

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 Mrs. W. P. Hennessy, of Galway, occurred Aug. 24, at her home, Upper Salthill, deeply regretted.

A splendid dramatic and musical entertainment was given in the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Tuam, on July 22. A great number of persons attended.

The Galway woolen factory, established through the exertions of the Bishop of Galway and Very Rev. P. Dooley, is a great success and affords much employment.

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of age, of Kiltuacan, Westmeath who was a mileman on a ballast train, fell from a wagon near the engine, and before the train could be stopped the other wagons, to the number of fifteen passed over him. He was conveyed by the next train to Sligo, and placed in the County Infirmary. Both his hands are cut off, and he has sustained several injuries about the head and body.

CARRIGMAG 98 Memorial.—At a meeting of the committee on August 25, Rev. Father O'Grady presiding, Mr. C. McSteen handed to the treasurer twenty dollars as a subscription from his brother, Mr. P. McSteen, America, who had recently been on a visit to the country. On the proposition of Rev. Father O'Grady, seconded by Mr. Hugh Conlon, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. McSteen. Mr. Moran having resigned his position as treasurer, Mr. Hugh Conlon was unanimously elected in his place. Mr. McGivney, who had been the treasurer of the recent sports committee, handed a good sum as the proceeds of same to Mr. Conlon. He was accorded a cordial vote of thanks for the interest he took in the work, and votes of thanks were also tendered to Miss Cavanagh and Mrs. Mutarkey for giving the use of their field.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—On Aug. 15, John Wierbottom, of Shearnmore, disappeared, and on Aug. 22 his remains were found on Augnavanagh mountain.

The profession of Miss Jane C. Bruen (in religion Sister Mary Antonia), daughter of Mr. James Bruen, Carlow, took place Aug. 27 at the Convent of St. Louis, Ramsgrange, Co. Wick. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Michael Kavanagh New Boss, assisted by the Rev. John O'Connor, Ballycullane.

DUBLIN.—Lord Mayor Timothy D. Harrington, has been selected by the Dublin City Council to succeed himself as Lord Mayor of Dublin for coming year. Mr. Beattie, Torey and Antonist, was his opponent, but received only 14 votes. Mr. Harrington, 55 votes.

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DELANY.—On Aug. 29, at Dominican Convent, St. Mary's Cabrs Mary, in religion Sister Mary Aloysis, daughter of the late E. Delaney, Esq., Portlaine, Booterstown.

DEMPSEY.—On Aug. 30, at 82 Capel street, Elizabeth Hyland, aged 51 years.

KILKENNY.—At 203 Phibsboro' road Henry Kilkenny, ex-Sergeant D. M. P. MADDEN—Aug. 30, at 62 Francis street, Bridget Madden.

KILDARE.—Nannie Hinnigan, aged 36 years, was found dead at her residence Blackpark, Athy, on Aug. 27. Deceased lived alone.

Died.—Aug. 29, at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Michael Doyle, late of Jigginstown, Naas. Aug. 21, at Green road, Mary Milway, aged 78.

KILKENNY.—An Irish Sister of Mercy, known in the world as Miss Margaret Minogue, of Killybeg, County Kilkenny, who was superior of her order at Kansas, was accompanying one of the community in ill health to an asylum, when her charge got into such a state that she endeavored to throw herself from the train, and in a noble endeavor to save her companion's life, Sister Minogue lost her own. The other Sister was saved.

On Aug. 25 the Leinster Hurling Final between Dublin and Kilkenny was brought off at Wexford Park. Large contingents accompanied both teams, and when the ball was thrown in some 3,000 persons were present. The final time was then called, the score being, Kilkenny, 4 goals 11 points; Dublin, 4 goals 10 points.

Mr. E. Leary, Castlebridge, made a capable referee. Seanan, O'Connell and Murphy played in game style for Dublin, while Fox (Mahrer) and a couple of others were the pick of Kilkenny. Mooncoch represented Kilkenny, and the Grocers did duty for Dublin.

A conference of the United Irish League Branches of North and South Kilkenny was held in the Town Hall, Kilkenny, Sunday, Aug. 25, for the purpose of organizing a county demonstration to be addressed by John Redmond, M. P.; Mr. John Dillon, M. P., and the city and county members.

Mr. P. P. Kinsella presided at the meeting of the Kilkenny branch of the United Irish League held Sunday, Aug. 25.

KING'S.—Probate has been granted in London of the will, dated Jan. 8, 1866, of Mr. John William Tarleton, of Killeigh, Tullamore, who died on Dec. 25, 1896, and the executrix, his widow, Isabelle Sarah Tarleton, to whom the testator bequeathed during her life the income of all his property, and he left such portion of the Tenter estate as had not been settled upon like trusts with the settled estate and he bequeathed the effect of Killeigh to his son, John William Francis Tarleton, who succeeds to the settled estate. Mr. Tarleton left the Hunstanton and Camers property in trust for his son Frank Ronald, and the portions of his two daughters, including their shares in the settled trust fund, are to be made up to £3,000 each, he left Mr. Tarleton's personal estate in value at £6,763 14s. 9d., including £1,266 12s. 9d. in England.

The United Irish League is getting on well in King's County. A public meeting under the auspices of the organization was held in Edenderry Sunday, Sept. 1, and was numerously attended. Father Kinsella, the pastor, has taken the business in hand, and this has insured its success. He presided at the meeting on Sunday.

LONGFORD.—The concert and dramatic entertainment Aug. 28 was very successful. The Grand Convent Schools, in which the entertainment was held, was decorated by the Sisters of Mercy.

LOUTH.—Cardinal Logue visited Drogheda on Sept. 2 and presided at a conference of the clergy of the Deanery.

The interment of the late Father Moynihan, C. S. S. R. took place in the crypt of the new Church of St. Joseph, Dundalk, Aug. 21. The deceased was born at Dingle, County Kerry, sixty-one years ago, received his early education in the diocesan seminaries there, and subsequently at Maynooth, and was on the mission in his native diocese for four years before joining the Redemptorist order. He came to Dundalk with the late venerated Father Harbinson when the first house of the order was founded twenty-five years ago, and subsequently was for thirteen years in Scotland and for some years in England. Since his return to Ireland he had been at the Limerick and Dundalk monasteries, and in giving missions in every part of the country. He took a keen interest in the Irish language movement. He had been for long suffering from cancer. Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Drogheda, a class-fellow, presided at the obsequies. High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Father Griffith, C. S. S. R. rector, Belfast; deacon, Rev. Father Coyle, C. S. S. R.; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Collier, C. S. S. R.; master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Turner, C. S. S. R.

MERTH.—The death of Mr. Patrick Fagan took place at Donore, on Aug. 25. The deceased was a member of the Thim Board of Guardians for fifty years. The funeral to Kilglass Cemetery was largely attended. One hundred cars traveled with the remains.

The beautiful chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Kells, was the scene of a very impressive ceremony on Aug. 28, the occasion being the profession of Miss Agnes Murphy (in religion Sister Mary Evangelist Joseph) daughter of Mr. John Murphy, Moyrohan, Athboy. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Gaughran, Kells, officiated. Mass was celebrated by Rev. E. Kellaghan, Kingscourt, County Cavan.

QUEEN'S.—The Jubilee of the Holy Year was fittingly closed Aug. 25 in Maryborough with a one week's retreat, conducted by Father Athanasius and Bernard, of the Order of the Congregation of the Passion.

The office for the dead and Requiem

Mass were sung in the Parish church, Ballinakil, on August 26, for the repose of the soul of Miss Sarah Anne Comerford, who died at the Ballinakil, the preceding Thursday. The deceased was daughter of late Mr. Charles Comerford, and only 21 years of age. The interment took place at Ballyuskhill.

The death of Mr. John Cranny took place at Ballypicks, Abbeylegg, Aug. 24. The deceased was only 32 years of age, and eldest son of Mr. John Cranny. On Monday morning the remains were removed from Ballypicks to the Parish Church, Ballinakil, where the office for the dead and Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased were chanted. The following clergymen took part in the ceremonies: Rev. W. Murphy, Ballinakil (celebrant of the mass); Rev. D. Gilligan, Raheen; Rev. Hugh O'Toole, C. S. Sup., Blackrock College; Rev. J. Fogarty, Abbeylegg; Rev. J. Farrell, Ballyroan; Rev. M. Treacy, Raheen; and Rev. Father Grace, Ballyuskhill. Immediately after the mass the funeral started for Rosconnell, County Kilkenny.

WESTMEATH.—Among the deaths recently reported were these: August 25, 1901, at Kiltrennan, Anna Maria O'Connell, matron, Workhouse, Mullingar, daughter of Patrick and Catherine Gavan, Reilly, Aug. 29, at Drowlana, Thomas Reilly, son-in-law of the late Bryan Kenny, and honorable secretary Mullingar Dispensary. Aug. 30th, at Carlow, Thomas Tynan, aged 90 years.

A public meeting was held at Leney, six miles from Mullingar, Aug. 25, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League for the parishes of Leney and Ballinacark. The Kathowen life and drum band attended.

WEXFORD.—The Ferns Dramatic Society gave a most successful entertainment on Aug. 25, consisting of a play in one act, entitled "Born to Good Luck," by Tyrone Power, and a variety concert, including Irish sentimental and comic songs, pianoforte solos, step-dancing, etc.

A meeting of the members of the Lady's Island and Tacumshane branch of the United Irish League was held on Aug. 17, Mr. Thos Roche presiding. Mr. John Joyce proposed that as this was the first meeting since the death of their chairman, Mr. William Pettit, that their meeting be adjourned, and a vote of sympathy be passed to his family. The late Mr. Pettit had been one of the foremost men in the parish and country in the National cause for a great number of years. On the establishment of the United Irish League, though unable to attend the meeting, he wrote to the chairman wishing the branch a hearty Godspeed. Mr. F. Busher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously and with deep respect.

WICKLOW.—Not to the memory of the present inhabitants of Dunlavin was such widespread grief exhibited as on Aug. 24, when P. J. Gorman was killed by a fall from his bicycle at Donard, a village four miles from Dunlavin. The Donard Sports were organized by Rev. P. Kavanagh to aid the building of a new church, and Mr. Gorman gave every assistance to make it a success. He threw all his energies into the cause for which he worked, and never flinched from taking part in many sports which helped a good cause. As an athlete he won handsome prizes as cyclist, runner, handball player, and at football he was equally successful.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—The death which occurred at Southampton, England, on Aug. 26 after a very long and painful illness, of Dr. Molony, late of Wickham, Hampshire, and of Cragg, in this county, was deeply regretted.

The first meeting of the newly formed Council was held Aug. 26 at the Courthouse, Kilkree. Mr. Bryan Sheehy was moved to the chair by Mr. Joseph Corry.

CORK.—The death of Ven. Archdeacon Coghlan, pastor of Blackrock, occurred on Aug. 27, deeply regretted. He was born in Bandon, April, 1835, and received his early education at Lordon's Academy, in the old town of Bandon. When in his eighteenth year he entered Maynooth. In 1862 he left Maynooth and took up his first mission—in the Cork Union—and afterward in the places mentioned: Ursuline Convent, Blackrock; Saints Peter and Paul parish, Cork; Saint Patrick's, and made a Canon. In 1876 he was appointed president of the Diocesan Seminary, which he held until his taking over of the Blackrock parish. During many years he was president of the Young Men's Society. He was parish priest of Blackrock for twenty years.

A meeting of the Ballinspittle branch of the United Irish League was held Aug. 25. The president, Rev. D. Deasy, presided.

A successful meeting was held under the auspices of the Kilcurry Branch of the Gaelic League, Aug. 25, when Miss M. D. O'Kennedy, B. A., Dublin, delivered a lecture dealing with the language movement. The meeting was held in the reading-room, and the attendance was so large that it was impossible to accommodate the number of persons present. Quite a large number traveled from long distances to attend. Rev. W. Desmond, Kilmurry, presided.

The buildings of the Cork Exhibition for next year are being rapidly erected. It speaks volumes for the business capacity of the Irish, for it is only six months since the idea of holding an exhibition occurred to some people in the city. The Industrial Hall is well on. It will be almost a square, 370 feet by 340 feet. The entrance to the hall will be to the centre of the eastern side, facing the Shrubberies, and plans provide for the erection of a porch on Corinthian columns, above which rises a dome with minarets. The wall will be 18-foot high, and end

in square turrets with minarets pierced with circular-headed windows with handsome moulded hoods. The dome will show a number of ornamental windows. The northern and southern walls facing the Lee and Mardyke will be of the same height and appearance as the eastern or front one, with the exception of the central porch and dome, and the cornice ornamentation. The whole building will be roofed in with successive semi-circular arches of 40 feet span between the uprights, and this with intervening corridors of 16 feet each will complete the whose breadth of the building. Everything possible in and around the exhibition will be of local and Irish manufacture.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. COUGHLAN.—On Aug. 27, at the Presbytery, Blackrock, Ven. John J. Archdeacon Coghlan.

O'HANLON.—At Villa Florida, Windyates, Scotland, Richard Finbar O'Hanlon, Mount View Terrace, Sunday's Well, Cork.

MOORE.—On Aug. 28, at 2 Garna Villa, Youghal, Matilda Anne (Nan), wife of Alfred Henry Moore.

RIORDAN.—On Aug. 27, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Denis Riordan, of Dublin street, Blackpool.

McNAMARA.—On Aug. 28, John McNamara, of 201 Blarney street.

MURPHY.—On Aug. 28, at the South Infirmary, Denis Murphy, Lackanabane.

ROGAN.—Aug. 28, at 45 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, John Rogan, aged 45 years.

COLLINS.—At Colomane House, Bantry, Mary, aged 87 years, relict of the late Daniel Collins.

BEECHER.—On Aug. 19, at Loughnane, Jallow, Julia Beecher, and mother of Rev. P. A. Beecher, St. Joseph's College, Dunwoodie, New York.

SEXTON.—On Aug. 29, at the South Infirmary, John Sexton.

BROWNE.—Aug. 29, at Glacleanie, Ballycough, Denis Browne.

O'CALLAGHAN.—On Aug. 29, at 2 Newmarket street, Fermoy, Maggie O'Callaghan.

HANLON.—At Pallas, Mallow, on Aug. 27, 1901, Daniel Hanlon, aged 35 years.

O'DONOVAN.—At Lough road, Mary O'Donovan, of Highfield, daughter of the late John Nyhan, Shanonnave.

BUCKLEY.—On Aug. 26, at Couragebeg, Ovens, John Buckley, aged 84 years.

LEARY.—On Aug. 27, Margaret Leary, 38 Tower street.

KERRY.—At a recent meeting of the members of the Knocknagoshel branch of the United Irish League, Mr. J. J. Greany presided.

Mr. James O'Donnell presided at recent meeting of the Brosna branch. "The Kerry Weekly Reporter" of Aug. 31 contained the following: "Heartiest congratulations to our Kerry teachers and pupils on the brilliant successes achieved at the recent intermediate examinations. Every Kerry school is credited with a respectable number of successes. The Intermediate and University School, Tralee, has a splendid record, bringing off four exhibitions, while the percentage of passes has been remarkably high. The school has been but a few years in existence, and its record is one which reflects the utmost credit on its president, Rev. Father Buckley, B. D., and his staff. The Christian Brothers' School, Tralee, long distinguished for the number and brilliancy of the successes achieved by its pupils have percentage of passes. St. Brendan's Seminary, Kilarney, one exhibition and a long pass list while St. Michael's College, Listowel, has two exhibitions and a good pass list, and the Christian Schools, Dingle, have done well. In the convent schools, the Loreto Convent, Killarney, is well to the front. On the whole our Kerry schools, colleges and convents, have come creditably out of those examinations."

LIMERICK.—Dying for Ireland's Oppressed.—A telegram was received Aug. 26 from the War Office, London, by Mr. Michael Cusack, ex-Mayor of Limerick, stating that his son, Mr. John Cusack, Imperial Yeomanry, was severely wounded during the Boer attack on the convoy from Kimberley to Griquatown, on the 24th of August. The attack was near Rookopje, where the Boers were driven off. No further details have been received. He proceeded to South Africa early in the year. He was a member of the Garryowen football club. It is hard to understand how any Irishman could voluntarily fight against the Boers; those unfortunate men in the regular army before the war had no alternative, but men like Cusack ought to have gone to the front for Ireland's oppressor.

A meeting of the members of the West Limerick Executive of the United Irish League was held in Rathkeale, August 28, at which Father Casey, pastor, presided. Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M. P., was also present. Much good Irish business was done.

TIPPERARY.—The engagement of the Earl of Donoughmore to Miss Margaret Grace of New York has been announced. She is a daughter of Mr. Michael P. Grace and niece of Mr. William R. Grace, ex-Mayor of New York city. The father of the future countess is a native of Kilkenny.

Nineteen of the Rockwell College students passed in Irish this year. There was a considerable increase in the number of students presenting themselves in Irish this year at the intermediate examinations.

Clonmel is taking a prominent part in the Gaelic revival. The high school and the convent schools are teaching the old tongue, and the winter classes in connection with the local branch of the Gaelic League will soon be at work again. A Gaelic concert will be held during the winter season.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Michael John Dunworth, postoffice official, at the early age of 23 years, which occurred on Aug. 4, at the residence of his father, Mr. John Dunworth, Main street, Ballingarry, after a painfully long illness, was heard of

with feelings of the keenest regret. The clergy present were: Rev. Stephen Culham and Rev. M. McCoy.

The funeral of Mrs. E. English, mother of Mr. Laurence English, of Salheen, to the ancient burial place, Rathronan, on Aug. 27, was large and very representative.

WATERFORD.—The death of Miss Katie Doyle, of Allen street, Cappoquin, occurred lately, after a long period of sickness. She was only aged 24 years, and great sympathy is felt for her parents.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—The attack made on the members of the St. Patrick's Boys' Brigade, in Belfast, lately, was one of the most dastardly ever perpetrated in Ireland. Several persons were injured. The use of the shipyard property is a proof that the employees were the assailants, yet, strange to say, the shipyard's owners never make a complaint to the authorities about the great amount of their property thus lost. Their not doing so is a kind of indorsement of the outrages.

Very Rev. E. McCartan, pastor of Larne, presided at a public meeting in that town on Aug. 25, called to found a branch of the Gaelic League in the district. Members of the branch in Belfast attended. Father McCartan, among a great many other good and practical things, said: "I hope and trust the young men and young women of the parish will join it, and that they will take a pride and a pleasure in the patriotic work of learning the language of the Gael, the language of Ireland's ancient saints and scholars. It is a duty of patriotism, and of self-respect, for Irishmen to keep living their mellifluous tongue."

Language is the great bond for a people and makes them a nationality. When lost nationality is gone, and they are units among the people whose language they speak."

ARMAGH.—St. Peter's new church Lurgan, was solemnly dedicated on Aug. 25, the officiating prelate being the Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Drogheda. The event was keenly looked forward to, and the generous and zealous Catholic people of the town and districts, who were most energetic in assisting Father McConville in the great work of his life, celebrated the occasion in a manner worthy of its significance. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Joseph McRory, Professor Maynooth College, deacon, Rev. Jas. O'Connor, Portadown, and sub-deacon, Rev. Jac. Macauley. Cardinal Logue and Dr. O'Neill occupied thrones near the High Altar, the former being assisted by Rev. John Quinn, administrator, Armagh, and the latter by Rev. Thomas Rooney Banbridge.

CAVAN.—James Corry, of Derrylin was driving along the public road lately when several motor cars passed him at great speed, frightening his horse, which ran away, and crushed him between the cart and a stone wall causing injuries so serious that very slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Irish classes in connection with the Cavan Branch of the Gaelic League reopened Aug. 25. In the reading room of the Catholic Club, while classes for beginners were formed at the hours mentioned. The tuition is given gratuitously by Rev. Terence McGovern, St. Patrick's College, president of the branch, who is devoting himself to the work.

The members of the Denn branch of the United Irish League held a meeting Aug. 26 at Drumavaddy, Mr. E. Brady, presiding. Present: J. Kieran, B. Goldrick, P. Brady, J. Smith, F. Cahill, H. McGivney, T. Brady, M. Mesterson, B. Smith, B. Gaffney, P. Smith. The meeting was specially convened for the purpose of strengthening the organization in the lower division of the Parish. Collectors were appointed for parish accounts to close for the year. A vote of confidence in the Parliamentary representatives, Messrs. Young and McGovern, was passed. B. Gaffney acted as secretary.

DERRY.—In accordance with the resolution recently arrived at by the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League, Mr. Concanon will begin his operations in South Derry and North Tyrone.

DONEGAL.—Sheamus McManus was married lately in St. Mary's Church, Whitehouse, Belfast to Miss Anna Johnston, of Lisnavene, Belfast. Both are literary persons whose names are well known in the Old World and in the New. Mr. McManus when a home is a Mountcharlies boy, whose stories have been very widely read. He spent some time in New York, but got tired listening "to those noises." His peculiar inspirations are more prolific in the quiet regions of Donegal. Miss Johnston has composed some sweet poems under the name of "Ethna Carberry."

DOWN.—The remains of Mr. John O'Flynn, Castlewellan, were removed Aug. 5 to be interred in Newcastle Cemetery, and a larger and more representative funeral never was seen in Castlewellan. By his death the Church has lost a devoted son, and one who subscribed generously to all religious objects.

FERMANAGH.—At a meeting of South Fermanagh Executive, held in Newtownbutler lately, Rev. James McNulty presided.

MONAGHAN.—Twenty-five thousand persons attended the great United Irish League demonstration in the town of Monaghan, Aug. 15.

TYRONE.—The Cookstown Forest ers on Aug. 25 were given an agreeable surprise by the visit of two members from Glasgow, Miss Gillespie and Miss Moore, of Branch Lily of