

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.

ULSTER

ANTRIM—Charles Devlin, farmer, residing in Altnaveigh died June 5, aged 105. He retained his faculties to the last, and two weeks ago attended Newry market.

The Sacrament of confirmation was administered June 3, to 137 children in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenties, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor. Among those who assisted were: Rev. E. Hassett, Glenties; Rev. John Magowan, Very Rev. P. Convery, Rev. T. Blacker, Carrigrohilly; Rev. M. Hamill, Carrigrohilly; Rev. E. McCartan, V. F. Rev. John O'Neill, Larne; Rev. J. McAleese, Brooklyn; Rev. Thomas Magowan, Hannahstown.

ARMAGH—Mr. W. R. Bell, clerk of the Newry Union, counted the votes cast in the Mullagh division for two members to serve on the Newry No. 2 (Co. Armagh) Rural District Council. There were three candidates, all Unionists and the poll resulted as follows: John Lockhart, 187; James Clarke, 173; and James Lockhart (old member), 112. John Lockhart and James Clarke were elected.

The funeral of Mrs. Garvey, Armagh, who was a daughter of Mr. Felix Fox, Blackwater, and wife of Mr. Michael Garvey, late county councillor for Middletown, took place at Armagh June 3. The remains were removed from deceased's residence at Ballyrath House. Having reached St. Michael's Chapel, a Requiem Mass was celebrated in the presence of a large congregation, by Rev. Michael Quinn, Adm. After Mass Father Quinn delivered an eloquent panegyric, in which he referred in terms of the highest praise to the edifying life of the deceased, and to the good qualities which characterized her. The remains were then conveyed to the cemetery at Sandy Hill, Armagh, where the interment took place.

DERRY—Mr. John Convery, nationalist, was re-elected as local councillor for the Gallion district. The Orange and Unionist element made desperate efforts to down him, but failed.

On June 4 a successful launch took place from the yard of the Londonderry Shipbuilding and Engineering Company. The vessel is a screw steamer named Barone Edmondo Vay, built for Ered, Matco, Premudo & Company, of Rumbunpoko, Australia.

The funeral of Mr. Bernard McKenna, Tukane, Maghera, took place June 1, and was very largely attended. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Hugh O'Kane, Maghera. The chief mourners were: The Rev. J. McKenna, Newtownards; Patrick Charles, Bernard and Joseph McKenna, sons of Mary McKenna, daughter of Rev. Father McKenna, Crodon, brother; Misses Mary, Anna and Mrs. P. McKenna, sisters; Rev. Joseph Convery, Dungiven, Co. Convery, Guala-Duff, W. McKenna, John McKenna and Dan Convery, Dreenan, nephews; Mrs. Joe Kelly, Maghera, and Mrs. Convery, Dreenan, sisters-in-law; Bernard McKenna, Dungiven; Patrick McGlade, Belfast; James McKenna, Joseph Donnelly, Patrick Keane, Catherine McKenna, the Misses McDonald, cousins.

DONEGAL—The people of Letterkenney have elected as their representatives on Urban Council John Ward, James Gallagher, Henry Gallagher and Francis Ward.

The bill for the extension of the railway from Donegal to Ballyshannon has passed Parliament. The new railway will be commenced forthwith, and the line will be opened for traffic in one year and six months' time.

The Donegal Independent of June 6 contained the following: "The report from Philadelphia by last mail says: While within a few feet of her guardian, Isabella Deviney, a pretty Irish girl, was spirited away from the Broad Street Station on Monday afternoon. Since then private detectives have searched constantly, and on Tuesday the police department was notified. She had little money with her and her baggage was left behind. The police connect with the case a woman who was seen in conversation with the girl. Miss Deviney is the adopted daughter of Donegal, Ireland. He had died of Mr. John McEwene, a retired mercer on a visit to this country, and of course brought Miss Deviney. They were accompanied by Mr. Mather Mayfield, who lives at Thirteenth street and Girard avenue. The two men arrived in New York on Monday morning, and at once started for this city. Mr. McEwene of 2140 Wood street, who he intended to have a sister, Mrs. J. G. Larkley, visit. Mr. McEwene and his friend left the girl in a parlor car, and stayed in the smoker for a part of the trip. Several times they noticed Miss Deviney in conversation with a handsomely dressed woman. Arriving at Philadelphia the men told Miss Deviney to follow them, and started up the platform. They waited at the exit for half an hour, but the girl did not appear. Thorough search was made, but without result. Some had seen her in earnest conversation with the mysterious woman. That was the only clue."

DOWN—The Nationalists gained a victory in the recent local election in Downpatrick. Mr. Henry McGrath, beating the Unionist candidate, Mr. Percival Maxwell, by 1,003 votes to 855. The death of Mr. Simon F. Henratty, Solicitor, Newry, occurred in Dublin, May 30. He was an able and popular member of his profession, and enjoyed a lucrative practice in Newry. Armagh and Down. In addition he was a

staunch Nationalist, and rendered great services to his party at the revision courts and in numerous other ways.

The newly elected council for County Down is composed of Ballynahinch, Mr. W. J. Hurst, Ballybride, Mr. W. Smyth; Bangor, (a) Mr. A. Thompson; Bransford, (a) Mr. J. L. Savage; Castlewellan, Mr. W. Healy; Comber, Mr. T. Andrews; Downpatrick, Mr. H. McGrath; Dromore, Mr. R. A. Waddell; Garvaghy, Mr. J. Johnston; Gilford, Mr. H. D. McMaster; Hillsborough, Colonel Sharman-Crawford; Newry, Mr. H. Loughran, Newtownards, Mr. G. Dickson, Portaferry, General W. E. Montgomery, Rathfriland, M. J. M. McEneaney, Saintfield, (a) Mr. A. McIlroy, Warrenpoint, (a) Mr. C. S. O'Hara.

FERMANAGH—A meeting of the Enniskillen No. 2 newly elected Rural District Council held in Blacklion Courthouse on June 3, members present were: F. Maguire, T. Cosgrove, J. Maguire, P. McGovern, B. McGovern, P. McGoldrick, P. Carrigan, P. Gallagher, T. Fee, P. Gallen, J. McHugh, O. McGuerty, M. Dolan, Co-opted J. McGovern, Felix McGovern and John McGovern. On the motion of Mr. F. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. J. Maguire, Mr. F. Maguire was elected chairman. On the motion of Mr. F. Maguire (Moneski), seconded by M. Dolan, Mr. Thomas Cosgrove was elected vice-chairman.

MONAGHAN—The members of the Killybeg branch of the United Irish League held a meeting June 1. Mr. Charles Toal in the chair. Present: Mr. Patrick Whelan, James Quigley, H. Duffy, B. McCann, John Donnelly, Thomas Toal, Chairman Monaghan II Ward, P. Duffy, J. Fitzpatrick, Terry McGarvey, J. Connolly, H. Reilly, Joseph Duff etc. The first business was to appoint delegates to the national convention in Monaghan. The following were appointed: Charles Toal, Hugh Ward, Patrick Martin, James Quigley, William Ward and Joseph Fitzpatrick. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hugh Ward, seconded by Mr. James Quigley, and passed unanimously: "That we congratulate the Nationalists of Killybeg on the election of their candidates for the County and District Councils, also sincerely regret that an amalgamation of the forces connected with Aghabeg Branch of U. I. L. and Drumhirk Orange Society have succeeded in defeating Mr. Whelan by a narrow majority."

TYRONE—The members of the Arboe Branch of the United Irish League at a recent meeting held in Mullinahos, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Robert J. Corr; Vice-President, Alphonsus Quinn; Treasurer, Felix Laverty; Secretary, Felix Taggart; Assistant Secretary, James McKown. The following were also appointed delegates to the East Tyrone Executive for the ensuing year, R. J. Corr, Felix Laverty, A. Quinn, J. Brady, Felix Taggart and J. Campbell.

MUNSTER

CLARE—On April 30, Feast of St. Catherine, in the Presentation Convent, Oranmore, County Galway, Miss Cathleen Cahill, of Drimnahunty House, Kiltoran, was professed a member of the order. Her religious name is Sister Anthony, of Saint Anthony, of Padua. Right Rev. Dr. McCormack, Bishop of Galway, officiated. Many priests and several members of the family were present.

On May 20, at the Convent of Mercy preservative ceremonies of profession and reception. Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, officiated. The lady professed is Sister Mary Vincent Lenahan, niece of the late Rev. M. Lenahan, P. P., Silvermines, County Tipperary. The young ladies who received the white veil are Miss Julia Brehany, daughter of Mr. John Brehany, Dunmore, County Galway, who took the name in religion of Sister Mary Benignus, and Miss Lillian Kelly, daughter of Mr. John Kelly, Clonagh Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus, who will be known as Sister Mary Dympha.

CORK—The Grand Fete Champetre organised in aid of that very deserving institution, St. Raphael's Asylum for the Blind, Montemorelle, was opened June 4 under favorable circumstances. The grounds looked particularly charming after the recent rainfall and the verdure of the lawn and the summer foliage were diversified by a display of bunting which added color to the surroundings. The arrangements of the bazaar, stalls and entertainments were admirably looked after by the Sisters of Charity, assisted by many ladies and gentlemen volunteers, for prizes at the recent Oireachtas in Dublin was Margaret Connolly, daughter of the late Mr. R. Connolly, solicitor. Among the successful competitors Clifden, County Galway, and granddaughter of Mr. P. F. Johnson, Kanturk. Though the youngest of the competitors, being only 10 years of age she recited her Irish piece with good spirit and intelligence as won rounds of applause from the audience and judges.

IRISH IRELAND—A meeting of the Fermoy branch of the Gaelic League was held lately in the Christian Brothers' School. The Rev. Father O'Connell, St. Colman's College, Fermoy, presided. There was a large attendance. The Rev. Chairman reviewed the good work done by the League through the country. He presented book prizes to the members who had won the same at the examinations held a short time ago. He congratulated the secretary, Mr. Sweeney, on winning at the recent Oireachtas in Dublin first prize for oratory. He announced that the branch intended holding a Fete on the 29th of June in the grounds of St. Colman's College, Fermoy, and he hoped that the members of the branch would make a good show.

Recent Deaths in Cork.

O'BRIEN—On May 23, at 220 Blarney road, suddenly, Ellen Maria O'Brien.

HORAN—On June 5 at St. Patrick's Hospital, Jeremiah Horan, Farrerstown.

KELLEHER—On June 5, at Passage road, Julia Kelleher.

MCCARTHY—On June 6, at Killynane, Ellen McCarthy, aged 72 years.

MAHONY—On Friday, June 6, Hanora Mahony, 55 Commons road, late of Glin, Mourne Abbey.

LYNCH—On May 15, 23 Marlborough street, Kate Lynch.

DOYLE—On May 16, at 1 Centenary Crescent, Greenmount, Michael Thomas Doyle.

O'BRIEN—On May 16, at 5 Morris's Island, Ellen O'Brien, Charlieville.

FORREST—On May 16, at Castleview, Blarney, Thomas Francis Forrest.

HORGAN—On May 15, at Cloghroe, Jeremiah Horgan.

KIRWIN—On May 11 at Ballinbeg, Donoville, Denis Kirwin, aged 77.

MCCARTHY—On June 2, at Bushmount, Conakilly, Callaghan, McCarthy, aged 76.

JOHN KENNEDY—On June 4, at Ballinacorney, John M. Kennedy, aged 72.

NEENAN—On June 4, at 30 York street, Blackpool, William Neenan, of Temple-hall.

KERRY—Thomas O'Callaghan aged 50, while minding cattle for a farmer named Killybeg, his nephew, residing at Tullamore, 3 near O'Looney, was attacked by a bull on June 3 and gored through the neck. He died before assistance arrived. The infuriated brute attacked those who came to remove his body. Mr. Nammok arm himself with a pike, kept the beast at bay.

A concert of vocal and instrumental music was held lately in the Christian Brothers' School, Dingle, for the benefit of the Brothers. Among the Irish items were "Erin the Fair," by Margaret and Sarah Sullivan, "An Carolin Phas," by Miss Mary Galvin, "Kathleen Maureen," by Miss B. Houlihan, "Savournmore Deelish," by Miss Margaret Sullivan, an Irish jig by Miss Nora O'Connor and A. Duckham; "My Mary of the Curlew Hair," was sung by Mr. Maurice Kelleher, "Pearla an Brolig," by Miss O'Kennedy, "Spalpin Fanach," by Miss Minnie Griffin, "Eileen Aroon," Misses Hegley and Kennedy, Irish dance by Misses Houlihan and Devane. Under the patronage of Very Rev. Canon O'Leary the concert was a success.

LIMERICK—Joseph M. Gubbins, son of Mr. Michael Gubbins, Kilmallock, died June 3 aged 19 years, deeply regretted.

The death of the Rev. Jeremiah J. O'Grady, Limerick, occurred June 5, in St. John's Hospital. Deceased was a native of Kilmallock, and a very brilliant course at Maynooth. He was dean of the college, and after ordination was professor in the Diocesan College, Limerick. He was next appointed curate at St. Mary's, and later on at St. Michael's. As parish priest of Stonehall his health broke down, and he has been acting as curate to the Christian Brothers for years, during which he has been extremely delicate. Solemn Office and High Mass at St. Michael's Parish Church. Funeral left for the family burial ground at Ballinagaddy, Kilmallock.

TIPPERARY—The Nationalists of Killybeg, per Mr. M. Costelloe, lately forwarded \$50 to the trustees of the Irish Parliamentary Fund. This is but an instalment of the genuine support which the men of Killybeg intend to give the cause of "The Land for the People."

On May 31 the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore paid his triennial visit to the parish church of Ballylooby for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of the district. Having administered Confirmation to 200 children, he addressed the congregation. He referred in glowing terms to the answering of the children, and the remarkable intelligence which they displayed. The priests of the parish are Rev. R. Mooker, and Rev. L. O'Mord.

A branch of the Gaelic League started lately in Templemore, promises to be a great success. Already a class of over forty is being taught by Prof. Motherwell, who is conducting classes in Thurles, Rossmore, etc. The old tongue of St. Patrick, of Bridget of bard and chief, had been almost forgotten in Templemore. Most of those who have taken up the work are school teachers and persons of a studious turn of mind, and there is every reason to hope that the movement will be successful.

A Great prelate and Patriot—Dr. Cork, Archbishop of Cashel, was born at Callow, County Cork and educated at Charlieville and the Irish College in Paris the following year. Subsequently he was a leader in the Tenant Right movement, afterward known as the League of North and South. People nowadays—and perhaps even Mr. T. W. Russell—who has made a special study of the question—know very little of how much land reform owes to the Archbishop of Cashel. Subsequently he was parish priest of Donraill, County Cork, and then he became Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand, in 1875, and during the fight for land reform in the eighties was one of the greatest figures in Irish politics. During the troubles that followed the death of Mr. Parnell Dr. Croke remained silent, but as soon as there was a chance of National unity he came out in support of the National organization. No man in Ireland has been so consistent in his patriotism and none has done so much good for his country.

WATERFORD—At a meeting of the Waterford Catholic Young Men's Society, June 5, Mr. J. J. Phelan was unanimously elected president of the society, in room of the late Ald. L. A.

RYAN.

Thomas Handcock Strangman, of Carrigmore, Waterford, died May 13, at the extraordinary age of 94 years. He was a member of well known and highly esteemed family of Friends in Waterford.

LEINSTER

CARLOW—The death of Mr. Garret Dolan, baker, Carlow, occurred April 17, at the patriarchal age of 90 years; deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to St. Mary's Cemetery was numerous attended. He left four sons and one daughter. John J. Dolan, eldest son, is a resident of New York City.

The festival of Corpus Christi was celebrated with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the Carlow College grounds. Two altars were erected, one at the north side of the building and the other at the west wall of the Cathedral, both beautifully draped and ablaze with lights. The procession was led by cross-bearer and acolytes, then followed the students and the professors. The Very Rev. Father Lalor, vice-president, attended by Rev. Dean Brophy, carried the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy, supported by students. Benediction was given at the two altars in the open air and in the college church, and at each the Tantum Ergo was sung, the music alternating from the Gregorian to the setting of Father Jaspers, and then to that of Father Quente.

DUBLIN—On Sunday June 1, religious profession took place in the Abbey Church, Loughree. The young man who took the vows of the Discalced Carmelite is Mr. T. O'Brien in religion Vincent O'Brien, son of the late Mr. Vincent O'Brien, Dublin. Mrs. O'Brien, Dublin, were present.

The Wicklow Chief, On May 25 at a guild given by the ladies attending the classes of the Michael Dwyer branch of the Gaelic League a splendid oil painting of Michael Dwyer in the Jewell's Glen was presented by Miss O'Hanrahan of the ladies. Seamus O'Connell thanked the ladies on behalf of the branch and stated how he admired the earnest manner in which they worked in the national cause. After the presentation there were songs and dances galore.

The recent Fels Gael in Dublin brought together 18,000 competitors. Sir Francis Brady, who presided at the Mansion House meeting, dwelt on the high character of the singing and playing at the competitions during this year's fest, and singled out for special praise the orchestra of Lough Abbey Convent, Rathfarnham. The playing of the Beethoven Symphony by the young ladies, he declared, "marked an epoch in Irish musical history." He gave great praise to the association for encouraging singing in the Irish language, for there was no language he maintained superior to it for singing.

The centenary celebration of foundation of the Christian Brothers in Ireland was held at the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, June 2, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Dublin. It took the form of a great religious function, as well as the preaching of a panegyric by the Very Rev. Dr. Butler, O. C. of Whitefriar street, on the great educational work accomplished by the order during the past 100 years. The ceremonies commenced with High Mass. For an hour previously the building was filled. The event excited great interest among the Catholic citizens. This was natural, as the great number were pupils in the schools so admirably conducted throughout the country generally by the members of the great order. The Lord Mayor and members of the corporation attended in state. Except sections reserved for pupils of the Christian Brothers and members of the order the church was thrown open, without charge or ticket of admission.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

KEOGH—June 3, at 90 Sandymount road, Patrick J. Keogh, late of Sydney, N. S. W.

KINGSTON—June 4, at 62 Meath street, Peter Kingston, aged 37 years.

SWETMAN—June 4, Christina, dearly beloved wife of Patrick Sweetman, 133 Thomas street, interment at Glasnevin Cemetery.

FAHRELL—June 5, at Terenure, Anne Farrell.

HARRIS—June 6, at Cloncurry, Enfield, Joseph Harris, aged 41 years.

KEAVENY—June 5, at Cornacloy, James Keaveny, late divinity student Maynooth College and nephew of Rev. F. Gilmartin, Killybegh.

COTTULL—At Airfield road, Rathfriland, Harriet Cottull, formerly of Waterford. M'Dermott-June 5, Bridget M'Dermott, 110 Lower Dorset street.

BRIDGEMAN—June 3, at Jervis Street Hospital, John Bridgeman, of 5 Little Denmark street.

CURRAN—On June 5, at Carmelite College, Terenure, Rev. Thomas E. Curran, O. C. C. in the twenty-third year of his age and fourth of his religious life.

CARROLL—June 1, at 23 St. Andrew street, Mary Carroll.

MURPHY—June 2, at Blarney House North Strand, Alice Murphy.

O'NEILL—May 31, at 13 Hawthorn terrace, Inchicore, Thomas O'Neill.

CULLEN—June 2, at Mountjoy parade, Anne Cullen.

O'NEILL—June 2, at Mater Hospital, Thomas O'Neill, for the past thirty years with the Dublin and Sillith Co.

KILKENNY—The death of James KILKENNY. The death of James KILKENNY, of the Commercial Hotel, Tralee occurred May 19, deeply regretted. Solemn requiem services were held and were numerous attended. Great numbers attended the funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery.

At a recent meeting of the Urringford Board of Guardians, William de Courcy, Johnstown, P. Dunne, Gortinacoe, and Michael Bowden, Lisdowney, were elected chairman, vice-chairman and deputy vice-chairman, respectively.

KINGS—The death of Nannie Langan Lenamore, County Longford occurred at the residence of Mr. Denis Dooley, Milltown House, Banagher, June 5. The remains were taken by rail to Longford and after Office and High Mass were interred in Abbeyshrule. Great numbers attended the sad ceremonies.

After many years of patient effort the erection of the new Catholic Church of Ferbane, a parish of great antiquity and historic interest near the famous ruins of Clonmacnoise, has been completed. The new church is built in the early Gothic style of architecture, and is composed of a large nave, transept and chancel. The front elevation has a most imposing appearance, due to the beautiful rose window over the organ gallery; the gable buttresses stand over bold coping and are finished with paneled terminals, and the magnificent 11 tower, with cornice and wrought gargoyles, over which stands the noble spire. Access to the church is obtained through a splendid doorway and porch situated in the front gable and by handsome doorways to each of the transepts. The interior is in every way in keeping in its general effect with the exterior. The immense hammer-beam roof principals, with the graceful sweep, are of pitch pine, and supported by wall posts which rest on neatly wrought stone corbels. The ceiling is covered with pitch pine sheeting, with wrought mouldings designed by the late Mr. Haynes and carried out by Mr. W. MacNamara, Dublin. The internal fittings have been supplied by Dwyer, Mullaly & Co. Rutland Place, Dublin, and comprise organ gallery. The same firm have also supplied the benches, confessionals and Communion rail, all finished in a manner highly creditable to the good taste and skill of their Dublin craftsmen.

LONGFORD—The town of Longford will soon have a really Irish appearance. Several traders have their signs, etc., printed in Irish. One of the latest to help on the Irish language in this manner is Mr. Patrick Hanley, Dublin street. Other shops will shortly clothe themselves in Irish. The following business establishments now display Irish signs: The Ulster Bank, Fitzgerald's, Hanley's and McGuinness. Irish signs on houses are a great help in the language movement, because by being continually in the eyes of the public they cause the latter to think and a little thought on the language question often works a great deal of good.

Connell Galban in Gaelic notes, Roscommon Herald, June 7, stated that a member of the Gaelic League in Longford called on some drapers in Longford for an Irish-made straw hat. In one house he was laughed at. Such a thing was unheard of, and it was some minutes before the smart young man behind the counter could recover himself from the state into which he had worked himself at the idea. The Gaelic League was told that he could have an old hat "replated" in Ireland if he wished, but such a thing as an Irish made straw hat was out of the question. In another house, the Leaguer was shown hats with an imitation Irish trade mark, and an effort was made to palm off the goods as Irish manufacture. That failed. These gentlemen should know that there is a straw hat manufactory in Cork, and the firm has a stand in the Cork Exhibition, where hats are shown in the process of manufacture. You can have yourself measured for a hat, and supplied with the complete article in a very short time at the stand.

LOUTH—The Festival of the Most Sacred Heart was celebrated June 6 in St. Mary's, Drogheda. At early Mass a large number of the faithful approached the Holy Eucharist. At 10 o'clock there was Solemn High Mass; celebrant, Rev. Thomas Casady, Louth, O. S. A.; master of ceremonies, Monasterboice; deacon, Rev. C. O'Farrell, St. Mary's; sub-deacon, Rev. John Lynch, O. S. A. Masters of ceremonies, Very Rev. John Curry, St. Mary's, and Rev. James Clavin, St. Mary's. After Mass there was a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which two hundred children from the convent and male schools took part. The Blessed Sacrament was borne under a splendid canopy carried by members of the congregation. After the procession the Solemn Exposition of the Forty Hours was made.

The death of Sister Bernard Morgan took place May 21. The deceased was for eighteen years a member of the Order of Charity, and for the last fifteen years a zealous member of Drogheda House. On Sunday evening her remains were removed to St. Peter's, the funeral procession from the convent being a very imposing manifestation of the respect of the clergy and the citizens for the deceased. The altar and choir boys of St. Peter's followed the cross bearer after them the boys and girls of the two orphanages, under the care of the Sisters of Charity; then the remains, followed by the members of the Sisterhood, the Catholic clergy of the town, the Sodality of the Children of Mary, and the citizens. When the coffin was placed on the catafalque at the High Altar, Solemn Vespers were sung by the clergy and the choir of the church. On Monday morning Solemn Office and High Mass were celebrated. Rev. James P. Maguire, St. Peter's presided.

MEATH—The Slane Bicycle Club named Saint Eric, at a recent meeting elected the following to office for the ensuing year: Mr. J. Kiernan, president; Mr. F. Elmes, vice-president; Mr. Meade, captain; Mr. Money vice-captain; Mr. O. Boylan, treasurer. Committee: S. F. Fiernan, M. Pollard, J. Pollard, Mr. L. Rowan, Mr. Ford, P. Beraghty.

QUEENS—There was a meeting of Ballinakil branch of the United Irish League held on June 1. Present: Mr. E. Grace, president; J. Kavanagh, honorary secretary; Michael Sheeran, M. Reid, J. Lynegar. It was proposed by

Mansfield P. Casein, W. Grace, L. Phelan, N. McGrath, Michael Mansfield J. Kavanagh and seconded by M. Mansfield, that the Parliamentary subscriptions and list of subscribers be sent to treasurers of the fund. It was proposed by Mr. T. Grace and seconded by Mr. T. Drury, "that we hail with delight the election of Dr. Murphy for our district, the chosen candidate of the priests and people, and we tender our best thanks to the Ossory Councilors for their support." Passed unanimously. It was proposed by L. Sheeran and seconded by L. Phelan, "that we sympathize with Mr. J. Ehell in his sad bereavement."

WESTMEATH—The remains of Mrs. Ewers, of Springfield, Mullingar, were found in the Royal Canal, June 2. While getting water from the canal she overbalanced and fell in.

At the opening of Mullingar Quarter Sessions, June 4, "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—There is only one case—and that of no importance—to go before you. I very sincerely congratulate you on the very satisfactory state of the county."

WEXFORD—The Wexford branch of the Gaelic League produced lately to a packed house in the theatre an entertainment consisting of Irish music, dancing and recitation, which ranks in advance of any performance of the kind given in the town.

After years of suffering Rev. John Allen, D. D., passed away at his mother's residence, Lightwater, Killybeg on June 5, to the sorrow of a very large number of friends throughout the county, and especially of his late parishioners at the St. Leonard's. Dr. Allen was a native of Wexford town and after his ordination, 23 years ago, was professor in St. Peter's College, whence he volunteered for the South African Mission on the occasion of one of the visits to Wexford of his late fellow-townsmen, Most Rev. J. D. Richards, Bishop of Rethmo and Vicar Apostolic of South Eastern Africa.

On June 4 the solemn and impressive ceremony of profession took place in the chapel of the Convent of St. John who consecrated themselves to God of Bod. Wexford. The young ladies by the holy vows of religion are Miss Nora Keane (in religion Sister M. Brigit), daughter of the late T. Keane, Ballingarry, County Kerry; Miss Mary Redmond (in religion Sister M. Austin) daughter of Mr. M. Redmond, Ballywater, Gorey; and Miss Susanna Raleigh (in religion Sister M. Kevin), daughter of Mr. D. Raleigh, Cork.

WICKLOW—Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, paid his triennial visitation to the parish of Rathdrum and to Barnarrig June 5, for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children. At the railway station at Rathdrum a concourse of the parishioners extended to him a very cordial welcome. The Cronybyrne brass band was in attendance, and played a nice selection of airs, while the Very Rev. J. Staples, and Rev. Myles Ronan, were on the platform. The principal thoroughfares leading from the station to the Catholic Church were decorated, and mottoes in the Gaelic and English characters spanned the roads at various intervals. The day was observed as a holiday. Over one hundred children from the parochial schools were present for confirmation, and their answers and knowledge of the Christian doctrine and fitness for the reception of the Sacrament were regarded as highly satisfactory.

CONNAUGHT

GALFAY—Among the successful competitors for prizes at the recent Oireachtas was a gifted County Galway child, Margaret Connolly. Little Margaret is only 10 years of age. She is a daughter of the late Mr. R. Connolly, Clifden. Though the youngest of the competitors, she recited her Irish piece with such spirit and intelligence as to win from the judges an unstinted praise.

The death of Mr. Martin Farrell Toghery, occurred May 31, at Toghery, at the age of 40. Mr. Farrell was a popular member of the Tuam District Council. That this was recognized by his late constituents was exemplified when, though dead, he was elected at the top of the poll, probably the most unique compliment ever paid to any person. The interment took place at Crevaghbawn, the funeral being the largest seen in the district for many years.

On April 30, Feast of St. Catherine, the ceremony of profession took place in the Presentation Convent, Oranmore. Most Rev. Dr. McCormack officiated. The young lady who had the happiness of pronouncing her solemn vows is Cathleen, daughter of the late Patrick Cahill, Drimnacrehy House, Kiltoran, County Clare, and took for her patron St. Anthony Padua.

Gifts of the Holy Ghost.

Every Catholic knows that the gifts of the Holy Ghost are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear of the Lord, but not every Catholic knows the meaning of these seven gifts. Wisdom enlightens us to perceive the ways of God, and to comprehend, so far as finite minds can, His designs in His works.

Understanding makes sufficiently clear to us the perfections of God, the mysteries of faith, the senses of the Scriptures and the truths of religion.

Counsel gives us light to grow in grace and virtue to discover the snares of the devil; to solve doubts and to banish scruples; to remove anxiety, in spiritual concerns and undue solicitude in worldly affairs; to guide us in the choice of a vocation; and to show us care.