

OUR IRISH LETTERS

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND

What is being Done by the People as
Means Various Items From Every
Section of the Emerald Isle

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.—A meeting of the Nationalists, attended by Mr. William Redmond, M. P., was held at O'Brien's Hotel, Eyre Square, Galway City, Oct. 18, and Mr. Arthur Lynch was selected as the National candidate. The panegyric of the great Saint Francis of Assisi was preached in the Abbey church, Galway, Oct. 6, by the Very Rev. Father Murphy, O. S. F. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Neill, O. S. F., and the ceremonies closed with benediction of the blessed sacrament, given by the very reverend guardian of the Franciscans, Father O'Connor, O. S. F. Mrs. Costello presided at the organ. The bazaar for the convent of Mercy, Tuam, was held in the town hall lately and was well patronized. Among those attending were Archbishop McEvilly, the priests of the town and college and the people. Ladies presiding at stalls: Mrs. James McDonnell, Mrs. Joseph A. Glyn, Misses Turner, Miss McCann and the Children of Mary. The death of Miss Connelly occurred at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, on Oct. 9, to the sorrow of her family, relatives, and friends. She was third daughter of Mr. Thomas Connelly, Timidivane, Cloonberne. The remains were conveyed to Tuam and thence by hearse to Cloonberne church, where they lay until Mass was celebrated, after which interment took place, attended by a large and representative cortege.

On Oct. 10 Mrs. Anna Kelly, Drumkeeran, Belcoo, mother of Mr. James Kelly, treasurer of Hollywell branch of the United Irish League, reached her 102d year. She is in the best of health and spirits. The following centenarians died within the past year in the district: Mrs. Anne Lilly, Correen, Hollywell, 100 years; Mr. John McKean, Lenavanny, 104 years; Mr. Robert Leonard, Corlegg, 99 years; and Mrs. Rose Lilly, Killbrook, 110 years. The death of Miss Mary Duff, Meelragh, caused widespread regret in her native place. Deceased was a nurse in Mullingar Income Asylum and is one of the latest victims to the disease known as enteric, which is rife in the institution. On Oct. 14 the remains were conveyed to Droimod for interment, at which sad office great numbers attended.

The largest demonstration held in County Leitrim for many years was held in Ballinamore on Oct. 13 in the interest of the United Irish League. Every district within a radius of thirty miles sent large contingents, accompanied by bands and banners. There were fifteen bands present, and not since the days of the Land League was there such enthusiasm.

MAYO.—The departure of Father John Gunning from Foxford, to take charge of the parish of Buninadden, County Sligo, caused the most poignant regret among his late parishioners. The United Irish League had in him an earnest worker, while the movement for the revival of our Irish language had no more earnest advocate. He had the Rosary recited in Irish every Sunday in the parish church, and had the language taught in all schools under his management. Rev. Mr. Henry, Attymass succeeds him in Foxford.

The new church of Castlebar has been beautified by these magnificent gifts: The large window over the high altar, from Archbishop McEvilly, Tuam; high altar of marble, from Father Sheridan, Wick; window from Mrs. Sheridan and family, Spencer Park, left side of high altar; window from Mrs. Kearney, Castles, and full-size statue of St. Anthony, window from Third Connaught Rangers' window from Mr. P. J. Feehey, chairman Urban Council; window from Mrs. Corcoran, Castle street; window from Mrs. Patrick Flannely and family, Castlestreet; stations of the cross (finest and costliest terra-cotta, from the family of the late Mr. Wm. Gibbons, Main street; statue in bronze framing "The Child of Prayer," from Mrs. Wm. O'Donnell; Mr. Michael Gibbons and the Misses Gibbons, Chapel street, large contribution to side altar and statue; windows, from the boys of the School of the Brothers of La Salle; Mr. Thomas Thornton, large contribution of side altar and statue; window from the children of the Convent Schools; carved and ornamental granite cross arch, supports and pillars over main entrance, from Mr. Walter Doolin, architect, Dublin.

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branch of the Gaelic League was held at the National school rooms on Oct. 13. Mr. Patrick Burke presided. The principal business was the formation of a committee to work up the district.

SLIGO.—The members of the Sligo Catholic Institute assembled on Oct. 13 and presented to Mr. John Shea, a member, an illuminated address and silver fruit stand and tray as souvenirs on his leaving the town. Fathers Lynch, Hynes and Hurley attended the presentation ceremony. Miss Annie Josephine Keane, of Union place, Sligo, was received lately in the religious order of St. John of Valler, in St. Valler, France. The convent was in former days hallowed by the presence of Benedictine monks. The town is fifty miles south of Lyons. She is the only Irish member of the community in France. The ceremony of reception was performed by one of the vicars of the diocese, president of the seminary at Valence. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. M. Keane, brother of the aspirant. There was also present: Miss M. F. Keane, her sister. The name in religion of the young nun is Sister Mary Aloysius. "The Irish People," newspaper of Dublin, in a recent issue, under the caption: "From Kilmalmain Prison to Columbia," said of Mr. McHugh: "He leaves prison after six months' ordeal with the respect and love of his race and with (what is an equally convincing compliment), the immeasurable hate of Ireland's enemies, and with consoling feeling that the county where he was born and the county where he lives, fired by his example, are two of the foremost counties in the Irish fighting line."

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—The people of Carlow are falling into line in the ranks of the United Irish League. Carlow bore an historic and honorable place in the 18th struggle for freedom of Ireland, and will now take a prominent place in the fight for "The Land of the Tilters." **DUBLIN.**—A shocking fatality occurred in Fleetwood on Oct. 14. Samuel Kelly of Thomas street, Ringsend, Dublin, a sailor, was knocked down by a passenger train at Wrye Dock station and killed. Kelly, who was on the Dublin trolley, Lord Charles Bessborough, seems to have gone to the station alone, and it is thought he was caught by the train. On Oct. 13 the new bell of St. Joseph's Church, Glaslough, was consecrated by Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin. The blessing took place after the 12 o'clock Mass, celebrated by Rev. Michael O'Brien, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Vardon, S. J., at the termination of Mass the Archbishop proceeded to the eastern aisle, where the bell was attended by Rev. Father Pettit, Father Murphy, St. Joseph's; Rev. Robert Eaton, Rev. Joseph Gorman, Chaplain to the Carrigra Industrial School, and Father Kelly, Dalkey. Rev. Robert Eaton and Rev. Joseph Gorman acted as deacon and sub-deacon. The ceremony having been performed, His Grace and the clergy returned to the High Altar, then four blows were struck with the iron tongue upon the bell, which sent forth a melodious response, filling the church with music. The bell was cast in the famous Fountain Head Bell Foundry, James street, Dublin. **RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.** **CAICY.**—At 61 Kenilworth square, Rathgar, on Oct. 18, Thomas Caicy, aged 77. **COOPER.**—At 37 Pleasant street, Thomas Cooper. **DELANEY.**—Oct. 17, at Woodtown, Drumree, Edward Delaney, aged 80 years. **FLYNN.**—Oct. 18, at 46 Lower Clanbrassill street, Mrs. Anne Flynn. **GRACE.**—Oct. 16, at 24 South King street, Philip Grace, aged 55 years, late member D. M. P. **PENNIFATHER.**—Oct. 17, at Colomboy, Ceylon, John Pennifather, of Ballylanigan, Tipperary, 98 Lower Baggot street, Dublin. **MURPHY.**—Oct. 17, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Mary Murphy, 9 Cook street, Liverpool, formerly of 59 Eccles street, Dublin. **PORTER.**—Oct. 17, at 5 Grogan's Building, off Lower Gloucester street, Thomas Porter. **MARTIN.**—On Oct. 18, at 81 Merrion square, Right Hon. Sir Richard Martin, Bart. **O'MEARA.**—Oct. 12, at 19 Warranmount place, Dublin, Wm. O'Meara, aged 80 years, late of Feigh, Borrisokane. **MAHON.**—Oct. 13, John Mahon of Ballinascorney, at the Hospice Harold's Cross. **DEE.**—Oct. 14, at 10 Upper Erue street, David Dee, aged 61 years. **HYNES.**—On Oct. 17, at the Hospice, Harold's Cross, William Hynes, last surviving brother of P. J. Hynes; the interment was at Dalkey. **KEELEY.**—Oct. 13, Mrs. Mary E. Keely aged 38 years (widow of the late Peter J. Keely); funeral from 1 Temple street, for Glasnevin. **MORAN.**—At Drogheda, Oct. 13, William Joseph Moran, aged 34 years, eldest son of John Moran 44 Harrington street, Dublin. **O'CONNELL.**—Oct. 13, at 76 Amlens street, Dr. Maurice O'Connell. **CAMPBELL.**—Oct. 16, at 31 Pimlico, Bridget Campbell. **CODD.**—On Oct. 16, at 111 North strand, Catherine Codd; funeral to family burial place, Piercestown, Wexford. **SHORTT.**—Oct. 16, at 17 Belgrave square, Dublin, John Shortt, barrister-at-law, aged 83 years.

KILDEARE.—The death lately of Rev. E. Walsh, pastor of Clonbullogue, is widely mourned. He was ordained in 1866, and served as curate in the parishes of Monasterelick, Ballyadams, Doonane, Mountmellick, and Naas. On the death of Rev. Luke Dillon, he was appointed to the pastoral charge of Clonbullogue. Spring 1898, he was elected to the rectory of St. Andrew's, North Kilkenny, which he has since held.

KILKENNY.—The death of Dr. Francis C. Coyne, of the Lodge, Urrlingford, occurred on Oct. 12, deeply regretted by his family and many friends. Requiem services and the funeral were numerous attended by priests and people of the surrounding districts. On Sunday, Oct. 13, a young man named Scully lost his life at Gwenderry Castle, the residence of Mr. Herbert Warren. He went to let out the bull from a house in the farmyard. No sooner was the animal in the open than he made for Scully, who was holding him by a rope attached to a ring in his nose, and such was the suddenness and violence of the attack that he pierced Scully through the chest with one of his horns. The injured man died within three hours. Rev. Michael Rowe, Ballyragget, died suddenly in Castlecoomer, Oct. 15. It appears Father Rowe (who was accompanied by Rev. John Cahill, Ballyskill) was passing through the town on a visit to his home at Loon, when he felt sick, and called in Dr. O'Hanlon. He was not long in Dr. O'Hanlon's when his case became alarming, and everything that could possibly be done for him by Dr. O'Hanlon and Dr. Sterling was done, but without avail, and after receiving the last Sacraments he expired peacefully. The cause of his death was heart disease with lung trouble. He was aged 62 years and was in good health lately, but did duty to the last. He was only 46 years of age, and was ordained 23 years ago. Father Rowe was born in Loon, Castlecoomer, and was a member of one of the most respected families in the parish, a family that has given many members to God's holy work. The funeral and office for the repose of his soul took place at Castlecoomer. The funeral was one of the largest and most representative ever seen in Castlecoomer there being upward of one hundred coaches and a very considerable number of pedestrians. At the Office Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory, presided, assisted by Very Rev. Canon Cody, Castlecoomer, and Very Rev. Canon Barry, D.D. Ballyragget. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. J. McGrath, Castlecoomer; Rev. W. Cassin, Adm., St. Mary's, deacon; Rev. M. J. McGrath, Jr., sub-deacon, and Rev. L. Doyle, Kilkenny, master of ceremonies.

KING'S. Mr. John Powell, editor and proprietor of the "Midland Tribune," Birr, died Oct. 17 after a brief illness. Mr. Powell was one of the best known Irish provincial editors and was vice-chairman of the King's County County Council. He took a prominent part in the great agitation during the Balfour regime. His fearless advocacy from public platforms and through the columns of his newspaper for the cause of the evicted and oppressed tenantry brought the Government's vengeance on him, with the result that he was sentenced to terms of imprisonment amounting to two years. A special meeting of the committee of the Edenderry branch of the Gaelic League was held on Oct. 13.

LONGFORD.—A committee meeting of the Drumard branch of the United Irish League was held on Oct. 13. After moving Mr. Michael Mullaney to the chair the meeting adjourned as a mark of respect for the memory of Father Cahill, who had died. Mr. Patrick McCann presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Clonlough branch of the United Irish League.

LOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 13, occurred the death of Mr. William J. Moran, V. S., Drogheda; deeply regretted. A grand concert and variety entertainment took place in the Witworth hall, Drogheda, Oct. 14, in connection with the bazaar for the liquidation of the debt due on the Christian schools. The attendance of clergy and laity was large, the hall being filled. The artists included prize winners at the Oireachtas, Miss A. Walsh, Cork, rendered a selection on the harp, which won prolonged applause. There was a grand gymnastic display by the pupils of the schools, followed by an amusing afterpiece.

MEATH.—Mrs. Margaret Duff, of Roachestown, died Oct. 12, at an advanced age, deeply regretted by her friends at home, in the United States and in Australia. The requiem services and the funeral were largely attended by clergy and laity. The interment was in Germonstown Cemetery. A meeting of the Navan branch of the Gaelic League was held on Oct. 13.

QUEEN'S.—One of the greatest Nationalist demonstrations ever held in the Queen's County came off in Maryborough Sunday, Oct. 20, in the interest of the United Irish League. Many thousands of persons were present. Priests and people were one. Contingents from every parish in the county, and from parishes convenient in adjacent counties. Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Delaney and Mr. Field, Members of Parliament, delivered speeches.

Universal regret was expressed at the death of Father David Doyle which took place at Mountmellick, Oct. 18. The reverend gentleman was beloved by those among whom he labored, and highly respected by members of all creeds. He was an idea, Irish priest, zealous in the discharge

of his duties, deeply devoted to his country's cause, and self-sacrificing in the interests of his flock. **WESTMEATH.**—The death has been announced with regret of Mrs. Julia Gorry, Capproye. The deceased lady was the mother of the Rev. Patrick Gorry, Rev. David Gorry and Rev. Matthew Gorry. The remains were interred Oct. 15 in the ancient Abbey of Durrow, the funeral being attended by all the residents for several miles around. Many priests from Carlow, Diocese attended as a token of sympathy. At the Requiem Mass Most Rev. Dr. Foley presided.

WEXFORD.—Branches of the United Irish League were founded in Rathangan and Carrig-on-Bannow, Oct. 13. The obsequies of Very Rev. Canon Denis O'Connor, pastor, Ferns, were held Oct. 18, amid the greatest expressions of sorrow on all sides. The magnitude of the funeral cortege showed the affectionate regard which the community of all classes and creeds entertained for the deceased. Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated at 11 o'clock. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, presided. Celebrant, Rev. L. Jones, Ferns; deacon, Rev. D. Bolger, Rathgarogue; sub-deacon, Rev. S. Cloney, Ferns; Rev. N. Mernagh, Marshalstown, chanters, Rev. J. O'Connor, Wexford, and Rev. J. Buser, Tinahely.

WICKLOW.—Mr. Carew has written to the War Secretary asking for an explanation why preference was given to the Newry quarries for the supply of granite to the Curragh over the Wicklow ones. The death of Mr. Thomas Larkin occurred at his father's residence, The Kyle, Kathinney. As a result of a heavy cold, the deceased, who was but twenty-four years of age, had been ailing for a considerable time, his ailment lately taking a fatal turn. The funeral took place Oct. 8, and was largely attended, and on same day Requiem office and High Mass were celebrated at Gussereane.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—A beautiful marble baptismal font has just been erected in the parish church of Killaloe, as a memorial to the late Very Rev. Dr. Brosnahan, of the parish. Of thirty-three deaths registered by Dr. Hill, medical officer of Milltown Malbay Dispensary District, for three months ended Sept. 30, ten ranged from the ages of 72 to 92.

The death of Mr. Thomas Hillery occurred Oct. 8, at 2 Roosa Terrace, Lisdoonvarna, after a long illness aged 82 years. The sad event was very widely and deeply mourned. The death of William Carey, son of James Carey, teacher in Clonban National School, happened on Oct. 10. The funeral to Kilmadannagh Cemetery was very numerous attended. Rev. D. McNamara officiated at the interment. A largely attended conference of the districts surrounding Nenagh and Toomevara was held Oct. 6 for the purpose of making final arrangements for the monster meeting under the auspices of the United Irish League and for spreading popular organization throughout North Tipperary. An enthusiastic meeting of the Kilrush United Irish League was held Oct. 6 in the National Club Rooms Mr. P. Burke occupied the chair. Present: Mr. McMahon, T. Nagle, secretary; M. Crotty, treasurer; M. O'Meara, M. Carey, Dr. Sexton, M. D.; J. Curran, T. Leahy, P. O'Dea, E. Ryan, M. O'Dea, J. Foley, E. Noonan, D. Chambers, M. Breen, J. McNamara, N. O'Dea, T. Chambers, T. Griffin, M. Lyons, T. O'Connell, J. Curran, secretary of one section of the Allen, Larkin and O'Brien Memorial Committee, handed in a map of a site, where the monument was to be erected which was drawn up by the Kilrush Urban Council's engineer, Mr. O'Meara then addressed the meeting, and said that some eighteen years ago the late Mr. John Nagle, Mr. P. Clancy, and himself thought the time had arrived to erect a memorial cross in Shanahyke to the memory of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. They at the time waited on the Guardian of the Kilrush Division, Mr. M. S. Gibson, to make an application to the Kilrush Board of Guardians, which he did, and the site was granted. The members of the Kilrush Workmen's Club presented a memorial cross, which was erected to their memory, with band and banner and is there still; and I now hope that the manhood of Clare, at home and abroad, will not stop until they erect a monument worthy of the name of the Three Martyrs.

CORK.—A meeting of the parishioners of Kinsale was held at the court-house, Kinsale, on Oct. 11, for the purpose of taking steps toward the presentation of an illuminated address to the Very Rev. Canon Cotter, P. P., on the occasion of his departure from among them after ministering to their needs as parish priest for 14 years. In St. Barnaba's Cathedral, Nottingham, England, on Sunday, Oct. 13, the feast of St. Edward, Archbishop of England conferred the order of deaconate on Rev. Edward J. Casey. The Rev. Mr. Casey is a native of Cork being the son of the late Mr. T. Casey of Ballyphehane. He received his early education at the Presentation Brothers' College, Mardyke, and afterwards pursued his ecclesiastical studies in Dublin. Some time ago he went to Nottingham to complete his studies for the priesthood. The timber yard of Messrs. Eustace & Co., Cork, was destroyed by fire Oct. 16. The following persons were treated at the North Infirmary for injuries received during the fire: Michael Wall, injuries to the ribs and shoulders caused by having fallen through the roof of a building; John O'Brien, a fractured and dislocated arm, similarly sustained; William O'Donnell, burns to the face and arms.

A villainous outrage, which excites much indignation among the people of the district, was committed at Mitchelstown on the night of Oct. 15, when the Parish Church was broken into and two collection boxes and contents carried off. The miscreant or miscreants who committed the sacrilegious outrage gained entrance by a window broken for the purpose. One of the collection boxes was found broken open in a field near the church. Outrages of a similar character have recently taken place in various districts of Cork, Kerry and Clare counties, and are generally supposed to have been committed by some persons who have other motives besides getting the little money which these "poor boxes" generally contain. **RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.** **WHITE.**—On Oct. 12, at Carhuwouler, Mary White. **HUGHINS.**—Oct. 10, at Ballynevan, Emily, County Tipperary, Bridget (in religion Sister Mary Albe), aged 21 years. **PETHERSTON.**—On Oct. 11, at 5 Usher Terrace, Lisburn road, Belfast, after a short illness, Patience, dearly loved wife of J. W. Petherston, funeral from Kanturk Station Monday, Oct. 14, for Newmarket. **VIACAVA.**—At East Hill, Queens-town, Mary Josephine Viacava, wife of Orlando Viacava. **M'CARTHY.**—Oct. 17, at Summer Hill Terrace, Alexander McCarthy, Town Clerk of this city, in the 68th year of his age, and the 42d year of his office. **O'CONNELL.**—At the residence of Mrs. Mary Maguire, 157 Blarney street, Annie O'Connell. **LYNCH.**—On Oct. 16, at Ballinphellie, John Lynch, aged 48 years. **M'DONALD.**—On Oct. 17, at Lisburn Road, Belfast, Mrs. Patience McDonalld, late of Kanturk. **M'CARTHY.**—At Main street, Dunmanway, on Oct. 15, Cornelius Joseph McCarthy. **CROWIN.**—On Oct. 17, at the North Infirmary, Mary Crowin, Slieveven, Fintonaigh, aged 33 years. **FITZGERALD.**—On Oct. 17, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Agnes Fitzgerald. **O'CONNELL.**—At 167 Blarney street, Annie O'Connell. **DONOGHUE.**—At Lackaroe, Charles James Donoghue, Dominick street, Cork. **COLLINS.**—On Oct. 18, at Annah, Mrs. Kate Collins. **FOLEY.**—On Oct. 15, at Newbridge, County Kildare, Julia Foley, aged 32 years. **LYNCH.**—Oct. 18, at 2 St. John's Place, Upper John street, Catherine Lynch. **MORGAN.**—On Oct. 18, at 5 Old Market Place, Patrick Joseph Morgan (carpenter). **SHINKWIN.**—On Sept. 17, at Livingston, Montana, Cornelius Shinkwin, Keely, Macroom.

KERRY.—Matthew Moriarty, assistant teacher at No. 1 School, Strand street, Tralee, died at his father's residence, Blennerville, Oct. 16, aged 28 years. The funeral to Armark was very largely attended. Mr. John Dillon, M. P., addressed a vast meeting of Nationalists in Tralee, Oct. 20. Contingents came from all parts of the county. Speaking of the great change which had come over the condition of affairs in Ireland under the beneficent influence of the United Irish League, Mr. Dillon said: "A mighty change has come over the situation in Ireland, thanks be to God, and under God's providence, in the organization of the United Irish League the spirit of the people of Ireland is once more aroused," and the landlords are in fear and trembling. A largely attended and representative meeting, under the auspices of the United Irish League was held in Broona, Oct. 13. The Abbeyfeale brass band attended. The reading of a spirited letter from the patriotic pastor of Abbeyfeale, Rev. Father Casey, expressing regret for his absence and wishing success to the meeting, evoked enthusiastic cheering. The local police sergeant and a subordinate took notes of the speeches. On motion of Mr. M. Leahy, seconded by Mr. T. Casey, Mr. James O'Donnell, president Broona Branch U. I. L., presided. A very melancholy accident occurred Oct. 14 in Dingle Bay, outside the island of Valentia, resulting in the drowning of Philip O'Sullivan and John Casey, fishermen, and natives of the island. They, accompanied by two other Valentia men, John O'Sullivan and Cornelius O'Sullivan, put to sea for the night's fishing, and from the account it appears they were after hauling a good quantity of mackerel, when at 10 p. m. a broken wave dashed on the boat, by which she was driven on a rock and capsized. Cornelius O'Sullivan and John O'Sullivan succeeded in reaching the shore, but Philip O'Sullivan and Casey were drowned. Philip O'Sullivan would have also saved his life, but he returned when coming near the land to rescue Casey, and was lost. Philip O'Sullivan was unmarried, while Casey leaves a wife and five young children, the eldest of the children being only seven years old. The remains of the deceased have not been recovered, although the boats of the island have searched for them. If ever there was a case in which the memory of a hero should be perpetuated it is that of Philip O'Sullivan, who died in the attempt to save his friend Casey. Here we had a man, himself safe, yet leaving that safety to try and save his friend. Greater heroism than that possessed by Philip O'Sullivan no man in this world can boast.

LIMERICK.—John Collins, a native of Limerick, a stoker on the British torpedo boat destroyer Corba, which was lost lately, had a thrilling escape from drowning on that awful occasion. Rev. Father Byrnes, P. P., Tournafulla, has changed to the pastoral charge of Dromcolloher, rendered vacant by the recent death of Father Gleeson, P. P. The event occasioned much regret to his late parishioners of Tournafulla and Mountcollins. While curate for a number of years at Abbeyfeale, Father Byrnes was greatly esteemed and beloved by all who

knew him. Father Reeves, C. C. Bruff, has been given charge of the united parishes of Tournafulla and Mountcollins. On Oct. 10 a deputation from the people of Pallasgreen traveled to Templestony County Tipperary, for the purpose of presenting an address and testimonial of six hundred dollars to their administrator, Father Sullivan. On Sunday, Oct. 13, the procession of the Immaculate Conception Confraternity of Abbeyfeale took place. Almost the entire membership was represented. The procession started from the parish church after 12 o'clock Mass, and proceeded through the streets to the Convent of Mercy. The members of the choir and the children of Mary, wearing blue capes and white veils, marched four deep. The Rosary was repeated as they proceeded. The chapel attached to the convent being insufficient to accommodate the numbers that took part in the ceremony, a temporary altar was erected on the grounds by the Sister of Mercy, from which benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was imparted. Rev. Father Casey officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Ambrose, in rendering of the "O. Salutaris," "Tantum Ergo" and "Laudate," the Sisters of Mercy were assisted by the choir, conducted by Mrs. T. O'Connor.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Mrs. Maria Hefferman, of Mockerstown, occurred Oct. 19, deeply regretted. The funeral from Clerihan to Grange was very numerous attended. Rev. Edmund Stokes died Oct. 17, at Graf Relsat, South Africa, where he went two years ago to recruit his failing health. Father Stokes belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in Tipperary. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. P. Stokes, of Kilsheean, and brother of William, Thomas and Patrick Stokes, members of the Clonmel District Council. His father was a relative of the late Most Rev. Dr. Slattery Archbishop of Cashel, and the Most Rev. Dr. Slattery, Archbishop of Cashel. Miss Mary Corcoran, Main street Fethard, died Oct. 4, at the extraordinary age of 102 years. **WATERFORD.**—An enthusiastic and representative public meeting was held at Ballymacraet, Oct. 13, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League for the old parish Ring. Mr. P. J. Power, M. P. for East Division of Waterford County, addressed a fine meeting in Killossanty and few recently, in the interest of the United Irish League.

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ANTRIM.—The inhabitants of Ballymena were shocked on Oct. 17 when they learned of the death of Mr. J. S. Alexander, of Portlengone, who for many years past was in close touch with everything that interested the welfare of the North of Ireland. Traveling from Portrush to Ballymena the evening previous, he was driven to his home in Portlengone, and then was in the best of spirits. The following morning his end came with startling suddenness, from apoplexy. A largely-attended meeting of the National Branch of the United Irish League was held in the Central Hall of the United National Club, Belfast, Oct. 18. Mr. Thomas Maguire, solicitor, presided. **ARMAGH.**—A meeting of the South Armagh Executive of the United Irish League was held at League Hall, Camlough, on Oct. 13. **CAVAN.**—The premises in the occupation of Mr. George Hamilton, Gowra, were lately injured by fire to an estimated loss of three thousand dollars. The business conducted in the establishment consisted of provisions, groceries and liquors. At Shercock on Oct. 15, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held, to forward the United Irish League in East Cavan and South Monaghan, contingents being in attendance with bands and banners in large numbers. A long platform was erected and the brass band of the town paraded the streets and met the contingents coming in. **DERRY.**—The annual meeting of the members of St. Joseph's Temperance Society of Coleraine was held Oct. 14, and was very numerous attended. Rev. B. Mulholland, the spiritual director, presided. **DONEGAL.**—At the recent meeting of the Ballyshannon Rural District Council, Mr. P. J. Fergus, chairman, presiding, and all members being present. At a joint meeting of the Kibbarron and Innismacaint branches of the United Irish League, Ballyshannon, Mr. Michael Cassidy president, presided. **DOWN.**—Mr. James Byrne, District Councillor of Ballydesland, near Warrington, was killed accidentally in the Newry railway station, Oct. 12. He was aged 65 years. The melancholy event was deeply regretted. The death of Rev. Thomas Hardy, P. P. of Upper Killybeg, occurred Oct. 11, at his residence, Mountain Lodge, Newry, after a very brief illness. Deceased who had reached an advanced age, was parish priest of Upper Killybeg for thirty years, and chaplain to Newry Union. A meeting of the Tullylish branch of the United Irish League was held at Laurencetown, Oct. 13.

A burly Yorkshireman came into the consulting room of Sir James Paget the celebrated English surgeon, one day and pushing out his lip, asked bluntly, "What is that?" "Cancer," "What must I do for it?" "Have it cut out," "What is your fee?" "Two guineas," "You must make a powerful lot of money at that rate."

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