

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.

Sister Gertrude O'Hanlon, of the Presentation Convent, Mount St. Joseph's, Oramore, has requested all charitable persons to come to her assistance, as she and the members of the convent are getting up a lace work industry for young girls who will leave and have left school and who otherwise have no means of earning their livelihood at home. The Sisters know that Ireland is being depopulated and are determined to give what help they can to stem the tide of emigration and keep the Irish girls in their own loved homes. Besides this good and patriotic work the community have always in their care more than they can give relief to of sick and aged poor in the surrounding districts, and in feeding and clothing many children who attend their schools. Contributions for these good purposes will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Sister Gertrude.

LEITRIM.—The Manohamilton branch of the United Irish League is doing good work for the Irish cause. The members held a fine procession to express their feelings at the liberation of Mr. A. P. McHugh from Kilmaham prison. Bonfires illuminated the district on that occasion and a most enthusiastic welcome was given Mr. McHugh at the railway station when going home to Sligo.

A special meeting of the members of the Rosniver branch of the United Irish League was held Oct. 21 to do special honor to Mr. A. P. McHugh, M. P., and to testify the popular joy on his liberation from Kilmaham Jail. Before night fell the Nationalists of the parish assembled at the crossroads, where they formed a torchlight procession, headed by the life and drum band, and marched to Garrison, beyond the border in North Fermanagh, where they were well received by the Nationalists of that village. Mr. Myles McKee presiding at the meeting, which was of a stirring character.

MAYO.—Mr. John Dillon, M. P., for Mayo Division, addressed his constituents in Ballaghaderreen on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the parish hall. The most of those present were rural and urban tenants on the Lord Dillon estate, lately purchased by the Congested Districts Board, and tenants from other local estates. The hall was crowded. Father O'Connor presided, and spoke of the good work done by Mr. Dillon during the last session and all through the country, and a vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to him for it. Mr. Dillon then addressed the constituents for their confidence. He discussed the pre-

agricultural and town tenants on the Dillon estate, and said their duty was in regard to all matters to approach the board firmly, and he was sure they would succeed in accomplishing all they desired. To thought sufficient justice was not done to the town tenants. He referred to two cases of land grabbing in the town, and hoped they would be settled for the benefit of all was that the settlement of the Dillon estate should end in friendliness and good will. Having regard to the conditions now prevailing on the Dillon estate, he believed the other neighboring landlords would also have to sell their estates to the tenants.

Rarely has a death occurred in Westport district which called such widespread feeling of regret as that of Mrs. Breheny, Castlebar street, Westport. Born and brought up in Westport, Mrs. Breheny was a most exemplary woman. She was educated at the Convent of Mercy, Westport, and many of her school companions will read of her death with sorrow. She was a good wife and loving mother. The funeral to Oughavale Oct. 20 testified in a very marked manner to the esteem in which she was held. Over one hundred vehicles followed the remains to their last resting place, and there was also a very large number of pedestrians and horsemen.

ROSCOMMON.—Mr. George Sweeney of Abbey street, Roscommon, died suddenly, Oct. 25, deeply regretted. The funeral cortege which accompanied his remains to Kiltewan Cemetery was a proof of the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Joseph Walton, K. C., late recorder of Wigan, recently appointed to succeed Lord Justice Matthew as Judge of the Commercial Court in England, is married to a Miss D'Arcy, of Ballyforan. Mr. Justice Walton, who is a Liberal, is only the fourth Catholic judge appointed in England since the Reformation.

At the Monastery School, Chapel Lane, Boyle, there was held on Oct. 27 a large meeting of the young men of the town, with the purpose of inaugurating evening classes for the study of Irish. A large number of our young citizens have already been attending the classes. This is decidedly a healthy sign of the soul and determination of the men of Boyle to join in the movement for the revival of the spoken language. They are under the care of Mr. Casey, who has a thorough knowledge of the Irish language.

The death of Mr. Michael Dowd, of Carranah, Strokestown, happened on Oct. 27, aged 77 years. The funeral was very largely attended.

Rev. Father Thomas Quinn, of Carranah, arrived in Carranah on Oct. 27, after a short absence. He is a native of Carranah, and has been in the parish for many years.

from Scotland, where he had been on a mission collecting funds to restore his church. Rev. P. R. Staunton, P. P., Toboerry, arrived home Oct. 26 from his transatlantic tour.

The death of Mr. John Conlon, of Carranah, occurred Oct. 27, aged 69 years, after a few days' illness, to the great regret of his family and friends. Mr. Conlon was brother of Mr. Peter Conlon, Knockanure, Boyle. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place at Knockanure burial ground.

Rev. M. J. Brennan, president of the Soavey branch of the United Irish League, presided at a recent meeting of the branch, at which were present: W. Flanagan, P. Torrey, P. Clarkin, N. Keerling, H. Fowley, J. Kilkenny, J. Kennedy, M. Coas, J. Giblin, P. Clery, J. Kelly, J. Burke, J. Laughlin, P. O'Boyle, J. Torrey, J. Kilduff, J. McGoldrick, M. Gethon, J. Costello, P. Quigley, M. Collier, P. Gilmore, J. McDonagh, P. Kelly, W. Clarkin, J. Donnelly, M. Kelly, P. Morrison and P. Flanagan, secretary. The reverend chairman briefly addressed the meeting on the principles and programme of the United Irish League. It was arranged to hold a public meeting. The following speakers promised to attend: Wm. Redmond, M. P., John O'Dowd, M. P., Joseph Devlin, Belfast, and D. Johnston, organizer.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—The death of Mr. James Scully of Tullow street, Carlow, happened Oct. 30, at the age of 60 years, deeply regretted.

On Oct. 26, as Thomas Ryan, of Graigue, Carlow, aged 12 years, was playing in the yard attached to his home, a stone of an old wall fell on his chest and inflicted fatal injuries. In Carlow College Rev. James Dunne received the order of priesthood on Sunday, Oct. 27. The Rev. M. Brophy received the order of sub-deacon on Sunday, Oct. 27, deaconship on Monday, Oct. 28, and priesthood on Nov. 1. Most Rev. Patrick Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, officiated, assisted by Rev. L. Brophy, dean of the college.

DUBLIN.—At a meeting of United Irish League Directory, held in Dublin Oct. 30, 1901, proposed by Rev. J. Clancy, West, Clara, seconded by Mr. John McInerney, East Clare: "That we regret to find that some members of the Irish party have made no adequate response to Mr. Redmond's appeal, and we call upon them again, in view of the immense interests involved, to throw themselves now into the work of organization throughout the country." Passed unanimously.

A meeting of the Clifford Memorial Scholarship Fund was held Oct. 29 in the Christian Schools, Westland Row, Dublin. Mr. T. Kelly presided. Present: Rev. Brother Kenny, T. J. Byrne, J. Hunt, J. Gibney, D. Kelly, P. Comerford and John Curtis, honorary secretary. On the motion of Mr. Comerford, seconded by Mr. T. J. Byrne, the following was passed: "That a sum of £1 arising out of interest on the nucleus of the fund be allocated as follows: That two prizes of £3 and £2 for proficiency in the Irish language be offered to be competed for in the month of June 1902, by boys attending Westland Row Schools; £3 for senior boys, £2 for juniors."

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

BRUNTON.—Oct. 29, at Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Francis Brunton, lithographer, aged 35 years.

CONNELL.—Oct. 29, at Annesboro', Robertstown, Mary Connell.

HARRIS.—Oct. 30, at 8 Bellevue terrace, Dollymount, Elizabeth Harris, Rhine House, Longford.

LAWLOR.—Oct. 30, at the Hospice for the Dying, John Lawlor, Castleknock, aged 48 years.

LONG.—Nov. 1, at 17 Cambridge street, Ringsend, John Long for many years miller in Boland's Limited.

MADDOCK.—Nov. 1, at 1 Charlotte road, Alice Maddock.

MARTIN.—Oct. 31, at Newcastle, County Dublin, William Martin, engineer, son of the late David Martin, Smithfield Works, Dublin.

ROURKE.—Nov. 1, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Mrs. Rourke, Waterstown, Salina.

ALFORD.—Oct. 31, at 8 Sandwith place, Catherine Alford, aged 88 years.

BAKER.—Oct. 30, at Donnybrook road, Mary Laffan Baker.

M'GRANE.—Oct. 30, Mr. Peter McGrane (late of Swords), at St. Columbkille's, Swords.

SHERIDAN.—Oct. 31, at 14 Black hall street, Patrick Sheridan, car owner.

O'BRIEN.—Oct. 25, Dublin street Balbriggan, Alice Catherine O'Brien of Dollardstown House.

BRENNAN.—Oct. 26, Mary Brennan of 56 Great Brunswick street, at St. Vincent's Hospital, result of an accident on the widow of the late Capt. John Brennan, late of 2 Creighton terrace, fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church.

CHASE.—Oct. 26, Miss Margaret Chase, at 58 Lower Clanbrassil street.

CLEARY.—Oct. 26, Charles Cleary, North Strand, Dublin.

KILKENNY.—In Saint Camillus' Convent, Kilkenny, on Oct. 26, Miss N. Butler made her solemn vows. Right Rev. Dr. Browne officiated. She is the daughter of Mr. W. J. Butler of New Ross.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Edward Bowers, of Silver Spring, Mooncoin, which happened Oct. 26. The funeral to the ancient burial place, Clonmore, was very largely attended.

KING'S.—A deputation from Banagher, consisting of Dennis Dooley, James Nevin, Owen Coghlan, T. Quirke, M. Kenny and R. H. Moore, waited upon the Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, pastor of Clonmacnoise, at the Parochial House, Shannonbridge, Oct. 27, to present him with a purse of sovereigns and an illuminated address in recognition of services during eight years as curate of Banagher.

Rev. J. Kinsella, pastor of Edenfield, presided at a meeting of the local United Irish League Branch, lately held, to elect delegates to the Tullamore meeting, at which members of the Divisional Executive will be chosen. On the motion of Mr. Costello, seconded by Mr. Shiel, the following were elected: D. Shiel, O. Murray, P. Whelan, J. Colgan, P. Byrne, and M. Costello.

On Oct. 24 the Feast of St. Raphael, at the Convent of Mercy, Galway, the ceremony of profession took place. The young lady who had the happiness of making her vows is Mary Bridget Kelyny (in religion Sister Mary Francis), daughter of the late Mr. McCormack, Bishop of Galway, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father Dooley, Galway. Present: Father Lally, Galway, Father Creaven, Father O'Hanlon, O. S. F., Father Griffin, Father Carr. The following friends of the newly professed were present: Mrs. Kevany, Tullamore, mother; Mr. Patrick Kevany, brother; Mrs. Wyr Down Mill, Geashill, aunt; Miss Wratery, Ballyduff, and Mrs. Wyr, Geashill.

LONGFORD.—At a meeting of the members of the Abbeylara branch of the United Irish League held in the League rooms on Oct. 27, Mr. L. Early, vice-president presided. The members wished the Irish delegates in the United States all possible success. The funeral of the late Rev. Patrick Cahill, Drogheda, took place in Dublin, Oct. 11, to Glasnevin Cemetery. Great numbers of his friends from his native diocese of Armagh and the County Longford were present.

LOUTH.—On Oct. 27 occurred the death of Mrs. Julia A. Moore, Chord road, Drogheda, at the early age of 27 years. She was daughter of Mr. Michael Sheehy, of 46 Clonliffe road, Dublin.

By his will dated Oct. 13, 1899, with a codicil of Sept. 17, 1900, of Capt. Gilbert Thomas Nicholson, of Glenmore, Drogheda, who died on Aug. 1, last, aged 82 years, left personal estates valued at £52,458 11s. 4d.

A meeting was held in the Cleaver branch of the Gaelic League, John street, Dublin, to push on the movement to have a monument erected in Douth Churchyard to commemorate the memory of John Boyle O'Reilly. The Very Rev. J. A. Anderson, O. S. A., presided. Present: Luke J. E. C. C., Drogheda; Michael A. Casey, editor Drogheda Independent; J. Maguire, Dublin; F. Monahan, A. Murphy, J. J. Carroll, J. Crumlin, and J. J. Moonan, hon. sec. of the Dublin Committee. Father Anderson paid tribute to the memory of O'Reilly, whom he personally knew and whom, he said, was not alone a great Irishman, but a man whose large-heartedness made him the friend of mankind of every race, color and nation.

MEATH.—Very great progress is being made by the persons attending the Irish classes conducted by the Oldcastle branch of the Gaelic League.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the funeral of late Mr. John McCartan, of Mill Cottage, Dunleer, left for Deanstown, Kenstown, and was very numerous attended.

QUEEN'S.—The death of Mr. Joseph Dolan of Clonsilla, formerly of Ballynacary, occurred Nov. 1, at an advanced age, and deeply regretted by his many relatives at home and in the United States.

Father J. Harris, C. C., who had been in Maryborough during the past thirteen years has been transferred to Carlow. The people of Maryborough regret his leaving them very much.

On Oct. 30 office and requiem mass were celebrated at the Catholic church, Vicarstown, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Margaret Deegan, Vicarstown, who died on Oct. 19. Rev. Daniel O'Rourke, Timahoe, was celebrant of the Mass. Rev. M. Brennan, Stradally, presided. In the choir: Rev. Richard Bourke, Portlannington; Rev. James Parkinson, Ballydamas; Rev. Michael Rice, Stradally; Rev. M. Bolger, Portlannington; Rev. Father Rowan, Athy.

WESTMERE.—Rev. Father Kelly, pastor of Multyfarnham, has been transferred to Drumrath to succeed Rev. P. Flanagan, who has gone on foreign missionary service.

WEXFORD.—On Oct. 26 in St. Camillus' Convent, Kilkenny, Miss N.

Butler, daughter of Mr. W. J. Butler, Rosa, made her solemn vows. The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ossory, officiated. Her religious title is Sister Mary Berchmans.

Recent Deaths in Wexford.—Oct. 10, At William's Row, Ennisceorthy, John Darcy, aged 49 years. Oct. 10, at Meath Hospital, Dublin, Laurence Gahan, of Coolbawn, aged 22 years. Oct. 13, at Weston Cottage, Wexford, James Murphy, aged 85. At Lower Church street Ennisceorthy, on Oct. 7, Margaret Murphy, Fairfield, On Oct. 16, at Ferns, Very Rev. Denis Canon O'Connor, P. F., Ferns.

Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to two hundred children in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe street, Wexford, on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The funeral of Mrs. Redmond, Coragh, Ferns, took place Oct. 17, at the Office and High Mass in the parish church. Father Jones, Ferns, presided; celebrant, Rev. S. J. Cloney, Ferns; deacon, Rev. D. Bolger, Rathgarogue; sub-deacon, Rev. James Kennedy, Kilmishal, master of ceremonies, Rev. Nicholas Mernagh.

WICKLOW.—Sister M. Kevin, of Wicklow, was professed a member of the Saint Camillus Convent, Kilkenny on Oct. 26.

Mr. John Delahunt, formerly of Three-Mile-Water, who died in Dublin Oct. 25, at the age of 88 years, was deeply regretted. The remains were conveyed from the Carmelite Church, White Friars street, Dublin, to Castletown for interment.

It is rumored that the Duke of Norfolk is about to marry Lady Alice Fitzwilliam, daughter of Earl Fitzwilliam. Lady Alice is a Catholic, having been received into the Catholic Church. The Duke has been a widower for fourteen years, and has one son, who is, unhappily, a permanent invalid.

MUNSTER.

CORK.—A large and imposing demonstration, in furtherance of the United Irish League, was held at Freemount on Nov. 1. Contingents from the surrounding districts, accompanied by bands, were present.

The annual general meeting of the Queenstown Young Men's Society was held Oct. 30. The report submitted showed that the society was in a very flourishing condition and that the good work it is doing in the town is fully appreciated. The Rev. Father Corbett, chairman of the society, occupied the chair.

On Oct. 31 the remains of the deeply regretted Rev. William Holland were conveyed from the parish church Dunmanway, for interment in Castle-town-Kinneigh cemetery. The obsequies were presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, and a large number of the deceased's brethren in the ministry assisted. The solemn ceremonies having concluded, the funeral wended its way to the burial ground, where an affecting scene was witnessed as the body was lowered into the grave. The cortege was extremely large, while a line of vehicles of various descriptions, stretching along for considerably over a mile, brought up the rear of the funeral. During the entire route to the burial place, a distance of eight miles the manifestations of sorrow were of a most touching nature. Since Father Holland's appointment to Dunmanway, six years ago, he was untiring in promoting the welfare of the people.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan presided at the Mass, and was attended by the Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, Bantry, and Ver Rev. Canon Lane, Dunmanway. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. James Brady, Dunmanway; deacon, Rev. Wm. Murphy, Dunmanway; sub-deacon, Rev. J. O'Connell, Bantry; master of ceremonies, Rev. P. McSwiney, Bandau.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

PURCELL.—On Oct. 29, Mrs. Mary Anne Purcell.

SULLIVAN.—Oct. 28, at 48 Gardiner's Hill, Norah (Nan), beloved wife of Vincent Sullivan, and daughter of the late Edmund Hayes, Fair Hill.

REYNOLDS.—Oct. 28, at 2 St. Luke's Place, Florence Reynolds.

RUSSELL.—Oct. 28, at Coolra, Bruree, Catherine Russell.

HOLLAND.—Oct. 29, at the Presbytery, Dunmanway, Rev. William Holland.

LEYNE.—Oct. 27, at Rook's Lodge, Strand, Youghal, May T. Mahony Leyne, aged 24 years.

SHEEHAN.—Oct. 27 at Cork, Austin George Campbell, youngest son of the late Francis Sheehan, J. P., Dunmanway.

SHEEHAN.—Oct. 29, 1901, at Mallow, John Sheehan, one of the old school Mallow men.

VAUGHAN.—At Carrigaline, Oct. 27, Margaret Vaughan.

O'SULLIVAN.—Oct. 31, at New street, Bantry, Mr. O'Sullivan.

HAYDEN.—On Nov. 1, at Cork, the dearly beloved wife of Patrick Hayden.

BUCKLEY.—On Oct. 5, at Arkansas, Cornelius Buckley, eldest son of Cornelius and the late Catherine Buckley, of Ruskeen, Ahinsa.

MURPHY.—Nov. 1, at Crossmahon House, Patrick Murphy, aged 23 years.

HEALY.—On Nov. 1, at 5 Kyril's Quay, Cork, Hannah.

A sad drowning accident occurred off Smerwick Harbor on the night of Oct. 22, resulting in the loss of three fishermen, John Conor, aged 42, Michael Grummell, aged 32, and John Connor, aged 18. On that night there The local coastguards, on being acquainted of the missing crew, put to sea on Wednesday morning, in the direction in which they were fishing, and found the canoe bottom upwards, also the nets and some oil clothes, which they brought back. John Connor leaves a wife and seven children, the oldest being only eleven years. Grummell leaves a wife and two young children, also his father and mother, all dependent on him. Young Connor leaves his father and mother, aged respectively 75 and 70 years; he was their only support. This was his first year fishing; as his father remarked he earned his first pound last week. The scene as the canoe reached the shore was heartrending, the families, together with a large crowd of neighbors, crying and sobbing bitterly for the loss of their bread-winners. In connection with the melancholy event a meeting was held at the Temperance Hall, Very Rev. Canon O'Leary presided.

LIMERICK.—Miss E. M. Quinlan, of Bridge House, Knockany, was married to Mr. Michael Ryan, the well-known athlete of Rockwell, County Tipperary, in the chapel of Rockwell College, on Oct. 29. Rev. J. M. Guinan, C. C., a brother of the bride, officiated, assisted by the president of the college, the Rev. N. J. Brennan, C. S. Sp. Father Brennan celebrated the Nuptial Mass, at the conclusion of which he imparted the papal benediction, specially sent for the occasion through Cardinal Rampolla. The bridal march, from Wagner's "Lohengrin," was played on the organ by the Rev. J. N. Muller.

Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, on Oct. 27, performed the solemn ceremony of blessing the new bell in Kilmallack Church. The bell is said to be the largest in the South of Ireland, weights over 46 cwt., and was cast by Mr. Matthew Byrne, Fountain Head Bell Foundry, James' street, Dublin. An immense congregation filled the church during High Mass, and the subsequent ceremony. At twelve o'clock Solemn High Mass was celebrated, at which the Lord Bishop presided; celebrant, Father Higgins; deacon, Father O'Donnell, Kilmallack; sub-deacon, Father Breen, Rockhill, master of ceremonies, Father Curtin, Kilmallack; Very Rev. Dr. Meehon, Kilmallack; Very Rev. Canon Ryan, Thurles College; Very Rev. Canon O'Callaghan, Charleville; Rev. Father Carrick, Kilmallack; Rev. Father Carty, Romin, were present. Very Rev. Canon Ryan preached.

TIPPERARY.—The Catholic church in Tipperary was broken into on Oct. 31, and the collection boxes and presses rifled. The police are hunting for the criminals.

Sister M. Stanislaus Gubbins died in the Presentation Convent, Cethard Oct. 27, aged 64 years. 34 of which she spent at a religious.

Mr. Michael Ryan, the well-known athlete, of Rockwell, was married to Miss E. M. Quinlan, of Bridge House, Knockany, County Limerick, in the chapel of Rockwell College on Oct. 29. Father Brennan celebrated the Nuptial Mass, and at the conclusion gave the papal benediction, specially sent by Cardinal Rampolla.

The death of Mr. P. Crotty, Fethard street, Mullinahone, occurred Oct. 18 at the age of 68 years, deeply mourned. Deceased had two sons in the great order of St. Augustine. On Sunday the funeral took place, and was one of the largest and most representative seen in the district for years.

WATERFORD.—Rev. P. Spratt is erecting new convent schools in Capouquin, and the people of the parish are zealously assisting the good work in every way possible.

The Dowager Lady Carew died at Woodstown, on Nov. 13, at the extraordinary age of 104 years. The night before the historic battle of Waterloo she danced at a ball given in Brussels to the officers of the armies allied against Napoleon.

Mr. E. Arthur Ryan, son of Mr. Jas. F. Ryan, Dungarvan, apprenticed to Mr. J. F. Williams, solicitor, Dungarvan, who is not yet nineteen years of age, was on Oct. 29, at the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, presented with the R. Keating Clay gold medal for legal debate, with the Incorporated Law Society's special certificate for oratory, and with the Incorporated Law Society's MacSheehy prizes. This is considered a record, as he is the first of his age who was ever presented with the gold medal for legal debate. Mr. Ryan was a student of St. Vincent's College, Castleknock.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—The death was lately announced at Para, Bazill of Mr. Thom as Creighton, formerly of the telegraph staff, Belfast Postoffice. Attaching himself on leaving Belfast to the cable service, he worked in Nova Scotia, New York, and Jamaica, Mamel in Germany and Odessa in Russia. Teheran in Persia, and knew Cuba before the Americans took it. Panama, Ecuador and Mexico, in each he labored as a capable telegraph operator. He was in South Africa when Jamison made his ruffianly raid on the Transvaal.

Rev. F. Lavery, pastor, president of the Portlennone branch of the Gaelic League, opened the classes of the branch in Glenane School, Oct. 24. The attendance, especially of the children was numerous. Mr. P. McNamee, Draperstown, was the teacher, and pleased with the spirit displayed by the people of Greenlough and Portlennone. As many as 120 first book are required by the pupils. Rev. Father Kerlin, vice-president, addressed the pupils, complimenting them on the way they had turned out in such large numbers to aid the Gaelic League in the good work, and requested

punctual and continued attendance. There were 150 present.

ARMAGH.—A meeting of the Ballis branch of the United Irish League was held on Oct. 27. Mr. James McElroy in the chair.

The priests of the Archdiocese of Armagh held a conference in the Synod Hall, Armagh, Oct. 24. Cardinal Lavigerie presiding. Previous to the conference a Solemn Office was sung and a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Machy's Chapel for the soul of the deceased clergy of the Archdiocese. His Eminence presided. Rev. Joseph W. Brady, Armagh, celebrant; Rev. Peter Sheerin, Armagh, deacon, and Rev. Charles Monaghan, Loughgall, sub-deacon. Rev. James Lennon, Stonebridge, master of ceremonies.

DERRY.—On Oct. 30 Rev. W. B. McFeely, B. D., Adm. of Derry, was presented with an address and purse of sovereigns by his late parishioners in Omagh.

Elizabeth McBride, of Bishop street, Derry was washing at her home on Oct. 23, her clothes took fire and she was burned to death.

Mist Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, on Oct. 30 attended in the Assembly Hall of St. Columba's College, Derry and presided over the distribution of the prizes to the students successful in their year's intermediate examinations. Father McFeely B. D., Very Rev. president of the college, Dr. McHugh, Very Rev. Dr. O'Kane, Rev. Professor Duffy, Rev. Professor Boyle, Rev. Professor Bradley and Father Walter O'Neill, Dean, were present. His Lordship said: "Like all the intermediate schools of Ireland, you are entering into a terra incognita under the new programme. How far the programme may be an improvement on the old remains to be seen, but if presents to you a new aspect, and you must gird yourselves for the work. If you devote yourselves with the same earnestness as you have done in the past I have no doubt about the result. I trust you will be ever grateful for what your teachers have done for you, that you will be ever obedient to their doctrines in the future, and that, united, you will maintain the high standard to which St. Columba's has attained."

DOWN.—The Nationalists of Ballinahinch, per P. J. Leahy, have contributed a good sum to the Irish Parliamentary Fund.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of farmers and laborers was held Oct. 29, in the court house, Saintfield, to form a branch of the Ulster Farmers' and Laborers' Union and Compulsory Purchase Association.

FERMANAGH.—Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, member of Parliament for South Fermanagh Division, was seriously sick at his home in Enniskillen Oct. 31, but the two physicians who were then attending him hoped to have him all right in a short time. Because of this sickness he was compelled to cancel all arrangements made previous to the attack.

MONAGHAN.—On Oct. 27 the ancient and historic parish of Briga Tragh was the scene of one of those religious ceremonies which prove that the religion planted in Ireland by St. Patrick is still cherished. The occasion was the blessing of the handsome Mission Cross presented by Mr. Patrick McKenna, Kilmagallen, and was the closing ceremony of a retreat conducted by the Jesuit Fathers at Carrickree Church in May last. The cross which is of Glennan stone, with a base of Dungannon sandstone, and which was executed by Mr. John Delaney, is of the ancient Irish form, and is splendidly finished. It stands near the entrance to the Churchyard, and bears the inscription, "Pray for the donor, Patrick McKenna, Kilmagallen; for his deceased brother, Thomas, who died in Brooklyn, and for his deceased parents." "Mission by the Jesuit Fathers, May, 1901." On the opposite side of the cross are engraved the instruments of the Passion of Our Divine Lord.

A meeting of the members of the Committee of the Carrickmacross Agricultural Industrial Society, in charge of arrangements for the forthcoming show was held on Oct. 29. Present: Dr. B. McCall (in the chair), J. Dolan, N. T. J. J. Phelan, P. Connolly, N. T. P. Sheehan, A. White, T. MacMahon, John Phelan, secretary; P. Harrington, assistant secretary. Mr. Rushe deprecated the action of the committee in sending work which could be executed in the town, to another county and urged the necessity of the committee to encourage local industry.

TYRONE.—The tenants on the estate of Mr. Michael Shields, Altmore, have refused to purchase their holdings on the terms required by the owner.

On Oct. 30 an interesting function took place in the Confraternity Room of the New Catholic chapel, Omagh, when the Rev. W. B. McFeely, B. D., now Adm. of Derry, and formerly of Omagh, was made the recipient of an address and purse of sovereigns. Right Rev. Monsignor McNamee presided, and among those present were: Revs. J. O'Kane, J. McGettigan, Derry; J. McGearty, D. F. McCrea and J. J. McGlade.

Mr. James Murnaghan, of Lisnally House, Omagh, son of Mr. George Murnaghan, member of Parliament for Mid Tyrone, on Oct. 25 obtained his degree of M. A. from the Royal University, Dublin. This is a brilliant success for one so young—he is only 20. In the previous examinations he got exhibitions in the intermediate from preparatory to senior '94-'97, at the Christian Brothers in Omagh, an institution great in distinctive educational merit. He matriculated in autumn '97, and got exhibitions in First and Second Arts. Last year he obtained second place in the B. A., with examinations at the Royal University, first honors in classics, and also first with a second class exhibition last June.