

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND

What is Being Done by the People as Home-Variety Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.—Mrs. Lydon, Abbeygate street, Galway, died Sept. 11, deeply regretted by her family and friends. The interment was in Forthill Cemetery. The funeral was attended by a great number of persons...

The funeral of the late Lord Morris, of Killanin, to the new cemetery at Bohernabreena, took place Sept. 11. On the previous day the body was conveyed from Spiddall and laid in the Abbey Church, Galway. The funeral cortege was made up of numerous vehicles...

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LEITRIM.—On Sept 3 died Very Rev. John Connerney, P. P. of Gortleeragh. He died in his ancestral home in Drumgilly. He had been ailing for some time and the end was not unexpected.

Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., is bearing cheerfully his long imprisonment. His release will take place on the 22d instant, when his six months term will expire. On Sept. 10 the members for North Leitrim was visited in Kilmalehan jail by the Lord Mayor, Mr. T. Harrington, M. P.; Mr. P. O'Brien, M. P., and Mr. J. T. Clancy, M. P.

On Sept. 5, there was an anniversary Solemn Requiem Mass with Office for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. Owen Devaney, of Malcon, in Glencar chapel.

MAYO.—Miss Teresa McKeown, of Moygara Gurten, was professed a religious of the Order of St. Louis, in the convent at Monaghan, on Sept. 9. She took as her name in religion that of Sister Mary Atracta. She is a sister of Rev. I. McKeown, of Ballinacorney.

On Sept. 3 a solemn High Mass de Requiem was offered up in the parish church, Westport, for the repose of the souls of the deceased priests of the deanery. Rev. Canon Flattery, Aughagower, celebrant; Rev. J. O'Toole, Kilmessina, deacon; Rev. M. Hannon, Westport, sub-deacon, and Rev. M. MacDonal, Adm., Westport, master of ceremonies.

Mr. John O'Donnell, M. P., arrived in Ballinrobe Sept. 9, after his visit to Ballystrangford. Although the visit was of a private nature, he was met by 300 persons and accorded a happy reception. Mr. O'Donnell thanked them for the warm-hearted Irish welcome. On his arrival in Ballinrobe he was met by the leading Nationalists, including Mr. Thomas Hegarty, Peter Regan, Michael Morris and Michael Hynes, Feereck. The Ballinrobe Davitt band, followed by 600, paraded the streets and were addressed by Mr. O'Donnell, M. P., and Mr. Regan, and a stirring speech in Irish was made by Mr. Edward Maguire.

A "rent office" was held on Sept. 5 at Mrs. Ryan's hotel, Clarendon, by Mahon and McInnes, land agents on the Ballycanane estate. The townland contains a thousand acres and includes a large area of excellent grazing land. Nearly all the occupying tenants purchased their holdings under the land commission at sixteen years' purchase. The grazing lands were brought up. To facilitate the arrangement the arrears were wiped out, except for one-half year. This bog, which has been up to this in possession of the landlord, is being sold in lots of one, two, three and four acres to the tenants. The Very Rev. Dr. Killanin helped to bring about the purchase arrangement.

Rev. James Martin officiated at the graveside. After last Mass in Ballnaghleish, Sept. 8, the people assembled and established a branch of the National Organization. Father Lavin and the entire congregation took part in the meeting. Mr. Byrne presided. Mr. D. Johnston said the objects of the United Irish League appealed to the people of the county, because nowhere in Ireland was the sin of landlordism so keenly felt. The county was a vast grazing ranch, and should, under better government, be the property of the people. Mr. Corr also addressed the meeting.

Mr. D. Filand presided at recent meeting of the members of the Drumillon branch of the United Irish League. Others present—P. Greavy, E. Padden, M. McDermott, J. McDermott, E. Burke, D. Horan, F. Peely, P. McDonagh, T. Dowd, B. Gannon, D. Horan, Jr.; J. Flanagan. A form was filled with the names of the grabbing and occupying graziers in the district, with particulars, especially those shopkeepers in the town who are not content with fair trade returns until they crush the tenants in the neighborhood who are trying to live by the land, by grabbing every vacant patch and agreeing to unfair terms, that is changing town parks and paying an enhanced price as rent, putting a fictitious value thereon. The voters of the Killamit Division are requested to assemble on Sunday next at the League room to elicit the views of those interested as to co-opting a worthy successor to the late Mr. M. M. Barrett, so long and so honorably known as the laborers' friend.

Members of the Conway's Cross branch of the United Irish League lately presented an address of welcome to their pastor, Very Rev. Canon Maher. It was signed on behalf of the branch by Patrick McKeown, president; James McHugh, secretary; Thomas McDonagh, treasurer; Bartly Somers, Michael McGoldrick, John Sheridan and John Mulligan. Thomas Blake, native of Sligo, aged 28 years, was drowned from a barge at House Point Sept. 11. While getting out an anchor he dragged him overboard. He left a wife and thirteen children to mourn his loss.

Mr. Dominic Bree left Collooney for the United States on Sept. 9 amidst a hearty good-bye from a large number of friends. A few nights previous in Hair's hotel, he was entertained at a supper and presented with a souvenir. Mr. Denis Moran presided, and the to-be exiles' health was drunk. The death of Rev. P. Scully, parish priest of Keash, occurred Sept. 9, after a short period of illness. He was aged 68 years. In 1868 he was ordained. He labored twenty years in the parish in which he died, the rest being distributed throughout the diocese of Achonry. When the sad intelligence of the death became known it cast a deep gloom, not only over Keash, but throughout the diocese of Achonry and Elphin. He was a Nationalist of the purest type and was always along with his people in every movement for the amelioration of his country.

The death of Rev. Patrick Scully, P. P. Keash, occurred Sept. 9, deeply mourned. A fearful outbreak of fever in the parish made incessant demands on his day and night for the past month, and the result of the strain was his death illness. On Friday he was obliged to leave the Confessional and take his bed. Medical aid was called in from Boyle, Ballymore and Gurteen. The doctors soon saw that the attack would end fatally, and the good priest quickly realized his danger, and devoted every hour of the few days to the one thing necessary, never giving a thought to worldly affairs. His confessor, Father Gordon, was with him to the last. On Wednesday were held the funeral obsequies.

LINENSTER

CARLOW.—Miss Croke, of Carbon, became a member of the Order of St. Louis, in the Convent at Monaghan, Sept. 9, taking the religious name of Sister Mary Alicantara.

At the recent intermediate examination Master John F. Lynch, Tullow, student in St. Mary's (Knockbeg) College, obtained sixth place in all Ireland in the junior grade and first place in Leinster, with an exhibition of one hundred dollars, tenable for three years. Master Lynch is barely the age limit, 14 years, and there are two years allowed by the regulations for competing; his record is, therefore, remarkable. He only entered Knockbeg College last September. Over 3,000 students were examined in the same grade.

DUBLIN.—When late President McKinley was shot the Lord Mayor dispatched the following message of sympathy: Roosevelt, Vice-President, United States, Washington.—On behalf of citizens of Dublin, I beg to convey their sympathy with the American people, and their deep indignation at the murderous attack on your President. Harrington, Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The Melbourne Advocate of August 2 said: "We regret to announce the death of a venerable member of the Jesuit Order, the Rev. P. Duffy, S. J., which occurred at Sir Thomas Fitzgibbon's private hospital last Saturday. The cause of death was an accident which befell him a few days previous while descending the stairs of the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Fitzroy, where he was celebrating a retreat for the month. Father Duffy was born in Dublin City in 1814, and was therefore 83 years of age."

At a public meeting held in the schoolhouse, Haddington road, Dublin, Sept. 12, a branch of the Gaelic League for St. Mary's parish was formed. The object of the movement was to be the attendance, which was

so great that the building was filled. There was a considerable number of young persons present. Mr. Charles Dowdall presided.

The '98 Memorial.—At a meeting of the committee formed in Dublin for the purpose of erecting a monument in Arklow to commemorate the memory of Father Murphy and those who fell in '98, held on Sept. 8, Mr. E. C. Walsh, presiding, a letter was received from Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, Bart., M. P., wishing success to the undertaking and enclosing a subscription of £25. A number of other subscriptions were received, and a resolution was adopted thanking Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde and others for their donations. The chairman stated that on behalf of the committee he was going to France to invite the President of the French Republic, M. Loubet, to attend the unveiling of the Father Murphy monument, and to appear before the French Senate to invite as many members as cared to assist at the ceremony. He was doing so because many Frenchmen's blood was spilled in the fight for Irish independence in '98, and the memory of those brave soldiers was to be commemorated as well as the Irishmen.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. BIRMINGHAM.—On September 10, at Huntstown House, Huhuddart, Ellen Birmingham, formerly of Luskagh and Banagher, aged 88.

BYRNE.—Sept. 10, John Byrne, 111 Chapel street in the 59th year of his age.

CARBERRY.—At Adamstown, Mary Carberry.

DAVIS.—Sept. 11, at 5 Upper Buckingham street, William Davis.

M'KENNA.—Sept. 9, at Blackhorse Bridge, Inchicore, Terence McKenna, Bradrumin, County Longford, aged 24 years.

GLENNON.—Sept. 10, at 15 Constitution hill, Georgiana Glennon.

DOWLING.—Sept. 10, at 131 Upper Rathmines, Mary Dowling.

BYRNE.—Sept. 6, at 50 Lower Kevin street, John Thomas Byrne, formerly of 54 and 55 Bride street.

HASLAM.—At 148 Great Britain street, James Haslam.

KEARNEY.—Sept. 7, at Jervis Street Hospital, James Kearney, son of the late William Kearney, Mayo.

DORNAN.—Sept. 13, Mr. Thomas Dornan, at 4 North Brown street, off North King street.

MURPHY.—Sept. 12, at the Richmond Hospital, Sarah Anne Murphy, aged 18 years.

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NUGENT.—On Sept. 12, at 67 Lower Leeson street, Dublin, John Nicholas Nugent, of Landscape, Doneraile, County Cork, son of the late Sir John Nugent, Bart., of Ballinlough Castle, County Westmeath, aged 53.

TIERNY.—Sept. 12, in religion Sister Mary Claudia (the Poor Servants of the Mother of God), of St. Joseph's, Portland Row Annie, daughter of the late Joseph Tierney, Lombard street, East.

O'ROURKE.—At 9 Arran quay, Elizabeth (Lillie) O'Rourke, aged 14 years.

KILDARE.—The death of Miss Kate Dunne, of Clogheen, Monasteran, happened on Sept. 9, to the deep regret of the people. She was only 24 years of age. A great funeral cortege accompanied the remains to The Pass Cemetery. Miss Mary Joseph Gibbons, of Bray House, Athy, died Sept. 5 at the early age of 19 years. There was Office and High Mass in the parish church.

Mr. E. Leamy, M. P., addressed his constituents in the Town Hall, Naas, Sept. 7. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception. Mr. Wm. Staples, chairman of the Naas Urban District Council, presided. Mr. Leamy said that on the formation of the Irish party after the general election there was one real danger, and that was the possibility of some of the old members of disunion being blown into flame, the possibility that some of the men who had been fighting against each other for years might not coalesce. Well, after six months in the Irish party he could say that Ireland never had a more loyal body of men than John Redmond had. They had a party as closely knit together as it was possible for any party to be.

KILKENNY.—The Kilkenny Corporation are again tackling the question of a pure water supply for the old city of the Confederation. The County Surveyor and Mr. MacCassidy have reported on a scheme from Douglas River, which at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars would give a supply of over 200,000 gallons per day.

The death of Mrs. James Doran, High street, Kilkenny, occurred Sept. 11, deeply regretted. After Office and High Mass the funeral largely attended, left for Folkestone Cemetery.

KING'S.—The death of Mrs. Margaret Flanagan, maiden name Healy, of 191 Duffield street, Brooklyn, N. Y., occurred on Sept. 6, aged 61 years. She was the wife of Mr. Jeremiah Flanagan, of Kildare, and a native of Edenderry. Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Church, after which interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. Funeral cortege long.

LONGFORD.—A public meeting under the auspices of the Clonghish Branch of the United Irish League was held at Newtownforbes Sept. 8, the speakers on the occasion being Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P.; Mr. John Phillips, Mr. P. Baxter, and Mr. P. McCann. There were large contingents present, with bands and banners, from Longford, Ballinacuck, Drumlish, Borna-coola, Roskeey, Clondra, Ballymacormack, Killoe and other districts. The proceedings were most enthusiastic throughout. Mr. P. McCann was moved to the chair, and opened the proceedings with a stirring speech, during the course of which he said they never got anything except when the League was strong behind the backs of their party in the House of Commons, and now they had a chance if they all stood united behind the party which showed itself such a fighting power of freeing Ireland once and for

all from the fetters of landlordism.

LOUTH.—James McGuinness, of Dundalk, a soldier in the Royal Irish Rifles, at Limavady, was killed instantly by the accidental going off of a gun in the hands of Lance-Corporal William Stewart.

MEATH.—The death of Mr. Peter Callaghan, of Kells, occurred Sept. 11, at the fine old age of 90 years, deeply regretted. The interment was in Donaghpatrick Cemetery, the cortege being long and very representative.

The death of Mr. John Dermody, of Ballinacree, Oldcastle, in his 62d year, was heard with deep regret by his friends. Mr. Dermody was apparently in his usual health when leaving his residence, Aug. 29, for Mullingar Fair, but on arriving near the town he complained to his driver that he felt his heart weak and getting down from his car, staggered and fell. Father Kelly, Mullingar, who was passing, administered the last rites of the Church, and had no sooner finished than Mr. Dermody expired. The remains were then removed to his home, and on Saturday the funeral for Corrick took place, it being one of the largest ever seen in that part of the county. Deceased was an uncompromising Irishman, and the Nationalists of Meath, Cavan and Westmeath regret his loss.

QUEEN'S.—Mrs. Lacey, of Coit, died suddenly in the Church, Ballyroan, during Mass, Sept. 8. She was attended by Rev. T. Monahan. An inquest was held on Tuesday by Dr. T. F. Higgins, Coroner for Queen's County, and a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

A meeting of the Mountmellick Branch of the United Irish League was held in the Catholic Institute Sept. 8, Mr. J. Williams presiding. Present, E. Burke, C. Phelan, P. McEvoy, J. O'Connell, W. Keegan, R. Foran, T. Keegan, T. Strong, J. Toomey, and others. A communication from the Maryborough branch with reference to holding public meeting in Maryborough was considered, and the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we will co-operate by every means to make the demonstration in Maryborough a success."

WESTMEATH.—On Sept. 12, at Cullin, Mullingar, died John Taffee, deeply regretted. Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral, after which the long funeral cortege left for Wexford Cemetery.

A religious ceremony took place recently at St. Anne's Retreat, Sutton, Lancashire, Scotland, when five members of the Congregation of Passionists were elevated to the dignity of the priesthood by the Bishop of Liverpool, among them being Robert Kelly, youngest son of the late Patrick Kelly, Ballinlig, Moate, brother to Very Rev. Father Francis C. P., and to P. J. Kelly, Mullingar. Among those present at the ceremony were Rev. Father Antonio Hall, C. P., Dublin, and the Rev. T. Byrne, Athlone.

WEXFORD.—On Sept. 8 a young man, John Breen, son of Mr. Maurice Breen, Herrylock, Hook, was drowned while bathing near his home, adjacent to Templestown. He was aged 21 years. The body was not recovered.

To the great number of converts to the Catholic Church from the ranks of literary men and women is now added that of an Irish poetess, Miss Emily Hickey. Miss Hickey has been a prominent figure in literary circles in London for many years. She is a native of Wexford and a daughter of the Rev. John Stuart Hickey. Twenty years ago she founded with Dr. Furnival the Brownig Society.

The Comadjuto Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, Mgr. Kelly, accompanied by Canon Fricker, arrived in Ennisclorthy on Sept. 10. For many years Dr. Kelly was superior of the House of Missions, and was anxious, before parting from his native land, to revisit the scene of his earlier ministrations. He was met by the members of the House of Missions. On Wednesday he visited the convents and Christian Brothers' schools. The solemnity of the Children of Mary of which he was spiritual director while in Ennisclorthy, presented him with a beautiful address.

WICKLOW.—Mr. Frank J. Gormly, son of Mr. Gormly, town clerk, Arklow, died Sept. 7. For some years deceased was a journalist, but recently was employed in Kynock's works, Arklow.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—The death lately of Mr. Markham of Tulla was deeply and widely regretted. He had reached the age of 75 years, and until within two weeks of his death enjoyed good health. In his early manhood he was an ardent supporter of the '48 movement. After its fall, and during the fifties, when Ireland was as lifeless "as a corpse on a dissecting table," Mr. Markham was a bold and a successful opponent of landlordism, Toryism, bribery and political corruption. Again, when the Fenian movement brought fresh hope to the hearts of the old '48 men, as well as to the younger generation of Nationalists, Mr. Markham threw himself into the organization. In the early eighties, when CHORNDON Lloyd endeavored to strike terror into the hearts of the Nationalists of Clare, the old '48 man earned a cell in Glendal prison for several months. During Mr. Parnell's lifetime Mr. Markham followed his leadership with confidence. Four years ago he journeyed to Dublin to witness the Parnell anniversary. The reunion of the present Parliamentary party gave him the sincerest pleasure, and one of his last acts was to arrange for apochal collection in Tulla in aid of the Parliamentary Fund. The funeral took place on Sept. 2 to the old church of Tulla.

CORK.—Intelligence reaches his father and sisters recently that the

Rev. Morgan J. O'Brien, native of Youghal, died in Australia on Aug. 26 last. He was ordained in Queenstown in 1876 by the Most Rev. Dr. McCarthy, and commenced his career in the diocese of Down and Connor, and there labored for twelve years. Yearning for a still more perfect life, he sold all his worldly effects and entered the Society of Jesus in 1887. Four years afterwards he was sent on the Mission to Australia.

Monday, Sept. 9, was the fourteenth anniversary of the Mitchelstown massacre, which occurred in 1837, on the occasion of the trial under the Coercion act of the late Mr. John Mandeville and Mr. William O'Brien, M. P. To commemorate the anniversary the fifteenth and drum band turned out on Monday night and played the "Dead March in Saul" at the crossmarked spots on the Square and in Upper Cork street, where Lonergan, Shinnick and Casey were murdered by the police. A considerable crowd accompanied the band, which paraded the principal streets. The children of the town had the spots where the victims of the massacre fell strewn with evergreens and surrounded by lighted candles.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, the new stained-glass windows erected in St. Mary's church, Youghal, to commemorate the honor conferred by His Holiness in the title of Monsignor on Canon Keller were unveiled by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne. After the unveiling, Mass was celebrated, the Acts being read in Irish by the Rev. Father Bowler. The principal window represents "Our Lady of Youghal." The framework is of limestone, divided into two lights by a narrow mullion, with three large trefoil lights, and smaller tracery openings above. The glass is treated in the early perpendicular style, the lights being divided into two panels by means of elaborate architectural bases, shafts and canopies. The large upper panels contain the main subject, and the smaller panels are filled with scenes having reference to the subject. The main scene in the window of the Sacred Heart is a representation of the Apparition of Our Lord to the Blessed Margaret Mary, and shows her kneeling at the altar with hands clasped as if in adoration of the blessed Sacrament, which is exposed in the monstrance. The figure of Our Lord is shown standing on the predella of the altar, a well-drawn figure, full of grace and dignity. The entire work is of Irish manufacture, and was most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs J. Watson & Sons, Youghal. After the First Gospel a most eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Keane, O. P., and subsequently the Most Rev. Dr. Browne addressed the congregation.

The death of Mr. W. B. Guiney occurred Sept. 1 at Buttermilk Castle. He was born in the town where he died, and while a schoolboy had manifested a remarkable literary talent. He was appointed teacher in the local school, but this occupation does not appear to have appealed to his sympathies or inclinations. Prior to leaving his native town he forwarded to the Cork Examiner a number of manuscripts dealing with quite a variety of topics of more than general interest. These were published in due course and very favorably commented upon. The sphere to which he was devoted and for which his talents and disposition best fitted him was clearly that of journalism. He accordingly waited on the editor of the Cork Examiner, the late Francis Maguire, and secured an appointment on the literary staff. His literary work showed at once that a successful and brilliant future lay before him. He left Cork, became connected with the Dublin Press, and subsequently went on to London, taking up his duties in the House of Commons. Here he represented leading Irish and London organs and became known as the "Old Parliamentary Hand," his work in the "Gallery" possessing an uncommonly high standard of literary ability combined with a keen appreciation and ready facility for dealing with incidents tending in a humorous direction. Wednesday morning following his death the remains were borne from the residence to the parish church, where the coffin was placed in front of the high altar and the last solemn rites performed by the Rev. David Burton, Buttevant, and Rev. Francis Murphy, Buttevant, assisted by the Rev. M. Ellard, Mitchelstown. The funeral was very numerously attended.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. LYONS.—Sept. 12, at the North Infirmary, Mary Lyons, Rathduff, aged 32 years.

FOSBER.—On Sept. 11, at Grand Parade, Cork, Capt. William A. Foster, at an advanced age.

MADIGAN.—On Sept. 12, at Gardenafield, Drumcollogher, Kathleen Madigan.

LONG.—Sept. 12, at 3 Longville Terrace, Youghal, Eliza Long.

NUGENT.—Sept. 12, at 67 Lower Leeson street, Dublin, John Nicholas Nugent, of Landscape, Doneraile, son of the late Sir John Nugent, Bart., of Ballinlough, County Westmeath, aged 53 years.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 10, at Huntstown House, Mullhuddart, County Dublin, Ellen Birmingham, relict of the late John Birmingham, formerly of Luskagh.

O'CONNELL.—On Sept. 8, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Michael O'Connell.

DALY.—On Sept. 7, at Lancaster quay, John Daly.

HUNT.—On Sept. 7, Ballyhandra, Catherine Hunt.

GUINÉE.—At Buttevant Castle, on Sept. 1, William Bernard Guinée, R. I. P.

BURKE.—On Sunday, Sept. 8, at Ballyhea, Clarville, Rev. Matthew Burke (formerly of Uddingston, Glasgow), brother of Rev. John Burke, St. Colman's College, Fermoy.

TARRANT.—On Sept. 9, George Tarrant, mason, aged 52.

FORD.—On Sept. 9, at Ballincollig, Nellie Ford, Ballincollig.

O'CALLAGHAN.—On Sept. 8, at 182 Blarney street, Ellen O'Callaghan.

EVOY.—On Sept. 9, at Garranames, Castlemartyr, Patrick Evoy, aged 38 years.

COAKLEY.—On Sept. 9, at Ballinamona, Cecilstown, Caleb Coakley, aged 94 years.

KERRY.—On Sept. 4 a fine meeting was held in Dingle to found a branch of the Gaelic League. On the motion of Mr. T. O'Donoghue, the Very Rev. D. O'Leary was moved to the chair.

A meeting was held in the rooms of the Tralee Young Ireland Society, Sept. 7, to inaugurate a movement having for its object the erection of a memorial to the Irish patriots of 1798, the memorial to stand in the capital of the county. Mr. Moylhan presided. It was fully agreed on, and many subscriptions were handed in.

LIMERICK.—Miss Catherine Geary of Agbarheen, was professed a religious of the Order of St. Louis, in the Convent of the Order in Monaghan, on Sept. 9, Religious name, Sister Mary Ita.

To the grief of his parishioners and friends Rev. William Downes, P. P., Hallingary, passed to his reward, Sept. 10. Father Downes was parish priest of Athra for many years previous to being transferred to Ballinagarry, and during his ministry won the esteem and affection of his parishioners. Father Downes had been only a short time ill, and few anticipated a fatal termination.

Mr. Patrick Quinlan of Knockaney died Sept. 6, at an advanced age, deeply and widely regretted. Deceased was a well-known figure in the hunting field some years ago, and bred some fine racing horses.

WATERFORD.—Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., for Waterford City, addressed a public meeting in the city Sept. 22, and stated that he, Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., and Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, M. P., would leave Ireland on the Majestic Oct. 23 for the United States to arouse Irish-Americans in the interest of the United Irish League. They will be assisted by Mr. Michael Davitt, already in the United States.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—The meeting of the Ballymoney branch of the United Irish League was held lately, Mr. D. Dempsey, president, in the chair. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this branch of the United Irish League expresses its approval of the action of the Irish party during the last session of Parliament, and the members hope they will maintain the same high standard in future."

Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, on Sept. 8, performed before a large and representative attendance the ceremony of blessing and opening the new St. Vincent de Paul's girl's home in Clonard street, Belfast. The necessity for such an institution had long been felt among the Catholic population of the city.

ARMAUGH.—Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Neill administered the sacrament of confirmation to 200 children in the church of St. Peter's parish, Lurgan, Sept. 10.

CAVAN.—A sad accident occurred near Ballinborough on Sept. 20. A cartowner named Fitzsimmons, from Mullagh, accompanied by another man, was conveying the corpse of a girl named Kirk from Monaghan Insane Asylum for interment at Mullagh, and when near Ballinborough the horse jumped into a hedge along the roadside. Underneath the hedge was a depression, into which the two men were flung. The car upon which was the coffin rested in the watercourse and the horse was in a white-hot rage. In extricating him he fell upon Fitzsimmons and inflicted very serious injuries. The man was taken to Ballinborough Infirmary in a semi-conscious state, where he was attended by Dr. Ryan. Very slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The death of Mrs. Berney, Cavan street, Coochill, occurred suddenly Aug. 31, aged 46 years, deeply regretted. The funeral to Ashfield Cemetery was attended by every creed and class.

DERRY.—The month's mind of the late Rev. Michael Farman was held in the parish church, Ballybrack, Sept. 12, in the presence of a crowded congregation of clergy and laity. During the able panegyric, preached by Father McFeely, many parishioners were moved. At 11 o'clock the Office for the Dead began. Very Rev. Mgr. McPaul presided.

A meeting to found a branch of the Gaelic League was held in Maghera on Sept. 8. The attendance numbered 1,000, and great enthusiasm prevailed. Very Rev. Mgr. McCurry presided.

DONEGAL.—His neighbors waited on Seumas MacManus, Mountcharles, lately, who had just returned home with his bride, and presented him with a beautiful and costly dining-room clock, which bore the inscription, "Presented to Seumas MacManus on his marriage by friends and admirers in his native village."

The people of Gweedore presented an address in the Irish language to their beloved pastor, Father McFadden, who was recently transferred to the parish of Inishakeel. He was appointed to Gweedore in 1873, and since that time he has done wonders for the improvement of the parish. Not alone did he assiduously attend to the spiritual wants of the people, but almost every improvement in their temporal condition which they now enjoy came through his influence and guidance.

DOWN.—Owen McCarey has just passed away at Adavoyne, near Newry, at the ripe old age of 91 years. He kept the Father Matthew temperance pledge for seventy years. All his faculties were perfect to the end. He was well known in the parish of Dromintee as a model man.

FERRANAGH.—At the meeting of the Lisnaskea District Council on Sept. 7, Mr. P. Cruden, presided.