

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.—Mr. O'Driscoll, head miller in Cloran's mill, Nuns' Island, Galway, died suddenly March 11. Deceased was only 35 years of age. He took an ardent interest in the movement to revive the Irish language. His remains were removed from Nuns' Island to his home at Madeira Mills.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Galway Woollen Factory Company, held recently in the City of Galway, Father Dooley, pastor of Galway, proposed that a cap factory be also established in connection with their business, and in a short time the new industry will give employment to many persons.

The death of Father O'Reilly, of St. Ignatius' College, Galway, occurred recently to the great sorrow of the community and the general public. He was aged 55 years, and was a native of the County Meath. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery. Attendance at the solemn Requiem services and funeral was very large.

At last Mass on St. Patrick's day in the church, Ballinasloe, the Right Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clontarf, preached a panegyric on the National Apostle of Ireland, in the course of which he said "It has often struck me that outside the Apostles themselves, there is no patron saint in the Church of God that has secured in the same sense as St. Patrick the love of the whole nation wherein he labored."

The annual retreat for the Sacred Heart Sodality, Chapelizod, closed March 23. The attendance was very large. The Rosary having been recited by the Rev. Father Nolan, the Rev. Father Hanway, O. S. F., earnestly exhorted the parishioners to keep the faithful promises they had made throughout the week. He impressed on them the importance of the renewal of their baptismal vows, and of the blessing of the Pope, that he was about to impart. The reverend missioner then called on the parishioners to light candles, and having recited the words as requested, afterward pronounced the Papal Benediction. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament having been given by Very Rev. Father McSwiggan, parish priest, the retreat was closed.

LEITRIM.—The memory of Owen McCann, the genial-hearted chairman of the Leitrim County Council, will be perpetuated by a public monument in his native town, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Patrick Doherty, of Kilielara, was found dead in his sleeping apartment, and an inquest was held March 24. The verdict of the jury will make further investigation necessary.

Mr. Jasper Tully, Nationalist member of Parliament for the south division of Leitrim, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment under the Coercion act, April 8.

On March 15 occurred the death of Mr. Lawrence Dolan, Carrickreagh, Glenties. Deceased was brother to Very Rev. James Dolan, Drumkeeran, and Mr. John Dolan, Manorbhamilton. The Rev. Francis Gilmartin, Clonclare, was by his bedside when he breathed his last, after administering all the rites of Holy Church. The funeral took place on St. Patrick's day, when a very large number of friends came and a service of Requiem was said and a service from Leitrim, Fermagh and Cavan accompanied the remains to Kilmacerril cemetery, in central Glenties. Deceased died at the early age of 48 years, leaving a wife and family of young children to mourn his loss.

MAYO.—The death of Mr. P. Mullins took place at Spencer street, Castlebar, on March 26, at the age of 65. The large number who attended the funeral testified to the esteem in which deceased was held.

ROSCOMMON.—Rev. J. O'Beirne, C. C., Roscommon, was transferred lately from that town to Athlone. Father O'Beirne is actively identified with the Gaelic movement, and on leaving Roscommon, the St. Coman's branch of the League passed the following resolution, proposed by Mr. M. Gillooly, seconded by Mr. Francis Judge: "That the members of St. Coman's branch of the Gaelic League, having learned of the transfer from Roscommon of the Rev. Joseph O'Beirne, who has been a constant attendant at our meetings since the inception of the language movement in Roscommon, and have lent his aid to its advancement, desire to give expression to our feelings of keen regret at his departure from among us."

There died at Carabane, four miles from Castlebar, March 27, Mrs. Ellen Egan, who had attained the extraordinary age of one hundred and thirteen years. She belonged to an ancient and respected family in Ballintubber, was of a strong and robust constitution, and was able to perform household work, even milk a cow, up to a few weeks previous to her death. Excepting that her eyesight slightly failed two years ago, she retained all her faculties to the last. She could recall with a vivid recollection incidents of excitement created by the landing of the French at Killybegs. She took interest in telling how herself and two other girls stole away, about seven miles distant to see the French soldiers passing from Frenchpark to Elphin on their way to the battle of Ballinacorney. The venerable lady used to converse freely on later events—the repeal movement and the memorable execution of O'Connell for Clare, and would relate many harrowing tales of the sad scenes witnessed during the famine years of '45 and '47. All these events she remembered as distinctly as if yesterday. The deceased passed peacefully away in the presence of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. During her long life she was never known to be seriously ill. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Church, and in her latter days her spiritual wants were attended to by Rev. James Martin, P. P., Ballinacorney.

SLIGO.—The tenants on the estate of Mrs. O'Connell have purchased their own cottages from the estate.

Little over three thousand dollars, yet the owners raised loans on the property to the extraordinary amount of one hundred thousand dollars. Those who loaned the money expected to raise the rents and thus have their money come from the farmers, but the Land League and the United Irish League blocked the robbing scheme, and now the tenants pay only fifty-five thousand dollars for the whole business.

On March 19 occurred the death of Miss Maggie Feeney, of Thomas street, Sligo, aged sixteen years, deeply regretted. Requiem services and funeral were very numerous attended. Interment took place in Clogher graveyard, in the parish of Calry.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—Miss Lucy Mary Mella, of Carlow-Graigue, died March 19, deeply and widely mourned. The Requiem services and funeral to St. Mary's New Cemetery was very numerous attended.

Cardinal Moran having reached the age of 72 years has resigned the Archbishopric of Sydney and Primate of Australia, and been appointed Resident Prelate at the Roman Curia. He was born in Leighlinbridge, and at 13 years of age entered the Irish College at Rome, of which afterward he was vice-rector, and in which he will spend the evening of his days under the shadow of the Vatican. His departure from Australia is deeply mourned by the people of the entire country.

DUBLIN.—On March 21 the Drumcondra and Gasnevin School Attendance Committee held their monthly meeting in the old Town Hall, 36 Drumcondra road.

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RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. STAFFORD—March 23, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Richard Stafford, late of 18 Arbutus place, S. C. R.

HIGGINS—March 24, at 24 York terrace, Phibsboro, John Joseph Higgins, Charleville avenue.

HARRINGTON—March 27, at the Mansion house, Eileen Elizabeth, oldest daughter of T. C. Harrington, M. P., Lord Mayor, aged 71-2 years.

KANE—March 26 at 4 Fitzwilliam place, Robert Romney Kane, County Court Judge of Kildare, Carlow, Wexford and Wicklow.

M'VEAGH—March 22, at the Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross, Daniel McVeagh.

GROGAN—March 26, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Alice Grogan.

MAHON—March 28, at Ballycoolan, Thomas Mahon, aged 90 years.

MORTIMER—March 23, at 2 Dunville terrace, Portobello, William Mortimer, of Glasnevin.

BYRNE—March 22, at 4 Tritonville road, Catherine Byrne.

DARRAGH—March 27, at 154 North King street, Bridget Durragh.

DEVLIN—March 28, at 22 Queen street, John J. Devlin, aged 22 years.

O'REILLY—March 22, at East Curragh House, Balbriggan, Bridget O'Reilly.

FLYNN—March 24, at 3 Castlewood avenue, Edward Flynn, in his 69th year.

ROBINSON—March 28, at 29 Lennox place, John W. Robinson, aged 50 years.

TYRELL—March 23, Mary Tyrell, for many years an employe at Marrowbone lane distillery.

COE—On Palm Sunday, at Ardmore House, Inchicore, Paul Coe, of Second Lock, Golden Bridge.

BERKLEY—March 28, at 3 Russell street, Patrick Berkley.

O'LEARY—On March 25, at Our Lady's Hospital, John J. O'Leary, N. T., Durrus, Bantry, Cork, in the 20th year of his age.

WILLIAMS—March 27, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Bridget Williams, daughter of Patrick Boyle, Denmark street, Limerick.

KILDARE.—Mr. W. J. Fennell Rathside, Mullingar, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Kildare. The name of Mr. Owen Cogan, Mullingar, has also been mentioned for the magistracy; but not yet officially announced.

The death of Mrs. A. Malone, Yew Tree, Monasterivan, happened March 19, at the age of 32 years, deeply regretted. She was a daughter of Mr. Christopher Mooney, Treseon. The funeral took place on the 21st, at Kilmadry, and was followed by over one hundred vehicles.

KILKENNY.—Solemn Office and High Mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. John Hoishan, Knocktopher, took place on March 21, in Ballyhai church, and was numerously attended, as was the funeral to the ancient cemetery in Anasmit.

The death of Mr. John Hennebery Dourness, Mooncohn, happened on March 19 and caused great regret in the southern portion of the County and County of Waterford. Years ago the deceased was a great athlete, and prominently associated with the famous Mooncohn burlesque. After Solemn Office and High Mass, March 21, the funeral took place at Mooncohn.

At a recent meeting of the Gorebridge branch of the United Irish League a resolution was adopted calling on the people of Paulstown to assemble on March 23, and join with the members of the Gorebridge branch in furthering the cause of the United Irish League. In response a large meeting was held at Paulstown.

KING'S.—The revival of the Irish language is being urged forward by the people of King's County. There are many branches of the Gaelic League now flourishing in districts where formerly Irish was very seldom heard. Yet much more could be done in that direction.

LONGFORD.—The Mass Rock.—Very few persons in Longford, says Conall Gubban in the Roscommon Herald of March 23, know that in the yard of Mr. Henry Fee's house, Lisduff, is one of the hallowed stones called Correg-an-Affron—The Mass Rock. On it the holy sacrifice was offered during the penal times. The Mass stone should be placed in a permanent public position, where it would remind the present generation and future one of all the Irish suffered for their faith at the hands of Christian and civilized Britain.

At meeting of the Edgeworthstown branch of the United Irish League, held March 23, Mr. John Phillips presiding, the following were appointed to represent the branch at the forthcoming convention in Longford: T. Cunningham, T. Masterson, John Hughes, John O'Neill, Pat Gannon and P. Quinn.

Mrs. Kenny, of Main street, Longford, died March 14, after a few days' sickness. The sad event was deeply regretted. On Sunday interment took place in Ardagh cemetery. At 2 o'clock the coffin was removed from the Cathedral, where it had rested from the previous evening, and the funeral cortege wended its way toward Ardagh.

The cortege was of immense proportions, the whole town turning out to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. In addition people drove long distances and, as would be expected, from Edgeworthstown and neighborhood a very large number came. By the time the funeral reached Ardagh it was the largest seen for years. The last prayers were recited by the Rev. Father Reynolds, St. Mela.

LOUTH.—Mr. Richard Keeley, son of Mr. Peter Paul Keeley, Mayor of Drogheda, died March 27, at 23 Scarlet street, Drogheda, deeply regretted. The funeral to St. Peter's Cathedral was very numerous attended.

MEATH.—Father O'Reilly, of Saint Ignatius' College, Galway, died recently, aged 55 years, deeply regretted. He had spent 33 years in the religious life. County Meath has the honor of being his native place. Solemn Requiem services were very numerous attended.

St. Patrick's night was rendered very enjoyable to the children of Dunshaughlin by a gramophone entertainment. Mr. Gubbins, of Gerrardstown, took charge of a selection of songs, marches and whistling pieces. At intervals there were songs by the children in trained style. First came the boys with their sweet Gaelic songs "Cruiskeen Lawn," "Wearing of the Green," "Harp That Once." The girls were equally happy in their execution of "Eileen Aenahán" and "The Dear Little Shamrock." "O'Donnell Abou" and "God Save Ireland" were also sung. The children were congratulated for their great success at the Fels examination.

QUEEN'S.—On March 14 the death of Mr. Patrick Keeshan, of Killeen, Mountrath, happened in Manchester, England, and caused great regret to be felt by his family and friends at home and in the United States.

The Camross branch of the Labor League has elected the following to office for this year: Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, president and treasurer; Mr. Thomas Feehan, vice-president; James Flynn, hon. sec. Committee—Messrs. John Fitzpatrick, John Dunne, M. Dooly, M. Mara and J. Drennan.

WESTMEATH.—Mr. George Skelly, news agent, Mount street, Mullingar, an old and esteemed resident, died March 28. Great sympathy was expressed for his family.

Miss Alice Fitzgerald has sued Mr. Peter Murray, who lives near Athlone, for ten thousand dollars as compensation for his breaking a promise to marry her.

The tenants on the Nugent estate, which includes Mullyfarnham, Corry and Rathmore, have agreed to purchase their farms at 18 years and 20 years' rental. The trustees of the late Sir W. Nugent placed the estate in the Land Court.

WEXFORD.—The death of Miss Lily Agnes Fowler, daughter of Mr. James Fowler, Camoin, occurred at her home on March 20, deeply regretted.

On Thursday, March 13, the Feast of St. Senan, patron of Templeshannon and the Shannon, was celebrated in the chapel of the Mission Fathers, Ennis-corthy, with solemn splendor. The church decorations, by the Sisters of Mercy, were exquisite. In the morning High Mass was celebrated in the presence of a congregation that taxed the capacity of the sacred edifice. The evening devotions were attended by very large numbers. After the Rosary by Father Rolater the special sermon was preached by Father Hartley, who said: "My dear brethren, the devotions that are being held in the church to-day, in honor of our saint, bring home to us the prophetic truth of the wisdom of the Sages, as described by Wiseman, when he says, 'Many shall prize his wisdom, and it shall never be forgotten. The memory of him shall not depart away, and his name shall be in request from generation to generation. Nations shall desire his wisdom, and the Church shall show forth his praises.'"

WICKLOW.—The Arklow branch of League was reorganized on March 14 at a special meeting of the members. Father Manning, president.

A meeting of the Father Murphy Memorial Committee was held in Arklow lately. Mr. Thomas Kelly presided. It was agreed to write to the architect, Mr. Kelly Freeman, to inspect the work. The excavating for the foundation has been in progress, and at a slight depth below the road surface a quantity of iron has been found which are described as human, and much interest has attached to their discovery. The site, so far as known, has not been associated with a graveyard, of which there is none in the immediate vicinity, the nearest being the old graveyard in Main street, two hundred yards distant. The bones may be relics of the slain in the battle of Arklow in '98, and though within the hundred years that have elapsed the bones of anybody buried would probably have been reduced to dust, there is still some ground for connecting them with the eventual period named. That is the supposition, and their discovery has given a touch of historical and pathetic interest to the ground upon which the memorial will stand.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—On March 26 information was received at Bodeke of the death of Mr. James Hussey, which took place suddenly in the house of Mr. Thomas Donovan, on his way home from Tomragna. He was aged only 30 years.

On March 8 happened the death of Miss Mary Kate Lynch, Chapel street, deeply regretted. On Sunday evening the remains were removed to the Cathedral, and on Monday a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. C. Stuart, Adm.; Rev. P. J. Donnelly, deacon; Rev. J. Devanny, subdeacon; Rev. P. Burke, President of St. Flannan's College, master of ceremonies.

CORK.—The Hon. Edward Fitzgerald, Mayor of Cork, will open the exhibition in Cork City during next month.

A fatal accident occurred at the South Jetty March 28 to Mr. Frank McCarthy, brother of Mr. Florence McCarthy, solr, Town Clerk. Mr. McCarthy was looking at the unloading of a boiler for the Exhibition. The boiler was brought to the quay side and placed on planks. Its weight broke one of the planks and caused a portion to fly. This portion struck Mr. McCarthy on the back of the head and neck with such force that he was fatally injured.

A fire of a destructive nature took place on the night of March 22 in the residence of Mr. A. F. Sharnan-Crawford, Lota Lodge, Glanmire, near Cork City. The house, splendidly furnished and equipped with the latest improvements in the way of light, bells, etc., is situated in splendid grounds, and consists of two portions, the servants' apartments, in which the fire originated, at the western side and the main building, the two being connected by a hallway. A great quantity of property was burned before assistance arrived.

The death of Mr. John Neville, a leading citizen of Macroom, occurred at Massettown, Macroom, March 21.

At the Cork Exhibition, in the space taken by the Department of Agriculture, it is intended to have a representative collection of historic Irish craftsmanship in the way of furniture, glass, gold and silver plate, jewelry, wood-carving, brass and copper work, embroidery, etc. Nothing will be admitted into the section which is not of Irish manufacture, and the object lesson afforded by the collection ought to be a valuable one for Irish craftsmen as showing what was achieved in the workshops of this country.

An advisory committee of the Irish Arts and Crafts Society is co-operating with the Department in the project, and owners of pieces of Irish workmanship of the sixteenth to early nineteenth centuries who are willing to lend them for the exhibition ought to communicate with the honorable secretary of the Advisory Committee, Historic Loan Collection, at the offices of the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion street, Dublin. The Department will pack and transport the goods and insure them against fire, burglary and damage.

The celebration of the national festival was fittingly honored by the Municipal Body in Cork City, when the Mayor (Alderman E. Fitzgerald) and members of the Corporation attended Mass in state at the Cathedral. When the Mayor and those who joined him in rendering the customary tribute to the occasion and in paying the usual honor to the ecclesiastical head of the city (Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan) were assembling at the Municipal Buildings there was an enormous concourse of spectators. The procession started at 11:30, headed by the Fire Brigade in uniform.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. MURPHY—On March 16, at Passage West, Daniel Murphy, vintner.

RYAN—From gunshot wounds received in Hollowspuit, on February 24; died in Harristown, March 6, Jeremiah Ryan.

McKAY—On March 16, at 1 St. John's terrace, Annie Bridget McKay.

OMULLANE—On March 16, at Riverside, omlbarstown, Ellen O'Mullane, Gloutane Cottage, Malloy.

FORDE—On March 15, Ellen Forde at King street, Fermoy.

LOWE—March 11, at Lismore, siabella Lowe, formerly of Malloy, daughter of Nicholas Lowe, Granard.

FIVES—At Scilly, Kinsale, on March 12, Peter Fives, aged 23 years.

DEASY—On March 12, at 119 Blarney street, William Deasy.

DONOVAN—On March 12, at Shanavher, Glantane, Kate Donovan, aged 21 years.

BARRY—On March 12, at Tusher, Doughtycroft, Johannes (Joe), daughter of Thomas Barry.

O'CONNOR.—March 20, at Main street, Malloy, James O'Connor.

DONOVAN—On March 21, at Caherlag Peter Donovan, aged 25 years.

CROWLEY—At 17 St. Joseph's street North Circular road, Dublin, Eugene Crowley, late of Garryhessa.

MURPHY—On March 26, at Killumney, Mary Kate Murphy.

CUNNINGHAM—On March 25, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington Road, Edward Cunningham.

AHERN—On March 25, at Upper Glasheen, Julia Ahern, daughter of the late John Coughlan, Bandon Road.

O'NEILL—On March 26, at Garryvoe, Ladsbridge (formerly of Ballydaniel) Della Agnes Maud O'Neill, aged 19 years.

DINNEEN—March 23, at Clontar Moore, Coachford, Cornelius Dinneen.

LOYD—On March 13, at Durlin, Natal, Montague Ernest Lloyd, of Cork City.

O'SULLIVAN—On March 24, at Coonue, Glengarriffe, Florence O'Sullivan, aged 75 years.

FRAWLEY—On March 21, at Curras, Kilmn, Mary, only daughter of Thomas Frawley, aged 29 years.

LOUGHNANE—March 24, at Strand street, Youghal, Denis Douglas Noel Loughnane.

DONOVAN—On March 26, Anne Donovan, Killeenleigh, Skibbereen.

KERRY.—The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Guhan Kenmare, took place March 22, and was very numerous attended. He died the previous Thursday, aged 63 years.

The funeral of Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan, Cahireevreen, whose death occurred on March 25, took place on Thursday, March 27, and was one of the largest to Sugrena Abbey, four miles from the town.

LIMERICK.—The remains of the late Mr. John Finucane, ex-M. P., for East Limerick, were removed from Knocklong Cottage, March 25, where he died on March 25, for interment in St. Lawrence's cemetery, Limerick.

On March 5 the anniversary of the Fenian rising, a green flag floated from the top of King John's Castle, in Kilmallock, and when night set in many young men from country districts were in town, and the streets presented an animated appearance. The life and drum band marched through the town followed by a great number of persons and followed by a body of the police. The procession proceeded by Sarsfield street, Sheares' street and thence by the "Fenian Route," re-entering the town by Wolfe Tone street. They played "The Peeler and the Goat" in good style. The processionists visited the graveyard where the unknown man rests who was killed in the rising and whose name was never ascertained.

An old and respected citizen, in the person of Mr. Thomas Ryan, Gilder, Little William street, Limerick, has just passed away. His death recalls the fact that he was the first of Limerick's citizens who joined "The Pope's Brigade." The Limerick Brigade, for the defense of Pope Pius IX., and the Papal States against the attacks of Victor Emmanuel, was organized by the Rev. T. Shanahan then of St. Michael's parish and now Parish Priest of St. Munchin's; and his call was heartily responded to. Mr. Ryan was the recipient of a medal from Pope Pius IX. and in 1891 was presented with another medal and a certificate by Pope Leo XIII. The following is a translation of His Holiness' certificate: "His Holiness Leo XIII. has deigned to confer on Thomas Ryan, of the Pontifical Zouaves, a medal in return for his services rendered to the Holy See, and for his proofs of devotedness since the disbanding of the company. The Lieutenant-Colonel the Commander of the Regiment has the pleasure of sending to Thomas Ryan a bronze medal, struck according to the Order of the Brief of March 10th, 1891, the original of which is kept in the archives of the Secretary of State.—By order, The Lieutenant-Colonel, the Commander of the Regiment, Charette. Basse Motte, June 27th, 1891." These diplomas are parchment scrolls, and were highly prized. There now remains in the city but two of the Brigade that left Limerick with the late Mr. Ryan. Deceased, who was 65 years of age, was a man of enlightenment, and his amiable and upright character won for him the high esteem and regard of all.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Mrs. Ellen Power, of Aroman, Tipperary, happened March 21, at the great age of 81 years, deeply and widely regretted. She was mother of late Rev. John Power, C. C., Drangan. The funeral to Lattin was very numerous attended.

An instructive and deeply interesting lecture on the revival of the Irish language was delivered by Mr. P. J. Hannon in Emly National School, on March 23. Very Rev. Canon Power, pastor, presided.

Sister Mary Augustine, known in the world as Miss Catherine O'Connor, Wexford, oldest member of the Sisters of Mercy community, Cahir, passed away recently at the patriarchal age of 83 years. She was the last surviving member of the community, who came to Cahir 36 years ago from Cappoquin to found the Convent, but she had labored for a decade previously in Cappoquin. The Sisters had first to reside in a house on the Mall till their convent schools were erected. On March 22 Requiem office and High Mass were celebrated in the chapel of the convent.

Thomas Maher, Shanakill, and Jeremiah Dwyer, Killeekhan, were released from Chancell Prison on March 20 after undergoing fourteen days with hard labor, imposed on them at a special Coercion Court, in Templeshore. They were met at the railway station and given a hearty welcome home. The sight was a most inspiring one when the place of meeting was reached at the meeting commenced.

WATERFORD.—The Finance Committee of the County Council of Wa-

terford has passed the increased grant for the Christian Brothers' Schools, Tramore, for technical education. The Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Tramore, has also obtained a grant to enable the Sisters to educate the children in lacemaking and other remunerative and desirable arts.

The monthly meeting of the Waterford branch of the United Irish League was held in the City Hall April 2, the Mayor, Alderman R. Hearne presiding. The business included the making arrangements for the reception of Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., on his coming visit to Waterford to receive the freedom of the city.

The death of Mrs. O'Brien, Curragh-roache, took place recently. The deceased was the widow of Maurice O'Brien, Curraghroache. At the interment a great number of relatives and friends attended.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—A meeting of the West Belfast branch of the United Irish League was held March 23, in Berry street, Mr. Thomas Bowen, presiding.

At a meeting of the St. Malachy's College branch of the Gaelic League, held in the College on March 23, the following resolutions were passed unanimously: "That we express the strongest manner our indignation at the action of the Intermediate Education Board in appointing a foreigner to examine Irish children in their native language; that there are many Irish men much more competent to undertake the position given to a foreigner stamps the appointment as a perle and virulent exhibition of hatred toward the revival, and as an insult to the Irish people."

The remains of the late Mr. Hugh Quinn were conveyed from Cregan for interment in the family burying ground at Randalstown. The cortege was one of the largest ever witnessed in the district.

The funeral of Mrs. Devlin took place on March 23, attended by a cortege which was one of the largest seen recently in Belfast. The deceased was mother of Mr. Joseph Devlin, M. P., and her death during his absence in America evoked much sympathy. The interment was in Milton. The branches of the United Irish League were represented, the delegates forming an imposing array as they marched four deep after the hearse.

ARMAGH.—Portadown branch of the Gaelic League has forwarded twenty-five dollars to the Central Executive for the Irish Language Fund.

CAVAN.—Mrs. Bridget Galligan, of Kilmalek, died March 19, deeply regretted, aged 64 years. She was the mother of Rev. L. Galligan Lavey, Solemn Requiem services were held in St. Patrick's church, which was also the funeral was very numerous attended.

The death of Mr. John Phillips, Airmount House, Bawnboy, occurred March 16, at the early age of 50 years, deeply regretted. The funeral, on March 18, was one of the largest in the district for years, being attended by all classes and creeds of the community. The remains were conveyed to Kilmart, where the funeral ceremonies were performed by Very Rev. John Shannon, assisted by the Rev. Matthew O'Reilly, Bawnboy.

DERRY.—The dead body of Alexander Vance, laborer, was found on March 20 on the Castle Road at Somerset, near Co. Lond.

On St. Patrick's night the first annual reunion, under the auspices of the Maghera Branch of the U. I. L., was held in the National Hall.

DONEGAL.—The anniversary of St. Patrick was opened in Ballyshannon by a parade of the two bands at midnight, playing national airs. At the Masses on the Rock and in St. Patrick's, Kilmarron, large congregations assembled and it was noticed that a great number partook of Holy Communion. A football match took place in the afternoon.

DOWN.—Under the auspices of St. Malachy's brass band, Castlewellan, a concert and musical entertainment was given in St. Malachy's parish hall on St. Patrick's night. The large hall was well filled with a most appreciative audience. The band, which is one of the best in Ulster, opened the entertainment by rendering a selection "Ireland," in capital style.

A committee meeting of the Newry branch of the Gaelic League was held at the Christian Brothers' Schools, the Mall, on March 23, under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. O'Reilly, M. R. I. A., Violet Hill College president.

The old Teutonic baker was some what dead.

"I say," yelled the customer, scrutinizing his change, "I don't think this is good."

"Vot?" asked the baker, holding his hand to his ear.

"I don't think this half dollar is good."

"Speak louder, mein friend."

"I say I want a better half."

The old man's face brightened.

"Oh, you want a better half. Well mein friend, this was no matrimonial bureau, it was a bake shop."—Chicago News.

Customer—I understand that you chef has been discharged.

Waiter—Yes, sir. He has gone to a place where they call him a cook-Judge.

"If you don't quit eating so much Willie, you will be sick."

"Won't it be time enough to quit then?"—Indianapolis News.

"And have you any uncles and aunts?"

Winifred—Oh, yes, lots of uncles and aunts. But I'm very scarce in grandfathers and grandmothers.—Punch.