporation of fifteen years is well known to his fellow-citizens, and their appreciation of his worth and honesty has found expression in their electing him Chief Magistrate of the ancient and historic town of Drogheda.

MEATH.—Rev. T. B. Fenlon, C. C., Caragh, has been changed to the parish of Clane as curate. At recent meeting of the members of the Slane branch of the United Irish League, Mr. J. R. Drew presided. Mrs. Gerald Murray, Cicely, Duicek, died Jan. 29, deeply regretted. Father Hughes, Painstown, recited the Prayers for the Dead. The solemn notes of the Catholic Church bell at Kenilston announced the arrival of the funeral.

QUEEN'S.—On Jan. 28 the dead body of Peter Dowling aged 45 years, of Sydney Row, Stradally, was found in the lake on Col Crosby's Demesne. Very Rev. Monsignor Murphy, parish priest of Kildare has been changed to the more important parish of Maryborough. The Rev. James Dempsey, P. P., has received from Mr. P. Hanlon, Grange-forth, executor of the late Murtha Simmons, Arles five hundred dollars to decorate the Church of Sacred Heart, Arles, and two hundred and fifty dollars donation of the above Mr. Simmons for the poor of the parish of Arles.

WESTMEATH.—The death of Mr. Thomas Daly, of Millicast, Castlepollard, occurred on Jan. 22, at the fine old age of 80 years deeply mourned. The funeral to Slicklea cemetery was very numerous attended. Recently on his attaining his majority and coming into possession of Middleton Park and the family estates, which cover a large tract of Westmeath, Mr. G. A. Boyd-Rochford was made the recipient of several presentations and congratulations.

WEXFORD.—Mr. J. E. Mayler, M. C. C. Harristown, lately disposed of a fine house from a very old stock, one of which carried Mr. Mayler's ancestor from Harristown to the battle of the Boyne in 1690. Few families in Ireland can boast of having a stock of good horse flesh for 211 years.

WICKLOW.—On Jan. 25, at Ballinnesker Lodge, Curragloe, died Jane O'Callaghan, daughter of James Boland, Aughrim. Interment took place Jan. 27, at Crossstown cemetery, and High Mass and Office Jan. 29, at the Parish Church, Blackwater. An accident occurred at the Glen of the Downs, four miles from Bray, lately, resulting in the death of Mr. Patrick Keenan, of Calary Lower, a farmer well known in the locality. The wheel of a traction engine passed over his head. The jury found that death was caused by injuries accidentally received from a traction engine owned by Mr. Thompson, Clonskeagh, to whose consideration they strongly recommended the relatives of the deceased. Information was received of a strangely sad and awful fatality in Killeel and Rathcool on Jan. 16. On that stormy evening a shoemaker named Ward and his wife and child set out to drive from their residence in Killeel to Rathcool. Nothing was heard of them until it was discovered on the Thursday that Mr. and Mrs. Ward had met with a sad and sudden death by the wayside, while their child was found near their dead bodies, having kept a lonely watch by her dead parents. The child is only four years old. Beside the dead bodies was found the overturned cart, and the supposition is that the vehicle was overturned by the gale, and the shoemaker and his wife killed.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—The Sisters of Mercy, Tulla, give thanks to Right Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe, for £25 contributed by him to the poor fund.

The Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne has given Rev. T. Hogan, P. F. Kilmaley, a site for new schools at Connolly, and a substantial money contribution for same purpose.

CORK.—His friends from Cork will regret to learn of the death of the Rev. Austin Rooke, O. P., who passed away on Jan. 12, at St. Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill, London. He had been stationed at St. Mary's, Pope's Quay, for several years, during which he organised the sodality of St. Thomas of Aquin, a society that flourishes to the present day.

The obsequies of Rev. Brother Coleman, O. S. F. C. (John Vincent Healy), took place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Charlotte Quay, Cork, Jan. 22. Very Rev. Father Matthew presided. The Presentation Convent Schools in Mitchelstown were on fete Jan. 21, in honor of the visit of Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne. A lengthy and diversified programme was executed in faultless style by the pupils, and in every particular demonstrated how thorough and painstaking is the system of education under the tutelage of the nuns. The interesting ceremony of clothing a novice with the habit of the ancient Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel took place on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Carmelite Convent, Delgany, County Wicklow. The young lady is Miss Nora O'Connor (in religion Sister Margaret Mary of the Sacred Heart), a daughter of Mr. Thomas J. O'Connor, Knocknagoshel. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Walsh Kilmagee, assisted by the Rev. T. Hill, Grestones.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. FAHY.—At Dennehy's Cross, Glasheen, William Fahy (late of Kennedy & Co.) CASSIDY.—At 6 Marina Terrace, Bartholomew John Cassidy, late color sergeant 70th Regiment and 3d Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers. O'LEARY.—On Jan. 23, Aghabullogue, Mary O'Leary, Carrigaboola, Clondrohid. CURTIN.—Jan. 16, at the Courtenay Arms Hotel, Newcastle, Margaret Curtin, aged 58. JORDAN.—On Jan. 31, at 20 Prince street, John Jordan. KELLEHER.—On Jan. 30, Courtbrack, Hannah Kelleher. SULLIVAN.—At Seem, Eugene Sullivan, Castletownsend. AHERN.—On Jan. 26, 164 Evergreen road, Edward Ahern, aged 33 years. BARRETT.—Jan. 27, at 1 Sullivan's Quay, William A. Barrett. FLEMING.—On Jan. 26, at 199 Harney street, Cork, Thomas Fleming. O'CONNELL.—On Jan. 26, Patrick O'Connell, Coneybeg, aged 24 years. O'SULLIVAN.—On Jan. 26, John O'Sullivan, Knockilly, Freemount. DONOVAN.—On Jan. 27, Myrtleville, Catherine Donovan.

KERRY.—Office and High Mass were held in Friary Church, Killarney, Jan. 28, for the repose of the soul of the late Lizzie B. Scannell, who died at Boston, U. S., on Jan. 5. With regret we record the death of Mr. Bartholomew Hussey, father of Mr. Denis Hussey, Castleisland, which occurred at Killellin on Jan. 30, at the patriarchal age of 83 years. The deceased was in perfect health up to a few weeks ago, and was never known in his lifetime to spend one day sick. The members of the Dingle Branch of the United Irish League held a meeting in the Land League rooms, John street, Jan. 22, for the purpose of enrolling members, electing officers, etc. On the motion of Mr. Michael McDonnell, seconded by Mr. T. O'Flaherty, Mr. T. O'Donoghue was moved to the chair. A public meeting under the auspices of the United Irish League, was held in the Main street, Kenmare, Jan. 20. The attendance was thoroughly representative, and the proceedings were enthusiastic.

LIMERICK.—Lady Rachel Fitzgerald, wife of the Knight of Glin, died Jan. 30 at Adare Manor Adare, the residence of her father, the Earl of Dunraven. The deceased lady, who was 28 years of age, gave birth to a son and heir on the 28th inst. Lady Fitzgerald's death was unexpected. An accident attended with fatal result took place near Foynes recently. Mrs. Somers, living near Askeaton, was proceeding home in a common cart, when a trap coming in the opposite direction, and in charge of Mr. Healy of Corrigg, Foynes, came into collision with the result that Mrs. Somers's thigh was broken. Dr. O'Brien recommended amputation of the injured member, which she refused to submit to, and died in a few days. TIPPERRARY.—Very Rev. Dr. Hayes, P. P., Baneha, has handed over the handsome new hall in Baneha to the local literary society for the use and benefit of the members. At Currenehy, a mountainous district, twenty miles from Nenagh, there died lately Mrs. Johanna Murphy, at the extraordinary age of 104 years. She was born in the parish of Templederry in 1797. The date of her birth is authenticated. She was the widow of a well-to-do farmer, and although partially bedridden for some time prior to her death, she preserved her faculties to the last. Her brother, Mr. Caleb Crowe, of Gurthanna, Templederry, died a few weeks ago, aged 99 years. A great Nationalist meeting was held in Burncourt, Jan. 27. There were contingents from Ballylooby, Duhill, Ardinnan, Skeheenarinky, Ballyporeen, Killebenny, Mitchelstown, etc.

The funeral of Mrs. Gulry, Redmondstown took place January 12, at the family burial place in Fethard cemetery. The funeral was large and representative. WATERFORD.—Miss Alice Flynn, of Passage East, who was to be married to Mr. Maurice Morrissey of Harristown, died lately. Everything had been prepared for the wedding. The City of Waterford has lost one of its best known and most popular residents by the death of Mr. McCready Bryan. He had been connected with the Munster Express for almost thirty years. His death occurred at the Cove, Tramore, Jan. 28. The interment was in the cemetery at John's Hill; funeral numerous attended. Mr. Bryan's business brought him in contact with all kinds of people in the important towns and districts in the south of Ireland, and among them all he had not a single enemy. All liked him; the majority enjoyed his evening was spent by the members.

DONEGAL.—Mr. J. P. Craig, professor of Irish at St. Eunan's seminary, Letterkenny, has added to the increasing store of Irish literature a most interesting book, a modernized version of the well-known "Fate of the Children of Lir," one of the "three sorrows of story-telling." The version will make an excellent "reader" for branches of the Gaelic League, or for school or college work. There is a full vocabulary, and each page is furnished with copious notes. DOWN.—On Jan. 24 a grand concert was held in the Pavilion, Newcastle, in aid of the new schools, erected in connection with St. Mary's Catholic Church. At the invitation of the fathers of the Dominican Church, Newry, the members of the Holy Name Society sat down to supper at the Priory, Queen street, Tuesday, Jan. 22. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members.

GLISTER

ANTRIM.—Jan. 25 a miscellaneous concert was given in St. Joseph's Hall, Lisburn, under the auspices of the Lisburn branch of the Gaelic League, in aid of St. Patrick's Church. The cash realized will help to liquidate the debt on the Church. The branch of the Gaelic League is as follows: President, Very Rev. M. McCashin; honorary secretaries, Miss Kate Lavery and Mr. James Keenan; honorary treasurer, Miss Mary Walsh; committee, Mrs. Mary Donaghy, Miss M. Johnston, Miss Kate Armstrong, Miss Donnelly, Miss Lenagh, Miss Fergusson, Messrs. M. J. Hussey, John Fitzpatrick, M. Rice, F. McVeigh, John Derry and J. J. Scannell.

ARMAGH.—On Jan. 25 Very Rev. P. M. J. Rock, Louisville, Ky., was made the recipient of an address and testimonial from his friends and schoolmates in Armagh on the occasion of his return to America. The presentation took place in the Parochial House, Armagh, the following being present: Rev. Peter Sheerin, Armagh; Michael Short, John Donnelly, James Sleavin, Patrick Hughes, Bernard O'Neil, Matthew Hoy and P. J. McGarvey. The address was read by Mr. Michael Short, and feelingly and eloquently rejoined to by Father Rock. Mr. John Donnelly, on behalf of the Presentation Committee, presented a purse of sovereigns to Father Rock.

CAVAN.—The death of Mr. John J. Reynolds, of Main street, Ballyconnell, occurred Jan. 17, at the early age of 41 years, deeply regretted. He left a wife and five children to mourn his loss. The funeral was numerous attended. The fatal illness only attacked him a few weeks ago. The interment of the late Mrs. Mary Connolly, Raw, Cotehill, a much respected lady, took place on the 16th inst. The cortege which was large and representative, on leaving the residence of the deceased, proceeded to Latton Chapel, where Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Peter Canon McGlone, Aghamullan West.

DERRY.—A meeting to establish a branch of the Gaelic League and Irish classes was held in the Intermediate Schools, Magherafelt, lately. Very Rev. Canon McNecece presided. He expressed his pleasure at assisting in the propagation of their language. The preservation of a people's speech was a sacred duty, of which, unfortunately, his countrymen had been somewhat unmindful. Even in the place names with which they were familiar there was locked up an amount of information that would almost make an epitome of their early local history, but were meaningless to any one unacquainted with Gaelic. The acquisition of any language was a useful exercise, and Irish literature offered a rich reward to the student, but Irishmen had an especial inducement to study it when they knew that it was the language of their forefathers, of their saints and heroes. Let them go on with the good work. They must be prepared to meet with difficulties, and above all, they must be thoroughly in earnest if they wished to accomplish it. On the nomination of Very Rev. Chairman, Very Rev. Father Moore was chosen president, and the following officers were appointed: Vice-president, Rev. Father O'Brien; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Scullion; secretary, P. P. Ferran; committee, J. H. Donaghy, James Timony, T. J. McNicholl, Louis Smyth, James Kilroe, J. P.; James Timony, jr.; Peter Kelly and John McMullan. The formation of classes was then proceeded with, and two very promising ones, numbering 100 members, were arranged. In opening the men's class, Father Moore paid an affectionate tribute to the memory of his late friend, Father Eugene O'Gronwey, with whom he had often "walked the batch" in Mayo. In a letter which Father O'Gronwey wrote him from his bed of death in an American hospital, he urged him to take his share in spreading the movement, which was then beginning to make its influence felt. Since then a wonderful revolution had taken place. What had begun under difficulty and many discouragements was now fairly on the way to complete success. He believed that the people of Magherafelt were ready to take their share in forwarding the good work, and he promised to give them all the assistance in his power. Mr. Louis Walsh, Maghera, and Mr. Peter McNamee, The Cross, have volunteered their services as teachers.