

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.—On March 26 a meeting of the members of the Galway Archaeological Society was held in the Assembly Room of O'Brien's Hotel, Eyre Square, to listen to four papers read by members of the Society. Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clontarf, presided.

LEITRIM.—There was a meeting of the committee of the Bannacoona branch of Co-operative Dairy Society at Johnston's Bridge, on March 25. Mr. Robert Reynolds presiding.

A special meeting of the members of the Manorbannagh Teachers' Association was held on March 23 for the purpose of voting for candidates for seats on the C. E. C. As Mr. McGowan, who represented the Association for the past three years at the Congresses, could not attend this occasion, Mr. James Gilmartin was appointed. A circular from the Rathfarnham (S. Dublin) Association are the establishment of funds and societies in connection with the organization was laid before the meeting and considered. The members were in favor of the establishment of (1) a benevolent fund, and (2) a widows and orphans fund, and these only. Maurice McGrath, secretary.

MAYO.—With regret we record the death of Mr. Thomas Donnellon, Garlough Mills, which took place on March 27. The deceased had attained the fine old age of 94 years, was a thorough Nationalist, always ready to assist every National and social movement. High Mass was celebrated in the Church Crossybeg, Father Stephens, celebrant; Father McEvilly, deacon; Father Nicholson, sub-deacon; and Father Kilkenny, master of ceremonies. The Venerable Archbishop Kilkenny was in the choir. Immediately after the High Mass the funeral took place to the family burying ground at Crossybeg. The funeral cortege was long and representative of all creeds and classes in the community.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Bekan took place on March 24. Rev. M. J. Conroy presided. All the most influential men and sterling Nationalists of the parish were present.

On March 24 a great meeting was held in Knock for the purpose of supporting the movement for the revival of the Irish language. On motion of Mr. James Murray, seconded by Mr. E. Frendergaat, both of whom spoke in Irish, the chair was taken by Rev. J. Fallon, pastor. The following resolutions were proposed by Rev. M. Hughes and adopted: "Resolved, that we hail with pride the movement which has for its object the revival of our mother tongue, the ancient Irish language, and we promise to give it our hearty support. That we pledge ourselves to speak the Irish language on every occasion, and to teach it to our children. That we require our children to be taught to read and write the Irish language in our schools and also to be taught the history of our country." Father Fallon delivered a fine speech, in which he said that Britain did all it could to prevent the Irish people from being educated at home, or to be sent to other countries to be educated. It penalized the Irish language, education and the Catholic religion.

ROSCOMMON.—The members of the Kesh branch of the United Irish League have sent a good donation to the Irish Parliamentary Fund.

Miss Ellen Casey, Newton, Tarmonbarry, died March 11, deeply regretted. During forty years she had been a member of the Order of Saint Dominic.

There was recently accidentally killed at Johannesburg, South Africa, John Geraghty, aged 37 years, son of Patrick Geraghty, Roscommon, brother of George and Kate Geraghty, Roscommon, and brother of James Geraghty, Pretoria, and of William Geraghty, Galway; also of Peter, Patrick and Martin Geraghty, New South Wales, and of Annie Corley, Suva, Fiji Islands.

SLIGO.—The death of Mrs. Catherine Jordan, Corrigeena, Ballinlough, happened on March 21, aged 48 years, deeply and widely regretted.

There was a large attendance of the Sligo Borough Band Committee on March 26 when Mr. George Ellis, newly-appointed bandmaster, was in attendance. The members of the band made a good show.

At meeting of the Kilmacdigue branch of the United Irish League, March 24, Rev. J. Spelman, in the chair, twenty members were enrolled. Forty committeemen were present. The secretary was ordered to send £3 to the Directory for affiliation. The committee strongly denounced four young men who showed their sympathy with the Wilmacdigue grabber by putting his turf, and three women (who seem to have a taste for "big mouse staps") who slit his seed potatoes, and also shopkeepers in Aclare and Foberry who are sympathizing with him. This is the last warning the committee will give to any offenders. If shopkeepers prefer grabbers' custom to the public, they must rely on grabbers' none, altogether. Let the offenders blame themselves, as the committee will unflinchingly enforce the rules of the United Irish League and will show no favors. The following members were appointed to the committee: Messrs. James Harrington and Mr. William Wood.

dy, A. Calvey, P. Walsh and Bernard Leheny.—A. Calvey, secretary.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, has awarded to Messrs. Moore and Aylward, Dublin, the contract for the erection of the addition to Knockbeg Lay College of St. Mary. The college is beautifully situated on the bank of the River Barrow, two miles from Carlow town.

The death of Mr. Lawrence Cullen, Dublin street, Carlow, occurred March 18, to the great regret of his fellow citizens. He was one of the founders of the Carlow Workman's Club. The funeral cortege was followed by members of the club in procession order to The Graves, where they placed upon his grave a magnificent wreath under a glass shade.

On March 24 Kilkenny traveled down to Carlow to play Knockbeg. The Knockbegs won by four goals to nil.

DUBLIN.—Religious processions were made through the streets of Dublin March 24 by sodalities, including the Women's Sodality from Church street and sodalities of St. Agatha's and St. Michael's, etc. St. Andrew's and St. Paul's. SS. Michael and John's and the Pro-Cathedral were visited. Outside of Dublin a large number of residents of Glasnevin district paid the first series of visits to the churches of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Glasnevin, and the parish church, Fairview.

On March 24 Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, made the following ordinations at Clonliffe College. Prioress—Rev. Thomas Downey, O. S. A. Minor orders: Rev. Peter Nolan, O. C. C. Deaconship—Rev. Augustine Croty, O. S. A. Rev. Alexius Dempsey, O. S. A. Rev. Ambrose Gulnan, O. S. A. Rev. Joseph Fenlon, O. S. F. C. Rev. Clement Connolly, O. S. F. C. Rev. Sylvester Mulligan, O. S. F. C. Rev. Stanislaus Kavanagh, O. S. F. C. Rev. Edwin Fitzgibbon, O. S. F. C. Rev. Camillus Kileen, O. S. F. C. and Rev. A. Bebbly.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.
GREEN.—March 26, at 37 Church street, Joseph Green. Interment in Glasnevin.
CAROLAN.—March 25, at 77 North King street, Patrick Carolan. Southfield. Funeral to Goldenbridge.
KAVANAGH.—March 26, Mary Catherine Kavanagh, 10 Emmet street, Harold's Cross.

LANGAN.—At 54 Lower Clanbrassill street, Daniel Langan.

MGOWRAN.—March 25, at Rahony, Joseph McGowran.

MACSWEENEY.—March 26, at 5 Hollybrook road, Clontarf, Jeremiah Miles, in his 25th year.

HARLIN.—March 24, at 34 Bayview avenue, North Strand, Mary Harlin.

HORRIGAN.—March 25, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Sarah Anne, in her 22d year; daughter of Edward and Sarah Horrigan, this city.

PURCELL.—March 25, Michael J. Purcell, aged 20 years, of Beverston, Rathmines road.

TIGHE.—March 25, at The Dispensary, Botanic avenue, Catherine Tighe.

TQOLE.—March 24, at Airfield, Greystones, Bridget Toole, in the 99th year of her age.

AUSTIN.—March 26, at Ballymaglason, suddenly, James Austin, aged 58 years.

BOYCE.—March 28, 1901, Annie, aged 44 years, late officer S. D. U., daughter of the late Mr. John Boyce, James a street, and sister of James Boyce, D. P. S.

FLYNN.—On March 28, at 31 Great Western square, Dublin, Charles Flynn, ex-President U. K. S. Coachmakers, late of Dublin road, Tuam, County Galway, aged 52 years.

MARTIN.—March 28, at Belcarraig, Donabate, Margaret Martin, aged 93 years.

MORRISSEY.—March 28, at 28 Belvidere road, Mrs. Maria Morrissy, late Principal Teacher Newtownstewart and Dunmanway Model Schools.

NELSON.—On March 28, Margaret Mary Nelson, 6 South Anne street and 51 Grosvenor square, in her 24th year.

O'CONNOR.—March 28, at Mercer's Hospital, Thomas O'Connor (cooper), son of the late John O'Connor, of D'Arcy's Brewery.

O'REILLY.—March 27, at the Mater Hospital, John O'Reilly, brother of the Rev. T. A. O'Reilly, Merchant's quay.

HIGGINS.—March 29, at the Private Hospital, 35 Eccles street, Patrick Higgins, late of Messrs. Guinness' Brewery.

KILDARE.—Very Rev. Monsignor Tynan, parish priest of Newbridge, has been appointed vicar forane for the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

Rev. Henry Dunne has been appointed administrator of Kill parish in diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, by Right Rev. Dr. Foley, the Bishop.

On March 24 was interred in the Cemetery of the Sacred Heart Convent, at Mount Annville, Dublin, Mrs. Mary Josephine Darby, daughter of Dr. Darby, Monasterevan, who died in the Sacred Heart Convent, Lower Leeson street, on March 22, of pneumonia after five days' illness. She was in her 81st year, and 12th of her religious profession.

The Leinster Leader of March 30 had a report in Irish of a burning accident in Wexford, with the translation under it. The newspapers in Ireland could do much to assist the language movement by reporting in Irish (some, at least) the events that happen in their districts. Such a course would create a desire in the people to be able to read their native language; particularly the rising generation. And future generations would naturally follow in their footsteps.

KILKENNY.—It appears that the whole of Ireland has not a business firm or establishment able to repair the pump in Mooncoin. Such a thing can hardly be conceived by a person who knows Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Belfast and Waterford. According to a recent report of Waterford District Council, whose members reside in County Kilkenny, they had written to London to the high sounding titled firm of "Aqueous Works and Diamond Boring Company" about the Mooncoin pumps. At the same time Mr. Thomas McGrath, of Waterford City, a man who understands the business all his life, was in the board room vainly endeavoring to get paid for work done about the same pump. The chances are that a good sum of the taxpayers' money will go to this English firm which never paid a half-penny for anything Irish. No wonder Ireland and the Irish people are in misery and that the British scorn them as an inferior race.

KINGS.—A new church is being erected in the parish of Seir Kyraan. All who lived in the ancient place, and in fact, all who belonged to the diocese of Ossory, will no doubt help the good work along. St. Kyraan founded a monastery there in the very earliest ages. It was the seat of a bishopric, but in 1052 it was moved to Aghnaboe, and finally to Kilkenny. To the Seir Kyraan manor anciently belonged, and it was recovered to the bishops by trial of single combat in 1284. At the time of this monastery were granted to Sir William Taace, and by him assigned to James, Earl of Roscommon. The Protestant church stands on the site of the old monastery. There are two Catholic churches in the parish, one at Larren, the other at Fancraft. There is a well of St. Kyraan here also.

LONGFORD.—One of the finest examples of old architecture in Ireland to-day is the remnant of Castleknock Moydon, one of the seven castles of the O'Farrells or Upper Annally, confiscated, or, more properly, robbed from that clan, in 1600.

LOUTH.—It has been stated that Pope Leo XIII. has appointed the Venerable Archdeacon Segrave, P. P. V., Drogheda, one of the Domestic Prelates to his Holiness, with the title of Monsignor.

There has just been finished to the order of the Right Rev. Monsignor Segrave, St. Peter's, Drogheda, a memorial slab to mark the grave of the late Mr. Murphy. The slab, which measures 7 feet by 3 feet, is of white Carrara marble inlaid with various colors.

"Awaiting the Resurrection, here rest the remains of the Right Rev. Robert Monsignor Murphy, P. P. V. G. and Archdeacon of the diocese, who died July 25, 1900, aged sixty-six years. Born in 1834, he was ordained priest in 1859, and appointed Nov. 1, 1887, P. P. of St. Peter's, Drogheda. Here a life of piety and untiring zeal was crowned by the erection of this church which now stands as his lasting monument. Its foundation stone was laid July 10, 1881, and by ceaseless toil he had the work finished when he finished his course and rested from his labors. May he rest in peace. Amen."

MEATH.—The death of Rev. James O'Neill, pastor of Dunshaughlin, occurred March 30. Requiem services and funeral were numerous attended by priests and laity. Interment was in the church.

Patrick J. Barry, Farrell St. Kells, has been elected relieving officer for the Kells Dispensary District in place of J. J. Brady, resigned. There were eleven applicants for the position.

Thomas English, aged 20, son of a lock-keeper, residing near Stackallen, was accidentally drowned in the Boyne, near his father's house, on the night of March 17. The funeral to Ardulmchan cemetery was numerous attended.

QUEEN'S.—Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, has made these changes in the diocese: The Very Rev. Mgr. Lynch, P. P., Newbridge, to be Vicar Forane of the Deanery of Kildare; the Rev. Dr. Gowing having resigned the pastorate of Kill, the Rev. Henry O'Neill has been appointed Administrator of that parish. Rev. J. Innes, C. C., has been transferred to Suncoff, Rev. J. O'Reilly, C. C., to Portlarnett, Rev. John James, C. C., to Allar, Rev. Charles Horan to Emo, Rev. J. Slatery, C. C., to Carlow, and Rev. J. Forgarty, C. C., to Abbeyleix.

The death of Mrs. William Kenna, Kilmarney, Maryborough, occurred on March 14, aged 48 years. Requiem Office for the Dead, and solemn High Mass were sung in the Parish church, Ballinaskill. There was a large congregation.

WESTMEATH.—Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, has made the following changes and appointments in the Diocese: Rev. E. O'Reilly, Adm., Mullingar, to be P. P., Frankford; Rev. P. Flanagan, C. C., Mullingar, to be Adm., Drumroney; Rev. M. Dillon, C. C., Drumroney, to be C. C., Athboy; Rev. M. Farrell, C. C., Athboy to be C. G., Delvin; Rev. P. Cantwell, C. G., Delvin, to be C. G., Dunderry; Rev. Joseph Fagan, C. C., Dunderry, to be C. C., Mullingar.

With regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. John Manning, aged 68 years, Glynn, Ardagh, and his daughter, Mrs. Gill aged 34 years, wife of Mr. Richard Gill, Roothall. Mrs. Gill, who was ailing for eighteen months, returned from a Dublin hospital two months ago. She remained at her father's residence, where she succumbed on March 19, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church. Her father, Mr. John Manning who was only one week ailing, died on St. Patrick's Day, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church. His funeral took place on Tuesday to the new cemetery and was one of the largest witnessed in this district. Mrs. Gill's funeral on Thursday was also largely attended.

WEXFORD.—The demise of Mrs. Gould, wife of Mr. Richard Gould, National teacher, occurred at King street, Wexford, on March 24, and was deeply regretted.

Rev. T. O'Connor, S. P. C., preached in the church, Marlborough, in aid of the funds for the erection of a bell. There was a large attendance.

WICKLOW.—R. Keason and I. Hall, Arklow, owners of the three masted schooner Anne Humphries, lately obtained damages amounting to \$5,260 for the loss of their vessel, which was run down by the Espana, of South Shields.

During a dispute on March 24 a his farm in Carrigower, Charles Ward was fatally injured by a help named Hugh Kennedy. The latter is under arrest. The scene of the Carrigower affray is a bleak, cheerless country in the heart of the East Wicklow Mountains, and situated about 600 feet above the level of the sea. In summer time it is attractive for its scenic beauties, and being within easy reach of the Varrty reservoirs, tourists often visit the locality. It is stated that the unfortunate victim was of a quarrelsome nature.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—A most disastrous fire occurred in Henry street, Kilrush, March 23, in the public house of Mr. Crowley and spread with rapidity. The building was destroyed, as well as the adjoining establishment of Patrick Kitson.

On March 27 occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Daly, Ennistymon, at the age of 71 years. Deceased was wife of late Mr. Patrick Daly, merchant. The funeral was very largely attended.

CORK. Rev. Michael Higgins, Adm., Queenstown, has been appointed parish priest of Castletownroche.

A fatality occurred on March 21 at Laragh, near Bandon, Timothy Hurley, carpenter, while working at timber, accidentally struck himself on the shin with the axe. The blow was given with great force and the heavy, keen-edged tool almost severed the limb. A mounted messenger was dispatched to Bandon for a doctor, and while awaiting his arrival efforts were made to stop the flow of blood, which welled out in great gushes from a severed artery. These attempts were unsuccessful, and although the doctor came with the utmost promptitude, poor Hurley had bled to death before he arrived.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, 1900, passed away at the Dominican Convent, Queenstown, Sister Mary Ursula Mintern, of the order of St. Dominic. The deceased was daughter of Mr. Mintern, Cork, in which city she was born in 1875. She was educated first at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Marys of the Isle, and completed her course at the Convent of Sittard, Limburg, Holland. Immediately on leaving Sittard she returned to Ireland, but only to bid farewell to her relatives, and her native land to carry out her cherished wish to enter the Dominican Novitiate, Dunedin.

The religious procession in connection with the Jubilee of the Holy Year began on March 24 in Aghada Parish, with the greatest solemnity and devotion that could be expected in a country parish. About 3,000 persons met at Ballinrostig Chapel, and after paying two visits there, walked in procession to Aghada Chapel, headed by the choir singing sacred hymns. The processionists were accompanied by the Rev. J. Whyte reciting the Rosary on the road. When Aghada Chapel was reached two more visits were made in processional order, the choir leading. After the last visit there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. J. Whyte said he was glad to see how deeply the Faith, given to them by St. Patrick, was implanted in their hearts.

On the night of March 26 in the large hall of the institution, Cork City, Rev. Father P. J. Dowling, C. M., delivered a lecture before the members of the Cork Young Men's Society, entitled "Two Hours in Spain." The audience was large, and enjoyed the lecture. The reverend lecturer said that he knew there was very little need to introduce to an Irish audience anything connected with the romantic and historic land of Spain. Even in the earliest history of their country there was interwoven one legend that told them that some of the blood that runs through the veins of Irishmen come to them through the sunny land of Spain, and it also told them that the first settlement that reached their shores made its toilsome way across the sea from Spain. Ever since, it was needless to tell them, the name of Spain had been connected with that of Ireland. Spanish merchants came to their shores, and the antiquary found in many places and in towns abundant traces of the presence of Spanish merchants, whether in the buildings or other remains, or in the families they had founded. They all knew that at a time when Ireland was plunged in persecution Spain offered shelter to their countrymen and to their ecclesiastical students, when it was penal for them to study at home. To this day there exists the Irish College of Salamanca, where each year numbers of their countrymen went to enjoy the fruits of the bequests left by generous Spaniards of many years ago. Then again some of the noblest names in Spain were of unmistakable Irish origin, because whether they put Don before it or not the name of O'Donnell had a ring about it that could not be mistaken. Hence it was that whether lost in legend or in later times there was an unbroken link of connection between Ireland and Spain. The reverend lecturer gave an interesting sketch of Spanish customs and manners, dwelling particularly on the reverential spirit of the people as shown in the religious processions and Passion plays on festival days. Views of these observances were cast on the sheet, and also many of the cities possessed of attractive features. Several churches of architectural grandeur were shown, while many illustrations, varied in character, occupied a place in the reverend lecturer's interesting description of the sunny land.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

DEBBING.—On the Feast of the Annunciation, at 21 Quaker road, Michael Deering, president of the Central Council, G. A. A., to the inexpressible grief of his brother and sister and wide circle of friends.

MURPHY.—On the Feast of the Annunciation, Rev. P. J. Murphy, Dromina, Charleville.

LONG.—On March 25, at Harbor Terrace, Queenstown, Timothy Long.

O'FLYNN.—On March 25, at South Main street, Mary Ellen O'Flynn, daughter of the late Patrick O'Flynn, Ardprion.

CRONIN.—On March 24, at 18 Lodge road, Mary Cronin.

BARTER.—At Miss Woodroffe's Private Hospital, 11 South Mall, Cork, John Barter, of Drummara, Macroom, aged 56 years.

NAGLE.—On March 24, Catherine Nagle (victualler), formerly of the English Market.

MURPHY.—On March 23, at 23 Parnell place, Kathleen Lucinda Murphy.

BRENNAN.—March 5, at Presentation Convent, Clinton, U. S. A., Catherine Mary (Katie) (in religion Sister Mary Aloysius), second beloved daughter of Joseph Brennan, 8 Cumberland street, late of Lohort Castle, Malloy, in the 32d year of her age, and thirteenth of her religious profession.

COMERFORD.—On March 23, at 94a Blarney street, Hannah Comerford.

NOLAN.—On March 26, at Drimo-league, May Nolan.

COLEMAN.—March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation), at 102 Lower road, Annie Coleman.

ODONOVAN.—On March 25, at Bandon, Patrick Joseph O'Donovan.

M'DERMID.—On March 25, at SS. Joachim and Ann's Asylum, Anglessea street, Mary Ann M'Dermid.

KIELY.—On March 25, David (Owen) Kiely, aged 50 years (late Corporation employe).

O'CONNOR.—On March 26, at 14 Thurmond Square, Cork, Mary O'Connor, formerly at Ballyedmond, Middleton.

KERRY.—The death of the Very Rev. Thomas Canon Lator, of the diocese of Southwark, London, took place at Petworth on March 19. He was a native of Tralee, and some years ago was selected dispensary for the bishopric of his native diocese.

The pretty little chapel of the Convent of St. Joseph, Killarney, Kerry, was on the Feast of St. Joseph the scene of a solemn religious ceremony, when Miss Margaret Hartnett (in religion Sister Mary Magdalen), daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah Hartnett, Macroom, made her solemn vows of religious profession. Right Rev. Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, officiated.

LIMERICK.—Will not Swear Allegiance.—The Limerick Municipal Council and the old and real Irish and patriotic body of men known in the city of the violated treaty as "The Night Watch" will not swear allegiance to the King of England. Every true Irishman will say "Ball o' Dia ora!" At the City Police Court, Limerick, Mary McPherson was brought before Mr. Ambrose Hall, charged in custody of the Night Watch with disorderly conduct. Mr. Hall asked if the watchmen had taken the oath of allegiance to King Edward, and receiving a reply in the negative, he declined to adjudicate. Following the decision of the Queen's Bench that the Night Watch was a properly constituted body, a form of oath was drawn up for the men, but the Corporation struck out a clause pledging allegiance to the King, and nothing further has been done with regard to the oath. Not a true Irishman owes allegiance to the King of England, and should never take the oath. Those who take it for patriotic reasons should do so under protest.

TIPPERARY.—Father John Hickey, C. C., Ardinnan, has been changed to the parish of St. Mary's, Clonmel, and Father Maurice Chesty, from Clogheen to Carrick-on-Suir.

Rev. William Meagher, who for 27 years had been curate in the parish of Irishtown, Clonmel, has been appointed parish priest of Tallow, County of Waterford.

Clonmel has a free public library of over four thousand volumes, treating of all kinds of subjects. This is good in a small Irish town, for which the British government never did a good act for the educational advancement or entertainment of the people. As long as it could it deprived them of the privilege of receiving education at home, and of sending their children to another country to obtain that inestimable boon.

The religious reception of Miss Ellie Kiely (daughter of Mr. W. Kiely, Ballyneal, Carrick-on-Suir), took place at the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Lyons, France, March 19. She received her first preparation at the Presentation Convent, Carrick-on-Suir, then at the Sacred Heart Convent, Roscrea, and finally with the nuns of Jesus and Mary, Willesden Convent, London. She took her new and appropriate name of St. Benignus. Mr. Tom Kelly, the famous athlete, is brother to Sister Benignus.

WATERFORD.—Lay Sister Mary Laurence of the Ursuline Convent, Waterford, died May 24, in the 47th year of her religious life, and at the age of 83 years. In the world she was Miss Annie Power, of Williamstown, near the city.

The death of Mr. Richard Morrissy, undertaker, occurred March 28. Deceased was a member of the Waterford, Corporation and Board of Guardians. In 1896 he was High Sheriff of the City.

The Rev. James Quilty presided at recent meeting of the Ardmore branch of the United Irish League, and referred to the death of Father Walsh, the late patriotic parish priest. He also alluded to Mr. William O'Brien's illness, and said they all prayed for his restoration to health. Steps were taken to organize a Parliamentary Fund collection.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—The Municipal Council of the city of Belfast are perfecting plans

for the erection of a new City Hall, at a cost of or near fifty thousand dollars.

On March 26 a farmer named Madigan residing at Knockansilly, on the road from Ballymuna to Parkmore and Cusheendall, was shot by his help, named Denis McKesdery. Madigan died instantly.

A solemn religious reception took place at St. Mary's Hall, Newton Heath, Manchester, on the Feast of St. Joseph, within the Chapel of the Alexian Brothers, when Mr. Richard Joseph Hayes, of Belfast, received the Holy Hymn, and took the name of Brother Malachy.

ARMAGH.—The Cardinal's arrival in Armagh from Rome recently was availed of by all classes in the primitive city to prove how much they respect him. The welcome home was one of the historic events in his life. All the public bodies and societies—lay and religious—presented him with an address, to which he responded in a most touching and fatherly manner. It was an evidence that the love which binds the priests and the people in Ireland never grows cold, and that the union will last for all time.

CAVAN.—On March 22 the remains of Mrs. Mary Duffy, Corthart, were interred in the historic cemetery of Killa-here, followed by a large concourse. The deceased, who was 84 years of age, belonged to an old stock. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Father Clinton.

A meeting was held at Ballyhaise March 25 under the auspices of the Castleterra Branch United Irish League, for the purpose of impressing on the trustees of the Humphreys estate the unanimous wish of the people that the tenant, lately evicted, who had made an offer of a year's rent and cost, which was refused, should be reinstated. The Behey and Drumsillagh Bands were in attendance and a large assembly. Police from Cavan, Butler-bridge and Ballyhaise were present. Mr. Terence Fitzpatrick, vice-president of Castleterra Branch, presided and addressed the meeting.

DERRY.—On March 21 the remains of late Mr. John Mains were removed from Lodge road Coleraine, for interment in the cemetery in Portrush road. The chief mourners were Patrick Mains, father of deceased; Patrick Mains, Jr., son; and John Millen, Portrush, uncle. The last rites of the Church were solemnized by Rev. John Carroll and Rev. J. McLavery, St. Malachy's parish. In the church of which parish the late Mr. Mains was a regular devout worshipper.

DONEGAL.—We regret to chronicle the death of the Rev. William Sheridan, Administrator, Letterkenny, which occurred at the Presbytery, March 27. The deceased had only attained the age of 49 years. The event was widely and deeply regretted.

The Donegal Branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on March 26. Rev. E. Cassidy presiding. The members of committee elected numbers, and new members were added to the roll of membership.

DOWN.—The ballot for the Gold watch and chain presented by Most Rev. Dr. Henry to the Sisters of Charity, Clonard, toward liquidating the debt incurred in improving their home was held on the 19th, in St. Peter's Catholic Club, Divis street. The Very Rev. George Conway was the winner of the prize. Father Conway will give the West Division an opportunity of regaining the prize at the bazaar in November.

On Sunday, March 24, Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, preached in St. Patrick's Church, Saul, in aid of the rebuilding of the church of Carrow-Carlin, and the erection of a new school and a parochial house, to cost seven thousand five hundred dollars. Father McGarry is the pastor. The response to the Bishop's appeal was generous. The Church of St. Patrick's Saul, stands in a beautiful country, rich and fertile. The sermon preached by His Lordship was eloquent and impressive, and touched the hearts of the people. At 12 o'clock Missa Cantata was celebrated by the Rev. J. Boyle, Saul, the Bishop presiding.

FERMANAGH.—Mrs. McGrory, of Enniskillen, was killed March 18 by the falling of a wall in an old house, the property of the Urban Council. She was aged 70 years. Father McPhillips administered the last rites of the church to the poor woman.

Most Rev. Dr. Owens has transferred Father Mulligan, C. C., from Blackbog parish, Ederney, County Fermanagh, to Errigal Truagh County Monaghan.

The death of Mr. Thomas Dickson Mullagreenan, occurred March 19 at his home. The funeral was largely attended, the interment being in Drumkeen Cemetery.

MONAGHAN.—Thomas McCaffrey, Derrygalla, Roslea, was evicted from his holding March 27. The farm is part of the college lands, and Mr. Harry Rogers is agent. A force of 87 police was present. Mr. Caffrey was not present.

Members of the Charles Diamond branch of the United Irish League in Errigal Truagh held a meeting in Killibressil on March 24. Mr. B. Harvey presiding. The men of the district arranged to collect for the Parliamentary Party fund on an early date.

TYRONE.—There died in Cookstown, March 22, Margaret Lamb, aged 103 years. Mrs. Lamb was born in 1798, the year of the rebellion, and had vivid recollections of the many stories she heard concerning those times. She remembered hearing Robert Emmet talked about, and she used to relate around her fireside many tales about the terrible famine, the Fenians, and the escape of James Stephens. Almost up to the last she retained her faculties, and went daily for a walk. She remembered Cookstown when it was only thirty or forty houses. Mrs. Lamb was a Catholic, and often related episodes of days when to be such was a real danger to life.