

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home-Variou Items From Every Section of the Emerald Isle.

CONNUGHT.

GALWAY.-A very largely attended public meeting for the furtherance of the United Irish League was held near the Old Quay, Galway, Nov. 10. The brass band of the Independent Nationalists... There was a contingent of Claddagh fishermen. Large contingents from Athlone, Craughwell and other places attended.

The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Joyce (formerly Miss Minnie O'Flynn) will deeply regret to learn of her death. The deceased was the wife of Thomas Joyce, merchant, Shop street, Galway. Some years ago she and her husband went to Australia, and she had come home on a visit to her mother at Ballinrobe, where on Nov. 5 she died suddenly.

A meeting of the Tuam branch of the Gaelic League was held in the Town Hall, Tuam, lately, to meet the National Teachers of the district to form an Irish class for the teachers.

A meeting under the auspices of the United Irish League was held at Carna, lately. Rev. Father McHugh presided, and there was a large attendance. The reverend chairman urged the people to support the League. He denounced the action of Colonel Nolan in claiming half the earnings of the tenants from the manufacture of kelp, and challenged Colonel Nolan to name one landlord who had sought to defraud this tenants of their earnings in this industry by a miserably technical legal point. He said they would fight the Colonel to the bitter end, and the best way to do that was to enroll themselves under the banner of the League.

ROSCOMMON.-Col. Conyn, agent to Sir Nicholas O'Connor, attended at Dundermott House, Nov. 11, for the collection of the rents on Sir Nicholas's land and Ballymoe estates. No reduction was given. At the meeting of the members of the Castlereagh Literary Club, Nov. 10, Rev. James Russell took the chair. After regular business, a program of dancing, singing and reciting was gone through, the contributors acquitting themselves in a creditable manner. There are 100 members on the books. The proceedings were closed with all singing "God Save Ireland."

BLIGO.-The death of Mrs. E. Doyle, Keash, occurred Nov. 14, and the event was deeply and widely regretted. She was sister of Mr. James Clarke, Boyle. Mrs. Doyle was gentle and charitable. The funeral took place on Friday at the family burial ground at Knockbrack, and was largely attended.

A fatality occurred near Rivers-town, Nov. 9, by which Bartle Keavney lost his life. Deceased was driving from Bligo market on a car, owned and driven by Michael Conry. When midway between Sooy and Gian Church, the horse and cart were precipitated over the side into a deep dyke. The car fell upon Keavney, who died soon after being extricated.

On Nov. 3 the people of Cloonacool held a meeting to reorganize the Cloonacool and Tobercorry branch of the United Irish League.

Mr. John Matineo presided at meeting of the members of the Highwood branch of the United Irish League.

On Nov. 12 Mr. John O'Leary and Messrs. Swan and Ryan, of the Major MacBride Club, left Dublin for Paris to present the address and sword of honor from the Irish people to Major MacBride. The address is a magnificent specimen of Irish art. The border consists of panels of very elaborate Celtic ornament, and contains at left and right two fine paintings of the battle of Modderspruit and Spion Kop, while at the foot is a painting of the capture of the guns at Colenso. A portrait of the Major is at the top of the address, the flags of Ireland, the Transvaal and Orange Free State forming a frame. The arms of the four provinces, finely treated in heraldic form, appear at the corners. Upward of seventy names, representing branches of the "Cumann nan Gaelce," are attached to the address. The frame is made from Irish oak grown at Major MacBride's birthplace.

REC'D DEATHS IN DUBLIN. KIRWAN.-Nov. 2, at the Carmelite convent, Tranquilla, Rathmines, Sister Mary Teresa Kirwan.

LUBY.-Nov. 4, Rev. E. P. Luby, Skerries. O'NEILL.-Nov. 4, at 67 Aughrim street, Daniel Joseph O'Neill.

CARROLL.-Nov. 4, at 4 Adelaide road, Glasthule, William Carroll CARTY.-At 8 Basin lane, Christina Carty.

KENNY.-Accidentally drowned on Oct. 27, John Charles Kenny. KINSELLA.-Oct. 28, at 34 Stoneybatter, Alice Frances Kinsella.

MURPHY.-Nov. 3, at the Hospice for the Dying, Michael Murphy, aged 13 years, late of 16 Charlotte street.

O'BILLY.-Nov. 1, at 41 Marlborough street, at an advanced age, Mrs. Ellen O'Billy (late of New Ross).

DILLON.-Nov. 13, at 3 Covington road, Peter Joseph Dillon, aged 64. CHASE.-Nov. 2, at 58 Lower Clanbrassill street, John Chase.

GERATY.-Oct. 28, at 4 Meath street, Mary Anne Geraty. O'NEILL.-On Nov. 13, at St. Anne's convent, Camp Hill, Birmingham, Mother Mary Alphonse O'Neill, only sister of the Rev. Dominic O'Neill, C. P., Mount Argus, Dublin, in the 35th year of her religious profession.

SYNNOTT.-Nov. 14 (Feast of St. Lawrence O'Toole), at 62 Lower sheriff street, Ellen Synnott.

KILDARE.-The funeral of Mary Kenny, from Moydado, Maynooth, on Nov. 19, to Grange William cemetery was very numerous attended.

KILKENNY.-During a terrible wind and rain storm, experienced in Kilkenny on Nov. 12 and 13, the River Nore overflowed and inundated a great portion of the city, causing much damage to property. When the storm was at its height Mr. Michael Morrissey, of Muckalee, was carried off by the rushing water at Green's Bridge and drowned. He was trying to save a cow he was bringing to the fair.

KING'S.-The will of late Mr. John Atkinson, of Derryharran, Banagher, has just been filed in the courts. He died Aug. 30 last leaving a personal estate valued at over £70,000.

The county experienced a terrible wind and rain storm on Nov. 12 and 13, with snow and sleet. A great portion of the bogland is submerged, and many persons have been thrown out of work. Many dwellings of farmers are entirely surrounded by water from the River Shannon, which has spread itself inland for miles on both sides.

LONGFORD.-The committee of the Drumard branch of the United Irish League met in the League Rooms, Moyne, Nov. 11, with Mr. F. Brady presiding. Resolutions were proposed and carried calling on all in the parish to become members. It was resolved to send a contingent to Killoe meeting and to Columbkille.

LOUTH.-On Nov. 6, at Broughton street, Dundalk, occurred the death of John Doherty, Monumental Works, Bachelor's Walk. The funeral to St. Patrick's cemetery was very numerous attended.

The shareholders of the Drogheda Steam Packet company have received notification from the directors that the interest of the company, subject to the approval of the shareholders, has been disposed of to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway for \$400,000. The shareholders are asked return proxies approving the project, or attend a special meeting of the company. The British company desires to have a hold on the trade coming from the midland counties of Ireland.

MEATH.-Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, on Sunday, Nov. 17, solemnly dedicated the new church in Moynalvey. Great numbers of clergy and laity attended the historic ceremony.

Mrs. Bridget Salmon, of Clane, died Nov. 13, at the early age of 36 years, deeply regretted. Funeral to the Abbey was very numerous attended. Her many friends in the United States will learn of her demise with sorrow.

The funeral of Mrs. Kilgallon, of Grangebeg, Templeboy, to Skreen cemetery, took place on Oct. 29, and was attended by a concourse of persons. She was a sister of Mr. Simon Cullen, and niece to Mr. Peter O'Connor, Calnsfort. Rev. J. J. Melvin, Templeboy, assisted by Rev. P. McNulty, Skreen, and Rev. M. J. Munnally, Skreen, officiated at the grave.

QUEEN'S.-Rev. John Harris, Maryborough has been changed to Carlow. The Month's Memory Office and High Mass for the late Rev. R. Knareboro, P. P., was held lately at Aghaboe. The Very Rev. Canon Shortall, Durrow, presided. The celebrant was Rev. T. Grant, deacon, Rev. J. Madden, sub-deacon, Rev. M. Holohan, master of ceremonies, Rev. T. Bowe, Diocesan Inspector.

WESTMOUTH.-At the Catholic church, Ballinagh, on Nov. 13, by Rev. P. J. Fagan, assisted by Archdeacon Clarke and the Very Rev. Mgr. Kelly,

Patrick J. Fagan of Lickbla, Castlepollard, was married to Dorothy Mary Smith, Kevitt Castle, Crossdoney, County Cavan.

While playing with a toy pistol on Oct. 30 Michael Keenan, son of Mr. Patrick Killian, Pettiswood, met with a serious accident. He was endeavoring to place a cartridge in the barrel and had to use some force, as it was too large. It exploded and the bullet lodged in his abdomen. Dr. Kearney was sent for, arriving quickly on the scene. He extracted the bullet and the boy made satisfactory progress toward recovery.

WEXFORD.-Mr. Horace Plunkett, vice-president of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Education in Ireland, opened the new technical school in Wexford on Nov. 11. The school is the fine hall used for lectures to the Catholic Young Men's society. Among those present was Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns.

The Gores' 38 Monument is now completed, and Sir Thomas Esmond, M. P., states he is prepared to hand it over to the 38 Memorial Committee. The inscription has yet to be put on it. It is hoped one side of the memorial will have the words in the Irish language.

WICKLOW.-Mrs. Bridget Byrne, daughter of late Lawrence Byrne, Kildes, Newtowmountkenedy, and wife of late Martin Byrne, Knocktempel, Roundwood, died Nov. 4 at 28 Augustine street, Dublin, greatly and widely regretted.

Since the St. Mary's and St. Peter's Catholic Church was erected in Arklow forty-six years ago by the late Ven. Archbishop Redmond the sacred edifice has undergone many improvements. When the present parish priest the Rev. James Dunphy, took charge in 1878 he had to undertake the furnishing of the church which cost £3,000. Some years ago he spent \$350 in decorating and an additional £400 in laying down a new floor. He found, however, that for the preservation of the work already done, as well as for the comfort of the congregation, that the church required to be heated, and this is the work which he proposes to carry out, together with the installation of acetylene gas at a cost of £300. To meet the expenses Father Dunphy appeals to the parishioners to assist him. With the exception of this expenditure the church is free from debt, and this, considering that £1,000 a year are spent in churches, schools and other buildings, leaves little room to doubt that he will receive a generous response.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.-Mrs. Foley, wife of the gardener of Mr. J. W. Scott, of Roslevin, was fatally burned on Nov. 9 by the exploding of an oil lamp.

The Dysart branch of the United Irish League at a recent meeting appointed as the delegates to the Dublin convention P. McDonnell, M. Barry, T. Griffin, T. Kelly and M. Flanagan.

Rev. P. Glynn, pastor, presided at a meeting of the Carrigaholt branch of the United Irish League, held Nov. 10, when complaint was made that the notorious Willie Studdert and the Kiliballyowen Emergency Brigade had cut hay on the evicted farm of Michael McMahon, of Moyarta. The chairman said it was rather humiliating that an evicted tenant like Studdert, for whom West Clare had made such a fight, should be now doing emergency work for the landlord.

As a result of thirty-six hours' downpour of rain a serious flooding of the land in West Clare occurred Nov. 11. Houses in the bog and low-lying districts were submerged, and the occupiers obliged to fly, leaving everything behind. Pits of potatoes, roots and green crops were swept away by the floods. Miles of country are still under water, and present the appearance of immense lakes. The overflowing of the rivers added to the general destruction, and the public roads are converted into rushing water courses. Train service was suspended.

Rev. Michael Tully, parish priest of Lisconnor, has issued an appeal for financial assistance for the people who have lost all they were possessed of by the great bog slide at Ballyfadeen on the night of Nov. 11. The farms are buried under a bog in some parts fifteen feet in depth. Father Tully, in his appeal, says: "A bog slide of much greater destructiveness and covering a far wider area than the Lough catastrophe of last year has occurred at Ballyfadeen, the principal victims being, among many others: Daniel Driscoll, thirteen in family; Michael Finn, eight in family, and Michael Killourly, twelve in family. The farms of these people, which they purchased lately under the Land Purchase Act, are covered with several feet of bog stuff. They had no other means of living. They have practically lost their farms, besides their cows, pigs and green crops. This really heart-rending to witness their sad condition. Contributions will be thankfully acknowledged by Father Tully for these poor sufferers."

JORK.-The dead body of Mr. Edmund Hanneu, late principal teacher in Meelin National School, was found at Knockduff, between Newmarket and his home, Nov. 14.

The remains of a young man named Michael Kelly, who had been missing since Nov. 1, were found near Dunboy Castle Nov. 11 by Michael Hurley, who lives near the Castle.

A largely attended and representative meeting was held in Alibritain, Rev. Father Coakley presiding, at which a branch of the Gaelic League was established. The reverend chairman protested against the flood of immoral literature being brought into the country from England. At the weekly meeting of the Cork branch, Mr. John O'Connell presiding, a proposal to hold a series of monthly lectures by prominent Irish scholars was approved. At the annual general

meeting of the Fernoy branch Mr. J. McCarthy presiding, the annual report of the secretary was read, and indicated that the branch had made great progress. Mr. McCarthy was re-elected president.

The solemn requiem services for the late Rev. Cornelius O'Sullivan, parish priest of Dromarriffe, were held in the parish church Nov. 9, when great numbers of the clergy from the diocese of Cloyne and Kerry attended. The celebrant being Rev. Alexander O'Sullivan, Seminary, Killarney; deacon, Father Foran, Castleisland; sub-deacon, Father O'Reagan, Boherbee; master of ceremonies, Father Scanlan, Killarney.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. ROONEY.-On Nov. 10, at Margaret street, Maria Rooney.

CURTIN.-On Nov. 10, at Carrigara, Cornelius Curtin.

O'FARRELL.-On Nov. 10, Michael O'Farrell, Drimoleague.

MURPHY.-On Nov. 11, at Tuillimore, Coachford, Hannah Murphy.

CONNOLLY.-At Ballycullane, on Nov. 11, Alice Connolly.

HEALY.-On Nov. 11, at Ballybrack, Glanmire, Denis Joseph Healy, aged 22 years.

FITZGERALD.-On Nov. 10, Mary Anne Fitzgerald, 3 St. Anthony's Villas, Pouladuff road.

M'CARTHY.-On Nov. 9, at 37 Harbor View, Queenstown, Mary McCarthy, Farinda, sister of the late Thomas Harigan, Ballycullane, Kilmallock, aged 83 years.

BARRETT.-On Nov. 14 (suddenly), Richard Barrett, for twenty years janitor of the "York Constitution" office.

KEARNEY.-On Nov. 15, at Ballycrenane, Cloyne, William Kearney.

FLYNN.-On Nov. 12, at Dromarriffe, Kilmiddy, Mrs. Anne Flynn, mother of the Rev. Bros. Bernardine and Leo.

FITZGERALD.-At 19 Rockborough road, on Nov. 13, Kate Fitzgerald.

DERBY.-On Nov. 14, at his residence, 6 East View Terrace, John Derby.

RYAN.-On Nov. 14, her 84th birthday, Frances T. Ryan, relict of late Michael Ryan, Brures.

BARRY.-On Nov. 14, at Billberry, David Barry.

O'LEARY.-On Nov. 13, at Meadeatoun, Simon O'Leary, at an advanced age.

KERRY.-The steamship Grebe laid the shore end of the new cable from Waterville, Kerry, to New York, via the Azores, for the Commercial Cable company on Nov. 13. The Faraday lays the deep sea portion.

LIMERICK.-At the meeting in the Limerick Catholic Library Institute lately very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, president, outlined the program of lectures to be delivered during the winter season. Rev. T. Lee, A.M., St. John's, will lecture on "Thoughts and Impressions on the Passion Play." Rev. Father Dowling, "Cork;" Father Hogan, "The College;" Canon Ryan, "Thurles;" Mr. J. J. Keenan and Mr. J. P. D'Alton, will deliver lectures. There will be a number of concerts. He stated that 100 new books had been purchased for the library, works written by Irishmen and on Irish subjects. The impressive ceremony of religious profession took place at the convent of Mercy, Belfast, on Nov. 4, when Miss Hannah M. Irwin, in religion Sister M. Regis, daughter of Mr. Wm. M. Irwin, Feenagh, made her profession as a Sister of Mercy. Most Rev. Dr. Henry presided and received the vows.

TIPPERARY.-The death of Mr. James Bonyng, of Cathedral street, Thurles, occurred Nov. 9; deeply regretted. Office and High Mass and funeral were numerous attended.

Mr. J. J. Minton, of Clonmel, died recently, deeply and widely regretted, at the age of 36 years. The funeral took place to Marlfield and was a most impressive cortege. The procession was preceded by the members of the C. J. Kilkham life and drum band, with instruments draped. After them came the hearses, followed by the members of the corporation.

WATERFORD.-The Nationalists of Waterford City have subscribed \$500 to the fund of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

The death of Mrs. Edward Fennessy, of Cliff Terrace, Tramore, happened on Nov. 15, at the fine age of 86 years. She was the wife of the late Mr. Edward Fennessy, of the well known seed house on the quay, Waterford City, and of the nursery John's Hill, same city.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.-A terrific rain and wind storm swept over the north of Ireland during the 12th and 13th of November. In the city of Belfast the entire streets were flooded and traffic stopped. Oxford street, near the markets, was impassable for pedestrians, and almost so for vehicles, there being three feet of water. Great Edward street and the Sand Quay were also flooded. Business was suspended and a loss of \$5,000 sustained thereby.

A good meeting of the West Belfast branch of the United Irish League was held in the rooms, Berry street, Nov. 9. Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, presided, and addressed the meeting on the political situation, referring to the magnificent progress made by the United Irish League, the only organization that was instrumental in uniting the millions of our race throughout the globe.

A meeting of the Central Committee of the Catholic Association at Belfast was held Nov. 4 in St. Mary's Minor Hall, Alderman William McCormick presiding.

The annual meeting of the Belfast County Committee of the Gaelic League Hall, Lombard street, Belfast. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Kirk.

ARMAGH.-A terrific storm visited Lurgan on Nov. 12, and caused great damage to the buildings the stackfold-

ing of the new tower on St. Peter's church was blown down, part of it entering the roof of the parochial house. One of the departments in a local linen factory was completely flooded, and the employees had to get out.

A meeting of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Association was held in Armagh Nov. 11, at which there was a very large attendance. After the recital of the rosary by Rev. Peter Sheeran, the spiritual director of the association, Cardinal Logue delivered a very interesting address on Temperance. He said that he wished to say a word of congratulation to the society on the fine spectacle he saw before him, and that if he were asked to select one society from the sodalities in the parish, and were confined to one, the society which he would prefer to retain would be the Total Abstinence Association.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, Nov. 7, forty yards of the wall surrounding the Duke of Manchester's demesne at Tandragee suddenly burst with great force, the immense volume of water that overflowed the pond sweeping against it. Some men employed to clear a grating which had become stopped with leaves, but becoming afraid, stepped back. George Ferris, went back, thinking to do something, and was only there a few minutes when the wall fell on him. Many people tried to recover the body, but had not been successful, as the volume of water was very great, and it still coming with such force that the houses in the lower part of the town were all flooded, some of their occupants being got out with difficulty. A terrific rain storm caused the catastrophe.

CAVAN.-On Nov. 13 the marriage took place at Ballinagh church, by the Rev. Father Fagan, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke, and the Right Rev. Mgr. Kelly, of Mr. Patrick J. Fagan, Lickbla, Castlepollard, Westmeath, and Miss Dorothy Mary Smith, younger daughter of the late Mr. Philip Smith, Kevitt Castle, Crossdoney. The gifts presented numbered 150.

A meeting of the members of the Castleraghan and Ballyjamesduff branch of the United Irish League was held Nov. 10. Mr. F. J. Lynch, president East Cavan Executive, in the chair.

DERRY.-Both the concerts organized this year on behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth, Derry, and those whom their charity supports have been a success beyond the anticipations of the earnest and self-sacrificing promoters. The chairman of the Concert Committee was Father Doherty, Long Tower; treasurer, Mr. James Doherty, Foyle street.

DONEGAL.-A most important meeting took place in Dungloe lately. The chair was taken by Mgr. Gallagher. Mr. J. E. Boyle proposed a series of resolutions in favor of Home Rule, compulsory sale, provision of piers and harbors, equality in university education, redress of the financial relations with England, the advancement of home industries, and the fostering of the Gaelic language, condemning the action of the foreign Irish Executive in suppressing constitutional meetings in the West of Ireland, and welcoming Mr. James Boyle, M. P., to his native town. Mr. James Boyle, M. P., said thanks to William O'Brien and the United Irish League people were united. He knew that he was not appealing in vain when he asked them to join the National organization. A branch of the United Irish League was founded.

DOWN.-Mr. T. J. Quayle of Lough-insland Male National School, has secured a diploma of the highest class as teacher from the De La Salle Training College in Waterford City.

A conference of clergy of Downpatrick was held on Nov. 9 in Gilmore's Hotel, Downpatrick, the Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, presiding.

The inaugural meeting of the Castledawson and District Organizational Committee was held in St. Malachy's Parochial Hall, Castledawson, Nov. 10.

FERMANAGH.-The United Irish League is making some gain in the county, but still much good work remains to be done. The country of the Maguires ought to have more branches of the national organization than it just now possesses, but that condition will not long remain.

MONOGHAN.-Mr. P. Keela, manager Irish Lace Depot, Dublin, who was judge of the lace exhibits at Carrickmacross Show on Nov. 12, in an interview by an "Anglo-Celt" representative as to his opinion of the Carrickmacross lace on view that day, said: "I have known the industry for forty years-in fact I was the founder of it, but the specimens of the work I examined to-day were as fine as I ever saw. For royal gipure and applique work, Carrickmacross cannot be excelled. When I was leaving Carrickmacross nine years ago I handed over to the nuns the industry, and if the girls I had employed were employed by them, and I must say that under the management of the nuns of St. Louis Convent the work turned out is excellent."

TYRONE.-A painfully sudden death took place at Legacurry, near Newtown Stewart, on Nov. 10. While two men named Doherty were driving along the road they met Patrick McGinchy, leaning on his umbrella. The latter said he had a weak turn. He then sat down until Doherty was ready to assist him into the cart. In a few moments, however, McGinchy was dead, the cause being heart disease. He had been in America for forty years, and returned to Ireland about seven years ago.

Mr. Patrick Harte, Dromore, presided at a recent meeting of the Highwood branch of the United Irish League.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.-The death of Mr. Patrick Devine, merchant, Carlow, occurred on Nov. 18, aged 45 years, deeply regretted. Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral, which were numerous attended by the clergy and laity. The funeral to St. Mary's cemetery was largely attended.

DUBLIN.-Rev. L. E. Larkin, of the Carmelite Order, died Nov. 19, at the early age of 28 years. Solemn Requiem services were held in the Carmelite church, Whitefriars street, and were largely attended by clergy and laity.

During the great wind and rain storm which was experienced in Dublin Nov. 12 and 13 was lost a fishing boat "The True Light," and eight hands, all residents of Houth; names, William McLoughlin, aged 25; Lawrence and John Hannaway, aged 20 and 16; Joseph Russel, aged 30; Joseph Daly, married, aged 45; James Caulfield, widower, aged 40 and Patrick Bourke, aged 20.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, on Nov. 19 formally opened the new establishment named Saint Kevin's House, at 40 and 42 Rutland square, Dublin City. The House is finely fitted up to meet the purpose for which it was founded, i.e., that of being a residence for young girls of the Catholic religion living in Dublin as employes or as students who have not permanent homes in the city.

One of the wildest storms in many years broke over Dublin Nov. 12. For the preceding forty-eight hours rain fell in torrents, and on Monday night there was a tremendous and continual downpour. With the rainstorm came a high wind, and it blew with all the force of a terrific gale. The streets were flooded, the sudden accumulation of the surface water being so great that the sewers were unable to carry it off. When the tide was at its highest the water was on a level with the quays along the north and south wall, and the gale from the northeast sent the flood breaking in huge waves in the streets.

On Oct. 31 the golden jubilee of the foundation of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Loughrea was celebrated by the community and entire people of the town and surrounding districts. A Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the chapel of the convent in the presence of a large congregation. Most Rev. Dr. Healy presided.

LEITRIM.-On the night of Nov. 12 Carrick-on-Shannon was in a state of complete darkness owing to the effect the rain and windstorm had on the gas plant. The gas house is situated in a low-lying part of the town, and the terrible heavy rains flooded the tanks connected with the gasometer. All the business houses of the town were closed at six o'clock, causing great inconvenience to traders and the public. The land surrounding the town is completely flooded, and in some places families were obliged to leave their homes and seek shelter elsewhere. It is not within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant to have known the town to be flooded to such an extent.

On Nov. 3 the Carrick-on-Shannon District Council No. 1 met in the County Council Chamber, Court House, Carrick-on-Shannon, to co-opt an member and appoint a chairman to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late chairman of the council, Mr. Owen McCann. The utmost interest was manifested in the contest for the vacant seat, as three candidates were to the field, viz., Patrick Flynn, M. Gallagher, and James Mulhern, all of Carrick-on-Shannon. The town presented a very lively appearance, as the whole council of thirty-five members, with one exception, were present. A large number of people were present from the country districts, and the banner "Brass Band" with "Banner" turned out. Mr. Thomas Flynn, vice-chairman of the Council, presided.

MAYO.-Mr. James McPhillip, of Ballinacorney, was elected member of the County Council for Ballinacorney.