

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.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—Mr. Bryan Sheedy, chairman of the Kilkee Town Commission, has been sworn in a magistrate by His Majesty the King, R. M. A painful sensation was caused in the town of Kilkee on Jan. 17 when it became known that the body of a man named William Moloney, of Old Mill street, was found in the Fergus near the Mill. He was unmarried and aged about 35. The death of Mrs. George Bingham, of the town of Clonmel, occurred on Jan. 10, at Ashley Park, aged 68 years. The funeral cortege was one of the largest and most respectable seen in this country for years. Rev. P. J. Scanlan and Rev. J. J. Houlahan officiated at the burial. The hearse started from the village chapel at 2 o'clock for the family residence at Kilmurry. The chief mourners were: Michael, Daniel and William Bingham (sons); John Hanly, Limerick; Henry Hanly, nephews; Thomas Duggan, Jas. Duggan, Edward Baker, brothers-in-law; E. Duggan, P. Duggan, Moyriety; Michael Clune, Michael Murphy, John Hargrave, Maria Hargrave, J. Earlight, Limerick; and Mrs. Murphy, cousins.

CORK.—Mr. William Cave was elected Alderman for the West Ward in the city of Cork, Jan. 6. The Lord Mayor of Cork—Edward Fitzgerald—has been elected Alderman of the South Ward in this city. His opponent was Augustine Roche. Both are well known men in Irish National politics. A sacrilegious attempt to rob Malvern Catholic Church was made on Jan. 11. The church was entered by the rear windows, which were forced, and the shrines and collection boxes were broken. Owing to the forethought of the clerk, the boxes were cleared late the previous evening, and the church-speakers gained nothing by their sacrilegious conduct. The death of Mr. Michael J. Fitzgerald, B. L. Ballymacoda, occurred lately. The deceased always evinced the deepest interest in National affairs, especially in the movement for the revival of the Irish language. Advanced 40 years and through life a sterling Nationalist, he could boast of associations with the prominent figures of the 47-48 movement, including Wm. Smith O'Brien, Thomas F. Meagher, John Mitchel, and other patriots of the period. His demise was deeply regretted by his large circle of friends.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. MOORE—On Jan. 15, at Morrison's Road (Suddenly), William Henry Moore, aged 61 years. TORPEY—On Jan. 15, at 10 North Main street, Youghal, Michael Torpey, the result of an accident. MORGAN—On Jan. 15, at Meadstown, Ballygarvan, Emily Morgan. O'FLANAGAN—At Avonduh Grange Farm, Jan. 16, Roderick W. O'Flanagan. O'SULLIVAN—On Jan. 16, at Knockavilly, Denis O'Sullivan. O'DONOGHUE—On Jan. 16, at the North Infirmary, Julia O'Donoghue, Olyan, Carrignavar. GREAN—Jan. 14, at 3 Douglas street, Ellen Grean, mother of E. Grean, M. P.

KILLARNEY.—On Jan. 14, at 32 Nicholas street, Jane Collins. PAYNESHEARNS—On Jan. 14, at Brookstown, Monkstown, John Warren Payne-Shearns, aged 83 years. MURPHY—On Jan. 13, at Sandy-mount, Watercourse Mill road, Julia Francis Murphy. SHREVEY—On Jan. 14, at Fort William, Milford, Edward Bourke Sheehey, aged 47 years. FALVEY—On Jan. 13, at 152 Evergreen road, Bridget Falvey. CALLAGHAN—On Jan. 13, Daniel Callaghan, Ballyshannon, Inniscarra. SMYTH—At Rochmont, on Jan. 14, Ellen Catherine Smyth, of Violet Hill, aged 88 years. O'DRISCOLL—On Jan. 14, at 4 Ballintemple, Florence O'Driscoll. COLEMAN—On Jan. 12, Julia Anne Coleman. QUILL—On Jan. 17, at Main street, Maureen, Denis Quill, at an advanced age. O'SULLIVAN—On Jan. 16, at Knockavilly, Denis O'Sullivan. NYHAN—On Jan. 17, at 15 Nlle street, James F. Nyhan, late of Dunsmway. SPILLANE—On Jan. 17, at Ardalan, John Spillane aged 58 years.

KERRY.—Rev. J. Brennan, C. C. Linnah, has been appointed successor in Tralee to Rev. W. Keane, who takes charge of the parish in Valentia. The death of Mrs. O'Sullivan took place January 8, after a long and tedious illness. She was a sister to Mrs. M. O'Sullivan, R. D. C. Flicia O'Sullivan. An Irish concert was held in the Grand Hall, Killarney, January 11, at which Mr. T. O'Donnell, M. P., lectured on "The Irish in America." The concert was introduced by the Rev. H. Keane. Mrs. T. O'Sullivan opened the concert with "Golden Seas orluta na h-Irelande." Miss M. A. O'Sullivan sang "Rory Darling." Mr. T. D. McDonagh sang "The Boy of the Bogs." Miss M. O'Sullivan sang "The Boy of the Bogs." The concert was well attended by Mr. P. O'Sullivan, Mr. O'Donnell, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen.

room." The entertainment was brought to a close by Messrs J. Begley, J. Begley (junior), and C. Hannan dancing an Irish jig and hornpipe.

LIMERICK.—Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, has appointed Rev. E. Hanly, C. C. Galbally P. P., of Cahircionish, in succession to the late Father Heffernan.

On Jan. 6, a large and unprecedentedly representative meeting was held at Abbeyfeale, under the auspices of the United Irish League, and the chairmanship of the Rev. Father Casey, for the purpose of discussing the most effective ways and means of putting the scheme formulated by the Rev. R. J. Ambrose, for the Industrial Development of Ireland's resources into operation. The chairman said the great thing was to keep the people at home and their first efforts should be used to get rid of landlordism and everything would follow. To develop the resources of the country they would never receive monetary assistance from the English Government except by making poorer people pay for the benefit derived by the others. They always relieved our grievance by making people so poor for what they gave. The following resolution was proposed by Father Ambrose and cheerfully adopted: "The only practical means of stopping emigration is to develop, on the basis of single ownership of the land, the natural resources of the country. We call upon every county in Ireland to show by the report of their country surveyors the volume of their local resources."

TIPPERARY.—On Jan. 4, Templemore was the scene of the greatest enthusiasm, owing to the determination of the local branch of the United Irish League within the past few weeks against the eleven months' grazing system. Even graziers came before a special meeting of the branch, held in the Town Hall, and surrendered their farms, over 2,000 acres on this being made known to the public, hundreds of people flocked into the town, and in the evening the streets were crowded. The Killeedy, and Loughmore life and drum bands paraded the streets, followed by a large crowd bearing torches. A public meeting was held, at which Mr. Walsh, chairman of the Urban Council, and Mr. Corr, organizer, delivered stirring speeches, much of the success is due to Mr. Thomas Maher, Barna, and Mr. J. J. Corr, organizer.

The funeral of Mr. Frank Toohy, of Kilkennybeg, Kilkennyle, took place at Thurlis Cemetery on Jan. 13, at 10 o'clock, and High Mass in Kilkennyle. Mr. Toohy was the youngest of eight brothers, all of whom preceded him. The eldest was the Very Rev. Canon Toohy, who died some years ago at Axminster, England. A younger priest, the Rev. Joseph Toohy, of the Diocese of Plymouth, died at an early age at Grange. Holycross, whither he had repaired on a respite from his priestly duties for the benefit of his health. He is interred in the chapel of Holycross, his native parish. Two other brothers, Thomas and James Toohy, pushed their fortunes with great success at the Antipodes, and attained to high social positions in political and commercial life in Melbourne. Mr. James Toohy having been elected M. P. for one of the Colonial Divisions of the Australian Parliament for many years. Having revisited his native land in 1889 for the benefit of his health, he also closed his earthly career at home, and sleeps beneath his native sod in the family burial place at Thurlis. The only surviving member of the family now is Mrs. Wm. Ryan, Ballykerin, Ballinagary.

The funeral of Mrs. Dr. M. Fitzgerald, of Ballinagary, started from Ballinagary for Tipperary on Jan. 13, and seldom has such a large cortege been seen in the district to demonstrate the affectionate regard in which a resident was held. Mrs. Fitzgerald came of an old and well-known Tipperary family, and it was only fitting that the last sad rites should be attended by a numerous gathering. Tipperary was reached about 4 o'clock, and the remains were placed in the parish church overnight. At noon on Tuesday the procession from the church to the graveyard was formed, and was of a large and representative character.

WATERFORD.—Mr. Richard Hearne, Mayor of Waterford, was elected Alderman and Councillor for the Custom House Ward of the City of Waterford. For the Aldersmanship he was opposed by a very strong candidate in Mr. James Knox, of the Square. There was a large attendance of clergy and laity at the ceremony of the profession at the Present on Convent, Carrick, Jan. 13, of Miss Katie Hally, (Sister A. Paul), daughter of Mr. James Hally Ballybeg. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, officiated, assisted by Very Rev. J. Power and Rev. E. Flynn, Trinity Without; Rev. M. Power, Carrick; Rev. M. Power, Ballyneale; Rev. M. Christy, Ballyneale; Rev. T. O'Donoghue, Carrickbeg; Rev. M. Dowling, Waterford; Rev. T. Power, Waterford; Rev. M. Egan, Waterford; Rev. P. Keating, Clonmel; Rev. M. Nugent, Adelaide, Australia.

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KILDARE.—On Jan. 10, at the Commercial Hotel, Celbridge, died Miss Bridget Quinn, daughter of the late Mr. Patrick Quinn, Killeen, and sister of the late Mr. Thomas Quinn. The funeral to the New Abbey, Killeen, was very numerous attended. On Jan. 5, a meeting was held in the town hall, Kildare, to establish a branch of the United Irish League. After several addresses a branch was founded, with Mr. Bergin president, Mr. McCormack, treasurer and Mr. Chas. Heffernan, Jr., secretary. Messrs. Bergin, Moore, and McCormack were elected delegates to attend the convention.

KILKENNY.—The death of Mr. John Landy, of Garryricken, Windgap, occurred lately at the age of 41 years deeply regretted by his family and numerous friends at home and in the United States. The feature of the municipal elections in Kilkenny was the success of the candidates associated with the United Irish League.

KING'S.—Father Murray, Killeish and Father Gliseman, Tuillamore had a fortunate escape on Jan. 10. They were driving from Gaeshill, where they had been conducting a collection in aid of the new Cathedral at Mullingar when the horse fell, owing to his leg getting into a large hole on the road Father Murray was thrown heavily into the ditch, but received no injuries. Father Gliseman pluckily held on to the reins, and the animal, on recovering itself, dashed madly away at a tremendous pace. After a terrific struggle he was brought to a stand still. A meeting was held Jan. 12, outside Killoolman Catholic Church for the purpose of forming a branch of the United Irish League. There was a very large attendance. A constabulary notepaper was present. Mr. Michael Hill occupied the chair. Mr. John Bergin, of the "Dooon," moved, and it was passed by acclamation, that a branch of the U. I. L. be formed in that parish. James Whelan, James Nolan and Daniel Mooney were elected president, vice-president and secretary respectively, and a strong committee formed. There is no grabber in the parish, yet the United Irish League will be an additional protection against such unwelcome visitors.

LEINSTER CARLOW.—Considerable interest has been created by the receipt of a cable announcing that Mr. John Doran, of Millicote, Adelaide, died possessed of wealth amounting to thousands of pounds, and that he left his entire estate to his brother, Mr. Ambrose Doran, of Clonmore. Mr. Doran leaves for Australia soon, accompanied by his eldest daughter, to realize his estate. On Jan. 7, a boy named Russell, of High Road, Kilmalham, had a narrow escape from drowning. A number of persons were at the place when the boy was seen to be struggling in the water.

O'Shaughnessy, Marlborough street, happened to be passing, and without waiting to divest himself of clothing, jumped into the icy water of the river, and brought young Russell ashore. He was unconscious when brought to the bank, but soon recovered. On Jan. 5, a great meeting was held in the Market square, Bagenalstown, under the auspices of the United Irish League, with the object of extending the sphere of influence of the League in Bagenalstown and surrounding districts. The meeting was an unequalled success. Thousands of people were present, forming a magnificent demonstration.

DUBLIN.—The death of Mr. William Campbell of 26 Gardiner's place, Dublin, occurred on Jan. 12. Mr. Campbell, who had attained the advanced age of 80 years, was the last survivor of five brothers, all well known and highly respected in the mercantile life of Dublin. Their father, Mr. John Campbell, of Danesfield, Clontarf, in the days of Emancipation, was a prominent Catholic and a personal friend of Daniel O'Connell. The deceased gentleman was a large employer of labor at the bottle works, North Lotts, and for some time during the seventies represented the North Dock Ward in the Corporation. In the hall of the Catholic Club, O'Connell street, Dublin, Jan. 16, Mr. John Power delivered a lecture on Thomas Moore, under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society attached to the club. Mr. Bridgeman presided.

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ing of the United Irish League was held at Clara on Jan. 12. Mr. Williams, vice-president, occupied the chair, and the attendance included representative Nationalists. The chairman appealed to the Nationalists of the county to give practical demonstration of their patriotism by contributing toward the defense of the prisoners now the victims of Government persecution in the West of Ireland. Longford.—Mr. T. Kiernan presided at a meeting of the members of Drumlish and Ballinacree branch of the United Irish League on Jan. 12, at which the attendance was very numerous. The branch will be reorganized in Ballinacree in the near future, at which Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., will attend. Mr. John Newman, Fee's Terrace, Longford, died Jan. 3 at the age of 50 years, deeply mourned. The remains were removed from the Cathedral on Sunday for interment in Ballynacormack Cemetery, the funeral being large and representative. Rev. D. P. Reynolds officiated at the grave. An interesting lecture was delivered in Longford Jan. 9, by Rev. W. Butler, S. J., on "Music in general, as it is in itself, and in its relation to, and in comparison with other Arts," and on our own old magnificent Irish music, its past history, its present state, and its future prospects.

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ANTRIM.—Capt. JOHN McDonnell, Tully, Cushendall, was lately sworn in as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Antrim. ARMAUGH.—On Jan. 7, Rev. Thomas Finlay, S. J., lectured before a large audience in the Sacred Heart Hall, Lurgan, on the subject of Self-Education. The Most Rev. Henry O'Neill, D. D., Bishop of Dromore, presided. The Very Rev. Father Finlay dealt exhaustively with the subject of the lecture. He enjoined all young men to take advantage of Technical Education and to avoid pernicious literature, which had gained some ground. There were the new Reading Rooms in Lurgan, where the young men of the town would find ample material for the improvement of their minds. The County Armagh delegates at the national convention of the United Irish League, held in Dublin Jan. 8 last, were: Armagh—Jno. McGilone, Patrick Kenny, John McLaughlin, D. C.; James McPartland, Camlough Branch U. I. L., South Armagh—Thomas O'Hare, John O'Callaghan, Francis McFarland, Owen Maginness. Crossmaglen—Patrick Lamp, Thomas McNulty, Peter Conlan, Derryneuse—Patrick Kelly, Michael Haughey, Charles O'Neill, Grange—Francis Cullen, Patrick Lappin, Edward Devlin, Jonesboro' and Dromintee—James McGull (president); Michael C. Larkin, James O'Hare, assistant secretary. Lurgan—Andrew Donnelly, Joseph Heyburn, Thomas Lavery, Mullaban—John Smyth, secretary; Patrick J. McKewen, assistant secretary; Patrick Rice, treasurer. Upper Killeavy—Edward Kenny, Terence Quinn, James Maginness.

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