

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.—Father O'Neill, G. S. F., of the Abbey church, Galway City, has left this city for Wexford. During many years in Galway Father O'Neill made friends, who now deeply regret his leaving the historic and truly Irish city of Galway.

Mrs. Anne Lynskey, of Ashgrove, Foxhall, Tuam, died April 11 at the fine old age of 85 years, deeply regretted. Mrs. Lynskey was the mother of Rev. Canon Lynskey, Dunmore; Mr. Michael Lynskey, rate collector; Mr. Thaddeus Lynskey, and Mr. George J. Lynskey, solicitor, Liverpool. The remains were conveyed from Ashgrove to Killoona Chapel, the funeral being the largest witnessed for a great number of years, which testified to the respect in which the deceased and her family are held by all. High Mass of Requiem was solemnized at 10 30 a. m.

LEITRIM.—A grand concert under the auspices of the Killasnett Co-operative Society was held in the Court House, Manorhamilton, April 14, in aid of the funds for a public library. The Court House was thronged.

MAYO.—The Claremorris Gaelic League forwarded \$170 to the Irish Language Fund as a result of the collection made during the "Irish Language Week."

Miss Nellie McNella died April 13 at the home of her aunt in Turlough, aged 17 years deeply regretted. She was second daughter of Mr. Peter J. McNella, and niece of the Rev. Father James O'Connor, Adm., Ballyshadarrin. Her remains were interred in Meelick cemetery, Swinford, followed by a very large cortege of cars, etc., from Castlebar, Turlough, Ballyvary, Swinford, St. Aidan and the surrounding districts.

The death of Mr. Thomas Higgins, merchant, Balla, happened April 14. On Wednesday High Mass and Office were celebrated for the repose of his soul, Rev. Father Murphy, celebrant, Father Dalton, deacon; Rev. J. McEvilly, subdeacon; Rev. Canon Gibbons, master of ceremonies. The funeral, which took place afterwards, was attended by men representative of every class in the county, and the vast concourse which followed his remains to their last resting place proved the esteem in which Mr. Higgins was held.

ROSCOMMON.—Mr. B. Goff, Elphin, died April 16, aged 74 years, deeply mourned. High Mass for the repose of his soul was chanted in St. Patrick's Cathedral church, Elphin, on Friday. The funeral, which was large and representative, took place the same day and was numerously attended.

A concert in aid of the fund to renovate Ballyloague church was given on April 13 by Mr. J. C. Cussen's concert party at Ballagh National School. A substantial sum was realized. On Monday the party proceeded to Ballyloague, where another successful entertainment was given.

A great meeting of the Roscommon branch of the Gaelic League was held at the League rooms, April 12, for the purpose of reorganizing the branch and selecting officers for the ensuing year. The Rev. Michael O'Beirne, Roscommon, was moved to the chair. Mr. Denis O'Leary, Irish teacher, delivered an address. On the proposition of Rev. Father Keane, seconded by the reverend chairman, a vote of thanks was given to Mr. O'Leary for his services to the Gaelic revival movement in Roscommon.

SLIGO.—The Sligo Champion of April 19 said: "Father Tom Quinn has left for America on special duty at the request of his bishop, Dr. Lyster, and we heartily join in the fervent goodwishes which his many friends. There is no young priest better known or more generally admired. Our columns have frequently borne testimony to this. Coolaney feted him. Tourlestrane burned bonfires in his honor. We ourselves witnessed his reception at Carricknagat and Collooney. The people of Kilmacquin gave expression to their feelings in a resolution which we published last week, and among the many to do him honor the people of Ballyshadarrin must be specially mentioned."

LEINSTER

JARLAW.—Mr. Thomas Hanlon, of Tande-Court, Paganstown, passed away on April 13, at the age of 61 years. The Office and High Mass in Paganstown church and the funeral to Old Leighlin cemetery was very numerously attended.

At recent meeting of the County Down Agricultural and Technical Committee, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley presided. He said that having gone into the subject of the grants for technical education with one of the inspectors, they came to the conclusion that the amount would not be sufficient, and he proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Hammond, M. P., and adopted: "That the County Down Agricultural and Technical Committee be requested to establish a technical school in the town of Downpatrick, and to provide for the same."

funds for building and equipment purposes have to be raised by loan, with interest charged on the local Technical Instruction Fund, the department is requested to come to the assistance of the committee by making a grant of two-thirds of the total expenses of building and equipment. The committee believe that it is entitled to special treatment owing to the number of schools which it intends to establish, and the low rateable value of the county."

DUBLIN.—Mr. James Lynam, United Irish League organizer, has been bound by penalties of five hundred dollars himself, and two hundred and fifty dollars to friends, to refrain from addressing United Irish League meetings, or go to prison for six months.

Mr. Lecky, the historian, who is member of Parliament for Trinity College, will soon resign. His wife is a Dutch lady, and of course is a pro-Boer. She is sister of Baron Van Dedam. The baron was Mr. Davitt's fellow traveler through the Transvaal.

A public meeting was held April 13 in St. Peter's church, Philshorburgh to raise funds for the completion of that edifice. The response to the appeal was of the most remarkable character. Not only were the inhabitants surrounding the church represented, but other parts of the city where the laborers of the Vincentian Fathers are appreciated added their testimony by the presence of leading citizens, and the financial approval of the most encouraging character. On the motion of Obvalier Sheeran, seconded by Alderman McCarthy, J. P., the chair was taken by Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin. The Archbishop and ten others gave seventeen thousand dollars, while there were hundreds of others who subscribed generously also.

Mr. John J. Walsh, a well-known Dublin lawyer, died suddenly in the Dublin Police Court on April 18 aged 70 years. His death removes another link that binds us to the name of our late distinguished countryman, Lord Russell of Killowen. Lord Russell and Mr. Walsh were school-fellows together at Castleknock College and on the occasion of a banquet of the Castleknock Union some years ago it was interesting to learn from the late Chief Justice the opinion that was entertained of Mr. Walsh by his school contemporaries. Alluding to his intellectual gifts, Lord Russell described him as being "facile princeps," and his ability for acquiring language distinguished him to the end. Mr. Walsh, in his professional capacity, was identified with many notable trials. He defended several of the "Invincibles." In one of these cases a leading King's Counsel received his maiden brief from Mr. Walsh.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN. McGUINNESS—April 16, at 4 Irvine crescent, Church road, Caroline McGuinness.

McGRANE—April 13, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Margaret McGrane.

GUMBRIELL—April 18, at 3 Addison street, Fairview, Edward James Gumbriell, late Chief Officer H. M. Coastguard, aged 63 years.

HALL—April 13, at 14 Wexford street, Patrick Hall.

MASTERSON—April 12, at 26 Donore avenue, S. C. R., Maggie Masterson.

O'CONNELL FITZ-SIMON—April 11 at 69 Belgrave square, Rathmines, Henry O'Connell Fitz-Simon, of Glacullen, aged 67 years.

ROWLAND—At 4 Upper Bridge street, Mathew Rowland.

FARRELL—At 50 Lr. Stephen street, Mrs. Margaret Farrell, of 12 Upper Stephen street.

DUNNE—April 12, at Jervis Street hospital, Elizabeth Dunne, of 133 Great Britain street.

FINGLASS—At 24 Summer Hill, Lower, John Finglass.

TUTTY—April 15, at 1 Glashule terrace, Sandycove, Mary Anne Tutty.

SCULLY—April 13, at Queens' square, Margaret Scully, aged 69 years.

KILDARE.—On April 7, while Patrick Fleming, pumpmaker, of Robertstown, was blasting a well at Courtown, near Killoock, he received a very large, deep cut under the right eye. After setting the fuse and after being hauled up out of the well, he moved to a safe distance, but for some reason Fleming went over to the mouth of the well, and on arrival there the charge went off, and a splinter of a stone struck him, causing a serious wound.

A great meeting was held at Monasterovan April 13 for the purpose of forming a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. W. Bacon presided.

KILKENNY.—The members of the Windgap branch of the United Irish League have subscribed a good sum of money to Irish Parliamentary Fund. Mr. J. Vaughan made the remittance. James Comerford was run over and killed by a train at Knockmoylan, between Mullinavat and Ballyshale, on the Waterford & Kilkenny Railway. The death of Mr. John J. Cantwell, of Carrickmacross, occurred recently, to the great regret of his family and friends. Solemn Requiem services and the funeral were very largely attended.

KING'S.—In accordance with instructions received from the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, a temperance association was established in Bidderry on April 20, having for its objects the furtherance of the Anti-Treating League, and the renewal of all under 21 years of age of the pledge administered at Confirmation. Father Kinella, pastor, has secured the services of the eloquent young Redemptorist Father O'Callaghan, to lay the foundation of the great work.

LONGFORD.—The Longford County Council, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution calling for the repeal of that clause in the local government law which excludes clergymen from being on the local boards, and demanding a Catholic university measure.

and was interred there; Father James Johnson, C. S. R., first editor of The People, and the late Father Thomas Doyle, C. S. R., (New Ross). Father George Rackards, of Wexford, and Father John Doyle, of Ferns all of whom, save Canon Doyle, Ramsgrange, have died.

WICKLOW.—The death of Dr. Thomas More Madden at his residence in Tinode, County Wicklow, April 15, was widely regretted. After Office and High Mass in Westland Row Church the funeral left for Glasnevin, great numbers attended.

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MEATH.—The death of Mr. Peter Gaughran, Rushwee, Slane, happened April 12, aged 79 years, deeply regretted. On Monday his remains were removed for interment in the Hill of Slane cemetery, and the large cortege of friends and acquaintances who followed his remains showed that he was a general favorite with the public.

QUEEN'S.—The United Irish League and the Gaelic League are making great progress in the numbers of their branches. Language and land movements are working a very great and good change in the people. Much more support is being given all things Irish now than in former years. In fact, Ireland is now truly Irish not the three-quarter English country it was a few years ago.

WESTMEATH.—Solemn Office and High Mass were offered in the Cathedral, Mullingar, April 15, for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Anne McCormack. The funeral to Walshestown was very numerously attended.

The death occurred on April 13 of Mrs. McCormack, wife of Mr. P. McCormack, Earl street, Mullingar. On Tuesday the remains were conveyed to St. Mary's Cathedral, where Solemn Requiem Office and High Mass were held.

WEXFORD.—At last Mass on April 13 the Very Rev. Canon Kavanagh announced the opening of the new church in New Ross would be postponed until the Feast of St. Michael, Sept. 29 next, the seventh anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone. He expected everything completed by the date mentioned and thanked the parishioners for their generous support in the undertaking. More than one hundred thousand dollars were subscribed by the parishioners of New Ross within the past seven years.

Mr. David Egan, a farmer residing at Ballycullane, lately was driving a bull, his property, into a shed. The animal made a fierce attack on him and drove his horns into Mr. Egan's forehead. Before he could make his escape the animal gored him in the ribs, breaking several. Hearing cries for assistance, the workmen ran to Mr. Egan's aid and succeeded in rescuing him. Medical aid was immediately procured and the sufferer's wounds dressed, but he was in a comatose condition.

Father Walter Lambert, of the Redemptorist Order, recently gave, with others, a four weeks' mission in Wexford town, where he and his family have been known and respected for long years. The Very Rev. Walter Lambert was born in Ballygillane, near Kilmaree, eighty-four years ago. Like the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, he is descended from a fine old Norman stock, the Lamberts of Ballyshire Castle and Lady's Island, both of which castles are within view of his family home. At the time of the religious persecutions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the property of the Lamberts (then called De Lamport) was confiscated and they were persecuted with all the cruelty and rigour characteristic of the period. When the fine old Norman Catholic families of Forth and Bargy were plundered and tortured, they steadfastly clung to their natal plains, though they were denied ownership of the lands, which passed into the hands of Cromwellian and other settlers. The Lamberts' territory of long ago in Taggart and Lady's Island parishes is still thickly populated with Lamberts, just as the old Browne territory of Mullrangan contains all Brownes, sons of the old stock. It is so with their Norman cousins the Horses and Coddas and Staffords who were deprived of their properties and subjected to all the tortures and persecutions that the fanatical minds of the Cromwellians could devise. All the savageries of the Puritan plunderers could not divorce them from the faith of their fathers. Father Lambert is kinsman of the late Most Rev. Patrick Lambert, O. S. F., second Bishop of Newfoundland, and his uncle, his mother's brother, was Most Rev. T. Scallan, O. S. F., third Bishop of Newfoundland. Dr. Lambert ministered in the Franciscan Friary, in Wexford, from 1780, until he was consecrated there by Most Rev. Dr. Troy, and went to Newfoundland in 1808. He afterwards returned and died in Wexford. His remains are interred in the Franciscan church, and his monument is over the transport door, with that of his nephew, Dr. Scallan, who died and was buried in Newfoundland. Among those who accompanied Dr. Lambert from Wexford to Newfoundland, were the Rev. Denis Kelly, who returned and was known as the Hermit of Kilmacree chapel, where he led such an edifying life, and died in 1824. His tomb may still be seen there. Father James Sinnott, afterward parish priest of Litter, and brother to the Very Rev. John Sinnott, of Wexford, also accompanied Dr. Lambert. Father Walter Lambert, the subject of our sketch, was educated in St. Peter's College, Wexford, and in Maynooth. Among his school fellows were Very Rev. Canon Doyle, Ramsgrange, and Father Olney, Ballymore, who, like the Very Rev. Canon Doyle, was a general favorite with the public.

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MUNSTER

CLARE.—A largely attended meeting was held at Carrigroh for the purpose of reviving the Irish language in the district by establishing classes for adults and by other means. Father Glynn, in announcing the holding of the meeting from the altar, dwelt on the necessity of saving the language, so as to keep the people distinct from Englishmen, and also for the purpose of retaining that grand spirituality of the Irish race for which they are renowned.

The death of William Reidy, son of the late D. Reidy, Ballynagun, occurred on Good Friday. The deceased was only in his 26th year. The funeral took place on Sunday to the Leominster cemetery, and the attendance was very large and representative. Rev. Father MacNamara officiated.

CORK.—The ceremony of reception took place in the Convent of Mercy, Naas, County Kildare, April 1. The young lady received is Miss Teresa Murphy of Kinsale. The ceremony was performed by Father Moran, Naas, assisted by Rev. David Gorry, Naas, and Rev. Arthur Murphy, Naas. Rev. T. Murphy, Enniskillen, brother to the newly received, was also present.

The friends of Mr. Matthew Joseph Dea of Youghal will learn with regret of his death, which occurred on the 17th at Dehra Dun, N. W. Provinces, India. He was for many years a great friend of the Community of the Franciscan monastery at Manor House, and three of the Community and some of the Brothers carried his remains into the church and to the grave. As Art Master at the College he was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

For a considerable time the tenants on the estate of late Capt. Digby Wright around Skibbereen and Caheragh have been negotiating about the purchase of their holdings and are now proprietors, thanks to Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross. It is chiefly due to his aid that the interest in the Townsend estate passed into the tenants' hands, and on April 16 in the Land Judges Court, Dublin, he secured another victory for the Wright tenants, with the result that Judge Ross confirmed the sale, wiping out all the arrears due.

Miss Nora Buckley, of the Castle, Newmarket, was professed a religious of the Presentation Order in the Castleland Convent, lately. Venerable Archdeacon O'Leary, Pastor officiated. The remains of Mr. John O'Brien, whose journalistic career was begun in the reportorial staff of the Cork Examiner, were removed from the South Parish church for interment in St. Joseph's cemetery, Cork, on March 13. The officiating clergy were the Rev. J. A. Daly, St. Finbarr's East, and the Rev. Thos. Murray, chaplain South Infirmary.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK. KEANE—April 16, at Curhally, Farnham, Hanora Keane.

DENNEHY—On the 15th April, at Fair Hill, John Dennehy.

HEFFERNAN—At 1 Marina View, Victoria road, John Heffernan, aged 69 years.

O'KEEFE—On the 17th April, at the North Infirmary (of pneumonia), William O'Keefe, late Chief Steward Steamship Innistallen, aged 32 years.

HENNESSY—On the 18th April, at Cloghroe, John D. Hennessy, father of Rev. J. F. Hennessy, College Hill, Nebraska.

MORIARTY—On April 18, at 21 Thrimbat's lane, Nora Moriarty, daughter of the late John Sheahan, Whitechurch.

LINEHAN—On the 18th of April, at Rockvale, Lower road, Michael F. Linehan, aged 7 years.

MANNIX—On 12th April, at Ballydoheen, Charleville, Daniel Mannix, aged 78 years.

DEASY—On 14th April, at Ringbellia, Roger Deasy, aged 70 years.

DONOGHUE—At Douglas road, Jos. Matthew Donoghue, aged 81-2 years.

FOLEY—Dumbollogue, Mary Foley.

MULCAHY—April 12th, at the South Infirmary, Michael Mulcahy, Kilmona, Grenagh.

COGAN—On the 11th inst., at Bunkilla, Donoughmore, John Cogan.

HICKEY—On April 13th, at Aherla, Daniel Hickey, stonecutter, aged 39 years.

BURKE—On 12th April, at Ballinaskilla, Newtown-Shandrum, John Burke.

CROWLEY—At 10 Wellington Square, Cork, on April 14, Margaret Mary Rita Crowley, aged 16 years.

GOGGIN—On the 13th April, at Killeenleigh, Skibbereen, John Goggin.

MCCARTHY—At Belfast, April 12th, Julia McCarthy, of Streamhill, Donegal.

O'MAHONY—On April 14th, Michael O'Mahony, Killeavullen.

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KERRY.—Intelligence of a remarkable case of death has reached Tralee

from Broona on April 15. Thomas Cahill, farmer, and his wife, each aged 75, who had lived very happily since their marriage, expired on Sunday previous, simultaneously, death being due to natural causes. Both were interred side by side at Broona graveyard, the funeral cortege being of large dimensions.

In the Presentation Convent, Castleland, recently, was professed Miss Nora Buckley, of the Castle, Newmarket, County Cork. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Berchmans. The venerable Archdeacon O'Leary, Castleland, was the officiant, assisted by Fathers Foran and Brosnahan.

LIMERICK.—On April 13, Mrs. Dooly of Kilknoea, Abbeyfeale, died at the extraordinary age of 101 years, deeply regretted. She was mother of Mr. Eugene Dooly, a well-known Abbeyfeale Nationalist.

Sister Mary Austin O'Connell, of the Convent of Mercy Doon, passed away lately at the early age of 45 years, deeply regretted. Deceased was a native of Ballyngarry, County Tipperary. The royal arms over the Mayor's office at Limerick was taken down on April 27 by some Nationalist. The police have arrested Councillor Joseph Ryan a member of the Corporation in connection with the occurrence, which caused a sensation.

A large and representative meeting of the Parish branch of the Gaelic League was held in Leamy's school, Limerick City, April 13, for the purpose of electing a committee. The following were elected Messrs. Ebrill, Lenihan, C. Holland, T. Fusznie, J. Lully and B. McGann.

Miss Kate Wallace, daughter of James Wallace, William street, Limerick, was recently professed a religious of the Presentation Order in the Convent, Thurles, County Tipperary, taking the title of Sister M. Angela.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Mr. James R. Conside, late Principal of Clogheen Male National School, occurred on March 21, deeply regretted. A branch of the Gaelic League was founded in Clonmel in the Catholic Young Men's Society on April 8. Mr. David Coffey presided.

Irish stained glass industry should have a good field for increase in Ireland, a country that is continually raising numbers of magnificent churches, the great majority of which are churches erected by the Catholics. A new window of this kind, and of Irish manufacture, has just been placed in St. Mary's church, Clonmel, to the memory of the late Rev. T. O'Connell, by his relatives. It is a splendid work of art, which is highly creditable to the firm in Youghal, County Cork, that made it. For this industry alone Ireland, poor as it was, poured many millions of dollars in the coffers of foreign manufacturers.

We regret to chronicle the death at the Convent of Mercy, Doon, Limerick, of Sister Mary Austin O'Connell, at the age of 44 years. Deceased was a native of Ballyngarry. She belonged to an old and respected family that has given many members to the Church. Her sister, Mrs. M. Teresa Joseph, is in the Mercy Convent, Cork, where she is discharging the onerous duties of Superintendent of the workhouse. Her brother, Rev. J. O'Connell, has been laboring for twenty-five years in the Diocese of Providence, U. S. A. At the Office and High Mass Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese, presided.

WATERFORD.—The prospectus of the Waterford Agricultural Society, Ltd., has just been issued. The share capital of the company is £3,000, divided into 3,000 shares, all of which are now offered for subscription.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. P. W. Fitzgerald, Dublin, formerly an old and respected inhabitant of Dunganarvan. On April 13 the deceased lady was prayed for at early Mass by Canon Power. She was sister of Mr. James Stack, Ballinacree, and about thirty years ago Mr. P. W. Fitzgerald was one of the leading merchants in Dunganarvan.

On April 17 a public meeting was held in the Mayor's office, City Hall, Waterford, for the purpose of inaugurating a testimonial to Mr. Michael J. Wyse, T. C.

Miss S. Anthony, daughter of Mr. Arthur Anthony, of King Ville House, Dunganarvan, was professed a member of the Presentation Order in the Convent, Thurles, County Tipperary, lately. Her name in religion is Sister M. Francis. Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly officiated.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—Francis Leonard, Castleland terrace, Antrim road, Belfast, principal clerk of the Customs, took sick in a tram car April 15, and before medical assistance could be procured, he died.

James Parker Smith of Belfast, on April 10, was seen entering the premises of Sir James Essett, North street, and was not seen again until his remains were found in the machinery of the engine. It appears he unlocked the engine room, and somehow fell into the moving machinery. He was at one time a bookkeeper in the place. It is a wholesale chemist's factory. A meeting of Nationalists was held in the Nationalist Hall, Camlough, to select a county councillor and two district councillors.

ARMAGH.—The edifying devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was conducted in the Sacred Heart Convent, Armagh, Ulster, on April 15, with solemn High Mass, celebrated by Rev. Michael Quinn, Adm., Armagh, assisted by Rev. J. W. Brady, Armagh, as deacon, and Rev. Feargus Eberlin, Armagh, as subdeacon. Rev. Joseph Dunne, Armagh, was master of ceremonies. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place around the chapel, the convent choir rendering an appropriate hymn. The procession was followed by solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Cardinal Logue received into the Order of Saint Louis, at Middletown Convent, April 10, Miss Annie Blackall, of Killard, Doonbeg, County Clare. Her religious title is Sister Mary Gabriel Joseph. The Cardinal (assisted by the Rev. M. Quinn, Adm., and the Rev. T. McParland, Middletown), officiated in the presence of a large number of the friends of the newly-professed, and of the clergy from the many parishes of the archdiocese.

The foundation stone of the new convent in Bessbrook was laid by Cardinal Logue, April 9, with usual impressive ceremonies. He was assisted by Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dro-more. The new house will have a frontage of 130 feet, and will include chapel and schools. There will be accommodation for eighteen Sisters. The contract has been awarded to Mr. Denis Neary, Newry, and the cost will be \$30,000. The architect is Mr. J. J. McDonnell, M. R. I. A. L. Belfast. A silver trowel with ivory handle was presented to his Eminence by the builder. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Cardinal Logue on his laying the foundation stone of the new Convent of Mercy at Bessbrook, County Armagh, by Denis Neary, builder. 9th April, 1902."

CAVAN.—Michael Fagan, the sexton of Ballyjamesduff Catholic Church, reported on April 16 that the church building had been broken into during the night and robbed.

On April 10, there passed away at the Convent of Poor Clares, Cavan, Sister Mary Clare, in the 46th year of her age and the 24th year of her holy profession. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. John Lynch, Woodland, Arva, and entered the convent in her 19th year.

Mrs. Hugh McCabe, of Drum, died on April 11. The funeral, which was the largest seen in Drum for years, took place on Sunday, the remains being removed to the family burying ground at Killeevan.

DERRY.—St. Eugene's Temperance brass and reed band, conducted by Mr. Joseph Nugent, and accompanied by Rev. J. J. McGlade, recently traveled to Derry to compete in the brass and reed band contest at the Derry Fes Coill. There were four bands entered: viz.: City of Derry Good Templars, the Britannia (Derry), the St. Eugene's (Omagh), and St. Columba's (Derry). The several test pieces were so well played that the judge had the greatest difficulty in deciding the winners. Ultimately the decision was: First, the City of Derry Good Templars; second, St. Columba's. In the evening a large crowd, including the St. Columba's band, accompanied the Omagh band to the railway station and gave them a hearty send-off.

DONEGAL.—The London Gazette in April announced the appointment of Mr. James Boyle to be steward and bailiff of the Manor of Northstead, England, thus causing a vacancy in the Parliamentary representation of West Donegal, for which Mr. Boyle was elected unopposed as a Nationalist at the general election, 1900.

Mrs. John Barry, Portnasson, died in Dublin, April 9. She had gone to Dublin to have an operation performed, but failed to rally after it. She had not been married long. On receipt of the sad news Mr. Barry proceeded to Dublin and brought the remains home, arriving in Ballyshannon on Thursday night. The requiem services and funeral were very numerous, justly attended.

DOWN.—There were laid to rest in the Aghlisham cemetery, April 11, the remains of the late Mr. James McMillan, of Moneycarra, one of the oldest and most respected residents in the district. The funeral was very largely attended.

A successful meeting of the Gaelic League of South Down was held in St. Malachy's Hall, Castledillon, on Sunday, April 6. The progress of the movement in the district since last meeting, and the best means of arousing the many Nationalists who still are dwelling in exterior darkness to a sense of their duty to Irish Ireland, were the chief topics of discussion. Rev. P. Magee, Killoco, president, occupied the chair.

FERMANAGH.—The members of the Aghavea branch of the United Irish League held a meeting in the Parochial Hall, Cooneen, April 13. Very Rev. Canon McKenna, president, occupied the chair.

A conference of the clergy of the deanery of Enniskillen, Diocese of Clogher, was held in St. Michael's Reading Room, Enniskillen, April 1. The Right Rev. Mgr. Smolten, Enniskillen, in the absence of Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, presided.

MONAGHAN.—On April 14 a meeting of the North Monaghan Divisional Executive of the United Irish League was held in the Christian Brothers School, Monaghan, the principal business being to consider resolutions received from many branches of the League in the constituency condemning Dr. Thompson, M. P., for North Monaghan, "for his cowardly attack on the representatives of the Irish people in the London Times, and for his continual neglect of duty."

TYRONE.—A notable social function took place in Dro-more recently. It was the concert given in the Parochial Hall, under the auspices of the Dro-more Co-operative Home Industries society. The town was en fête, the popularity which the society enjoys, coupled with its successful management, drawing crowds of patrons from all parts of Dro-more and the surrounding parishes.