

# 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 Mr. Thomas Rice Henn, ex-Recorder of Galway, occurred June 7 at Paradise Hill, Kildysart, County Clare. Deceased was a deputy-lieutenant for the County of Clare. For over thirty years he had been chairman of Quarter Sessions, County Court Judge and Recorder of the County Galway.

Miss May O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Mr. Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Wilford Cottage, Tuam, received the black veil of the Order of Meroy, in the Convent of the order in Jamaica, March 19 last and is now known in religion as Sister Francis Joseph. The vows of the religious were received, and the ceremony of profession was performed by the Right Rev. Charles Gordon, Bishop of Thynatia, and Vicar-Apostolic of Jamaica, assisted by the Very Rev. W. F. Gregory, S. J.

A representative meeting was held in Athacragh, June 9, for the purpose of strengthening the United Irish League organization in the locality.

**LEITRIM.**—The death of Mrs. Meenan Manorhamilton, occurred May 30, to the great regret of all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Requiem services and funeral were very numerous attended. She was mother of Rev. Joseph Meenan.

At recent meeting of Gortletera Branch of the United Irish League, Mr. Brennan presided. Attendance numerous. Some cards of membership were supplied to those present, and it was hoped that all those who have not taken out cards for the year will do so at their earliest convenience. Those districts in the parish that have not representatives on the committee are requested to appoint same. T. F. Smyth hon. sec.

The marriage of Mr. Patrick Brennan, vice-chairman of the Manorhamilton District Council took place June 9 at St. Clare's church, Manorhamilton. The bride was Miss Kate McGowan, teacher of Manorhamilton Female National School. Miss Lynnott, her cousin, was bridesmaid. Mr. Francis Brennan, cousin of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Very Rev. John Maguire officiated.

**MAYO.**—On June 9 the body of a young woman named Sarah M. Hale was found in the channel of the sea to the north of the Island of Innishurker, in the Parish of Burreishole, near Newport. Dr. M. de Exeter Jordan, County Coroner, held an inquest on the remains, and it was shown that deceased was about to leave for America, and had her passage bought. On Saturday she visited some friends named Moran. She remained overnight at Moran's, and in the morning went out with one of the girls to milk the cows. Miss Moran was milking, deceased went off, apparently for a walk, and was not seen afterward. There were no marks of violence on the body.

The death of Rev. William McGurri occurred at Ardarae Ballina, June 11, which event was deeply and widely regretted. Father McGurri was a native of Lacken, and began his studies for the priesthood at the Seminary. Subsequently he went to Maynooth and was ordained in the Cathedral, Ballina, six years ago. For some time after his ordination he was professor in the Diocesan Seminary, and was then appointed to the curacy of Binghamstown Parish. For some time past he had been a victim to that insidious disease—consumption—and after undergoing a course of treatment in the Mater Misericordia Hospital, Dublin, he returned to Ballina two months ago. From that time onward he steadily sank and expired at the early age of 31 years. High mass of requiem was celebrated in the Cathedral, Most Rev. Dr. Conway presided.

The death of Mrs. Delia J. Stong of Lower Bridge street, Westport, occurred May 22, and was deeply and widely regretted. She was president of the Ladies Branch of the Land League and represented the branch at many memorable conventions held in Dublin. During those stormy days she was a most prominent lady Nationalist of Mayo, and addressed many public meetings all over the county. The funeral took place at the ancient Abbey of Burreishole, and it was of extremely large proportions and most representative, thus bearing ample testimony, if such were needed, to the esteem in which deceased and her family are held.

At the meeting of the County Council June 7 in Castlebar Mr. Conroy O'Kelly, M. P., presiding, a deputation, consisting of Rev. W. Conroy, Ballyhanna; Rev. M. McDonald, Adm., Westport; Mr. M. J. O'Donnell, Kettlemach; Mr. T. Brett, Claremorris; Mr. T. B. Kelly, Ballina, and Mr. P. J. Gilmore, Scaradea, attended on behalf of the Gaelic League of Mayo to lay before the council the views of the League with regard to the scheme for the teaching of Irish, toward which the council has recommended that £500 should be allocated by the County Committee on Agricultural and Technical Instruction. Father Conroy delivered an able speech and was followed by the other delegates, and, after a brief discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this council, having heard the views put forward by the County Mayo Gaelic League, request the Department of Agriculture to sanction a scheme for the promotion of the study of agriculture through the medium of the Irish language, unanimously adopted by the Agricultural and Technical Education

Committee and by this county council, and the council is moved to pass this resolution by the following reasons: (1) Because the whole county of Mayo desires it. (2) Because it is the only scheme which will bring the benefits of the new legislation in technical education within the reach of persons scattered in remote districts. (3) Because it aims at giving instruction to the very class of persons who require it most, and who cannot profit by instruction unless it be given in the Irish language. (4) Because the money expended in giving instruction through any other medium than the Irish language to more than one-third of the agricultural population of Mayo would be money wasted. (5) Because the department itself has recognized the necessity of giving instructions in the Irish language. (6) Because instruction in Irish lies at the very root of all industrial progress in Mayo."

**ROSCOMMON.**—Two men named Keenan and Kenny, from Newtown forbes, caught in the Shannon, at Tarmobarry, after an exciting struggle, an enormous eel, weighing 12 pounds. The anglers were over three hours trying to land the fish.

In the Chancery Division, Dublin, lately, in the matter of King-Harman vs. Cayley, an application was made on the part of Mrs. Stafford for the decision of the court as to who was the proper party to make leases on the King-Harman estate. Several of the tenants held under leases for the life of the late Queen Victoria, and it became necessary to decide who was to make the renewals. Mrs. Stafford contended that the legal estate was vested in her, and that she was the person to make the leases. The trustees contended that the legal estate was vested in them. The court reserved judgment.

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated in Elpha by a procession numbering 700 people. The procession started from St. Patrick's new church and proceeded to the Convent grounds, where benediction was given, after which the return to the church commenced. The members of the Gaelic League occupied a prominent position in the procession. They wore their badges, and displayed their beautiful banner. Next came the members of the Sacred Heart, wearing their medals and carrying their banner. They were followed by the Children of Mary. It was a magnificent spectacle, and one which must leave a deep impression on those who witnessed it. The teachers, Messrs. Kelly, O'Connor and O'Reilly, were marshals.

A procession in honor of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord took place in Castlelea on June 9. The procession, which assembled at the convent schools, was the largest ever seen in the town. The processionists were dressed in white, the boys wearing soutans and surplices, the Children of Mary, and both branches of the Sacred Heart societies were led by an acolyte carrying a cross. After marching to the church, a halt was made opposite the vestibule, from which issued the canopy borne by F. Forde, H. Fitzgibbon, P. Conroy and H. Cahill, and beneath which, bearing the Monstrance, was Rev. M. Brennan, and preceded by a guard of honor of young boys carrying imitation pikes. After moving round the church once the procession proceeded inside, where benediction was given by Father Brennan.

**SLIGO.**—The death of Mr. Patrick Bree, of Chapel street, Sligo, occurred June 10, aged 59 years. Requiem services were held in the cathedral and were numerously attended, as was the funeral.

### LEINSTER.

**CARLOW.**—The death of Mr. William Byrne, Graigalug, occurred on Sunday, June 9, at the age of 63 years, widely regretted. He was a practical Catholic, and a true Irishman.

**DUBLIN.**—On June 14 the beautiful new chapel of the Sacred Heart was solemnly dedicated in SS. Augustine and John's church, Thomas street, Dublin. The new chapel is opposite to the shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel. It is a work of art, which adds immensely to the beautiful interior of the church.

A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held at 14 Granby row, Dublin June 7, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Gaelic League. Alderman Doyle presided.

A procession took place June 9 in the grounds of the Passionist Fathers at Mount Aris, Dublin. The following confraternities, as well as the students of St. Paul's Retreat took part in the procession. Evening Office—SS. Michael and John, Knights of the Shrine, SS. Augustine and John's, Cross and Passion, and Christian Doctrine Society, Mount Aris; Most Holy Rosary, Dominick street; Evening Office, St. Francis Xavier's; Evening Office, St. Audoen's; Children of St. Clare Orphanage, etc. Benediction was given at temporary altars along the route of the procession. The band of the Artane Industrial School under the Christian Brothers, played sacred music. The Blessed Sacrament was carried under a canopy by Rev. Father Athanasius, C. P., assisted by Rev. Father Bernard, C. P. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Columban, C. P., who took from his text "Behold I am with you all days even until the consummation of the world."

Recent deaths in Dublin.—O'MALLEY—June 14, at Rainford Cottage, 64 Sandford road, Margaret O'Malley.

BROCK—June 14, at 20 Lower George's street, Kingstown, Michael Brock.

MOLLOY—June 13, at 3 Woodstock Villas, Terenure, Christian Molloy.

BURKE—June 11, at the Presbytery of the Catholic University Church, St. Stephen's green, R. E. J. Burke, in the 43rd year of his age, and the nineteenth of his sacred ministry.

CLIFFORD—June 11, at 1 North Anne street, Patrick Clifford.

O'REILLY—June 11, Christopher O'Reilly, at 7 Primrose street, aged 40 years, late member of the Operative Bakers' Association, 8 Upper Bridge street.

GREAVES—June 10, at Half-Mile House, Cabinteely, Robert Greaves.

WOGAN—June 7, at 6 Lincathall street, Mrs. Mary Wogan, at 17 Park-gate street.

**KILDARE.**—Mr. Andrew Bergen, Athy won the splendid Barrington Cup in the five-mile bicycle race at Limerick City lately. It is valued at over £200.

On Sunday, June 9, at the Franciscan Capuchin Church (St. Mary of Angels), Church street, Dublin, at a Tridium in honor of Blessed Mary Magdalen Martinego, Capuchin nun recently beatified, Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the presence of an immense congregation. The Archbishop presided. The celebrant, Rev. Father Macre, dean, Rev. Father Clement, sub-deacon, Rev. Father Angelus, master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Paul An eloquent sermon was preached by Very Rev. J. S. Murphy, C. S. Sp., Blackrock College. The preacher at vespers was Very Rev. J. Verdon, S. J. At the conclusion of the ceremonies in the church an address from the religious associations was presented to the Archbishop, who, in reply, delivered a most instructive address. He denounced the legislation that placed those worthy priests, the benefactors of the people of Dublin, under the ban of the law as a disgrace to the Parliament of England. An Irish Parliament would make an end of the scandal in a week.

A great meeting was held at Prosperous five miles from Salinas, June 9 for the purpose of starting a branch of the United Irish League. It was largely attended by representative men and there was unanimity of opinion in support of the National organization.

**KILKENNY.**—Mr. John F. Smithwick and Mr. Joseph Walsh have been elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively of Kilkenny County Council for the ensuing year. The tenants on the Bessborough estate Pittown, are making arrangements to make a presentation to the Hon. Mr. Ponsonby, son of Lord Dunsannon, on his coming of age. It was generally thought that the days for this kind of thing had passed away.

**KING'S.**—On Saturday, June 1, the ceremony of the ordination to the priesthood was celebrated at Cullow Cathedral, Rev. E. O'Loughlin, of Cappanaragid, Rathangan, was ordained a priest of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. Father O'Loughlin, chairman of the Edeuwyry No. 2 (Kildare) Rural District Court. His first mission will be in the parish of Tuilow.

**LONGFORD.**—Mr. M. E. Sparke, who for several years was employed in the drapery establishment of Cameron Brothers, Longford, left for Durban, South Africa, on June 12. He was given a farewell entertainment by his friends in Longford. He is a native of Strokestown, County Roscommon.

Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh, on June 3 formally opened the Ardagh Church bazaar, which was a great success.

**LOUTH.**—Mr. Peter Hughes, Castle- ring, has been re-elected chairman, and Mr. T. J. Byrne, Rossmaket, re-elected vice-chairman of the Louth County Council.

British Justice at the Dundalk Petty Sessions June 9, a charge was preferred by Police Constable Henry of assault against Lord Louth. The evidence was that on the second day of last Dundalk races defendant attempted to drive his coach in defiance of the traffic regulations. Upon the constable stopping the horse, Lord Louth struck him with his whip. Lord Louth having explained that he lost his temper a fine of forty shillings was imposed. It was sufficient for the "Justices" to hear his "lordship" say, "I lost my head," and the assault on the man was forgotten.

A public meeting, to establish a branch of the United Irish League, was held in Colton June 9. The meeting was largely attended, and contingents came from Slane and surrounding parishes. The usual police force was in attendance.

**MEATH.**—A great and enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Moyalty branch of the United Irish League was held in Newcastle June 9.

On June 9 occurred the death of Mr. Edward Rooney, Kilsyre, at the patriarchal age of 32 years. He was father of Rev. W. Rooney, Adm., Longwood. The funeral Office and High Mass took place at Ballinlough church, and was attended by a very large number of relatives and other friends.

**QUEEN'S.**—Miss Ellen Byrne, daughter of late Mr. James Byrne, Gallinakil, died in America, May 22, deeply regretted.

On June 5, 1901, at St. Brigid's Convent, Mountrath, after a lingering illness, died Sister M. Teresa Kennedy, eldest daughter of Edward Kennedy, Graystown House, Killinacree, County Tipperary. The Requiem services and the funeral were numerously attended by clergy and laity.

**WESTMEATH.**—On June 9 a large and representative meeting of the parishioners of Luggacurran was held for the purpose of taking into consideration the starting of new mineral works in the district known as the "Mounthead." Seam. The Rushes Colliery Works, which had been in existence for years, ceased a short time ago, with the result that about 200 persons were thrown idle. As this meant a serious loss as well as an addition to the tide of emigration, it was deemed expedient to take some measures to cope with the matter; and accordingly Father Parkinson, pastor of Luggacurran, along with some of the influential residents, convened a meeting to consider the question of reopening the colliery works. The attendance was extremely large, and the fact that the meeting was held at the end of the Jubilee procession added to its numbers. Rev. Father Parkinson presided.

**WEXFORD.**—At recent meeting of the Wexford County Council, Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde, Bar M. P. was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Edmund Hore vice-chairman. Capt. Barrett Hamilton, Kilmallock, was co-opted a member in place of the late Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, and Lady Maurice Fitzgerald was co-opted a member of the managing committee of the County Infirmary to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband.

The second volume of Mr. Philip Herbert Hore's History of County Wexford, that treating of Tintern Abbey, Clonmines and Rosegarlan, has just been published. The work is enriched by many photographs of Tintern Abbey in Monmouthshire, with a ground plan of same, and also a ground plan of Tintern Abbey, County Wexford, the fortified road, the Augustinian Church, Clonmines, the castles, and the fortified church, Rosegarlan. House and the ancient baronial castle and campanile. Mr. Hore has rendered a service to County Wexford.

The Commercial Hall, New Ross, was the scene of a pleasing ceremony, when on May 30 the townspeople presented an address of welcome to their pastor, Very Rev. Dr. Kavanagh, on his return from the Eternal City. The hall for the occasion was prettily decorated, such mottoes as "Lead me faith," "Welcome to Our Pastor," "Faith and Fatherland" being conspicuous around the platform.

and spiritual advantages so bountifully offered to them.

The fine new hall erected by the Young Men's Society of Mallow was formally opened by Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, May 19, when he was presented with an address.

The annual procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi was held in Doneraile June 5. During the 12 o'clock Mass the banners and pupils were arranged around the sanctuary, and at its conclusion Rev. P. A. Sheehan formed the ranks. First came the cross-bearer and altar boys with banner followed by the pupils of the Christian Schools with banner. The Sodality of the Sacred Heart followed also with banner. Next marched the League of the Cross Temperance Society with their beautiful banner. The Children of Mary Sodality mustered up strongly, their handsome banner attracting universal attention. The choir ably sustained their reputation. A number of tiny children strewed flowers before the Blessed Sacrament, borne under a canopy, by Rev. Walter O'Brien, supported by Rev. T. M. O'Callaghan, the canopy being carried by four Christian Brothers, at each of the four angles, lanterns being placed and carried by ex-altar attendants. The remainder of the ex-altar attendants formed a guard of honor. The procession slowly moved along within the precincts of the church. The church was re-entered, and benediction given, after which the choir chanted the "Te Deum."

The funeral of Rev. T. O'Keefe, pastor of Lisacroll, took place on June 11. Deceased was born in Glountane near Mallow, seventy years ago. His first mission was in the parish of Corma to which he was appointed by the then Bishop of Cloyne, Rt. Rev. Dr. Murphy. He subsequently was stationed in Glountane, Blarney, Iniscara and Ballyhooly. From the last mentioned he was promoted to the pastorate of Meelin and Rockchapel twenty years ago. In 1891 he was transferred to Lisacroll, where his death occurred June 9, to the deep regret of his people. The Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, presided, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Keller, Youghal, Dean of Cloyne; the Ven. Archdeacon Dennehy, Kanturk, and the Very Rev. Canon Wigmore, Mallow. By special wish of the deceased the celebrant of the Mass was Rev. M. Brew, Kanturk, deacon, the Rev. P. Murphy, Queenstown, sub-deacon the Rev. Father Frawley, Freemantle. The chanters were the Rev. P. Lynch, Charleville, and the Rev. Father Eiland, Mitchelstown.

Recent deaths in Cork.—BYRNE—On June 9, at Birch House, Attercliffe, Sheffield, Lizzie Byrne, daughter of the late John Thornhill, Kildorrery.

McSWINEY—At Changestown Cottage, Boherbee, in the 82d year of her age, Hanora McSwiney, sister of the late Very Rev. John Mulqueen, Shanagolden, and mother of the Rev. J. M. McSwiney, St. Catherine's, Dublin.

BROWNE—On June 9, at Strand Hotel, Youghal, John Browne.

MURPHY—On June 10, at 3 Millerd street, Mrs. Julia Murphy at an advanced age.

O'BRIEN—June 11, at Ballingrince, Michael O'Brien, of Ballingrince, Shanagary, aged 30 years.

KAVANAGH—At 63 Douglas street, Elizabeth Kavanagh.

JUSTICE—On June 11, at Carlisle Terrace, Sunday's Well, Cork, Michael Louis Justice, aged 28 years.

SHOREN—At Ballingrince, Margaret Shorten, aged 48 years.

TWOHIG—June 13 at Ballyverane, Macroom, Mary Twohig, aged 69 years.

BARNARD—At Coolebane, Macroom, Cecilia Frances Barnard, Bride Park, Kilmulleigh.

O'HANLON—On June 8, at Plickanes Donoughmore, Julia O'Hanlon, at an advanced age.

HALLISSY—On June 8, at Dawson town, Blarney, Timothy Hallissy, aged 24.

BYRNE—At 107 Shandon street, Charlotte Byrne.

**KERRY.**—On June 9, in the Young Ireland Society's rooms, Listowel, Father Kavanagh, O. S. F., who on the previous night delivered an eloquent lecture in the old Land League rooms on the "Irish Patriot's Duty," was presented with an address by the local branch of the Gaelic League. Mr. William McMahon, president of the League occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance. The honorary secretary (Mr. Thomas F. O'Sullivan) read the address to Father Kavanagh.

**LIMERICK.**—The members of the Managing Committee of Barrington's Hospital, in Limerick City, the majority of whom are Protestants and Tories, at a recent meeting elected an Englishwoman and a Protestant as matron of the institution although the lady who was then temporarily performing the duty was fully qualified for the position, but she was a Catholic and an Irish lady. Her religion did not suit the bigoted members of the board, and they elected an alien and a Protestant to superintend an institution of which the inmates are generally 99 Catholics to one Protestant. And in Limerick City, too if the people stand this kind of thing, why, then they deserve to be slaves until the crack of doom.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. J. F. Scanlan, Cooleycorman, created an intense and widespread feeling of sorrow, not alone in the immediate locality, but throughout West Limerick, where she and her husband, the popular vice-chairman of the Newcastle West District Council, are widely and respectfully connected. The interment took place at the family burial place at Ardagh.

The funeral of Mrs. Richard M. Evans, Bruff, lately, was the largest ever seen in the locality. To mark the regard in which she was held, the coffin was borne on the shoulders of the people a long distance. At Kilmallock, Charleville, Milford and Drom-

colloher a great many joined the procession of carriages and cars. At the interment the last prayers were recited by Rev. H. M. G. Evans, C. S. Sp. (brother-in-law), and joined by all, who felt deeply the loss of a lady in the bloom of life—only 33 years. To her husband, the manager of Bruff National Bank, the people of his native town, Newcastle, West and Bruff, extended the sincerest sympathy.

**TIPPERARY.**—Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., has made the following reply to a resolution of the Tipperary Branch of the United Irish League in reference to the seizure of the "Irish People" by Mr. Cross—Pray express my thanks to the Tipperary Branch of the United Irish League for their resolution of sympathy. There is no town in Ireland whose message could be more agreeable to me or convey a sharper rebuke to Dublin Castle."

Died On Sunday, May 19, at St. Stephen's Hospital, Dublin, after a long and trying illness, which she bore most patiently fortified by the rites of the Church, Kattie M., aged 27 years, wife of Michael Broderick and daughter of E. O'Donnell, Graigue, Clonmel, sister to Rev. P. O'Donnell, Duncedin; R. E. P. O'Donnell, Co. Antrim, Newcastle, Sister St. Albertine, Bromes, France.

The reception took place lately at the Mary Convent, Carrick-on-Suir, of Miss Johanna Vaughan (in religion Sister Mary Peter), eldest daughter of Mr. John Vaughan, Newlands, Mullingar. Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, officiated, assisted by Very Rev. J. Power, Carrick, and Rev. E. Prendergast.

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