

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.—The death of Rev. Michael Honnelly, curate, Spiddals, occurred on March 8 in the Galway City Hospital, where he had been for two weeks previous to the melancholy event. During two years he had been suffering from a very painful cancer. Solemn Requiem services were held in Carras church. Celebrant of the mass, Rev. Francis McDermott, Holymount; deacon, Rev. Mark Eagleton, Cummer (cousin); sub-deacon, Rev. James Hoaney, Turloughmore, and master of ceremonies, Rev. Richard Prendergast, Holymount. The prayers at the grave were said by the Rev. Mark Eagleton, Cummer.

Members of the Connemara branch of the United Irish League held a meeting in King's Hotel, Clifden, recently. The president, Mr. James J. Valley, vice-chairman of the Clifden Rural District Council, presided.

LEITRIM.—The death of Mrs. John Fox, Carrick-Shannon, occurred March 10, at the early age of 49 years, and was deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to Annaduff Cemetery was numerously attended.

On March 10 Mr. James Rogan, D. C., and Mr. Patrick Dolan, County Councillor, Drumkeeran, were arrested by the Sheriff, Mr. Wilton Vaughan, and carried to Sligo Jail. In Sligo they were met by Mr. Colliery, the Mayor (Alderman Foley), Mr. Higgins, Mr. John McLaughlin and other friends. These gentlemen were attacked by Judge Kenny in August, 1889, for alleged interference with a land grabber on the Montgomery estate.

MAYO.—The Mayo Abby branch of the United Irish League at recent meeting, Mr. John Hughes presiding, appointed a committee to take up subscriptions and arrange all other matters in the several districts. Martin Hughes, John O'Garra, John Brennan, Martin Finn, Ned Goodwin, Thomas Reane, P. Murphy, John Stephens, Patrick Cunnane, Thos. Diskin, James Gilligan, Hubert Monahan, Richard Gavin, T. Hughes and Martin Aoshrow, P. Murphy, Hon. Sec.

Rev. J. Murphy, O. S. A., has been changed to Fethard, County Tipperary. Father Murphy spent six years in Ballyhaunis. Father Murphy was founder of the branch of the Temperance League and Debating Society, the members of which feel his departure. He had also the honor of commencing the restoration of the ancient Augustinian Abbey, Ballyhaunis.

The Solemn Ceremonies of Profession and Reception recently took place in the Convent of Mercy, Ballinrobe. Miss Sarah McEvilly being solemnly professed in religion Sister M. Bernard (sister of Rev. J. McEvilly, C. C. Claremorris), and Miss Della M. Waldron receiving the white veil and the name Sister M. Raphael in religion (daughter of the late Mr. Patrick Waldron, Claremorris). Archbishop McEvilly celebrated the mass and performed the double ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. McDermott, Adm., Tuam, and Rev. J. Wickham, Ballinrobe.

The death of Mr. Malachy Coleman, Ballinshadown, occurred on March 3, at the age of 57 years, deeply mourned. The remains were conveyed to the Catholic cemetery where solemn high mass was celebrated by Father O'Connor, assisted by Father Daly, Father Harts, Father McGowan and Father Doherty, after which the sad procession wended the way to Killoon cemetery. He had many true and sincere friends, but never an enemy, as the long procession (the largest ever seen in the district) that followed his remains, and the appearance of the town during mass and interment, when every house was closed and all business suspended, clearly proved.

ROSCOMMON.—On March 4 at Charleton road, Rathmines, Dublin, the death of Mary A. Parke occurred at the early age of 37 years. She was daughter of late William Parke, Clogher House, Kilmore. The remains were conveyed by rail to Drumna for interment in the family burial place.

SLIGO.—The death of Mrs. John Brennan, Clonene, Tobercurry, happened March 1. Great regret was felt by the people of the districts around her home, where she was highly esteemed. Rev. Father Staunton, Tobercurry, assisted by Rev. M. Doyle and Rev. P. J. O'Grady, (nephew of deceased), performed the funeral obsequies.

The usual meeting of the members of the Breedogue branch of the United Irish League was held March 10. It was proposed and carried unanimously, "That we call on the people to take an active part in the organization. The Irish representatives are doing good work in the House of Commons, and must be sustained."

On March 12, at the Railway Hotel, Prestatyn, Wales, Coroner Bromley held an inquest as to the death of Matthew McGarry, of Ballymore, who met death by falling from an express train. A brother, Philip McGarry, said a party of four were traveling from Dublin, and the deceased fell from the 2:25 a. m. train from Holyhead to Chester at Prestatyn. Tickets were checked at Bangor, and when they had traveled some distance deceased moved a box that was against one of the doors, and putting his shoulder against the door, it flew open, and he fell. The inquiry was adjourned.

LIENSTER.

CARLOW.—John Connors, of Staple town Road, Carlow, was killed lately while felling trees at Kilkree for Mr. James Doyle.

The death of the Very Rev. Patrick McDonnell, P. P., of Graigueanagh, March 18, after one week's illness. He was born in the parish of Rosnallis, Queen's County, and after a brilliant course in Carlow and Maynooth was ordained in 1856. He was sent as C. C. to Ballyinglass, where he remained for 22 years. He was then appointed P. P. of Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, and in 1881 became P. P. of Graigueanagh.

The Nationalist and Leinster News of March 16, commenting on the good work done by the new Irish party in the House of Commons, said: "The Irish members are for the most part men of the people, young men who have neither inherited riches nor the gains of commercial life to support them in Parliament. We should say that in many respects it is well that this is so, for it is very hard to get a party entirely composed of rich men to sacrifice their ease on the Irish benches of the House of Commons, or to give the constant and unrelaxing vigilance to the business which is necessary if anything effectual is to be done."

DUBLIN.—Mr. E. McMahon, ex-M. P., who represented the city of Limerick in Parliament previous to 1885, died on March 13 in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, of which institution he was one of the founders. His name was identified with every charity, and he was highly respected by all classes. Mother M. Christine Ryan died in the Loretto Convent, Charleville road, Upper Rathmines, in the 72d year of her age, on March 5. The deceased was a native of Clonmel, County Tipperary, and had been a nun for 22 years. She spent several years in the Loretto Convent, Bray. She afterwards resided in the Rathfarnham Convent and in other convents in Dublin, and was engaged all through her useful religious life in teaching. The interment took place at Loretto Abbey cemetery, Rathfarnham.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. BOYLAN.—March 13, at Coobath, The Ward, Daniel Boylan, aged 50 years.

COONAN.—March 13, at 5 Smyth's Cottages, Marlborough road, Patrick Coonan, aged 26 years.

KENNY.—Wednesday, March 13, at Hilltown, Dunboyne, Maurice Kenny.

MCENTEGART.—March 11, at 23 Northumberland road, Dublin, Mrs. Mary McEntegart, of The Brook, Liverpool.

McMAHON.—On March 13, Edward McMahon, ex-M. P. Funeral from the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

MULHALL.—March 12, at 2 Kenmare parade, Mary Mulhall.

SADLER.—March 12, at Ballydoyle, Fethard, John H. Sadler.

TUOHY.—On March 13, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Patrick J. Tuohy, Jr., of Oxford House, Killmogh, aged 44.

KILKENNY.—The death of Very Rev. Canon Hogan, Conahy, occurred March 6, and caused great regret in the parish of Conahy and throughout the county generally. Deceased was over 80 years of age.

Rev. W. Paddell, of Kilmacow, presided at a recent meeting of the Nationalists in the village to establish a branch of the Gaelic League. The men and women of the surrounding districts are determined to assist in the good work of reviving the Irish language. Father Paddell appealed to the people to support Irish manufacture, and concluded by pledging to do all that lay in his power to forward the Gaelic League. On motion of Father Paddell a local branch was established.

KILDARE.—On the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, occurred the death of Mrs. James Byrne, Kilkullen, deeply regretted. Solemn requiem services were held in the parish church, which were attended by many priests and the laity. The funeral to New Abbey cemetery was very numerously attended.

Mr. Thomas Killan of Greenpark met with a serious accident hunting on March 8, when out with the Middleton Park Harriers. The meet was at Creeve, near Streamstown. During the run Mr. Killan jumped from a field to the road, when his horse's hind legs slipped back and the animal throwing back his head struck his rider on the jaw, which was fractured extensively.

KING'S.—The members of the Birr Urban Council at recent meeting passed this resolution: "Resolved, That we avail ourselves of the earliest occasion to protest against the oath taken by the King at the opening of Parliament, which declares as idolatrous and superstitious the doctrines of Transubstantiation and the invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—the most cherished teachings of the Catholic Church, and that we demand the withdrawal of that offensive oath; that copies of the foregoing be sent to the Marquis of Salisbury, the Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and the chairman of the Irish Party, Mr. John Redmond, M. P."

A special meeting of the Enderderry branch of the Gaelic League was held in the National School March 10. The secretary read a copy of a letter addressed by the Fels Committee to the Leinster and Meath branches, requesting financial support. It was proposed by Mr. Pellin, seconded by Mr. Horan, and resolved: "That the treasurer be instructed to send fifteen dollars to the Fels fund."

LONGFORD.—A meeting of the members of the Longford branch of the United Irish League was held March 12. The necessity of starting at once the collection in aid of the Parliamentary Fund was discussed,

and it was resolved that Messrs. Igoo McGuinness, Shanley and J. Wilson, should make a collection. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Magee were requested to collect subscriptions in their localities. The eleven months' system was discussed and a resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Quinn which caused a great amount of discussion, and the members appeared to hold different views. The broad principle was generally condemned.

MEATH.—The death of Mr. Patrick Higgins, Sylvan Park, Springville, Kells, occurred Feb. 25 at the old age of 73 years, deeply regretted.

QUEEN'S.—Very Rev. Patrick McDonnell, pastor of Graigueanagh, died March 16, aged 80 years. He was born in Rosnallis.

A meeting of the Ossory Divisional Executive of the United Irish League was held at Mountrath, March 12.

WESTMEATH.—The Most Rev. Dr. Gahan, Bishop of Meath, recently made the following promotions and changes: Rev. E. O'Reilly, adm., Mullingar to be P. P., Frankford, Rev. P. Flanagan, C. C., Mullingar, to be adm., Drumraney, Rev. Joseph Fagan, C. C., Dunderry, to be C. C., Mullingar, Rev. Peter Cantwell, C. C., Delvin, to be C. C., Dunderry, Rev. M. Farrell, C. C., Athboy, to be C. C., Davin, Rev. M. Dillon, C. C., Drumraney, to be C. C., Athboy.

On March 9 happened the death of Mrs. Gavan, Dalystown, Mullingar. She had been in poor health for some time, but her death was not expected so soon. The sad event was widely and deeply mourned. The late Mrs. Gavan was sister to Very Rev. Vincent Grogan, C. P. provincial of the Passionists whose recent death in Australia came as a surprise to his friends all over Ireland, as there are very few parishioners in which he has not assisted in missions. The late Mrs. Gavan had three sons in the Passionist Order, Father Mark being one of the ablest preachers in the order. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Westmeath, and amply testified to the great esteem in which the family are held.

WEXFORD.—Mr. Michael Ryan, farmer, Mercheen, Ramsgrange was found in his farmyard March 12, with his head partly blown off and a broken gun under his prostrate form. No hope was entertained of his recovery. How he came by the injury is not known.

Rev. Ardan McCormack, chaplain to the Good Shepherd Convent, New Ross has been appointed curate in Ballygale, Quarr. He is succeeded by the Rev. Daniel Quigley, St. Peter's College, Wexford, brother of Rev. Thomas Quigley, C. C., New Ross.

The fiftieth birthday of the Marquis of Ely occurred lately. His territorial possessions comprise Hook Parish, portions of Tintern and Sutton's parishes. The eldest son of the late Rev. Lord Adam Loftus, third son of the second Marquis, he succeeded to the title on the death of his cousin, the fourth Marquis, in 1889. The fourth Marquis was little seen in society. He died abroad and left no children. The present Marquis was married in 1895 to Miss Clarke, of Lynton Court, Sussex, England. They have no children, and the heir to the title is the Marquis' brother, Lord George Loftus, who has a son. Lord Ely is an Irish peer and sits in the House of Lords as Baron Loftus. The peerage and the sum of \$25,000 were the price his ancestor received for voting for the accused Union of Ireland to England, the act of Union and surrendering six pocket boroughs defranchised at the same time.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Gorey, March 10, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Gaelic League. The hall was crowded, the audience including many ladies. A deputation was present from the Ennischorry branch. Mr. William Graham, chairman Gorey Town Commissioners, presided. Good work will be done by the branch for the revival of the Irish language.

WICKLOW.—The Very Rev. Father Curran, P. P., Blessington, made the following arrangements for Jubilee Procession, St. Patrick's Day. The people of St. Mary's church, Crosscool Harbor, to meet at 2 o'clock at the Cross, and after making one visit to the church march to Blessington, and pay two visits to the Oratory, returning to St. Mary's for the final visit. The people of Blessington and its neighborhood will pay their first visit to the Oratory. Subsequently marching to St. Mary's for two visits, and making the final visit in the Oratory, in Blessington.

The Land War.—An extraordinary meeting of the Avoca Branch of the United Irish League was held March 3 to consider what line of procedure should be adopted about the wholesale clearances at Temple Lusk, Mr. Joseph O'Byrne, presiding. The following resolution was proposed by William Quinn, seconded by Michael O'Byrne: "That we call on D. J. Cogan and Jas. O'Connor, M. P.'s, to bring under the notice of the Government the dire necessity for legislation to stay evictions and compel landlords to sell at fair remuneration." Mr. James Byrne, representative of the Avoca Division on the Wicklow County Council, was present, and stigmatized Temple Lusk evictions as cruel and unjust, and in the case of Michael Foley especially, which was well known to him, there was not a shred of justification. The sub-sheriff, assisted by four policemen and Jem Loughlin, the bailiff, failed to dislodge Foley, so they proceeded to the home of Francis E. Lindsey and took possession. They next removed Patrick Doran and Mr. Doyle. The party returned with thirty extra policemen, and after a heavy onslaught they broke in Foley's house. Foley and Murray, who were inside, were arrested for resisting eviction and assaulting the police.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—The inhabitants of Lack, Linsafaha, Lemnaleiha, Coolpeen, Tullage, Crahers, Burren and Glen-Canane, in the parishes of Kildysart and Ballynacally have asked the postmaster at Ennis to establish at Tullage a post and money order office.

The funeral of late Mr. J. Spellissy Ennis, took place on March 8 to Drumcliffe cemetery, after office and high mass in the cathedral. The cortege was long and representative of the entire community.

KERRY.—A meeting of the Lixnaw branch of the United Irish League was held on March 10. Mr. T. Dowling presided. When the ordinary business had been transacted the secretary proposed this resolution: "That we congratulate the Irish Parliamentary Party on the spirited fight made in the House of Commons on Thursday night against the cowardly tactics of the government and are proud that our representative, Mr. M. J. Flavin, is among those who defied the English Parliament." The resolution was seconded by the chairman and passed with acclamation.

Conserving the people's rights. In the House of Commons March 14, in reply to Mr. Murphy who asked whether wire fences had been erected by the Earl of Kenmare along the Ross Castle entrance to the Lakes of Killarney of which complaints had been made and whether steps would be taken to have them removed the Attorney General for Ireland said the fact was so stated, though no complaints had been made of the barbed wire fences. Barbed wire if placed along a public road was not permissible. In any case he was informed Lord Kenmare's agent would remove the wire without delay (Nationalist cheers).

The death of Mr. Edward Harry, Ballyhelige, occurred March 10, and the sad event was greatly regretted. His remains were interred in the family vault at Ballyhelige, escorted by a very large and representative cortege.

CORK.—Mr. William O'Brien being in a critical condition of health, and unable to attend to his duties in the House of Commons, tendered his resignation to his constituents on March 5. The local branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on March 13. Father Barrett presiding, to consider the situation, when it was unanimously decided not to accept Mr. O'Brien's resignation. His application for the Children Hundreds was burned at the meeting. The language used in refusing to accept his resignation was most emphatic: "We unhesitatingly, resolutely and unanimously refuse to accept your resignation."

At a recent special meeting of the Midleton Young Men's Society to consider the desirability of taking a part in the movement for the revival of the Irish language, the President, Very Rev. Canon Hutch delivered an interesting address in support of the Irish language and earnestly urged the members to form a class for its study. He pointed out how Bohemia, which was exactly circumstanced as Ireland, its inhabitants being Catholics, and having about an equal population, revived its language after it had been almost lost. In the year 1782 a patriotic priest of that country set about reviving the language, and although it appeared a hopeless task, he succeeded, and now the language is spoken throughout that country. The Austrians at first refused to allow Czech to be spoken in their Parliament, but the members from Bohemia left in a body, went back to their own country, and began holding meetings. The Austrians saw it was becoming serious and they called back the Bohemians, and permitted them to use their own language side by side with the German. In Wales, in like manner, you will find the best educated people speak Welsh, although they are also well able to speak English, and in the railway stations would find all the notices written in English and Welsh. "I do not advocate," said the Rev. Canon, the wiping out of the English language, because that would be folly, all our commercial transactions being with England, but I say that we should do all in our power to revive our own language, in which is treasured the hopes and aspirations of our people. I was of opinion at first, when this movement was started, that it would not achieve the great aims which the promoters had in view, but I now see that the movement has come to stay, and I intend giving it all the support I can. I have taken what I consider a practical step, and have engaged the service of an able teacher, and I have come to-night to invite you to establish a class in the Young Men's Society. A class was then formed and twenty handed in their names. The Canon promised to introduce the teacher which he had engaged. Mr. Daniel McCarthy, honorary secretary of the society, was elected secretary to the class, and Mr. John O'Brien, treasurer.

The Jubilee.—In the history of Cork one could not find a record of religious processions so imposing as those that passed through the streets on March 10. The first procession in connection with the Jubilee of the Holy Year took place in the city two Sundays previously, when the men and women's confraternities attached to St. Vincent's church, Sunday's Well, marched to the churches, mentioned in the Leaten Pastoral, and recited the prescribed prayers and hymns. Last Sunday week the number of religious societies increased to four, and yesterday they increased to six. The societies that visited the churches March 10 were North Parish Confraternity, South Parish Confraternity, St. Francis' Liberty street, Third Order (male and female branches), St. Finbar's West Confraternity and St. Vincent's male and female branches of the confraternity. In the aggregate 18,500 men and 1,750 women participated in the processions. Banners and shields were

carried in the ranks, and in each of the four churches visited, viz.: North Cathedral, St. Mary's (Pope's Quay), SS. Peter and Paul's and St. Finbar's East, the prayers were recited. Each contingent was accompanied by priests of the district, aided by prefects, who regulated the processions and the route. At numerous points the processions were awaited by large numbers of persons, who watched the scene with respect and admiration. The Men's Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, North Parish, accompanied by the Rev. Father Magner and Rev. Father Murphy, Cathedral, formed a very imposing feature of the great religious procession. Some 2,500 members of the Confraternity participated in the demonstration and at the rear of the contingent marched 200 boys. Each processionalist wore the medal of the Confraternity. There was no class distinction among either religious sections for rich and poor walked shoulder to shoulder in the magnificent and edifying manifestation of Catholic Faith. The churches visited were St. Mary's (Pope's Quay), SS. Peter and Paul's, St. Finbar's (Dunbar street), and the Cathedral. This visitation was also observed by the other sections taking part in the procession. On arrival at the churches prescribed to be visited the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Rosary were recited, hymns sung, and the ceremonies terminated in most cases with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The St. Finbar's West Confraternity and League of the Cross were benefited at their full strength, there being over 2,000 members in attendance. The Rev. Father P. O'Leary walked at the head of this fine body. The South Parish Male Confraternity occupied a conspicuous part, there was 2,000 men in its ranks. Accompanying the members of the confraternity were Canon McNamara, Rev. Fathers Daly and Leonard and among the general body of processionalists walked the Lord Mayor (Ald. Edward Fitzgerald). The prayers were said in each of the four churches during the day and hymns sung. The members of the Third Order of St. Francis, Liberty street, was impressive and imposing. Over 750 women were included in this contingent, while 450 men also participated. The Rev. Fathers Maher, Wogan, Chambers and Hegley O. F. M., walked with the members. The members of the Middle Parish Confraternity were not behind similar organizations in point of numbers and the display of magnificent banners and bannerets. The men marched 1,600 strong, accompanied by the Rev. Fathers Bryson, McSweeney, M. O'Sullivan and P. A. Roche. The male and female branches of St. Vincent's, Sunday's Well, were represented by 1,000 women and 800 men, and like the other bodies, handsome bannerets were carried in their ranks. The Rev. Fathers Gaynor, Dowling and O'Callaghan were in charge.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. PRENDERGAST.—On March 12, Rev. James Prendergast, P. P., Tallow, Co. Waterford, in his 89th year.

JONES.—March 12 (suddenly) at the Rectory, Youghal, the Rev. Richard Jones, D. D., Rector of Youghal and Canon of Clonoe Cathedral.

DOYLE.—March 12, at 28 High street, Ellen Doyle, late of Monkstown.

MACKEY.—March 13, at the residence of her brother, Wm. Mackey, solicitor, Middleton, Mary Mackey, aged 78.

SHEA.—March 13, at 69 Grattan street, Patrick Shea, merchant, aged 90 years.

McCARTHY.—On March 13, Maurice D. McCarthy, the Mall, Youghal.

YOUNG.—March 9, at Lee Mount, Carrigrohane, Henry Lindsay Young.

LEAHY.—On March 9, John Leahy, late cashier Cork Gas Co.; funeral from St. Finbar's church, South Parish, to St. Joseph's cemetery.

DILWORTH.—On March 9, at Cork Ellen Dilworth, of Dunmahon, Glanworth.

O'Riordan.—On March 9, at 29 Cove street, Cork, Julia O'Riordan.

MYLES.—On March 9, at 109 North Main street, Eileen Myles, aged 17½ years.

SHEEHAN.—On March 11, at Castle town Bere, James Sheehan, aged 57 years.

McCARTHY.—On March 11, at Crookstown, Ellen McCarthy.

LIMERICK.—The jury which tried the case of the Kilbane murder could not agree at recent sittings in Limerick, and Sullivan, the accused, was put back and will be tried a third time.

TIPPERARY.—Miss Coffey, daughter of Mr. J. Coffey, Bullock Park, Tipperary, and two sisters, daughters of the late Mr. W. Maher Coleman, Tipperary, became members of the Order of Mercy in the convent at Mafeking, South Africa, recently.

The heroic men of '66 in Tipperary, are fast dying out. "Ned Lonergan," as he was familiarly known, went to rest with the majority on Saturday, 9th March, and was interred in Powertown old churchyard. The remains being followed by several of his old comrades of nearly forty years ago, when he was the confidential agent of James Stephens and the local Fenian organization. He was brother-in-law of the veteran Nationalist Mr. Jeremiah Condon, Gladstone street, and always acted a manly part, and was universally respected.

On March 3 a magnificent set of "The Stations of the Cross" were canonically erected in Castlemay Church. The sacred edifice, in which Rev. T. Hackett, has effected many improvements, looked to the best advantage. The services attracted a very large congregation. Mass was sung by the Rev. Michael McCarthy. The sermon was preached by Rev. John Kelly, Kilkenny. Subsequently the Rev. P. B. Cahill, Thurles, conducted the devotions at the newly erected Stations, and the Pappal Benediction was given by the Rev. Father Hackett, under facilities given him by the Pope. The sacred ceremonies concluded with Ben-

ediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

WATERFORD.—The death of Mrs. William Fagan, of Waterford City, occurred recently, and was deeply regretted. Deceased was a member of one of the oldest and most respectable families in Clonmel, County of Tipperary.

The Waterford city branch of the Gaelic League continues its good work for the revival of the Irish language. Classes meet in St. Patrick's Schools on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, on March 10, in the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter, Belfast, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 420 children. On March 14 sixty children were confirmed in the Church of the Sacred Heart.

The clothing of a novice, Miss Bridget Pender, of Belfast, took place at the monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus road, Drumcondra, Dublin, March 5. Massignor Fitzpatrick, presided, and the beautiful chapel attached to the monastery was filled with a devout congregation. The sermon was preached by a Redemptorist Father.

At the meeting of the Central Catholic Club Literary Society, Belfast, on March 6, Mr. Brian P. McErean delivered a lecture on the "Penal Laws." The attendance was large and representative, and Mr. McErean realized the anticipations entertained as to his re-put as a lecturer. He possesses a thorough grasp of his subject, and dealt with it in a spirit of patriotism combined with eloquence that stamps him as a graceful and forcible speaker. The president, Mr. John Duff, B. A. solicitor, presided.

The remains of Mr. Thomas Quinn, whose death took place on March 2, at 81 Newtownards Road, Belfast, were removed to the Northern Counties Railway terminus on March 5, for conveyance to the family burying ground, Ballymoney. The chief mourners were James Quinn, Patrick Quinn, and Thomas Quinn, sons. Amongst others present were Father Leahy, St. Matthews, P. McGouran, A. Ward, P. McGoldrick, Mr. Greer, Mr. Taylor, John Dempsey, Joseph Dempsey, Daniel Kearns, M. Hannaway, J. O'Brien, etc. On arrival at Ballymoney station the funeral was met by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

ARMAGH.—Cardinal Logue arrived in Armagh from Rome, March 13. His reception by priests and people was of the warmest character. During his absence the places of great religious interest on the continent were visited. Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, lately visited Trappist Monastery on the Island of Ferns. He was accompanied by Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher; Very Rev. Dean Bermingham, Carrickmacross; Right Rev. Monsignor Meehan, Lisnaska; Very Rev. Canon McKenna, the Prior of Lough Derg; Rev. John Quinn, Adm., Armagh; Very Rev. Father Ronan, S. J., Canons, and Rev. Father Murphy, Monaghan and Kilmore. The island on which the monastery is situated and the monastery itself are of special interest to all Irish Catholics, as St. Patrick remained there for eight years. The Abbot and the Procurator of the monastery, and all expressed themselves delighted to have the successor of St. Patrick on the island and among them.

DERRY.—Patrick McLaughlin, driver on a train on the line between Derry and Strabane, when going to Donemana Station, March 14, fell off the engine and was killed.

Mr. J. Gordon, M. P., has received a resolution from a public meeting of Unionist farmers in South Derry calling upon him to resign his seat in consequence of his vote against Mr. Redmond's land purchase amendment to the address.

The death, at the comparatively early age of 51 years of Mr. John Mains, J. P. of Coleraine, who from 1892 to 1895 represented North Donegal in Parliament, occurred lately.

LOUTH.—The death of Mrs. Commons of Monasterboice, occurred at the home of her son on Sunday, March 11, deeply regretted.

DONEGAL.—The death of Mr. John Mains, of Coleraine, has been reported. Deceased represented North Donegal division in the British House of Commons as a Nationalist from 1892 to 1895. The remains of Mr. Daniel McAlister, of the Glen, Dromara, were removed to the family burying ground, Dromara, March 7. Deceased was the father to the late Rev. John McAlister, Banbridge.

FERMANAGH.—Mrs. Beggan, of Belleek, was found drowned at a place near Castle Barracks, Enniskillen, March 10. She was aged 45 years.

Mrs. Mary Hicks, aged 70 years, of Knockmanous, Ballinamallard, was burned to death on the night of March 8. The house in which she lived alone was entirely destroyed.

MONAGHAN.—With regret we record the death of Mrs. Margaret Courtney, of Cornanure, Donamure, Carrickmacross, which happened March 5.

TYRONE.—The obsequies of Sister Mary Paul Harbison, of the Presentation Convent, Thurles, County of Tipperary, Religious, took place lately amid a scene of universal mourning. The deceased was known in the world as Miss Agnes Mary Philomena Harbison, daughter of the late John Harbison, Cookstown, and niece to the late Very Rev. Henry Harbison, C. S. S. R., Dundalk. On her entry into the Presentation Convent, Thurles, twenty-three years ago, at the age 19, she took the name of Sister Mary Paul.

Mrs. William McGee, Main street, Aghnaduff, died March 5, aged 44 years. She had been sick for one year.