

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.—Mr. Anthony O'Donnell has been appointed interpreter to the Sessions Court in Galway City. He is a native of Arran.

John Hynes, of Eyre street, Galway, whose miraculous recovery from drowning at Nimos Pier was previously noted, was again missing. It is said he was a soldier in India and had suffered from Sunstroke. On April 12 he and his wife and family retired to rest, but on the following morning he was missed. He was not again heard of or seen, till his body was found floating in the water outside the dock at Fotherill, opposite the Cholera Hospital. An inquest was held at the Harbor Office by G. Claherty, Coroner of Galway. There was no evidence whatever to show how the deceased got into the water, and the jury returned a verdict of found drowned.

The death of Mrs. O'Malley, Abbeygate street, Galway, occurred April 22 and the sad event was deeply mourned. Her only daughter has been for years Superioress of the Convent of the Sisters of Charity of Burlington. The remains were removed to the Pro-Cathedral of St. Nicholas, where solemn High Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated.

On April 30 the ceremony of unveiling a new stained glass window behind the High Altar of St. Patrick's church, Galway, was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, Lord Bishop of Galway. Father Nestor, vicar-general; Father Travers, O. S. A., dean; Father Conidine, sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Lord Bishop of Elphin. He said the ceremony which had brought them together was calculated to recall the great idea which Christ constructed His Church. For many years the church in which they were assembled was derelict, doors were closed, windows shattered, and bell tower decaying and silent. No words of absolution were pronounced in its confessionals, and no prayer was heard and no service took place within its dilapidated walls. But at length a great and good clergyman, inspired from above, undertook the work of renovating and rebuilding the church. He repaired it exteriorly and interiorly till he fitted it for the purpose for which it was intended. He provided it with beautiful stations, stately altars and furniture, and now they had unveiled for them a very artistic stained glass window.

LEITRIM.—Mrs. Bridget Masterson, of Drimsna, Mohill, died May 1, deeply regretted.

MAYO.—At Rush street, Castlebar, April 23, Jeremiah Mulvey, died, aged 69 years. His remains were interred in the old churchyard, when the large and respectable funeral cortege gave ample evidence of the respect in which the deceased was held.

On April 30, in the Parish Church, Castlebar, solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the deceased priests of the deanery. Very Rev. Canon Glibbons, Balla, celebrant; Rev. M. Burke, Ballyrough, deacon; Rev. P. McLoughlin, Castlebar, sub-deacon, and Rev. P. O'Flaherty, Castlebar, master of ceremonies.

A meeting of the teachers of the parish of Abhamore, presided over by Rev. P. Molloy, manager of the several schools, was held in the Abhamore N. S. lately for the two fold purpose of discussing how much of the new program it was practicable to adopt in each school, and to consider how primary education and the income and position of teachers would be affected.

ROSCOMMON.—A bakery establishment run by Miss A. Wynne, in Chapel street, Boyle, was entirely destroyed by fire on April 28.

With regret we chronicle the death of Stephen Conor, sackloon, Strokedown, which took place April 23, at the ripe old age of 86 years. The funeral to the family burial ground at Killyglass cemetery was of immense proportions.

SLIGO.—Great grief was felt in the Fourlestrane when it became known that Mrs. Bridget Jones died. The deceased who had reached the ripe age of 72 years, had been in failing health, and on April 25, after having received the consolations of the Church, and surrounded by the members of her family and relations, she departed this life.

The members of Clonacool branch of the United Irish League held a meeting April 28. Rev. C. R. Staunton, pastor, presided.

In the one hundredth year of his age on April 13 died Mr. James McKenna of Lisbellaw, deeply regretted. There were few better versed in the Irish language or had a more extensive knowledge of the country and its people of older times. On Monday, April 26, his remains were interred in the family burial ground, and the consoling of people who formed the funeral cortege testified to the respect in which the deceased was held. Rev. J. Dolan, P. P., officiated at the graveside.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—The evenings of April 29 and 30 two successful entertainments were given at the Town Hall, Carlow, by the Workers' Club, and were witnessed on both occasions by large audiences. The object in view was to raise funds for the service of the poor.

On April 23 a meeting to establish a branch of the United Irish League was held at Borris.

DUBLIN.—On April 30, Very Rev. Canon John O'Hanlon, parish priest of Sandymount, Dublin, was eighty years of age. He is a great Irish Balliolist. Numerous were the congratulations that this distinguished Irish scholar received. Amongst those who cabled good wishes across the ocean was Most Rev. Dr. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

At the recent meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland at Maynooth the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we regard the claim of the Training Colleges at Belfast and Limerick and Waterford, under the National System of Education, to 'Free Homes,' as they have been granted to the Dublin Colleges, which do similar work, subject to precisely the same conditions, as just and reasonable, and, in the interests of Primary Education throughout the country, as almost necessary, inasmuch as the payment of the annuity on their building loans is so severe a tax on their income as to make it almost impossible for them to bring the training of their students up to a proper standard of excellence, or meet the ever-increasing requirements of modern education." Michael Card, Logue, Chairman; John, Bishop of Clonfert; Richard Alphonus, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, secretaries of the meeting.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. MOLLOY—April 28, at 54 Marlborough street, Mrs. Margaret Molloy. RYAN—April 29, at 39 Eccles street, the Very Rev. Francis M. Canon Ryan, P. P., St. Joseph's. MACCORMACK—April 30, at 3 Duke's row, Summer Hill, Ellen MacCormack, aged 68 years.

KIERNAN—April 21, Elizabeth Kiernan, at 9 Richmond place, South Richmond street, in her 34th year, native of Enniscorthy.

STAVELEY—At St. Patrick's Home, Kilmainham, on Friday, April 19, William Staveley, late of St. Ailfin's road, aged 74 years.

COYNE—April 28 (Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph), Mary R. Coyne, Sandfield House, Roscommon.

HARTE—May 2, at 27 Mountjoy street, Patrick Harte, aged 76 years.

MCCORMACK—April 18, at 27 Smithfield, John McCormack.

McKENNA—April 19, Hugh McKenna, 59 Clarence street.

BRENNAN—April 7, at Cork Street Hospital, Dublin, Mary Brennan, Kildare, Elphin, County Roscommon.

KEATING—At Middle Gardiner street, Mr. Patrick Keating, aged 72, late of Carlow.

KILDARE.—Died. — BYRNE.—At Thomastown, Naas, Anne Byrne, March 27, at Bishopscourt, Michael Carroll, April 9, at Killeulen, Margaret O'Neil, daughter of the late Patrick Dempsey, Dunlavin, County Wicklow. At the Sacred Heart Presentation Convent, Killock, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Most Rev. Dr. Foley, received the vows of Miss Kathleen Fogarty (in religion Sister M. Albert), daughter of Mr. James Fogarty, Berrisbeg, County Tipperary, and Miss Kate Reilly (in religion Sister M. Cataldus), daughter of Mr. Patrick Reilly, Hortland, after Holy Mass, celebrated by Rev. James Kirwan, Killock, the Bishop, assisted by Rev. J. Mooney, Edenderry, gave the black veil to the young ladies.

KILKENNY.—The annual meeting and reception of the Society of the Children of Mary took place recently at the Brigids Convent, Gorebridge. Rev. P. J. Mulhall, pastor, received the aspirants, and explained the duties and obligations incumbent on the members, and earnestly exhorted all to observe them. He also spoke of the great privileges of a Child of Mary. The reception was preceded by a Retreat of three days, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Coleman, S. J., whose lectures were excellent.

KING'S.—In the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Dungarvan, April 30, was celebrated the ceremony of the profession of Miss Margaret Louisa Horan (in religion Sister Margaret Mary), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horan, Edenderry. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, officiated, who in a sermon, gave advice to the young Sister.

On Sunday, May 5, the remains of the Rev. Father Walsh, P. P. Luskagh, whose death occurred the morning before, were taken from the Presbytery to the Parish Chapel, where they remained during the night preceding the Office and High Mass. During the interval Masses were offered up for the deceased, very large congregations being present. There were 39 clergymen at the Requiem High Mass, Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, presiding. After the Office and High Mass the remains were interred before the altar of the Blessed Virgin.

LONGFORD.—Members of the Grand branch of the United Irish League held a meeting in the Town Hall, April 28. Mr. J. Ledwith occupied the chair. It was resolved that the parochial collection for the Parliamentary Fund be held at the Chapel gates at all the Masses at Grand and Grandardkill. It was earnestly requested that all subscribe according to their means. T. Reilly, secretary.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Peter Hughes, Jr., of Ardagh, which occurred on April 22 at his father's residence. The deceased was only 24 years of age. The funeral was one of the largest witnessed in the locality for many years, and testified to the esteem in which the family of the deceased are held.

LOUTH.—Miss M. Carragher, Silverbridge, Dundalk, was received into the Order of Mercy in the Convent at Edw. St. Lurgan on April 30. She took the religious name of Sister M. Philomena. Rev. M. B. McConville officiated, assisted by Father Carolan, Arns, Newry, County Down.

MEATH.—The death of Mr. Michael McMahon, Kilmalshamwood, at the age of 82 years, happened May 1. He was father of Rev. Eugene McMahon, parish priest of Clonsilla, County Fermagh. Office for the Dead and Requiem Mass having been celebrated, he funeral left for Magheracloone, Carrickmacross.

QUEEN'S.—Several new branches of the United Irish League have been founded lately in the county, and all are doing fine work for Ireland. The death of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Main street, Portlanning, occurred April 30, aged 77 years. The deceased, who was a native of the Red Walls, Balingglass, County Wicklow, was for many years a popular resident of Portlanning, and was one of the founders of the Young Men's Catholic Society in that town, and for a long time was its honorable secretary. His son, Mr. Michael Byrne, was secretary of the City of Dublin Workmen's Club. At a meeting of the Grattan Literary Club Councillor J. P. Cox presiding, a resolution of sympathy with Mr. Michael Byrne was unanimously adopted.

WESTMEATH.—A public meeting for the purpose of inaugurating a collection in aid of the Irish Parliamentary Party Fund was held in the Market House, Mullingar, May 2.

WEXFORD.—The death of Mr. John O'Connor, Custom House Quay, Wexford, occurred, May 1, and was deeply and widely mourned. He was aged 65 years. His birthplace was Tunneshak. The funeral to Crossbeg cemetery was very numerous attended.

On April 21 the drawing of prizes in aid of the Tuoheshane Band took place in the schoolroom, Tuoheshane. Result: First prize, a camera, Miss Daly, Lady's Island; second, a clock, Mrs. J. Pierce, Tuoheshane; third, a lamp, Mr. B. Coghlan, Siginstown.

On April 29 an interesting ceremony took place at the church at Litter. Mr. Peter French, Harpoonstown, the Member of Parliament for South Wexford, was married to Mrs. Kehoe, of Ballinahask. The Rev. J. M. Browne officiated, assisted by Father Magher, Monamolin. The bridesmaids were the Misses Cullen, of Ballylodon, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Gregory F. French, Kircaldy, Scotland, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man. The wedding party were entertained at Ballinahask House, and in the evening left for Dublin, en route to London.

A very successful meeting was held in the National School, Oulart, April 21, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Gaelic League in the parish. The attendance included a number of ladies, which is a hopeful sign of the earnest attention which the language revival movement is attracting throughout North Wexford. The pastor, Rev. Patrick Kenny, was at the head of his flock and his presence in the chair shows that he believes in the principles which the Gaelic League is inculcating, namely, that to make the Irish people self-reliant and self-respecting it is necessary for them to throw off the veneration of anglicization which has reduced our people to mere imitators of a foreign race.

WICKLOW.—Mr. Patrick Byrne, of Main street, Portlanning, died April 30, aged 77 years. He was a native of Red Walls, Balingglass. During many years he lived in Queen's County. He was one of the founders of the Portlanning Young Men's Catholic Society.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—The death of Miss Frances McNamara, of Clare House, Ennis, occurred April 19.

On April 29 the marriage took place at the Jesuit Church Limerick of Mr. P. J. Hogan, Coolreagh, vice-chairman Clare County Council, and Miss Bridget Scannlan, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Peter Scannlan, Killoe. Rev. R. F. Little Quin (cousin of the bridegroom) officiated. Miss May Scannlan (sister of the bride) and Miss Minnie Grace, Killoe, were the bridesmaids, and Mr. John Enright, Ennis, best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Michael Scannlan, Jail street, Ennis.

On April 28 a meeting of the United Irish League, announced to be held at Mullagh, Clare, for the purpose of establishing a new branch for that district, and to condemn the system of eviction and grabbing, was attempted to be held by Mr. Matthew Kelly, organizer for the Western Division of Clare, but was proclaimed. Immediately after last Mass in the village, Mr. Kelly ascended the platform, which was erected on the square, and commenced to address a large gathering of the people of the parish which had assembled awaiting the meeting. He had not proceeded far with his address when County Inspector Foley, District Inspector Irwin, and Mr. A. M. Harpur, R. M., approached him. The District Inspector informed him that no meeting would be allowed to take place from where she was addressing the people. Mr. Kelly questioned his authority to prevent him addressing his constituents, which represented in the County Council of Clare. The officer insisted no meeting would be held. Mr. Kelly said he would insist on addressing the people of Mullagh. He had not proceeded far, however, when he was ordered to move on, and was compelled to cease speaking. He then asked those present to follow him to the other end of the village, where he could address them. In this direction he was closely followed by the police, under Mr. Irwin. D. I. When he crossed into the fields he addressed the people in a vigorous speech, dealing with the objects of the League and the necessity of forming a branch. A branch was formed and the appointment of officers was proceeded with.

An awful instance of sacrilegious robbery was perpetrated in Tomgraney chapel May 1. The church is dedicated to Saint Joseph. On Tuesday evening the girl in charge of the church closed it at six o'clock; then the altar was all right. On coming to open the chapel the following morning, she was amazed to find the sacristy door open. On entering, she noticed matches on the floor, and the box in which books were kept was broken, and the few pennies stolen. On going into the chapel she was horrified to find that the marble arch surrounding the Tabernacle was broken. The door of the tabernacle was injured, and the altar cloths thrown on the altar steps and a hole burned in them. The cross which was over the Tabernacle was broken in two places. The girl immediately gave the alarm, and the police inspected the altar. They found large stones on the altar, and a broken tong. Bottles containing porter were found in the sacristy. It is supposed that the outrage was perpetrated by tramps, and that the motive was to take the sacred vessels. The police arrested several tramps during the day, but let them off again. At the quarterly meeting of the Scariff District Council, Mr. J. Wakely said he had a resolution to propose relative to the injury done to the Tomgraney Church. Although he was a member of a different church, he was shocked at the outrage. He then proposed a strong resolution of condemnation, which was seconded by Mr. Furell, County Council, and adopted. The outrage has aroused the deepest indignation in the district. In connection with the above, two young men, who gave their names as Andrew Clarke, Kingstown, Dublin, and Henry Tolson, Swords, Dublin, were arrested by Constable Killoran, Knockjames Police Station, and conveyed to Scariff Barrack. The police found that the nail prints of Clarke's boot corresponded with the prints found on the clay on the altar of the chapel. A box of ointment was found on the altar, and Clarke admitted getting an ointment from a Dublin doctor.

CORK.—The sacrament of confirmation was administered by Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, to one hundred children in Passage East Church, May 5. Clergy present: Rev. J. Murphy, Very Rev. John Canon Lyons, Monkstown; Rev. H. Reid, Passage; Rev. R. McCarthy, Rev. J. Murphy, St. Finbarr's, Rev. D. O'Shea, Rev. M. Fennell, Upton; and Rev. Father Lawrence, O. S. F. C., Rochestown.

The first Sunday of May was devoted to honor our Blessed Lady in the parish of Rosscorbary. After last Mass a procession started from the parish church, headed by cross bearer. A statue of the Mother of God was borne by Messrs. Cabalane, M. J. Hayes, C. S. London, P. Barry and J. Donovan. Next came children of the convent schools, the Sisters of Mercy, the boys, Very Rev. P. Hill and Rev. T. O'Shea. The procession passed from the church through the new avenue to the convent. When it arrived at the convent prayers were recited. The Litany and hymns were sung going, and on its return to the parish church the devotions concluded with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, had a great number of children presented for confirmation in Monkstown May 6. They were from Shanabally, Ringsakiddy, Haulbowline and Spike Island. Mass was celebrated by Rev. P. Desmond, the Bishop presiding. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, held his triennial visitation of the parish of Mitchelstown on May 4th and 6th. On Saturday he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a great number of boys and girls. His Lordship was assisted at the examination of the children by the clergy from neighboring parishes. On Sunday Dr. Browne held his Episcopal visitation of this parish and attended at the mid-day Mass in the parish church. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. D. Barr, and the Visitation sermon was preached by Father O'Flynn, Kildorrery. The reverend preacher delivered a most interesting discourse on the Blessed Virgin. After Mass the Bishop addressed the very large congregation and said he was very glad to commence his annual visitation of the diocese in Mitchelstown parish, which was always remarkable for the religious fervor and practical Catholicity of its people.

Recent deaths in Cork.—REYNOLDS.—On May 6, at Cork, Walter B. Reynolds, aged 25 years. Funeral from St. Peter and Paul's Church, for Castle-town-roche via Killavullen.

CUFFE—On May 6, at Blackrock, Mortimer Joseph Cuffe.

FRANCIS—May 6, at 22 Grattan street, Mrs. Francis, at an advanced age.

O'SULLIVAN—On May 4, at O'Sullivan street, Kanturk, Catherine O'Sullivan, at an advanced age.

WHITE—May 6, at 69 Hibernian buildings, Julia White.

CANTY—May 5, at 3 Robertsville, Friar's Walk, Cork, Maria Canty (Enfant de Maria), daughter of Michael Canty, late H. M. Customs, Cork and Queenstown.

COLTURST.—On May 4, at Carhue, Marianne Colthurst.

POWER-LYNCH—May 2, at Castle-martyr, Margaret Power-Lynch, of Clonmoult.

DAILY.—On April 15 at Greenvale, New York, Minnie Daily, daughter of Richard Cross, Cork.

STEELE.—On May 7, at 4 Lansdowne Terrace, Patrick's Hill, Cork, Margaret Steele.

O'REGAN.—May 7, at Doughdoynne, Peter O'Regan.

WHARTON.—April 28, at Dromin, Mr. Jeremiah Wharton, aged 89 years.

KERRY.—The annual convention of the Kerry County Board of the Gaelic Athletic League, May 4, Mr. John T. McQuinn presided.

On May 2, in the Presentation Convent, Killarney, took place the solemn ceremony of the profession of Miss Nora Lynch in religion Sister Mary.

Philomena, daughter of Mr. Patrick Lynch, Killygarvan, Ballybrannion. Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. Sheahan, Killybrannion.

LIMERICK.—The death of Mr. Jeremiah J. Luddy, of Ballylanders, occurred April 25 at the extraordinary age of 106 years. The funeral to family cemetery, Killybenny, was very largely attended. He had full possession of all his faculties until the end.

Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, has received the briefs appointing the Most Rev. Thomas Fennelly to the Titular See of Ostracene, and Coadjutor, with right of succession, to the Diocese of Cashel and Emly. The consecration will take place on Sunday, June 9, in the Cathedral, Thurles.

General regret is expressed at the death of the Rev. F. Kendrick, Killoleam, which took place at the Presbytery May 2. Solemn Office and High Mass at Killoleam Church. The interment was in Ardagh, funeral cortege long.

On April 24 the ceremony of profession was held in the chapel of the Monastery of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, Gloucester street, Dublin. The novice who made her vows is Miss Margaret Curran (in religion Sister M. of St. Magdalen) Hospital. The Very Rev. D. Downing, Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. Walsh, Holy Cross College, Clontarf.

TIPPERARY.—James Kelly, of Brittas road, Thurles, died on April 20, at the age of 102 years. His only attendant was his wife, who is more than 99 years, and who is able to walk about. The funeral was largely attended.

The funeral of Andrew Henneberry, Carrick-on-Suir, member of the Carrickbeg Hurling Club, took place April 21. The remains were carried by the members of the club from his residence to the Park wall, where they were placed in the hearse and conveyed to Owingen Cemetery.

Miss Kathleen Fogarty, of Berrisbeg, was professed in the Sacred Heart Convent of the Presentation Nuns in Killock, County Kildare, on April 29. Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, officiated. Her religious title is Sister M. Albert. She is a daughter of Mr. James Fogarty, Berrisbeg.

Works of great artistic interest and beauty have just been executed in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Cahir, and as showing the good taste and archaeological knowledge, beginning to be felt in Ireland, a short account will be acceptable. The High Altar is designed in the style of the 15th century, many of its details being similar to those of the fine sedilia and shrine in the choir of Holycross Abbey, in the front of the altar is a most beautifully carved group of the "Pieta" or "Descent from the Cross," carved in pure white translucent alabaster on a golden ground. On either side are angels in alabaster on gold, treated like the fine Italian carvings of the fifteenth century. The pillars of the "Frontal" are of rare Nuridilian marble. The marble (alabaster) of this group is so fine and transparent that a lighted lamp can be seen through it. The figures thus appear as in a high relief engraving.

Above the "Table" rises the lofty gables of the Reredos, with the Tabernacle tower in the center. There are two splendidly executed panel paintings in opus sectile mosaic, under rich moulded and cusped arches on each side. On one side is St. Brigit at Kildare, instructing the people round her seated under her oak tree. On the other side is St. Ita, foundress of so many schools and convents in Munster, distributing alms and succoring the poor; two subjects referring directly to the works of instruction and of mercy carried out by the Order of Mercy, in whose chapel these exquisitely designed and colored mosaics are now placed.

WATERFORD.—Miss Alice Kirwan, Mall Lane, Waterford City, was professed a religious in the Convent of the Sacred Heart of Mary, at Barriers, France. She took the name of Sister Mary Anthony.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. James Lumley, Peter St., Waterford, at the patriarchal age of 80 years. He was a staunch Nationalist during life and an uncompromising enemy to intemperance. During a great many years he was a prominent member of the Temperance Society, which has the fine hall in Catherine street.

The citizens of Waterford learn with pleasure that the Right Rev. Monsignor Kelly, rector of the Irish College at Rome, has been appointed by the Holy See Co-Adjutor Bishop of Sydney cum jure successione, which will mean in course of time his elevation to Cardinal. Monsignor Kelly was born in Francis street, Waterford, and his earlier years were spent there. He is a distinguished churchman and has many relations in the city, including Mr. Michael Grant (Borough High Constable), Mr. John Kearney, Patrick street, and Mr. Kirwan, Mall lane.

Rev. David O'Connor, P. P., Ballylooby, has been transferred to Ballylooby, to succeed the late pastor, Father O'Gorman. Requiem Services were held in Ballylooby church, April 13, for the repose of the soul of Father O'Gorman.

A meeting of Nationalists of the Western Division of the County Waterford was held at Kiely's Cross May 6 for the purpose of promoting the objects of the United Irish League, and giving a stimulus to the organization in the district. The meeting was well attended and the proceedings were characterized by the greatest enthusiasm. The chair was taken by the Rev. James Quealy, Ardmore, whose revolutionary reputation testified to the feelings of the people for a priest who has done good and practical work for religion and the National cause.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—While sliding down from

his quarters to the floor at Whitins Street First Station, Belfast, a fireman named John McWilliams lost his hold and fell twenty-five feet. He was picked up and taken to the Royal Hospital, where he died April 30. His injuries consisted of a fracture of the skull, compound fracture of ankle, and injury to the back.

On April 28 was concluded in Lisburn a successful mission by the Jesuit Fathers the two weeks it was a source of sincere pleasure and happiness to the priests to see their people availed themselves of the grace of the mission. Father McNaughton preached the closing sermon to the women, and Father Gleeson preached to the men. During the mission the missionaries were assisted by the Very Rev. M. McCashin, Lisburn; Rev. A. J. Neeson, Lisburn; Rev. H. Murray, Lisburn; Rev. C. M. Faul, Very Rev. D. McCashin, administrator, St. Malachy's, Belfast; Very Rev. M. O'Malley, Glenavy; Rev. Boylan, St. Paul's, Belfast.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, April 28, attended at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Whitehouse, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to two hundred children. Mass was celebrated by Rev. B. Lavery. Most Rev. Dr. Henry preached, taking for his text, "This is the Victory Which Overcometh the World—Our Faith." Among the children confirmed were forty from the Orphanage of the Sacred Heart, Abbeyville. Rev. James Mannix, Whitehouse; Rev. J. Walsh, E. I.; Rev. John O'Brien, Whitehouse, and Rev. B. Lavery, Whitehouse, assisted the Bishop.

ARMAGH.—On April 23d a highly instructive lecture descriptive of the celebrated Passion Play of Oberammergau was delivered in the Convent School, Portadown, by the Rev. M. O'Hagan, Portadown, and now of Burton-on-Trent, England. Rev. Bernard O'Connor presided, and introduced the lecturer. The subject was well treated by Father O'Hagan. The interest in the lecture was enhanced by beautiful pictures.

On April 23 the ceremony of Reception was held in the Convent of Mercy, Lurgan. The two young ladies received were Miss Grace (only daughter of the late Robert Gracie, Lurgan) in religion Sister M. Evangelist, and Miss Maggie Carragher (daughter of Bernard Carragher, Silverbridge, Dundalk) in religion Sister M. Philomena. Rev. M. B. McConville, Lurgan, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Carlin, Adm. Newry, and attended by many clergy.

CAVAN.—Dr. Burke, Coroner, held an inquest April 22, at Mr. Peter Woods, Corragreegh, near Tullyvin, touching the death of Jas. Cullivan, aged 24. The following were sworn on the jury: Peter Woods (foreman), J. McCann, P. Loe, P. McCabe, J. McGinness, B. Donnelly, P. Maguire, J. McCann, P. Brady, E. Mohan, A. Daly and J. Round. The evidence was that he fell off a trap when driving home from Cotehill, and a verdict was rendered according to the testimony.

A meeting of the members of the Belturbet branch of the United Irish League was held on Sunday, Apr. 28, E. Reilly in the chair.

DONEGAL.—A man named Walter, while blasting on the Burtonport Extension Railway, in Drumranbar, between Barnes Gap and Cresslough, April 29, had a portion of his face and arm blown off. He was a long time connected with the contractors, Messrs. Paulding & Co. It seems he used an iron prong for pushing home the charge instead of the proper implement. He lived a short time after the injuries were inflicted.

The funeral of late Mgr. Kearney, parish priest of Bumeras, took place on May 2 at St. Mary's Cemetery, near the town. Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty presided at the Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by the Rev. Prof. Duffy, in Cuckhill Chapel.

DOWN.—Mr. R. B. Conghey presided at a meeting of the members of the Newtownards Rural Council, held on April 27.

FERMANAGH.—Arney is a post town in County Fermanagh, 114 miles from Dublin. The local postoffice will not pay out money on orders, but will issue orders on other offices.

Sister Columba Maguire of the Convent of Mercy, Enniskillen, died April 19. She was a native of Newtownabutter, and first cousin to the late Miss Crudden, Newtownabutter, who bequeathed \$250,000 to establish an orphanage for the diocese of Clogher, under the care of the Sisters of Mercy, a fervent and zealous member of which the deceased sister was during forty-two years. The interment took place in the cemetery attached to the convent.

MONAGHAN.—The death of Mr. Patrick McCardsle, who was one of the most popular residents in the lower end of Farney, occurred April 30. He had hosts of friends, made during the days of the Land League and National League. Every movement intended for the benefit of Ireland found in him a staunch supporter. A large cortege followed his remains to the cemetery of Lough Bawn. The Rev. M. McCleary, who performed the general service, referred in touching terms to the good qualities of the deceased, and exhorted all to remember him in their prayers.

TYRONE.—The solemn religious ceremonies of reception and profession took place in the Convent Chapel, Strabane, lately. Miss Josie McLaughlin, Glasgow, had the happiness of receiving the habit of a Sister of Mercy, as Sister Mary Josephine. Sister Mary Baptist (Miss Maggie O'Donnell, Fort-hall) and Sister Mary Raphael (Miss Mary Whyte, Athboy) had the happy privilege of announcing their holy vows of religion. Right Rev. Mgr. O'Hagan officiated, assisted by Rev. J. McIlhatton. After Mass Rev. John McIlhatton preached on the privileges and happiness of a life spent in religion.