

OUR IRISH LETTER

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

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

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.—The death of Mr. Henry Clehery took place suddenly at his home, the Crescent, Galway, on Dec. 18; deeply regretted.

Any one visiting the County Infirmary, said "Galway Pilot," dated Dec. 2, must be struck by the great and salutary change in the institution since the good Sisters of Mercy took over the management. We never saw the house and hospital in such fine order, and as for the handsome chapel, it is, indeed, a gem of its kind.

On Dec. 12 Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, M. P., delivered a lecture in the town hall, Tuam, before a large audience. Rev. J. McDermott, C. A., president of the branch, presided. Sir Thomas Esmonde exhibited fine views of ancient cromlechs, the ruins of Clonmacnoise, Glendalough and other places and ruins. He accompanied the views by a commentary upon their historic worth, which was a pleasure to hear, packed full with information. The ancient cross of Tuam as it came upon the scene evoked loud applause, as did the cross of Cong.

LETRIM.—The Drumkeerin branch of the United Irish League at recent meeting appointed Mr. M. Keaveney, Mr. P. Devitt and Mr. F. McDorty as its representatives on the county executive.

The death of Mr. J. C. Browne, late of Surinam, happened at Clontarf, Mo-hill, Nov. 24 last; deeply regretted. The funeral from the Catholic church wherein requiem services were held, was very largely attended. He was a son of the late Mr. William Browne.

MAYO.—Very general and sincere regret was felt in Ballinrobe, Dec. 15, when it became known that Mr. Patrick Murphy had died suddenly. He was in usual health at the 11 o'clock Mass that morning. He was out and about, and had walked down to his home farm to see some stock, which he was just doing when he suddenly fell unconscious, and, although help was at hand, he never rallied.

The remains of Captain James G. O'Donel, who died suddenly in Dublin were conveyed by rail to Castlebar, Dec. 19, for interment. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and on it were the helmet and sword of the deceased. The funeral procession was formed in the following order: A firing party of the Provisional Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers; a party of the Royal Irish Constabulary; the band of the Third Battalion Connaught Rangers; the hearse carrying the remains and wreaths.

ROSCOMMON.—Mrs. Phipps died in Dublin, lately, at the early age of 26 years, deeply regretted. She was daughter of Mr. Thompson, Greivisk. The remains were conveyed by train to Boyle, thence to Ardara Cemetery and interred.

SLIGO.—The death occurred in December, at the Dominican Convent, Adelaide, Australia, of Beattie (in religion Sister Mary Alberta), in the 15 year of her religious profession, youngest daughter of Mrs. Margaret Kerraghan, Stephen street, Sligo. On Sunday, Dec. 16, the people of Kilmacfigue turned out to welcome back their pastor, Rev. T. H. Quinn, on his first visit to the chapel of Kilmacfigue since his return from Scotland. After last Mass, the entire congregation collected, and headed by the band and drum band, bearing the banner of the Kilmacfigue Branch of the United Irish League, met Father Quinn on his way from the church and, amidst the strains of National music and the hearty cheers of the people, the beloved sogaorth aaron was greeted with expressions of fervent love by all.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—The death of Mr. Richard Holden, Church street, Tullow, happened on Dec. 13, deeply regretted. The funeral took place Dec. 15, and the immense concourse which followed the remains to Grange Cemetery testified to the esteem in which he was held.

DUBLIN.—James Redmond, while working in the quarries of Johnstown, near Cabinteely, was buried alive by a portion of the quarry falling on him. A new branch of the United Irish League has been founded in Saint Margaret's. Membership roll holds more than two hundred names. Mr. J. Kettle, the veteran land reformer, attended the meeting, and delivered a spirited oration.

A sad accident occurred on Dec. 18 at the Drumcondra road, resulting in the death a few hours later of Mr. James Long, a farmer residing at Drumcondra, near Swords. He was driving a horse loaded with hay when he fell off as a result of the horse being a little shaky, and sustained a serious injury. Mr. Long was the proprietor of a messagerie, and with his wife, Dr. O'Connell, who was a member of the United Irish League, he was very largely attended.

LONGFORD.—Mrs. Bridget Ross, of Newport House, died recently, deeply regretted. She was the widow of Mr. Patrick Ross. The funeral to Ardara Cemetery was very largely attended.

driven to the hospital, where he died two hours after his admission. Dr. Christopher Sullivan, house surgeon made the post-mortem examination and deposed that four ribs on the left side were broken; the broken end entered the lungs, causing collapse and hemorrhage.

The Executive Committee of the Gaelic League met on Dec. 10. Dr. O'Hickey in the chair.

Pope Leo XIII. has conferred the title of Chevalier of the Order of St. Sylvester and Knight of the Golden Spur on Mr. Joseph Higgins Sheeran, of Charleville Terrace, Dublin, son of the late Mr. James Sheeran, of Fishers-town, County Longford. This is the most ancient of all the Papal orders, having been instituted by the Emperor Constantine and conferred by St. Sylvester I. This title "Eques Aureus," was considered one of the highest titles of honor, because the possessors were given precedence of other nobles. It conveys personal nobility, and comes from the Sovereign Pontiff in recognition of signal services rendered in the interest of religion and of the Church. The number of knights being limited, the title is rarely conferred. The uniform consists of scarlet dress coat, with green collar and cuffs embroidered with gold, and gold fringe epaulettes; white trousers with gold stripe, two pointed hilt and gilt spurs. The ribbon of the hat, gilt sword with mother-of-pearl order, which is red, with two black stripes, supports a gold octagonal cross, with likeness of St. Sylvester in white enamel centre surrounded by the words, "Sancti Sylvester, P. M." Attached to the extremity of the cross is a miniature spur, the emblem of the order. Also a chain or collar of gold worn around the neck.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. CASSELLS—Dec. 12, James Cassells, at 45 Mary's lane.

CORCORAN—Dec. 13, at Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Denis Corcoran, late of Tyrrell Villa, Terenure.

ENRIGHT.—Dec. 22, Margaret Enright, late of Trinity place and Upper street, aged 65.

FITZSIMONS—Dec. 21, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Joseph Fitzsimons, formerly of 22 Charlotte street.

GLICHRIST—Dec. 22, at 47 St. Joseph's place, Catherine Glichrist.

CODD—Dec. 14, at St. Michael's Hospital, Kingsdown, Michael Codd, of 4 Musgrave street, Kingsdown (late of 4 Upper George's street).

CLENDENNING—Dec. 18, at 49 Frankfort avenue, Rathgar, Jane Clendenning, late of the Wicklow hotel, Dublin, aged 83 years.

LORD—Dec. 23, at Myrtle Villa, Inchicore, Mary Lord, daughter of the late Nicholas Meleady, Donoughmore, Navan.

COLLINS—Dec. 20, at 5 St. Patrick's Terrace, Inchicore, Michael Collins.

CONLAN—Dec. 22, at 24 East James street, Joseph Conlan.

DUFFY—Dec. 20, at Synge street, Dublin, Ellen Duffy.

MOLLOY—Dec. 18, at Tristram, Sutton, Mrs. Elizabeth Molloy, late of Boston.

BYRNE—Dec. 18, at Sallinoggin, Jane Byrne, at an advanced age.

BRENNAN—Dec. 22, at 76 North King street, John Brennan.

BARRY—Dec. 18, at 4 Fortfield terrace, Palmerston Park, Dublin, Mary Agnes.

BROWNE—Dec. 17, at Rialto Bridge, Grand Canal, Michael Browne, father of the Rev. Father Ignatius, Passionist.

COSGRAVE—Dec. 23, at 108 Great Brunswick street, Mrs. Anne Cosgrave.

KEARNS—Dec. 17, at Killelagh, Ashbourne, Patrick Kearns, aged 78.

KILDARE.—Mr. John Sohan, of Clonough, died Dec. 22, aged 70 years, after a short period of sickness, to the great regret of his family and friends. The funeral to Adamstown Cemetery was very largely attended.

The will of the late Mr. Patrick Sheridan, of Anna Villa, Sutton, who died Dec. 12, has been probated by his sons, Patrick and Edward. The value of the estate was sworn to over one hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars.

The Sisters of Mercy in Athy have determined not to be in the background as regards the teaching of the mother tongue to their pupils of both schools—St. Mary's and St. Michael's. They have secured the services of a proficient Irish speaker in the person of Miss B. Flaherty from the Arranalea.

KILKENNY.—On Dec. 15 a meeting of the South Kilkenny Executive, United Irish League was held in Thomastown.

A great Nationalist demonstration was held in Johnstown, Dec. 15.

KING'S.—On December 23 the ice broke on the lake of Charleville Castle near Tullamore, and Francis Quirk, aged 16, who was skating, was drowned. He was a son of Mr. Constantine Quirk.

On Dec. 20 in the convent chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Birr, Requiem Mass and Office were held for Sister Mary Genevieve, a member of the community, the only daughter of the late Dr. M. P. Foley, of Kilrush, County Clare, and niece of the Rev. P. Scanlan, Castleconnell. The deceased was in the 38th year of her life and the twelfth of her religious profession. The officiating clergy were: Celebrant, the Rev. John Toohy, Dunkerrin; deacon, the Rev. Patrick Barrett, Birr; sub-deacon, the Rev. T. Meagher, Birr; President the Venerable Thomas Phelan, Archdeacon of Killealee, St. Brendan's, Birr; chanters the Rev. Edward Flynn, Kinnetty, and the Rev. J. Cunningham, Roscrea; master of ceremonies, the Rev. Benjamin O'Donovan, Birr.

LONGFORD.—Mrs. Bridget Ross, of Newport House, died recently, deeply regretted. She was the widow of Mr. Patrick Ross. The funeral to Ardara Cemetery was very largely attended.

Longford branch of the Gaelic League was held recently, Mr. Patrick Hanley presiding and at which Mr. J. Cullinane was elected unanimously to fill the office of vice-president, made vacant by the retirement of Mr. McDonagh. Mr. O'Connell was elected to fill the place on the committee which Mr. Cullinane held.

LOUTH.—On Dec. 15 an enthusiastic meeting under the auspices of the National organization was held in the village of Louth. The greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings and the eloquent and practical addresses of John Murphy, M. P.; N. B. King, J. Byrne, J. Phelan. At the close of the proceedings 69 new members joined the branch. Mr. Patrick Fawle, Ma'acrew, presided, and there were present: N. R. King, J. J. Phelan, J. Byrne, T. Larney, J. Hardy, P. Tariff, B. Lynch, H. Cassidy, J. Belton, M. Woods, J. Murtagh, P. Conlan, J. Kelly, P. Connolly, O. McArdle, P. King, W. Gernon, P. Bellew, and others. The chairman said the meeting was to make the League as strong in Louth as elsewhere in Ireland. Resolutions approving of the League were proposed by Mr. T. Larney and seconded by Mr. Hugh Cassidy, ex-suspect, and dealing with the administration of the Land acts and Local Government Board. By Mr. T. Byrne and seconded by Mr. J. Belton. Mr. John Murphy, M. P., in supporting the resolutions, pointed out the fact that the League was spreading all over the country, and he presumed its objects were applicable to Louth as well as elsewhere.

MEATH.—On Dec. 8, the funeral of Mr. James Lennox Naper, of Loughcrew, Oldcastle, took place. There were 220 vehicles in the cortege, which reached from Loughcrew House to the graveyard, a distance of about two miles, while there were thousands of pedestrians in attendance. He resided on his estate of 15,000 acres, and was on friendly terms with his tenants. His income from the estate was \$115,000 a year.

QUEEN'S.—On Dec. 23, happened the death of Mr. Kating of Kyletelesha, Maryborough, at the extraordinary age of 104 years.

The death of Mrs. Mary Markey, Rossleigh, Maryborough, happened on Dec. 16 at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Finnegan, Rossleigh, Maryborough. The remains were interred at Graigue Cemetery.

A branch of the United Irish League was founded Dec. 15 in Ballybrittas, when following officers and committee were appointed: President, Mr. M. Connell; vice-president, Mr. Andrew Gallagher, honorable treasurers, Mr. M. J. Flood, Fisherstown; honorable secretary, Mr. J. H. Kavanagh; committee, Messrs. Joseph Dunne, T. Ryan, E. Mulhall, Anthony O'Connell, Bernard Kavanagh, John Dooley, E. P. Shortall, E. Tynan, James Flynn, Wm. Kelly, Daniel Donaher and Louis Duffy.

At a recent fine meeting of Nationalists in Ballybrittas, when a branch of the United Irish League was founded.

WESTMEATH.—Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, has decided on erecting a new cathedral in Mullingar, and has organized a collection in every parish of the diocese. The following letter has been addressed by the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney to Right Rev. Mgr. Gaughran, parish priest of Kells: "Mullingar, Dec. 12 1901—My Dear Monsignor Gaughran: The magnificent contribution of £430 10s. 6d. to the Cathedral Fund, which comes exclusively from the lay people of your parish, fills me with gratitude. Though you write that somewhat more may be expected, it would be painful to me to delay for an hour the expression of my warmest feelings of thanksgiving. An analyst would be tempted to speculate how much of this is due to the Cathedral Fund on its merits, how much to the priestly influence of the pastor of Kells and his curate. I prefer to make no analysis, but to regard both springs as splendid Catholic assets. When your Blackwater mingles with the Boyne they form one river, and I have never heard or read anything of analysis. I am inclined to say similarly with the golden store you have sent me. Accept my best thanks for yourself, your collectors, and your people. It is a sincere pleasure to me to be under obligations to Kells, and to feel the necessity of recognizing the high Catholic standard it proposes to itself. It is a town for which I had the earliest memories and likings, and felt the greatest desire to explore its ancient history. This testimony of the good will of its people more strongly binds than ever and while life remains to me I shall not forget the response of Kells to my appeal. Accept again my thanks and richest blessing for you and your people. I am, my dear Monsignor Gaughran, most sincerely yours, Matthew Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, Right Rev. Mgr. Gaughran, P. P., V. G., Kells.

WEXFORD.—On Dec. 19 Mary Kehoe, Taghmon, was found dead on the floor of her kitchen. The deceased was about 80 years of age. She lived alone for over twenty years.

Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, recently made these changes in the diocese: Rev. Owen Kavanagh, recently ordained, to Clongeen; Rev. Gregory Pettit, C. C., from Clongeen to Calm; Rev. Mark O'Gorman, C. C., from Calm to Coolinane; Rev. Aidan Hickey, C. C., from Coolinane to Askamore, vice Rev. John Walsh, promoted to the pastoral charge of Crossabeg.

WICKLOW.—A new bridge is being built over the famous River Avoca at a place named Tyroney.

Mrs. Wm. O'Brien sent a check for £25 to the Very Rev. Canon O'Neill, Kilkerrin, for distribution among the Coolgreany evicted tenants.

The members of the Michael Dwyer branch of the United Irish League in Dublin held a meeting on Dec. 15 to elect officers for the present year.

when there were in attendance: Christy Lawler, James Cunningham, Jas. Lawler, John Byrne, J. Grace, James Gorman, T. Cunningham, M. Roche, T. Bryan, James Norton, W. Kehoe, John Smyth and others. It was proposed by Mr. J. Cunningham, and seconded by Mr. J. Grace, that Very Rev. J. Maxwell, P. P. be elected president. It was proposed by Mr. T. Byrne, and seconded by Mr. J. Grace, that Rev. P. Early be elected vice-president. Both resolutions were adopted.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—The death of Mrs. William Morrissey, Henry street, Kilrush, occurred Dec. 17, suddenly, and caused great regret. The funeral was very numerous attended.

Mr. Justice Andrews resumed the business of the Munster winter assizes in the Cork City Courthouse Dec. 13. Patrick Kelly and Michael Kelly, father and son, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with having on the night of May 14th, at Carrowragh, been armed with firearms, with other persons unknown, assembled to the terror of His Majesty's subjects. On the second indictment they were charged with having fired into the house of Patrick Doolan, Carrowragh, on the same occasion. The jury after being in ten minutes rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The largest and most practical meeting of the Scariff branch of the United Irish League was held Dec. 15, at the Market House. The president, Mr. James Crotty, was in the chair.

CORK.—A lecture entitled, "Why Irish Should Be Learned," was delivered under the auspices of the Cork Branch of the Gaelic League, in the Lancasterian Schools, Dec. 17, by Mr. J. P. Hayes, prize winner at the Munster Fela. Mr. D. O'Shea presided.

On Dec. 17, in the presence of an immense multitude of people, was laid to rest all that was mortal of the late Rev. Laurence Walsh, Ballyhea. He was ordained in 1855. His first mission was curate to his uncle, Rev. L. Walsh, Clondrohid. Afterwards at Arghna, Donoughmore, and Mitchelstown. Solemn Office for the Dead was chanted, followed by Requiem High Mass, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, presided.

A public meeting under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League was held at Ballygarvan Dec. 15 for the purpose of dealing with a local case of eviction. The landlord is Major Barry Bradley; evicted tenant, John Butler. Father O'Leary presided.

The interest awakened throughout the county in the revival of the mother tongue was amply demonstrated by the proceedings which took place recently at Berringa. The occasion was the establishment of a branch of the Gaelic League, and the attendance made manifest the cheerful readiness of the people to join in the good work. Delegations were present from Cork, and surrounding districts. Rev. Timothy Twomey, Iniscarra, presided.

KERRY.—Patrick Shea, who was evicted from the farm of land held by him at Gortlahard, near Kenmare, on the Mayberry estate, has been reinstated. The old rent of the farm was £30, and Dr. Mayberry offered to reduce the rent to £25 a year. Shea accepted and was reinstated, a fact due to the existence of the United Irish League.

A representative meeting of the supporters of the Irish language movement was held in the Courthouse, Castleisland, recently, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Gaelic League.

On Dec. 20 Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, the Parliamentary representative for the West Kerry Division, one of the Irish Delegates to America, returned to his native county. On the arrival of the popular member at Kilmorglin, of enthusiasm. A torchlight procession was a remarkable manifestation of the people, and preceded by the Killorglin Band, a start was made for the Fair Grounds. The addresses presented including those from the people of Milltown and the Killorglin Branch of the Gaelic League. All the houses were illuminated, and away over the hills could be seen huge bonfires. Mr. Wm. O'Brien secretary of the West Kerry Executive of the United Irish League, presided at the meeting.

LIMERICK.—Rev. F. Rey, Knocka and Donoughmore, has been transferred to St. Mary's parish, Limerick City, in succession to Rev. Father Hayes, appointed curate in St. John's parish.

A melancholy incident was brought to light on Dec. 17 in Kilmacow, near Ballygarra, where a respectable man, aged 80 years, named Patrick McEniry, was discovered dead in his dwelling.

In the Athenaeum Limerick, lately, before a crowded audience, the Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, O. F. M., author of "The Irish Insurrection of 1798," delivered an interesting lecture on "Ireland, Past and Present," under the auspices of the Limerick branch of the Young Ireland Society. Gaelic songs were given by the girls of the Gaelic Choral Class and by Miss McDonagh, Miss Donovan and Miss Donoghue.

Speaking in Limerick Dec. 19, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of the diocese, said the movement for the revival of the Irish language deserved the sympathy and the co-operation of everyone. It was a spontaneous movement, without being forced or worked by people who had no material interest in it. It seemed to have come out of the very heart of the people, and it was a natural, healthy and honest manifestation of true national feeling.

On Dec. 19, in the Schools of Laurel Hill Convent, the annual distribution of prizes took place, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presiding.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Mrs. P. O'Neill, of 44 Main street, Tipperary, occurred Dec. 14, deeply regretted.

The interment was in Kilpatrick Cemetery and was very numerous attended.

The adjourned annual convention of the Gaelic Athletic Association was held at Thurles lately. Alderman Nolan, president, in the chair. Mr. O'Sullivan, Kerry, stated that Mr. Michael Davitt had generously withdrawn his claim to £450, loans made to the association in connection with the Gaelic invasion of America. A resolution was passed expressive of gratitude to Mr. Davitt, and undertaking to refund the sum at the first opportunity.

On Dec. 22 a good meeting was held in Ballyporeen to found a branch of the United Irish League.

The funeral of Brother Jerome O'Dwyer, of the Christian Brothers' schools, Tipperary, took place Dec. 20. The deceased had been over fifteen years in the Order, four of which were spent in the local monastery. After a short illness his death occurred on Wednesday, to the regret of the many friends he gained during the period of his labors in Tipperary. Office and High Mass were held in the parish church. Celebrant, Rev. Father Murphy; deacon, Father Kiely; sub-deacon, Father Ryan, and master of ceremonies, Father O'Meara. Very Rev. Canon Ryan, Clonoulty, and Rev. Thomas O'Keefe, Clonoulty, were also present. At the conclusion of the Mass a procession was formed in which Christian Brothers from Tipperary and the surrounding districts the boys of the school, and a large attendance of the public took part. The interment was made in the town cemetery.

The death of Sister Mary Borgia, of the Convent of Mercy, Cahir, happened on Dec. 14 in the convent at Ballyporeen, of pneumonia, after seven days sickness. Solemn Office and High Mass were held in the Cahir Convent. At the High Mass the celebrant was Rev. Philip Cusack, Cahir; Rev. T. Donohue, Carrickbeg, deacon; Rev. Father Byrne, Banaha, sub-deacon; Rev. R. Power, Cahir, master of ceremonies; Rev. N. Brennan, president Rockwell College, presiding.

WATERFORD.—Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, manager of the County Club, in the city of Waterford, died Dec. 22 aged 58 years.

The death of Mr. Thomas Bowe, of the Glen, City of Waterford, occurred Dec. 24 after a short period of illness. The sad event was widely and deeply regretted.

Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to several hundred children in Ballybricken Church Dec. 22. He was assisted by the Rev. P. F. Flynn, Rev. W. Egan, Rev. M. Walsh, Rev. Thomas Power, Ballybricken, and Rev. J. H. Dowley, St. John's.

A public meeting of the Nationalists of Tramore and the district was held lately in Tramore for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League. The gathering was a large one and entirely representative of National feeling in the district.

Doctor Donnelly presided at a recent meeting of the Lismore branch of the United Irish League.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—On Dec. 16 the remains of Mr. William Shaw, whose death took place under tragic circumstances on Dec. 14, were interred at Cullybackey. On Dec. 13 a wedding party was held at the dwelling house of the deceased in celebration of his daughter's marriage. The bridegroom and bride left for Drumrankin in the evening, and the wedding guests had only taken their departure when the deceased was seized with internal hemorrhage. Drs. James Simpson, Cullybackey and A. D'Evelyn, Ballymena, were called in, but they were unable to relieve the sufferer, and death ensued.

Mr. William Redmond, M. P., addressed a great meeting of Nationalists in Avenue Hall, Belfast, Dec. 16. The hall was decorated with magnificent banners of the '98 clubs, including those of the Dr. Brennan '98 Club, West Belfast '98 Commemoration, and St. Patrick's West End. The capacity of the hall was taxed to the utmost.

The funeral of Mr. Andrew Verdon, Ballycastle, took place on Dec. 12 in the cemetery attached to the Church, of St. Patrick and Brigid, Ballycastle, amidst many signs of sorrow. Deceased was a most exemplary and ardent Catholic.

The annual entertainment, given by the pupils of St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Fall Road, Belfast, prior to Christmas vacation, was held in the study hall of the Convent, Dec. 16. Most Rev. Dr. Henry presiding.

ARMAGH.—The remains of Mr. Jno. McKee, farmer, Tullyhugh, were found in the River Cusher, Dec. 15. He had been missing since Dec. 9.

CAVAN.—A meeting was held recently in Broomfield to found a branch of the United Irish League, at which Messrs. Daly and Kilbride delivered addresses.

The liberation lately of Mr. Thomas Farrelly from Armagh Jail, where he spent a month for giving expression to his National sentiments, was the cause of great rejoicing among the people of this town and district. Bands and banners from Columbkille, Fihorra, Dromard, escorted him home from Arva Road station.

DERRY.—A very largely attended meeting of farmers was held in Knox's Hall, Killybegs, lately, to hear an address from Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., on the land question. The chair was occupied by Doctor Samuel J. Bolton. Mr. Hugh Torrens, Drumsara, proposed, and Mr. Paul Cunnady, seconded, the following resolutions, which were adopted: (1) That we remain loyal to the compulsory transfer farms. (2) That, pending this great reform in our land system, we ce-

ssand the right of free sale without involving either landlord or tenant in litigation.

A series of concerts were recently held in aid of Saint Eugene's Cathedral. One was held in Desertmartin on Dec. 3. Large contingents from Draperstown, Magherafelt, Maghera and Moneymore attended, and Rev. P. O'Doherty, Ballinacree; Rev. Hugh O'Kane, Maghera, and Rev. M. Floyd Ballinacree, were present.

DONEGAL.—A meeting of the Keshbarron and Inishmacsaint Branches of the U. I. L. was held Dec. 15, Mr. Michael Cassidy, president, in the chair, James Cassidy, Michael Gavigan, of Crevey, and John Drummond, were elected to attend the great United Irish League meeting in Dublin.

The Congested Districts Board are completing negotiations for the purchase of 500 acres of land in the Killybegs district from the landlord, Mr. Fredennick, of Ballyshannon. The intention of the board is to divide it in plots, each of four or five acres, and give one plot each to the fishermen of the district, who have no land. These tillers of the sea find it difficult to earn a scant living at the fishing industry.

A meeting of the local committee for technical instruction was held in Donegal lately. Rev. A. Lowry presided.

DOWN.—The dead body of James Jackson, tailor, of Bridge street, Dro-more, was discovered Dec. 14 in the River Lagan, convenient to the parochial schoolrooms in Church street, by Mr. Hugh Johnston.

Lower Mourne branch of the United Irish League held its annual meeting on December 15. The farmers and young men of the parish so enthusiastically responded that the meeting was a marked success. The presence of the parish priest, Rev. R. J. Murphy who occupied the chair, and the attendance of Dr. McCartan, solicitor, and Mr. Matthew King, county councillor, who delivered practical speeches, gave the proceedings the character of a public demonstration.

By the death of Mr. Michael Maguill, at his residence in Newry, on Dec. 13, Ireland lost one of her foremost amateur musicians. The deceased was a plumber by trade, but a musical by nature, and from his earliest years was a constant figure on Newry concert platforms. His versatility was marvelous, as he sang and conducted musical societies of every description. At the age of 16 he was first cornet player in the Holy Family Brass Band, Newry, and while still a young man he became its conductor. He next taught St. Joseph's Flute Band, Newry, which won the championship of Ireland at Dublin in 1886. Later he organized the Newry Harmonic Society, and under Mr. Maguill's training it reached a very high standard of excellence. When the Fels Ceoil competitions were started Mr. Maguill threw himself heart and soul into the movement, and in order that Newry should not be left unrepresented at the annual national festival he founded the Newry Choral Society, which he conducted at the competition in Belfast in May, 1898. The late Bishop of the Diocese (Most Rev. Dr. Mc-Griven) pressed him to accept the position of choirmaster and conductor of the Cathedral choir, Newry, in August last, however, Mr. Maguill was, owing to bad health, obliged to resign.

FERMANAGH.—A public meeting, under the auspices of the Ulster Farmers' and Laborers' Union and Compulsory Purchase Association was held at Irvinestown, Dec. 18. Mr. John Anderson, Unionist, presided, and there was a large attendance. The principal speaker was Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P. Resolutions were passed unanimously in favor of compulsory sale, condemning the action of Mr. Archdale, M. P., for North Fermanagh, in regard to compulsory purchase, and expressing want of confidence in him as their representative, and welcoming to Irvinestown Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P. Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., said: "Mr. Chairman and Electors of North Fermanagh: My visit to Irvinestown is in fulfillment of a promise that I should address a meeting in the neighborhood." Mr. Russell's speech was a demand for the transfer of the land from the owners, who did not kill to the tenants who did, and who were compelled to pay an annual rent for the privilege of working the land; at the same time the landowners did nothing in return for the rent taken from the tenants.

MONAGHAN.—On Dec. 10 a meeting of the committee of the Newbliss Co-operative Creamery was held in Newbliss, Mr. Joseph Duffy in the chair.

A successful meeting was held in the Market House, Carrickmacross, Dec. 18, to reorganize the local branch of the United Irish League.

TYRONE.—In Saint Patrick's Hall, Coalisland, Dec. 15, was held a well-attended meeting of the local branch of the United Irish League. Mr. James Toner, vice-president, presided. The following were present: James Harkin, Joseph Gartland, honorable treasurer; John McCudden, honorable secretary; Patrick J. Clancy, John Hughes, Frank McLernon, Tom Corran, John McMahon, Michael Daly, Patrick Daly, James Mallon, John McStravog, Patrick Canavan, Ambrose O'Doherty, J. McNally, Joseph Devila, John Moran, Peter Slevin, Michael McGinty, John Timony, John Grennell, James Hughes, E. Shields, Owen Devlin, Thomas Cafferty, E. Higgins, John Rafferty, John Gartland. The chairman announced that the business that evening was to select delegates to attend the convention to be held in Dublin. The following delegates were appointed to represent the branch at the convention: John Corr, solicitor, president of the branch; Joseph Gartland, honorable treasurer, and Joseph Devlin.