

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

SALWAY.—Mr. Joseph O'Neill, of Salway, Co. Galway, has been appointed...

At the Christian Brothers' Monastery, Tuam, on Dec. 26, happened the death of Rev. Brother J. P. Fitzsimons...

Widespread regret was evinced in Loughrea, Dec. 25, when the sad intelligence was received that the Very Rev. Mr. Madden, of Tynagh, had passed away...

A meeting of members of the Monivrea and Abbey branch of the United Irish League was held at Monivrea for the purpose of making arrangements for the Abbey meeting and electing a joint secretary and treasurer.

LEITRIM.—At recent meeting of the members of the Manorhamilton Catholic Young Men's Society, and at which Mr. J. McMorrow presided, the following resolution was proposed...

MAYO.—The death of Mrs. Honora Burns, wife of Mr. John Burns, Jr., occurred Dec. 27, at Lecanvey, Westport, deeply regretted by the family and her numerous friends.

Both American papers recently announced the death of Miss Bridget Lynskey, in religion Sister Mary Immaculata of the Convent of Our Lady of Charity, Quito, Ecuador, South America.

A recent meeting of the Mayo County Agricultural and Technical Instruction Council chamber, courthouse, Castlebar, Very Rev. Archdeacon Kilkenney presided.

ROSCOMMON.—Mrs. J. Benson, of Ballydoon, died Dec. 28, after a short period of sickness, deeply and truly regretted.

At recent meeting of the United Irish League of Elphin and Ballyvaughan, Mr. Hugh McGrath, Jr., presided.

Word reached Roscommon on Jan. 2 of a serious shooting accident at the residence of Mr. James O'Connor, Ballagh House, near Roscommon.

ELIGO.—Mr. F. J. Conlon presided at the meeting of the Geeyagh branch of the United Irish League, when these resolutions were unanimously adopted:

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WICKLOW.—The Glenmalur Gaelic League met recently and made a presentation to Mr. McCreaney, a teacher, who has done much to revive the Irish language in that part of the county.

taustastic welcome from the people of the town. It was Mr. McHugh's wish to come home quickly, and with that view he had not given any information to his friends in Sligo as to the time of his arrival.

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O'CALLAGHAN.—On Jan. 6, at 26 Clarence street, Michael O'Callaghan, cattle dealer.

BROWNE.—On Jan. 6, at Coolgreen, Blawmore, John Browne.

KERRY.—Rev. W. Moloney, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sutter's Creek, California, has given a generous donation to the Kerry '98 Memorial.

LIMERICK.—A meeting of the Athone Branch of the United Irish League was held New Year's Day in the chapel yard. In the absence of Father O'Mara, president of the branch, Mr. John Moloney was moved to the chair.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Sister Mary Michael O'Brien took place lately at the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford. She was daughter of the late Mr. Redmond O'Brien, Killenau, and entered the Convent in 1888 and was in the twelfth year of her religious profession.

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MURPHY.—Jan. 7, at 1 Anderson's street, Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, aged 78 years.

SMITH.—At Skibbereen Hospital, on Jan. 6, Mrs. R. Smith late of Anmount, Friar's Walk, Cork, aged 54 years.

LOONEY.—On Jan. 6, at Bridge street, Mallow, Nora Looney.

SCRANNELL.—On Jan. 8, at 85 and 86 North Main street, Margaret Scranneil, Shrone, Rathmore, County Kerry.

HOGAN.—On Jan. 8, at 4 Lansdowne Terrace, Teresa Hogan, sister of the late Very Rev. Edmund Hogan, O. S. F.

MURPHY.—On Jan. 8, at Ballybhesta, Carrignavar, Timothy Murphy, aged 72 years.

HALLORAN.—On Jan. 7, at Haulbowline, David Halloran (fire engine keeper).

FITZGERALD.—On Jan. 8, at Ryelane, Mary Fitzgerald.

tor, Hannahstown, was held Dec. 29. Most Rev. Dr. Henry presided. High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. H. Cunningham, St. Patrick's; deacon, Rev. W. J. Kelly, St. Paul's; sub-deacon, Rev. J. McManus, Hannahstown; mass ten of ceremonies, Rev. George Croly, St. Patrick's. The chorists were: Rev. C. Powers, St. Matthew's and Rev. Father Justin, C. P. A. A. A. A.

The body of Thomas Templeton who met his death by falling from a cliff opposite Craig-du-Vatreh, near Portrush, on Jan. 1, was washed up by the tide Jan. 3. Dr. H. S. Morris, coroner, held an inquest at Glenties, Portrush, touching the occurrence. Mark Doherty stated that he remembered working with the deceased. They were at the rock with crowbars. Deceased was standing four feet from the edge of the cliff and witness was standing about four feet further inland. The portion of the rock that the deceased was standing on, and also the portion he was working at gave way, and fell down the cliff, and the deceased also fell. Witness did not see the deceased after he fell over the rock. The distance was about 70 feet. A verdict of accidental death was found.

On Jan. 5, the funeral of Rev. H. Heffron, Glenam, took place at Carrig in Cemetery, after a Solemn Requiem Service in Glenam Church. Solemn services were attended by Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor and a great number of priests. The chief mourners were: John Heffron, Sr. (father) and John Heffron, Jr. (brother). The procession was accompanied by Very Rev. H. Laverly, Rev. C. McAuley, St. Paul's and a very large number of parishioners. The route of the procession was by Ballymena and Bandalstown. At Ballymena it was met by Very Rev. Alexander MacMillan, Rev. John Quinn, T. Groaven, Rev. Father McKenna, Ahoghilly; Mr. J. McCallister, LL.B.; Mr. Mallaghan and others. When the cortege reached Bandalstown it was met by the Rev. H. Boyle, Rev. H. Fitzpatrick, Rev. W. J. Boylan, Antrim; Mr. Francis Grant, Toome and a considerable number of persons from the parishes of Duncane and Bandalstown.

ARMAGH.—Much regret has been caused by the death lately of Mr. James Best, Latt, Mullaghtglass. Deceased was a barony high constable for many years and prior to the passing of the Local Government Act was a member of the Newry Board of Guardians. He was a large and successful farmer.

CAVAN.—The body of Philip Christy, aged 19 years, son of Thomas Christy, Down, was found drowned in the river Clyde, at Glasgow, Jan. 3. He lived at 20 Crownpoint street, Glasgow. On Sept. 17, occurred the death of Father Hugh Brady, at the residence of Dr. O'Connor, Hay street, Perth, Australia, aged 66 years. Father Brady was a native of Cavan, from whence he arrived in the year 1844. The funeral took place from the Cathedral to the orphanage chapel at Subiaco, where a Requiem Mass, was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Gibney. The following priests were also present: Right Rev. Mgr. Bourke, Very Rev. Father Keogh, O'Farrell and O'Neill, C. S. S. R., and Cox, O. M. L. Rev. Fathers Ryan, O. M. I. Brennan, Flood, Morris, Kelly, Smyth, Lynch and Crowley. The remains were interred in the Subiaco Cemetery.

DERRY.—Mr. Diamond, Milford, has offered to Rev. Father McGuigan, parish priest of Killea, a magnificent bell for the church in memory of the deceased parents of the donor. For the reception of the gift arrangements are being made to have a belfry erected. Father McGuigan has thanked Mr. Diamond on behalf of the congregation for his generosity, as this was not the first nor second valuable gift presented by Mr. Diamond to his native parish.

DONEGAL.—A terrible explosion occurred Dec. 27, near Burtonport, on the railway extension from Letterkenny. Three young men, John Ward, Patrick Sharkey and Anthony O'Donnell, engaged on the construction and were working at boring holes in a rock for blasting. While thus engaged Ward was clearing away stones with a pick, when a loud report was heard and he was thrown thirty feet away, and the force of the concussion sent him a considerable distance also. Willing hands were soon on the scene, and it was found that Ward had sustained terrible injuries, the clothes being torn from the body. The other two were also badly injured. Ward was not expected to recover.

In Ballybofey on Jan. 2, was held a meeting of the East Donegal Executive of the United Irish League, to elect officers for the coming year.

DOWN.—Dr. Alexander Heron, Coroner for South Down, held an inquest Jan. 3 on the remains for a respectable farmer named John McLoughlin, aged 75 years, whose body was found in the River Lish on the previous day. The deceased was unmarried. A verdict of death by accident was found.

FERMANAGH.—The death of Mr. Francis Skelton, of Donagh, Newtownbutler, occurred lately, after a long period of sickness. For many years he did an extensive business in a large flax mill in the district.

A meeting to establish a branch of the U. I. L. was held lately at the cross roads, Derrykester. Both divisions of the parish were well represented and the greatest antipathy prevailed.

A bronze statue of a woman carrying a parasol is rather unusual among works of art, but such has recently been unveiled to the late Empress of Austria. It is situated in a small national park in Hungary, in which the late Empress was fond of hunting and fishing.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—Sir Daniel Dixon has been elected Lord Mayor of Belfast for 1902. He was Lord Mayor last year and in 1892 and 1893.

The Month's Mind Office and High Mass for late Rev. B. McCortan, was held at St. Patrick's, Belfast, on Jan. 4.