

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.—Widespread regret was expressed lately when the sad intelligence was received that the Very Rev. Mr. Madden (Tynagh) had passed away. The deceased was a distinguished churchman and one of the most Rev. Dr. Healy's confidential friends. All the shops in Loughrow were closed, and great sorrow and regret of the people was evinced. The funeral which was of immense proportions, was attended by most of the priests of the diocese of Clonfert. A concert at Caltra was held under the patronage of Rev. J. Corcoran, pastor, Abacragh, and J. Keane of Caltra, on St. Stephen's night, with the object of raising funds to purchase a new organ. The hall was artistically decorated. Nothing could excel the neatness and perfection of the Gaelic mottoes, each mille fallithe, ball O'Uthia ort, etc. executed by Miss Meenan. The entertainment was a great success.

LEITRIM.—Mr. Michael Murray Presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Gortletra branch of the United Irish League.

The death of Mr. James Reynolds, Bornaocola, occurred Jan. 2, aged 84 years, deeply regretted. A solemn High Mass was offered in the parish church, at which assisted: Very Rev. Canon McDonohue, Mohill; Father O'Hara, Mohill; Father Skelly, Clonguish; Father Murphy, Clonguish; Father Flynn, Bornaocola, and Father O'Farrell, Bornaocola. The funeral procession followed the family burial place at Clonmorris gave ample evidence of the respect in which the deceased was held.

MAYO.—The marriage of Miss Annie Eveline Henry of Ballyhaunis, to Mr. Paul J. O'Brien, M. D., Durrone, was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Ballyhaunis, Jan. 9. Rev. T. Sharkey, Castlerea, cousin of the bride celebrated the nuptial Mass, assisted by Rev. J. Treally, Rev. P. Flynn, Rev. Father Brady and Rev. J. Carrigan.

When Michael Horan, president Castlebar Branch United Irish League, and Martin Staunton, vice-chairman, Castlebar Board of Guardians, were lately liberated from Castlebar jail after undergoing a coercion sentence of one month, crowds assembled outside the prison gates to welcome them. A large force of police was lined from the police barracks to the jail. When the patriots emerged from the prison at scene of hand-shaking and cheering took place, and Mr. Horan called for cheers for Conor O'Kelly, M. P., and the League, which were heartily responded to.

The death of Miss Catherine Mulkeen, Roskeer, Knock, occurred Dec. 28, after a short period of sickness, deeply regretted. The remains were interred in the family burial grounds at Knock. The number of vehicles and the large concourse which formed the procession bore testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

ROSCOMMON.—The death of Mrs. Della Cox, of Laggan, Killybegs, occurred in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Jan. 13, aged 44 years. She was daughter of Mr. John Featherstone, Rathnaullagh, Ballinabutter. The interment took place in Glasnevin Cemetery.

A meeting for reorganizing the branch of the League and pledging support to the tenants on the associated estates was held in Boyle, Jan. 19. Mr. Denis Johnston, who arrived in Boyle for last Mass, was followed by a carload of police and cycling police from Ballaghaderreen. After Mass he held a meeting in the League rooms. After the meeting in the League rooms Mr. Johnston drove to the place of meeting, accompanied by Mr. Martin Dowd. The police followed. A police motorcar from Frenchpark was present. Soon after their arrival the drumming file and drum band came up and on hearing the meeting it was met by a force of police. On the band coming up within a hundred yards of the house of Mr. Samon, playing national airs peacefully, the inspector of police said he would not allow the band to play. The people insisted, and Mr. Johnston asked that officer for his authority, which he refused to give. Mr. Johnston then asked the band to persist on walking the road, whereupon the police were ordered to form in line and prevent them. After this incident the crowd crossed into the field of Mr. Samon, and the police followed, and were ordered to seize the instruments. At this point a scuffle ensued. The police rushed into the field, and immediately grappled with those in charge of the instruments. After several minutes of a scuffle the police seized the large drum and the small one. Mr. Johnston escaped to the bog, and here the Crogan file and drum band, with a crowd of people, were assembled and stirring speeches delivered. On the public road about half an hour later Mr. Johnston addressed a public meeting, with Mr. Martin Dowd in the chair. The people should resist to some purpose the assault made on them by the police. Shouting and cheering in simple sources of amusement, to be pleasant. Something that will do some damage must be applied to British officials in Ireland; then they will learn to understand that the Irish are serious.

An important public meeting in support of the United Irish League was held Jan. 19, at Goresbridge. The Rev. J. Lynch presided.

assistance arrived to remove the body of him he died. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for years. Solemn Office and High Mass were held in the Cathedral, Sligo Jan. 11, for the repose of the soul of Mr. Michael Eugene O'Donnell, of Market street, Sligo, who died suddenly in Newcastle West, County Limerick. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. J. Hynes; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Hannon; master of ceremonies, Rev. Canon Harte.

A banquet was given by the city and county of Sligo in honor of Mr. McHugh, M. P. It was held in the Town Hall, Jan. 13. Seventy guests sat down at the festive board. The menu was excellently served, reflecting great credit on the Convent of Mercy Cookery Schools, where the viands were prepared.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—The numerous friends of Mr. Michael Kenny, of Knocklow, Mulrow, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred on Jan. 11, at an advanced age. The funeral, to the family burial place, Mullawn, was very largely attended. Many friends of the deceased are in the United States and Australia, and will have many kindly recollections of him.

Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, made the following changes in the diocese: Rev. John Cullen, Adm., Carlow, to be parish priest Tinryland; Rev. M. Treacy, C. C., Raheen, to be parish priest of Rosalinn; Rev. A. Lynch, C. C., Goresbridge; Rev. P. Hipwell, C. C., Clonacal; Goresbridge, rev. Father Ryan C. C., Tipperary, to Clonagall, and Rev. Father Byrne, C. C., diocese of Tuam, to Raheen.

DUBLIN.—Very Rev. Canon Carberry, pastor of St. James', Dublin, died suddenly on Jan. 22, deeply regretted.

Miss Freen, Ormond Terrace, Dalkey, died Jan. 19, at the extraordinary age of 101 years. She enjoyed good health up to a very short time before her death occurred.

On Jan. 21, Augustine O'Reilly, residing at 108 Marlborough street, Dublin, was riding a bicycle between Glencullen and Golden Ball when he lost control of the machine going down a steep hill, and was thrown heavily to the ground. He was conveyed to St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown, by Mr. O'Farrell, of Golden Ball. Dr. Roantr found that his right thigh had sustained a severe compound fracture.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. FITZGERALD—Jan. 18, at 26 Lower Stephen street, James Fitzgerald, late manager of the Limerick Bakery, son of the late Edward Fitzgerald, of Adare, County Limerick, and brother of the U. S. A. Cavalry.

HICKEY—Jan. 19, Ellen Hickey, 10 St. Joseph's terrace, Phibsborough.

KEANE—Jan. 17, at 30 Goldsmith street, result of an accident, Thomas S. Keane, assistant to the late T. R. Lynch, solicitor.

DOOLEY—Jan. 27 at 13 Ballybough road, Anne Dooley.

FIELDS—Jan. 20, at 41 James' street, George Fields, aged 77 years.

CAULFIELD—Jan. 19, at the City of Dublin Hospital, William Caulfield; interment from 5 Emmet street, Haroldscross.

O'HEHIR—Jan. 19, Mary O'Hehir at 4 Bella avenue, off Upper Buckingham street.

REDMOND—Jan. 13 at 22 Windsor terrace, David Redmond.

REILLY—Jan. 18, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross. Emily Reilly, late of Upper Dominick street.

TOLAN—Jan. 18, at High Park, Dromconra Maria Tolan, who served the community as toilet lodge keeper over thirty years.

ROCHE—On Jan. 17, at 11 St. Mary's road, Dublin, Kate Roche, 1 Castle street, Dublin.

MEARNS—Jan. 19, at Bath street, Irishtown, Daniel Mearns, aged 67 years.

MORGAN—Jan. 20, at 6 Yarnhall street, Hannah Morgan.

MCDONNELL—Jan. 20, at Terenure, Mary McDonnell, formerly of Haroldscross.

CONNOR—Jan. 17, at 20 Foster terrace, Ballybough, Michael Connor, late of Glasnevin, aged 69 years.

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KILDARE.—A wedding was celebrated on Jan. 15 at the Church of St. Andrew's Westland Row, Dublin, when Mr. James Morrin, Kiltel, House, Rathmore, was united in wedlock to Miss Mary Francis Behan, Ballymore, Father McCarthy, P. P., Ballymore-Eustace, officiated. At the dinner were: Rev. Father McCarthy, Rev. Father Murphy, Naas; Rev. Father Keogh, Ballymore-Eustace; Rev. Father D. Purcell, Meath street, Dublin; Rev. Father O'Reilly, Kilkullen; the Misses Malone, Sandymount House; the Misses Hynes, Ballymore-Eustace; the Misses Hynes, Ballymore-Eustace; Mr. R. Hynes; Mrs. T. Malone, Digby Bridge, Salinas; Mr. W. H. Scarf, Cahra; Mrs. T. Purcell, Ballymore-Eustace.

KILKENNY.—The election of Mayor of Kilkenny resulted curiously. The voting was a tie between E. Kowlan and Alderman P. Hoynes. The Town Clerk stated that the casting vote rested with Alderman Healy, who was not present, and the outgoing mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Michael Dalton, Kilmacow, whose death occurred recently at the age of 40 years. He was prominently identified in days gone by with Gaelic football, was an uncompromising Nationalist, an exemplary Catholic, and a good neighbor. The funeral was largely attended.

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Executive meeting of the South Longford League was held in the League rooms for the purpose of making arrangements for meetings throughout the constituency, to be addressed by Mr. James Lynch, the organizer. The chair was occupied on the occasion by Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., president.

MEATH.—Dr. Croplin, of Conyngham Lodge, Slane, died Jan. 8; deeply and widely regretted. During twenty years he had been medical officer in the districts adjacent to Slane.

Probate of the will, dated Feb. 1, 1898, of Mr. William Thompson, of Athlone and Ross, who died on Nov. 5 last, leaving personal estate of the value of £235,000, has been granted to Mr. John Clark, of 37 Westmoreland street, Dublin, solicitor, and Richard Dane, of Warrington place, Dublin, K. C., County Court Judge.

WESTMEATH.—A Public meeting was held Jan. 21 at Rathowen under the auspices of the United Irish League. The attendance was very large, and the proceedings were of the most enthusiastic description. The chair was occupied by Mr. Peter Keane.

Evidence of the Irish revival in Athlone was the magnificent demonstration there on Jan. 23, and the subsequent mass meeting held in Father Mathew Hall, the largest public building in the town. The occasion was a lecture under the auspices of the St. Kieran's Branch of the Gaelic League by Dr. Douglas Hyde. The Right Rev. Dr. Kelly presided.

QUEEN'S.—A meeting of National Teachers was held in the National School, Maryboro', Jan. 18, to establish a branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organization.

On Jan. 13 and 14, the Theatrical Club of the Partarlinton Catholic Young Men's Society played the Irish drama, "The O'Callaghans" in the Town Hall. Mr. J. Flanagan took the role of Sir James Blackadder with great success, while Mr. P. P. Wright was a faithful Neil O'Connor, and received a great ovation for his singing of "Who fears to speak of 98". The title role was taken by Mr. J. Kearns, who proved himself a thorough master of the part, and the part of Honor O'Callaghan was splendidly sustained by Miss J. Whelan. Perhaps the most difficult part in the piece was that which fell to Mr. J. McManus, who, as Red Tull, spy and informer, proved himself a very capable actor. Miss M. Fox did well as Lady Broughton, and Mr. M. Cummins made an excellent Sergeant Snipes. Mr. C. Miller filled the role of James, servant while the parts of Pike's children were taken by the Misses Rabbit and Burbage.

The entertainment was enlivened by National songs including "The Wearing of the Green" and "The Memory of the Dead" by a full chorus. Between the first and second acts a selection of Irish airs (Kahr) was played on the piano by Mrs. P. P. Wright. After the principal piece the song and chorus "Come Back to Erin" was sung by the full chorus. The performance was brought to a close with a grand chorus, "Let Erin Remember". The programme on the 14th was the same as the previous night, with the exception of the music and songs, which were varied, and the performance concluded with "God Save Ireland," sung by the full troupe.

WEXFORD.—While Myles Morris, in the employment of Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, of Graiguebeg, near Newtownbarry, was tending cattle Jan. 19 he was furiously attacked by a bull, knocked down and butted by the infuriated animal, which tried to toss him on his horns. Several of his ribs were broken, and he would have been killed only for Hugh McDonnell, ploughman, who came to his assistance. The would-be rescuer was in turn attacked but managed to catch the bull by the nose and held on to him courageously. Dr. Lawler was called to the aid of the injured man, and did all that was possible to relieve his sufferings. For his brave act in risking his own life to save Morris' McDonnell has been recommended by the police authorities to the Humane Society as one worthy of recognition.

A very interesting ceremony took place at the Convent of Mercy, St. Joseph's, Tuillamore, Jan. 3, when a Westford young lady, Miss Annie Higginbotham, was professed. The ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney Bishop of Meath, assisted by Rev. Father Bracken, Miss Higginbotham, Mary Gabriel, is daughter of Mr. William Higginbotham, Farnell street, Wexford, and niece of Mr. John Carr, I. R. Wexford.

The annual meeting of the Gorey Catholic Young Men's Society was held Jan. 12 for the purpose of electing officers and committee for the ensuing year. Venerable Arch-deacon Furlong, president of the society, occupied the chair. The election of officers and committee was then proceeded with by assisted by the vice-president, Mrs. Garret Lombard, having counted the papers, it was found that the president, vice-president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were re-elected. The following four members were elected on the committee: M. Kavanagh, J. Williams, J. French and M. Redmond.

Mr. Michael Kinsella, Ballyoughan, Gorey, one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of North Wexford, died on Jan. 16. The deceased gentleman reached the age of 82 years. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock and High Mass in St. Michael's Church, Gorey, and was attended by one of the largest corteges ever seen in the neighborhood. The celebrant of the High Mass was Rev. M. Kinsella, Poulfur, nephew of the deceased, and there were twenty clergymen in the choir.

WICKLOW.—The Earl of Wicklow's Welcome.—The Earl and Countess of Wicklow, who arrived at Arklow Jan. 18, to reside at Shalton Abbey, after

their marriage, were accorded a fair reception. Lord Wicklow thanked the people for the reception. It was, he said, an evidence of the good feeling which always existed between his family and the people of Arklow.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—The funeral took place on Jan. 15 of Mr. Anthony Nolan, Goulburne Lodge, Kilmihill, an old and respected West Clare inhabitant. Some years ago Mr. Nolan was a prominent figure in public life in West Clare. He represented the Kilmihill division on the old Board of Guardians, and was a cesspayer at the Baronial Road Sessions. In both these capacities he proved himself an independent and painstaking public representative. In private life he was highly esteemed for his many good qualities. There was a solemn High Mass at the parish church for the repose of his soul at which there was a large congregation. Miss Scanlan presided at the organ and the "Dead March in Saul" was intoned as the remains were removed from the church. The funeral was a very representative one, including many friends from Kilmihill, Lasheda and other places, in addition to the merchants and traders of this town. The following clergymen were in attendance: Rev. Thomas McMahon, Rev. Thomas McDonnell, Kilmihill; Very Rev. Dr. S. Malone, Rev. J. Hannan, Rev. J. Ryan.

CORK.—The Mayor of Cork City during past year was Alderman Edward Fitzgerald, and he has been unanimously re-elected for present year.

The Skibbereen Young Ireland Society has at its own expense, painted and decorated, in an artistic manner, the monument in the Abbey burial ground, to the memory of those who died in the years 1845, 1846, 1847 and 1848, victims of the famine made by British misrule in Ireland.

A very active branch of the Gaelic League has been in existence in Lowertown, Schull district, for some time. Classes are regularly held and a knowledge of Irish imparted to a large number of pupils. This is the only way in which the Irish language can be revived.

At the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Cork, Jan. 14, a young Banoum man, Rev. William Crowley, son of Mr. Jam Crowley, merchant, was ordained. Right Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan officiated. There was a number of clergymen present, as well as the father and mother and friends of the young man. In the Bandon Presentation Convent he celebrated his first Mass, at which his parents and many friends were present.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, Bishop of Cork, has conferred the dignity of Archdeacon on the Very Rev. John Canon Cotter, Blackrock, and appointed Very Rev. Denis Dunlea, Courcyes and the Very Rev. J. B. O'Mahoney, D. D., D. Ph., president of the Diocesan Seminary, to Canons of the Cathedral Chapter.

A bowling match took place on Jan. 12 from Castleberry Cross to Reeneenscreen, between Jerome McCauley, Bealad and Cauty, Proe. The stakes were high. The match came off immediately after the Bealad Mass in order to elude the police. The matter was kept very "dark," but despite this a large crowd attended. Interest in the contest ran very high. The betting was even. The contest was pretty close until near the end, when McCauley succeeded in gaining and at the score's end he was half a bowl ahead.

After Requiem services in South Parish Church, Cork, Jan. 16, took place the funeral of Mrs. Ellen Crean, Douglas street, Cork, to St. Joseph's Cemetery. The cortege was a representative one, and testified to the regret generally felt for the deceased lady.

The funeral of late Mr. M. J. Fitzgerald, B. L., Ballykinelly, Youghal took place on Jan. 15, the remains being borne on the shoulders of twenty-four men of the neighborhood to the churchyard at Ballymacoda. A hearse was requisitioned, but the people insisted on bearing on their shoulders the remains of their beloved counselor.

In presence of Most Rev. Dr. Browne Bishop of Cloyne, and a large number of clergy and laity, the remains of Sister M. Patrick Callaghan, for many years superior of the Middleton Presentation Community, were laid to rest after the conclusion of the Solemn Obsequies. The deceased religious was close on 60 years a professed member of the Presentation Order. The Solemn Office for the Dead commenced in the Convent of the Presentation Order at 10.45 a. m., the Bishop presiding assisted by Very Rev. Canon Hutch, Middleton. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Dr. Dineen, Middleton; deacon, Rev. D. Foley, Aghada; sub-deacon, Rev. James Roche, St. Colman's College, Fermoy; and the master of ceremonies, Rev. C. S. O'Connor, Middleton.

On Saturday night or Sunday morning Jan. 13, the Catholic church of Kilpadder, Kilsannig, about three miles from Mallow, was burglariously entered and the contents of a money box taken away. Fortunately the Rev. E. Shinnick, alarmed at the robbery of Mallow Chapel the previous night, collected the money from the other box, but overlooked this one. Entrance was effected through the sacristy window, the perpetrators in getting inside, plugging the locks of the doors to make themselves secure. It is surmised they left by the vestry door which was found locked from the outside on Sunday morning, and the keys missing. This is the third occasion on which this chapel was robbed. On Sunday Father Shinnick alluded to these diabolical outrages and great indignation is felt among the populace, the burglary following in the train of those at Queenstown Cathedral, Middleton, and Mallow.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. CONDON.—On Jan. 20, at Passage West, Mary Condon.

BRANSFIELD.—On Jan. 21, at 14 King's Square, Queenstown, Mrs. Ellen Bransfield.

O'LEARY.—A t Cloghroe, Mary O'Leary.

CONNOLLY.—On Jan. 21, at Dunmanway, John Connolly, aged 64 years, brother of the late Dr. Connolly, Durrus, Bantry.

TWOMEY.—At Inchlagh, Aghina, Mrs. Nora Twomey, aged 88 years.

COLLINS.—On Jan. 14, at 32 Nicholas street, Jane Collins.

MAN.—On Jan. 15, at Little Island, Michael Manning, at an advanced age.

MCCARTHY.—At Rousgrane, Jan. 15, Ellen McCarthy.

COAKLEY.—At Poplar Cottage, Enniskeen, Jan. 14, Francis Coakley.

DROGAN.—On Jan. 15, at Meadstown, Ballygarvan, Emily Drogan.

KELLEHER.—Jan. 14, at Manning, Glanworth, Mary Kelleher.

LIMERICK.—Michael Hyland of Montpellier, near Castleconnel, died lately at the extraordinary age of 104 years.

The Limerick Leader of Jan. 22 said: "The Rev. Father Lee, administrator, St. John's, and Dr. Douglas Hyde, the eminent Irish scholar, are one in mind with regard to the work of past leaders of thought in Ireland in helping on the advancement of Ireland. Father Lee, in the course of his remarks at the recent Gaelic concert at the Athenaeum, said that while O'Connell and Davis and others had very good intentions, their labors were all in vain while they neglected the language of the country and did not make use of it as a factor toward the attainment of their ideals."

The death of Mrs. Bicknell of the Glen Hotel, Gln, occurred December 22, after a short period of sickness, deeply regretted the remains were conveyed on Christmas Eve from the church where they had lain overnight, to the Kilferus burying ground. The funeral procession was largely attended.

Mr. Aubrey De Vere, the poet, died at his home, Curraghchase, Adare, Jan. 20, aged 88 years. He was son of the late Sir Aubrey De Vere, Bart, poet and political writer, and brother of the Rev. Stephen De Vere, the fourth and present baronet. Educated at Trinity college Dublin. Mr. Aubrey De Vere was in his 28th year when his literary essay, "The Waldenses; or, The Fall of Roval," was published, which attracted attention. "The Searches After Prosperity" was published in 1843. In 1853 a volume of poems, miscellaneous and sacred, was published. Mr. De Vere was most at home on Irish themes in "The Legends of St. Patrick" (1872). He discourses on the precepts to love, to forgive, to endure, and to contend for the right. "Legends of the Saxon Saints" (1879) takes us back from this age of subjective poetry to times of storms and change, when faith in God, stronger for persecution, shows out triumphant.

Mr. De Vere, in the "Forsay of Queen Maere and Other Legends of Ireland's Heroic Age" (1882), followed Sir Samuel Ferguson in his treatment of the grand, and the half-barbaric period with which he dealt. His chief poem subsequently embodies the stories told in the "Tain Bo Cuallighe." His sympathy with Catholicism gave these poems a peculiar sincerity of tone. Mr. De Vere was the author of several poetical works: "English Misrule and Irish Misdeeds" (1848); "The Church Establishment of Ireland" (1867); "The Church Settlement of Ireland" (1868); "Constitutional and Unconstitutional Political Action" (1881), etc.

During his early manhood the greatest religious upheaval in England brought about by the Tractarian movement, attracted his attention. When John Henry Newman—subsequently Cardinal at Newman—became a Catholic, a large number of distinguished clergymen and laymen followed his example. In 1851 Mr. Aubrey De Vere was received into the Catholic Church, and he was quickly followed by his brother, Sir Stephen De Vere.

TIPPERARY.—With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Myles Dugan, of Killoos, which occurred on Jan. 16, after a short period of sickness, deeply regretted by his relatives and friends in Ireland and in the United States. The funeral to Galbally Cemetery was very numerous attended.

At the meeting of the Ballingarry Young Men's Society, Jan. 16, Mr. J. O'Connell, in the chair, it was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bryan, honorary secretary, and seconded by the chairman, "that we, the members of Ballingarry Young Men's Society, tender to Martin Brennan, our vice-president, and Matthew Brennan, our sympathy in the loss sustained by the death of their mother, that this meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of deceased, and that copies be sent to Messrs. Brennan." The motion being put, was passed in silence, and the meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the Manchester Martyrs' Memorial Committee was held in Foresters' Hall, Tipperary, Jan. 19. Mr. J. Woods presided.

On Jan. 8, the ceremony of religious profession took place at the Presentation Convent, Carrick-on-Suir. The young lady professed was Miss Katie Hally, in religion Sister M. Paul, eldest daughter of Mr. James Hally, Ballybeg. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan officiated, assisted by Very Rev. J. Power and Rev. E. Prendergast, Carrick-on-Suir.

WATERFORD.—Alderman Richard Hearne, Mayor of Waterford during the past year, has been elected to succeed himself for the present year.

Mr. Condon, a night watchman in the city of Waterford who was widely known and esteemed by the citizens, died Jan. 21. In the Crimean war he lost an arm. Whenever Lord Roberts' Commander-in-Chief of the British army, visited Waterford, he had a chat with Mr. Condon.

The Very Rev. Archdeacon Sheehy, pastor, Dungarvan, died on Jan. 20, unexpectedly, at his residence. His

was about his grounds that day, and no one could think his end was near. He received his education in St. John's College, Waterford, and at Maynooth. There seems to be some doubts whether the Archdeacon was born in Clonmel or in Ballyporeen but the balance of evidence seems to be in favor of the latter place. His brothers afterward lived in Clonmel. The Archdeacon was nephew of the late Rev. Dr. Fogarty formerly P. P. of Lismore who left all he possessed to establish the christian brothers in that town. When Dr. Sheehy was appointed curate at Lismore by the Bishop he interested himself actively in the building of the house for the Brothers there and collecting funds for its completion. The first mission of the deceased was Talow but most of his life was spent as curate in Lismore. Mgr. Byrne was his parish priest in Lismore. From Lismore Father Sheehy was appointed P. P. of Aghish by the Most Rev. Dr. Egan. He held that position for six years. He was then transferred to Dungarvan by the present Bishop, where Dr. Sheehy has been P. P. and V. G., and afterward obtained the dignity of Archdeacon. When Dr. Sheehy succeeded in reviving the titles of Dean and Archbishop to his diocese, which had lapsed for ages.

ANTRIM.—The remains of Miss M. A. Byrne, daughter of Mr. Hugh Byrne, of 18 Boundary street, Belfast, were removed for interment in Milltown Cemetery, Jan. 12. The deceased was highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances. Much sympathy is expressed for her family. The cortege was one of the largest seen on the Falls road, and included representatives of all classes.

One of the most awful accidents in the annals of the city of Belfast occurred Jan. 20, on the premises of the Smithfield Spinning Company, Ltd. It occurred about half-past nine o'clock, when most of the hands were engaged in their occupations. At that hour, without warning, twenty feet of the outside wall gave way and fell with a tremendous crash on a smaller outbuilding, the roof of which was demolished. The floors, all of brick and concrete supported by iron beams, were further burdened by an immense mass of machinery, and deprived of all outside support, the three floors fell simultaneously with the wall, making a complete gap in the centre of the building and depositing hundreds of tons of bricks, concrete, machinery and iron beams on to the ground floor. Then commenced a scene almost impossible to describe. The thickly populated neighborhood, aroused by the crash turned out en masse and soon the square was filled with weeping mothers and anxious fathers, whose children were working in the ruined building. To add to the misery of the unfortunate people in the ruins, several pipes, broken in the fall could not be cut off from the boiler and the boiling water escaping and falling on the debris made the scene sickening. The fire brigade was apprised and in a short time the city ambulances were on the scene. At ten o'clock four persons had been extricated from the ruins and were quickly driven off to the Royal Hospital. The following is the official list of the persons admitted to the Royal Hospital: Mary McCurdall, 28 years, 7 Park street; Annie Scott, 13 years, 31 Sydney street; Thomas Foot, 13 years, 27 Kent street; Ann Froland, 13 years, 43 Gardner's street; Mary Dougan, 7 latetue .... When noon time came the workers' roll was called and twenty did not answer to their names. The following is a list of those killed found up to 5.45, same day: Alice Cunningham, aged 20, of 17 Jute street; Mary Williamson, aged 22, of 4 Steele's court; Mary Alice Kerr, aged 21, spinner of 79 Union street; Mary Burns, aged 18, of 34 Callinella street; Mary Ellen Burke, aged 19, 39 Arnold street; Martha Williamson, aged 18, Mitchell street; Anne Hunter, aged 16, Sackville street, doffer; Ellen Scott, aged 14 of 4 Letitia street (died in hospital); two women not yet identified.

ARMAGH.—There are five towns in Armagh which are of considerable importance from a commercial standpoint, though there are many others of importance as well. The principal towns and populations are: Lurgan, 17,429; Portadown, 8,480; Bessbrook, 3,400; Tanderagee, 1,444, and Keady, 1,426.

CAVAN.—Mr. Patrick Corry died at his home in Moate, Ballyconnell, Jan. 3, aged 53 years, deeply regretted by all classes of the community and the sorrow occasioned by his demise was intensified by the fact that only a short time previous his mother was laid in her grave. The funeral to the family burial ground in Ballyconnell (St. Bridget's) was very large. Rev. H. Newman officiated at the burial.

On Dec. 20 a few friends called on Mr. O'Brien at Templeogue House, to present him with beautiful and costly presents sent by some former pupils and their friends, in America.

DERRY.—James Bryson, cattle dealer, when going to his home about midnight Jan. 20 was attacked and robbed of £160 near Shanreagh.

DONEGAL.—Father William Gillespie, of Donegal, who was ordained last June, has obtained a curate in Patrick, Glasgow, Scotland. Before leaving for Glasgow the people of Donegal presented him with a testimonial.

DOWN.—On Jan. 8, died Mr. Hugh McCaffrey of Tattycam, Newtownbutler aged 62 years. Deceased was the second son of the late James McCaffrey who died six years ago, having almost reached his 100th year. An imposing line of vehicles formed the funeral cortege to Magheraveeley.