

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 new church at Canal, Connemara, erected through the exertions of the Rev. Patrick Gleeson was solemnly dedicated by Most Rev. Dr. MacEvilly, Lord Archbishop of Tuam, Aug. 11. Mass by Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway, preach the dedication sermon.

Writing on the Augustinian bazar the Galway Pilot of Aug. 10 said: "In our references from time to time to the Augustinian Bazar we stated we expected a great success, but we had not anticipated such a splendid tournament and such a gathering as marked the proceedings of the bazar every day this week. It was opened on Monday by the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack in presence of a large number of clergymen, and a fine assemblage of the leading citizens at the Temperance Buildings, Galway City. In carrying out the arrangements valuable services were rendered by Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dillon, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. F. Lydon, Mr. M. Lydon, Mr. Thos. Lydon, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Redington, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Flaherty. The arrangements were superintended by Very Rev. Father O'Flynn, Prior O. S. A., and Rev. Father Travers, O. S. A.

On Aug. 4 a public meeting for the purpose of forming a branch of the United Irish League was held after last Mass, at Claregalway. The attendance was very large and contingents were present from surrounding parishes. James Lynam and James Fagan attended on behalf of the Central Executive, and delivered eloquent speeches.

LEITRIM.—The death of Mr. J. Glancy, Cloonfadure, Carrick on Shannon, occurred July 31, aged 78 years, deeply regretted. Funeral to the ancient cemetery of Aughrim was one of the longest seen in the locality for years.

The Carrick-on-Shannon regatta came off on Aug. 4 and was a great success. Each event was hotly contested, the locals scoring many easy victories. Large contingents came from Boyle, Mohill, Ballinamore, Sligo, Drumshambo and Longford.

MAYO.—A finely attended meeting was held at the Father Manus Sweeney Memorial Hall, Newport, Aug. 4, for the purpose of presenting the veteran Irish Nationalist, Mr. Martin J. Berry, of Chicago, with an address of welcome. Mr. McGovern presided. Speeches were delivered by the chairman and Mr. John McHale, after which the address of welcome was read by Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, and Mr. Berry replied.

The death of Mrs. Greevy took place at Bridge street, Westport, Aug. 2, in her 83d year. The funeral was largely attended, the interment being in the family burial ground, Aughawower. The burial service was read by Rev. Father McCarthy, Westport.

On Sunday, Aug. 4, Rev. Patrick Lyons, P. P., Castlebar, announced that the dedication of the new church would take place on Oct. 6. Time, pains and money have been expended to make the church an ideal one. The beauty can be more easily imagined than described. The magnificence of the high altar, presented by Rt. Rev. Dr. Ludden, of Syracuse, U. S. A. (himself a Castlebar man), could not be expellid. Then the handsome bay window, the gift of the Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, is perfection. The Stations of the Cross are life size; they were painted by a famous painter in Italy. A meeting was held Aug. 4 at St. Patrick's Schools, at which Father Lyons presided, to make arrangements for the dedication. A committee was appointed.

Sister Mary Frances de Sales celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of her entrance into religious life at Mount St. Mary, the Sisters of Mercy's Academy in Omaha, Neb., July 21. She was born in County Mayo and entered the Sisters of Mercy as a novice on Aug. 15, 1849, at Westport. Two years and a half later she made her profession at Ballinrobe on July 25, 1851. Archbishop MacHale officiated. The vows signed by Sister de Sales, and witnessed by other Sisters and by the Archbishop, are written on parchment and carefully preserved. They are fresh as when written, fifty years ago. When Sister de Sales dies, they will be buried with her. Her name then being still members of the Sisters entered religious orders, four of them were in County Mayo. Her five sisters of Mercy. One, who entered the "Faithful Companions of Jesus," died in London, England. One sister is in Philadelphia, and another in Manchester. N. H. From Manchester, a year later, she went to Philadelphia, where she remained until 1872, when she came to Omaha. The jubilee services held in Mount St. Mary began at 9 a. m. with High Mass. The scene in the chapel was picturesque, and all-day festivities were going on. At 4:10 p. m. the crowning of the jubilee took place in the capital. The Sisters entered, and took their places, Sister de Sales occupying the priedieu in the centre. While St. Philomena choir sang "Thou the Spouse of Christ be crowned," she advanced and knelt before the altar where a crown of gold leaves was placed upon her head by her old friend Dean Sheahan, who came to Omaha for the occasion.

KILDARE.—Rev. Father Hanly, St. James, Dublin, was made the recipient the other day of a beautiful address from his former parishioners of Lextlip.

The concert under the auspices of the Castlebar Cycling Club took place Aug. 30. The programme was as un-Irish as it could be, but two decent Gaelic songs were rendered; the other so-called Irish songs in English were of the old-time carolature kind, and in the audience laughs at the Irish race. Things Irish have not improved when persons bearing the names of Doyle, Hennessy and T'nan are found to make their countrymen the laughing stock of audiences. There was an O'Toole there, but he sang "The Irish Emigrant," and saved himself.

An entertainment was given by the pupils of St. Michael's Convent Schools, Aug. 8, on the terrace. The grounds were decorated, and there was a large attendance of visitors.

KILKENNY.—The Kilkenny branch of the Gaelic League held a grand centh to the historic monastery of Mellary, and the opportunity was largely availed of by the citizens, who look with favor on the efforts of the League to stimulate a truly National public spirit, provide amusement and recreation of a real Irish character. A special train left the city at 8:30 a. m., with 300 passengers, and a merry time was spent, all it steamed into Cappoquin, where cars of various kinds were requisitioned to convey the party to the monastery. Refreshments were provided by the monks and the remainder of the day was occupied in all forms of amusements, including athletic sports, asfichments, and merry-making of all descriptions. Before the party left the monastery Mr. Thos. O'Hara returned the thanks of the party to the Father Abbot, who presented with which he had

first of these excursions took place on Sunday, Aug. 25, starting from Drum Bridge. He band of the association accompanied the excursion.

SLIGO.—A capture was recently made by fishermen at the mouth of Drumcliffe River. They were salmon fishing, when they saw a seal, in pursuit of fish, approaching the nets. They got a net around him and brought him to land. He is jet black in color, and belongs to some foreign species. The fishermen never saw one so lately marked. Mr. Hamilton, superintendent of Mr. Peirce's fisheries, dispatched the visitor to the Zoological Gardens, Dublin.

A United Irish League Conference was held in Ballintogher, Aug. 4. Mr. Patrick Brennan presiding. P. J. Walsh and Patrick Morrison were appointed secretaries.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—On Aug. 1 there was an Office and High Mass in the church at Kildavin for the repose of the soul of Jane Willis, Ballypierce. After a lingering illness, borne with Christian fortitude, she passed peacefully away, deeply lamented by a large circle of relatives and friends.

DUBLIN.—St. Columba's branch of the Gaelic League, Arran Quay, W. S., Dublin had a most successful excursion to Waterford City on Aug. 11.

A sad fatal accident occurred at Sydney Parade, on the Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Railway system, on Aug. 5, when Richard Burke, aged 45 years, of 4 Harty's place, Clanbrassil street, was knocked down and killed by an express train.

A sad accident occurred near Tallaght lately, resulting in the death of Thomas Muldoon, 26 years of age. Mr. Muldoon was getting gravel from the Loder strand, between Firhouse and Oldbawn Bridge, when one of the banks gave way, loosened by the recent heavy rains, when Mr. Muldoon was digging beneath it, covering him with sand and stones and earth. He was quickly extricated, but when dug out was dreadfully crushed and injured. He lived for an hour and a half, during which time Father Quinn, of Bohernabreena, administered to him the last sad rites of the Church.

The usual meeting of the Sodality of the Sacred Thirst was held in the Father Mathew Hall, Church street, Dublin, Aug. 5. Very Rev. Father Niobas, president, was in the chair.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. REILLY.—At 24 Whitefriar street Catherine Reilly, aged 68 years.

WOODS.—July 28, at 29 Queen's square, Thomas Woods.

DOYLE.—Aug. 5, at 31 South King street, Elizabeth Mary Doyle.

FINLAY.—Aug. 27, at 107 Moscow drive, Liverpool, Gerald V. Finlay, son of the late William Henry Finlay, of Dublin and New York, and grandson of the late Alderman William Meagher, of Lis-a-Lea, Blackrock.

DILLIN.—Aug. 8, at Royal hospital of incurables, Mary Catherine Dillon, formerly of Chatham street.

KENNY.—Aug. 7, at 34 Usher's quay James Kenny.

HEALY.—July 25, 1901, at 6 Whitworth road, Margaret Healy.

LEECH.—Aug. 4, at Rath place, Patrick Leech.

HALL.—July 25, at 8 New street, Convent Garden, London, Margaret Hall, late of Leinster Hall, Dublin.

HIGGINS.—At 60 Cringingford road, Gerald Higgins, late of G. P. O.

KIRWAN.—July 25, Agnes Kirwan, 44 Great Britain street, daughter of the late Thomas Dooley.

DUNNE.—July 27, at 57 South Richmond street (late 5 Stephens Green, Maggie Dunne, G. P. O., Dublin.

KEARNEY.—At 18 York street, on July 27, Mrs. Alice Kearney, aged 40 years, late of Cruzel, Campo, Harold's Cross, Dublin.

DELANEY.—July 26, at 27 North Earl street, Christopher Delaney, of Killosoy Mills.

FARELL.—July 26, John Farrell, 26 Meath street, at S. J. O'Connell's.

BYRNE.—July 26, at 28 Carysfort avenue, Blackrock, Catherine Byrne.

WEXFORD.—A respected Hook farmer, Mr. James Grant, Templeton, met with a sudden death on Aug. 3. He was in Waterford transacting his business in apparently good health and returned by steamship as far as Duncannon, where his car met him. Mr. Grant had proceeded as far as Ballystraw, when a weakness came on opposite the residence of Dr. Shee. It was at once seen that his life was ebbing away, and the Rev. Mr. Martin, rector of All Saints' Church, was soon by his side, and administered him the consolations of his religion. Mr. Grant shortly expired.

Right Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, visited the Convent of St. Mary, Bunclody, Newtownabury, on July 26, and distributed the prizes to the pupils. The delightful drama "Fabiola" was presented by the pupils in excellent style.

WICKLOW.—The long-continued drought and intense heat which prevails in Ireland have been the cause of taking up the land in a great many portions of Wicklow. The grass and farm crops are suffering.

In Ballynahonagh, near Tinahely, resides Maurice Byrne, who has attained his 101st birthday. He is still sound and able to travel to town. His mother is lived to be 102 years.

A meeting of the Father Murphy Monument Committee was held in Arklow lately. Mr. E. C. Walsh presided.

After having undergone considerable alterations and improvements, the parish church of Ovoca was solemnly re-opened Aug. 4. A new marble altar beautiful piece of workmanship, has been erected, and fitted over it is a magnificent stained-glass window. Its rich coloring and great size give to the interior an aspect of solemnity and grandeur to the place. The altar was presented by Miss Cullen, of the par-

ished, while the window is a gift of the late Mr. Mark Conwely, of Knocknabohill. In addition a pulpit and an organ have been placed. Hitherto these had been for years in the Protestant church at Arklow.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—At the recent annual examinations held by the Royal University of Ireland, Master John P. Falvey, Kikee, pupil of the Christian Brothers' Schools, passed in the matriculation course. He was examined in Latin, English, French, arithmetic, Algebra and natural philosophy.

Michael Gilligan, owner of a James, Clare road, Ennis, was found dead in his bed Aug. 5. Apparently he was in usual health late on Sunday night, when talking to some of the neighbors. He leaves several children. His wife died a short time ago after her confinement. It is a sad case for the little ones.

On Aug. 4 a second meeting was held at the dispensary, Mullagh, to decide on the steps to be taken to celebrate Father Cahir's golden jubilee. Mr. Anthony O'Dwyer presided.

On Aug. 5 occurred the death of Mrs. Jane Lucy, daughter of Mr. William Hogan, Pound Town, Corofin and wife of Mr. Richard Lucy, the Causeway, Ennis, after a long and painful illness. The funeral which left the cathedral on Wednesday for Good Church, the family burial ground, amply testified the esteem in which the deceased was held. Father Steward, Adm., assisted by the Rev. Father Maxwell, Corofin, officiated.

CORK.—John Maguire, of Coleraine, County Derry, was arrested lately in Kinsale, charged with having stabbed Danie Cullinane, of Baltimore.

Among the passengers who joined the Cunarder Saxonia at Queenstown Aug. 7 for Boston was the Rev. M. P. Norris, Adm., Newmarket. Father Norris is going to America on a holiday.

A fire broke out in the large storehouse attached to the milling premises of Mr. J. W. Bennett at Millville, near Clonakilty Aug. 9. The fire spread rapidly, and in the space of an hour the whole building was completely gutted, nothing remaining but the four walls.

On the 25th the Feast of St. James the Apostle, in the Chapel of the Jesuit Fathers, Milltown Park, Dublin, Rt. Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, conferred the Holy Order of Subdeacon on the Rev. B. Bernard Coughlan. On the following morning he read the reverend gentleman to the order of Deaconship. On Sunday, July 28, the young Levite had the privilege of being elevated to the dignity of priesthood by Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin. The Rev. Bernard Coughlan, who is a native of Meadstown, County Cork, studied in All Hallows College, Dublin. He intends to minister in the mission of Grahamstown, South Africa.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. MAHER.—On Aug. 9, at West End, Millstreet, Bridget Maher.

O'NEILL.—On Aug. 6, at 86 North Main street, Catherine O'Neill.

SCRANNELL.—On Aug. 7, at Tivoli, Edward Joseph Scannel.

HAYNES.—On Aug. 7, Abraham Haynes.

HABHONY.—On Aug. 7, at 9 Camden place, Cork, Denis McCarthy Habhony.

CRONIN.—Aug. 6, Margaret Josephine Cronin, Strand street, Kanturk.

BARRY.—On Aug. 7, at Middleton, William Barry, 38 years, late of Mr. Jasper Dattan's, Middleton.

BUCKLEY.—On Aug. 7, John Buckley (late of Haden & Co.), aged 50 years.

CUMMINS.—On Aug. 7, at 100 Blarney street, Mary Cummins.

KELLY.—At Kilmichael Glebe, on Aug. 8, Daniel Kelly, at an advanced age.

CONNOLLY.—On Aug. 7, at Carnetty, Clare Castle, Catherine Connolly, formerly of Dromore, Mallow.

HORGAN.—On Aug. 9, at Kilkaskin, Catherine Horgan, aged 62 years.

MURPHY.—At Glouincumpane, Freemount, Aug. 4, 1901, Edmond Murphy, aged 36 years.

NEAGLE.—On Aug. 9, at Castle road, Bandon, Thomas Neagle.

O'DELL.—On Aug. 8, at Dunmanway, Jane O'Dell.

O'NEILL.—On Aug. 8, at the Fever Hospital, Denis and Mary O'Neill of Blarney street.

COLEMAN.—On Aug. 8, at 8 Harbour View, Queenstown, Nolan Coleman.

KENNEDY.—On July 29, at Glen of Aherlow, Tipperary, Hugh Kennedy.

KELLEHER.—On July 28, at Kucknagoun, the result of an accident, Michael Kelleher, at an advanced age.

CANTY.—On July 29, at Classadoo, Durtus, Luke Canty.

TWOHIG.—On July 28, at Lisbeebeeg, Kilmarnarty, Macroom, Jeremiah Twohig aged 21 years.

KERRY.—Mr. Hugh Talbot-Crosbie of Ardirt Abbey, was mortally wounded in the engagement at Windersortown, South Africa, July 27.

Among those ordained priests on July 28 at Milltown Park, Dublin, by the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, was Rev. John Joseph Keane, S. J., son of Mr. Jeremiah Keane of Liselton, Ballybunton, brother of the Rev. William Keane, St. John's, Tralee; and the Rev. Patrick J. Keane, St. Joseph's, San Francisco, U. S. A.

Mr. James Vale, aged 42, licensed trader, of Tralee, died suddenly in Wynn's Hotel, Lower Abbey street, Dublin. It appears that the deceased, who had been suffering from heart disease traveled the previous night from Tralee for the purpose of consulting a doctor in Dublin. He was accompanied by Mrs. Vale; They proceeded to the hotel, where Mr. Vale died suddenly.

The death of Sister Mary Colman, of the Mercy Order, occurred at the hospital, Tralee, Aug. 6. Deceased was in charge of the Nursing Sisters at the hospital. She was 52 years of age and was connected with the Sisterhood for

the past twenty-five years. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Benjamin Brosnan, Daughtinder, Castleisland, and first cousin of Dr. Hugh Brosnan, the Medical Officer of Killybegs Union.

Irish Summer Schools.—Derrynane is an ideal spot for the "Scoil Saoire," situated amid the romantic scenes in South Kerry. Irish is spoken by young and old. Good accommodation at very moderate terms is available at the Post Office, Cahrdaniel, near Derrynane Abbey. Excursions to interesting places will be arranged—route, coach from Cahrdaniel or Kenmare. The school has just been opened. The teacher is Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan, National teacher, Cahrdaniel, "Oireachtas" prize winner, who will give all information required. Waterville coach from Cahrdaniel or Kenmare daily. Arrangements have been made by Mr. Flinn Lynch, Kilmakerin, N. S., Cahrdaniel, and Mr. John Dillon, Spunkane, N. S., Waterville, for a "Scoil Saoire" in this locality. Irish dancing may be learned. There is abundant accommodation for visitors at Waterville. Ocean lake and mountain scenery in the neighborhood; Irish universally spoken.

LIMERICK.—Rev. Brother James Baptist Walsh, for many years superior of the Christian Brothers in Limerick City, left Limerick to take up an important position as master of novices at the junior novitiate of Christian Brothers at Baldoy, County Dublin. Brother Walsh is a native of Limerick.

The Limerick steamer Kineora was run down and sunk by the Atlantic liner Oceanic off Tuska rock, County Wexford, Ireland, Aug. 8. Four of the missing men are natives of Limerick—namely, Collins, Falvey and McNamara, firemen, and Enright, trimmer; and the deepest sympathy is felt for those whom they left behind. The following is a full list of the missing men: W. Blair, steward, J. Dutton, D. Falvey, fireman, J. Collins, fireman; E. McNamara, fireman, P. Enright, trimmer. The Kineora was a fine vessel, built for the Limerick and Liverpool trade three years ago. She left Limerick at ten on Tuesday night with a full cargo for Liverpool.

TIPPERARY.—Mr. E. Cummins, chairman Tipperary County Council, lately received an official letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Michael O'Donnell as secretary of the Council. Mr. O'Donnell is brother of the Rev. W. B. O'Donnell, Adm., Waterford City.

The death of Edward Delaney, an evicted tenant of Dromore, Tipperary, occurred July 29. He served several terms of imprisonment in connection with the farm from which he was evicted by his landlord, Major Lidwell, J. P., three years ago, and which was grabbed by a neighbor in whose possession it is. On Wednesday a very respectable funeral cortege accompanied the remains to the burial place at Skirk.

A conference of the priests of the deanery of Nenagh was held in the Church of St. Mary's of the Rosary Aug. 6. Very Rev. Dean White presided.

The late Mr. Michael Kiely, Arlmon, Tipperary, whose death occurred lately at the extraordinary age of 95 years, was a magnificent type of Irishman. He was heart and soul in every movement for the liberation of his country from foreign yoke—since he shouldered arms at Massy's fort on 1848, with Smith O'Brien. In 1867 three sons went out to do battle for the old land, and when the Land League was established he took an active part in the movement. The Home greatly interested him, and he prayed for the success of the republican fighting for the lives and liberties in South Africa. His remains are being laid in a grave at the foot of the monument erected to the memory of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. After Office and High Mass his remains were borne to the old family burial-place of Mount Bruis, followed by an immense concourse.

WATERFORD.—Four thousand dollars were obtained through the recent bazaar held for the nuns of the Presentation Order in Waterford City. On Aug. 2, at the age of 66, died Mrs. Augustine Foley, of Dungarvan, maiden name Bridget Hanrahan, of Cherbrack. She was a member of one of the old families of the county. The funeral cortege to Touraneena Cemetery was a mile in length.

Sister Mary Francis Lawrence, of the Convent of Mercy, Cappoquin, died July 31, aged 72 years. She joined the Cappoquin Community forty years ago. The first twenty-five years in the Convent she taught in the Convent Schools, and many a full-grown Cappoquin man now in various parts of the world will admit that the prayers which he first lisped, and the lesson which he read while he was an infant, were imparted to him by Mother Frances.

On Sunday Aug. 4 the members of the Catholic Young Men's Society, Waterford City, had their annual excursion to Wicklow.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—On the evening of Aug. 4 a complaint was made to the constabulary of a cowardly and wanton attack on Thomas Dornan, 27 Artillery street; John Coogan, Carrick Hill; Patrick Kelly, 20 Artillery street, and James Murray, 3 Artillery street. They were walking in Alexander Park, Belfast when they were set upon by fifty Orange ruffians. Coogan had his eye injured, while the others suffered serious injuries all over their bodies.

ARMAGH.—On Sunday, the 25th inst., the new Church of St. Peter, Lurgan, was solemnly dedicated. The occasion was signalized by the presence of Cardinal Logue and the new Bishop of Dromore, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill. The Church was dedicated by the Bishop of Dromore, and after High

Mass the Cardinal preached. A special train was run from Belfast. Great numbers of priests and of the laity attended the impressive ceremony.

At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Celtic Association, held July 31, at the offices, 97 Stephen's Green, Dublin, Mr. J. W. Rolleston presiding, the following letter was read from Cardinal Logue: "Ara Coeli, Armagh, July 25, 1901.—My Lord: I have been asked by a Welsh lady to attend the Pan-Celtic Congress, which is to open in Dublin on Aug. 19, and she requested me to address my reply to your Lordship. I regret very much that I have a long-standing engagement for that week in August, which puts it out of my power to be present at the Congress. I can only, therefore, express my warmest sympathy with the Congress, its aims and work, and wish it every success. I am my Lord, your Lordship's faithful servant, Michael Cardinal Logue. Right Hon. Lord Castletown."

CAVAN.—The "Strabane Chronicle" of Aug. 10 said: "One hundred years ago the people used to frequent and spend weeks at Swanlinbar in the County Cavan. They simply went for the purpose of drinking the waters. The waters to-day are the same, but the means of getting at the place are difficult. But it must often strike those who feel an interest in the material prosperity of Ireland that it is a great pity the railway companies do not take such towns as this, within a comparatively easy reach of their system, and create an inland watering place. In England every Spa with any pretensions to history has every historical fact printed and circulated."

On July 24 died John Conaty, Cavan, aged 17 years, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to the cemetery in Lavey was very numerous attended. Rev. C. Magee officiated at the interment.

DERRY.—Brooke Park, Derry City, twenty-three acres in extent, was handed over by the Brooke trustees to the Corporation in trust for the citizens a few days ago. The Brooke family and the Irish Society provided the park for the city. The ceremony took place at a luncheon in the Brooke Institute. The attendance included the Duke of Abercorn and the Protestant Archbishop of Armagh, Sir Edward Reid, senior trustee, handed over the park to the Mayor.

As a train from Cookstown entered Moneymore Station, Aug. 5, a man jumped off the platform and was killed by the train. The only person who saw him jump was the stoker, who applied the brake, but was unable to stop the train. The deceased, who was an inspector of National schools, named Arthur J. Coddington, was in the district for the first time, an official duty, and visited Derry on Sunday same day. He came from where he had been staying, and judging from some sentences written on one of the hotel bills, his death seems to have been promedated.

DONEGAL.—The annual excursion, under the auspices of the Erne 98 Club and the South Londonderry branches of the United Irish League left Londonderry, Aug. 15, calling at Ballyvaughan, Belleek and Castleaidwell. The destination was Newry, where facilities were provided for the excursionists, visiting Warrenspoint, Rostrevor, Carrlingford, and other places of interest.

DOWN.—A big fire broke out on August 4 at Messrs. Dunbar, McMaster & Co's Spinning Mills, Girtford. The fire originated on the lofts used for drying thread and yarns. Great loss was sustained by the firm.

A farmer and road contractor named William John McDowell, of Ballyculien, Scrabo, and Robert Gowdy, were driving along the Newtownards road to visit a family named Donaldson, at Movilla, Aug. 5. When at Donaldson's the horse shied and ran up against the ditch, overturning the vehicle and throwing out the occupants. Mr. Gowdy escaped with slight injury, but Mr. McDowell was knocked senseless underneath the trap. Gowdy procured assistance and extricated Mr. McDowell and Dr. Jameson was immediately sent for, who on arrival pronounced life extinct.

On Aug. 6 the most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore, paid his first visit to Ballynahinch for the purpose of administering the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. The examination of the children—upward of 120—took place. Their answering was highly satisfactory, the Bishop complimenting the priests and teachers for their painstaking efforts in having the children well instructed in the Christian doctrine. On Wednesday morning he celebrated Mass, at which seventy children received their First Communion. Immediately afterward he proceeded to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. He was assisted by the Rev. J. Doyle and Rev. P. Quail, Father Doyle afterward gave the temperance pledge to all the children to be kept until they were 25 years of age.

FERMANAGH.—Among the names of those who lately passed the final examination of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons at Edinburgh was that of Dr. Patrick William McHugh, who belongs to an old and respected Enniskillen family.

TYRONE.—With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Gallagher, one of the oldest and most respected Strabane business men. The deceased illness was of short duration. He died at the residence of his niece, Mrs. McCosker, Irish street, Aug. 2. The funeral was of unusually large dimensions. Solemn Mass for the Dead was celebrated by Father Kerlin, after which the remains were removed to the family burying-ground at Melmount for interment.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the William Collins Branch, Irish National Foresters, in Strabane, was held Aug. 4. Bro. T. B. Fealy, G. R., presiding.