

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.—The Peninsular and Oriental Company has placed order for three new ships of 10,000 tons each. These steamships—the largest of the kind so far—are intended for the Eastern trade.

Six hundred and fifty members of the society of the Sacred Heart Liburn, had outing to Warrenpoint, County Down, August 2. Some spent a great portion of the day upon the water, enjoying the scenery of Carlingford Bay.

An outbreak of fire was discovered at Larne on August 5 and soon attained enormous dimensions, more than half the block of shops on one side of Dunluce street being destroyed.

ARMAGH.—A sad fatality occurred at Middletown. Terence Toner, of Clontibret, County Monaghan, was working at a house outside the town, where the scaffolding and gable collapsed, and he was killed.

CAVAN.—A meeting of the committee of the Cavan Agricultural Association was held in the billiard room, Royal Hotel, October 1 was fixed for the show and the place the Court House grounds.

Ballymacnab and Granmore Branch of the United Irish League was held in the League Hall Armaghbridge. The president referred to the coming demonstration in Keady. Six delegates were appointed to represent the branch.

DERRY.—The funeral of Mr. Patrick Marain, coach painter, of 10 High street, Derry, took place on Aug. 2 to the city cemetery, Fathers McFele, and McGettigan officiated.

John P. Doyle, student of the Catholic University College, Dublin, who heads the lists of first art exhibitors at the Royal University is son of Mr. J. J. Doyle, excise officer, Derry. Mr. Doyle, who has passed in honors in English, French, Latin mathematics natural philosophy was second in the honors list last year at matriculation.

DONEGAL.—Patrick Quinn, of Askil, Letter Keeny died July 5. Hugh Cunningham aged 13 years was drowned while sailing on the bay.

John Wilson, aged 10 years was drowned near Doctors' Quay Ballyshannon, Aug 7. He was fishing and slipped off the rock into the water.

DOWN.—Mr. P. Lamb, who a few years ago, was principal teacher of Dromore National School, died recently deeply regretted. The Right Rev. Monsignor McCarran and the teachers and pupil of Dromore School recited the Rosary and Litany on August 2 for the happy repose of his soul.

Thomas Smith died at his home Tubbercom, County Down, July 21 after a short period of sickness. A High Mass of requiem was celebrated in St. Malachy's Church, Ballyshinlin, by the Rev. Father O'Hara. The funeral to the cemetery was largely attended. Deceased was one of the most highly respected citizens in that part of the country. His bereaved widow and five children, who survive him, are Miss Sarah Smyth, Miss Catherine and Miss Elizabeth, residing at home; Mary, wife of Michael J. Sullivan, La Connor, Washington, and Thomas Smyth of the same place, and one brother, Edward at home, May his soul rest in peace.

WATERFORD.—Jeremiah Daily, of the Palling Hallway, was killed on the line at Waterford.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—Miss Annie Fagan, of Ballyellen, died July 21, at Montreal, Canada. The interment was in the cemetery and was very numerously attended.

MONAGHAN.—The members of the Castleblaney House League, at recent meeting, expressed sympathy for Mrs. McKendry, of Mullmount, lately evicted, and earnestly commended her case to the local branch of the United Irish League.

A four weeks' course of lectures in elementary science was concluded at the Convent of St. Louis, Carrickmacross, July 25. There were 30 teachers in attendance. Mr. J. Hamilton, organizer of the Commissioners of National Education, was in charge of the class.

TYRONE.—Miss Loughran, Ballygawley, was received into the Order of Poor Clares, at the Convent in Neury, on July 30, taking the religious title of Sister Mary Gertrude. She is wife of Rev. Dr. Loughran, Drogheda.

In his late lecture before the Society of Antiquarians in Derry, Mr. Milligan said: "I will refer to two bronze bells hitherto not described, and some facts connected with them are known only to myself, and which I wish to place on record. Both bells belong to Omagh or its immediate neighborhood one, the bell of Drumragh, the parish in which Omagh is situated, and the other, the bell of Cappagh, the adjoining parish. The latter bell is in the collection formed by the late Surgeon Young, of Monaghan, and which was purchased after his death by Sir John Leslie of Glasneigh House, where it is at present. I have a photograph of this bell, and had the privilege of seeing and examining it. Surgeon Young was most particular in labeling precisely every article he collected, the date he got it, and where it was found, a plan all collectors should adopt. The following is on the label put on the bell by Mr. Young. This old bell of Cappagh's Abbey, County of Tyrone, founded A. D. 792."

MUNSTER

CORK.—Twenty-seven thousand visitors were in the Cork Exhibition on Monday August 4. This was a greater number than that recorded on the opening day.

Another victim of the British coercion law in Ireland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, of Millstreet, came out of Cork prison on August 6, after putting in two months under the coercion law for being a patriot and a member of the United Irish League.

The death of the Rev. Thomas Crowley, Drogheda, took place at the Drogheda presbytery on August 6. He celebrated 12 o'clock mass at Mastergeby Chapel on the Sunday previous in his usual health. Father Crowley was a native of Castle Gregory and brother of the Rev. Father Crowley, Tralee, and the Rev. Father Crowley, Lisgow.

The funeral obsequies of the Rev. Mother M. Bernard Barclay took place on July 26, at Millstreet. The deceased lady was the first postulant to enter Millstreet Convent fifty years ago. She was a native of Dublin, and founded the Rathmore Convent, County Kerry, in 1822, where she built splendid schools. A large number of ladies from the Rathmore district brought floral tributes to place on her grave.

Recent deaths in Cork:

MCCARTHY—On July 27, James B. McCarthy, 34 Castle street, Cork.

O'CONNOR—On July 27, at Clogheen, Blarney Road, John O'Connor.

STANLEY—On July 27, Julia Stanley, Blarney.

SCANLAN—On July 27, St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington road, John Scanlan, late of 25 Roman street, aged 73 years.

CROWLEY—At 35 Barrack street, Mary (St.) Crowley.

COUGHLIN—On July 28, at 8 Blarney street, Ellen (Nellie), aged 10 years.

O'CONNOR—On July 28, at Landscape Terrace, Mallow, Mollie O'Connor, of 87 Main street, Mallow, aged 18 years.

HEALY—On July 28, at Ferry Point, Passage West, Denis Healy, Sr., boilermaker.

O'HANLON—On July 28, at National Bank House, Charleville, Kathleen O'Hanlon.

HONOHAN—On August 3, at Coolmore, Ellen Honohan, Soir, Cork.

MULCAHY—On August 7, at Knockraha, Julia Mulcahy.

FOLEY—At No. 22 East Beach, Queenstown, on July 7, Mrs. Ellen Foley.

LEAHY—On August 6, at 23 Evergreen Road, Jeremiah Leahy.

HAYES—On August 7, at Coast street, Ellen Hayes, late of Dawstown, Blarney.

FITZGERALD—On August 6, Peter Fitzgerald, of Currabally, Farran, aged 24 years.

O'SHEA—At 15 Lower Road, Michael O'Shea, Sr.

KERRY.—Mrs. Abbey Sullivan of Bunnadreen, Drogheda, was found drowned in the River Inny, August 8. How the accident occurred is not known.

CONNACHT

GALWAY.—Mrs. Margaret Tully of River View, Dunmore, died Aug. 6, deeply and widely mourned.

There died recently in Tugma a woman named Bridget Nestor, from Dunmore who had reached the remarkable age of 107 years. She preserved her faculties to the last.

Most Rev. Dr. MacEvilly, archbishop of Tuam, visited the united parishes of Park and Keelogue, where he was engaged on the 5th and 6th of Aug. in administering confirmation. The venerable Archbishop was in excellent health. He expressed his gratification at the manner in which the children were prepared by the teachers, both male and female. Upward of 500 children were confirmed, who took the total abstinence pledge until they would reach the age of 21 years.

On Thursday and Friday he was in Castlebar bestowing the Sacrament on the children of the Convent and Christian Brothers schools.

On July 27 two thousand excursionists journeyed from Dublin, Sligo, Limerick, Ballyvaunis, Ath. lone and other centers to Galway, where a Gaelic convention was held. The first meeting was held at the Claddagh, where there was singing, dancing, recitations and Irish music by the band of the Catholic Boys' Brigade, Dublin. At the conclusion of the meeting the company marched to Salthill, where a second meeting was held, assisted by the Galway Independent Brass Band and the Galway Pipe Band.

Afterwards a combined meeting was held in Eyre square, Galway city, where speeches in Irish were delivered, and recitations and singing were engaged in. Meetings were also held near Menloos Castle, when the Industrial School Band played Irish selections.

On July 27 a scene that will be remembered long was witnessed on Aran Island, Galway. It was the closing of the Mission conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. On Sunday evening after Solemn Benediction, the blessing of the Mission Cross was performed by Father Macnamara, accompanied by his brother and parochial clergy. During the procession hymns were sung by the children. Since the days of St. Edna no such demonstration was witnessed in Aran na Naomh. At least 2000 people were present, and as on knees with heads bowed, the canopy of heaven above and the sea all around, they received the blessing of the Mission, the scene was one to move any one. Add to this the fervor displayed by the islanders and you could say Aran was again peopled by the saints long since gone to a better home. There was in all a drawback, since the devotion had for the most part to be carried on in the open air. How keenly the parish priest feels this could easily be seen. Let us hope the project of building a new church which he has inaugurated will meet with the support it deserves. Any one who can give would do so if they witnessed how much it is needed. On Monday the Missioners took their departure amid a scene as edifying as it was enthusiastic. The fishing boats all turned out be decked with bunting, and with a good breeze were swiftly away. Many fervent prayers for good luck and a safe journey were wafted after the good Fathers.

LEITRIM.—Rev. John O'Farrell, Bornaacoola, has been transferred to Scraby, to the great regret of the people in the former parish.

The Eslin Bridge Co-operative Creamery establishment was destroyed by fire on Aug. 3.

Father Turman of Virginia, Nev. recently paid a visit to the old land. On Sunday, July 27, he celebrated last Mass in the church at Aghnaskeelan and preached an eloquent sermon.

On August 4 the annual aquatic even came off in Carrick-on-Shannon, favored with glorious weather. There was a large gathering of spectators, the country folk availing themselves of the capital view had of the rowing from the hill over Hollywell on the Roscommon side of the Shannon. All the arrangements were in the most perfect order, carried out by the regretta committee, while the rowing was excellent. The town was packed with visitors from all parts, one of the largest delegations coming from Boyle, over 2,000 people making a

procession from the station to the town, a distance of an English mile. MAYO.—Mr. Higgins, relieving officer from the Ballaghaderreen division of the Castlereagh Union, was on August 3 served with six eviction notices against tenants on the Longhlynn portion of the De Freyne estate.

Mr. Barrett, son of late Mr. Walter Barrett, Breaffy, Castlebar, died July 25, deeply regretted. The funeral to the ancient burial place, Keelogue, was very largely attended.

On Aug. 1 at the Convent of Mercy, Mount St. Michaels, Claremorris, a grand entertainment was given in connection with the distribution of prizes and annual vacation of the boarders. The entertainment consisted of an Irish play, written by one of the sisters, and of Irish songs and dances. It was a complete success.

ADDITIONAL NEWS CLARE.—Mr. W. H. K. Redmond, M. P. and Mr. Joseph Devlin, M. P. visited the town of Lisconner on Aug. 4, and were given a hearty welcome.

Mr. Patrick Blake presided at last meeting of the members of Doonbeg branch of the United Irish League, when were present: M. Corry, T. Chambers, M. Killeen, J. Doherty, J. McMahon, P. Dillon, P. Collins, J. McDonnell, J. Madigan, P. C. McMahon, J. Clancy, J. Ryan, J. Clune, T. Keane, M. McInerney, T. Downes, Hon. Secretary. The conduct of those who did business with the grabbers of Scrabh evicted farm was condemned.

The funeral of the late Rev. H. J. Gleeson, pastor Kilmaduan, took place on July 23, Solemn Requiem Mass and Office were held in the Cooraclare church. Very Rev. Sylvester Malone of Kilrush presided at the Office and High Mass. Celebrant, Rev. M. Gleeson, Kilmallyowen, nephew of the deceased, deacon, Rev. E. Scannian, Kilmurry-Ibricane; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Meehan, Kilmarron, master of ceremonies, Rev. D. McNamara, Coonaclear, chanters, Rev. M. Hogan, Doonbeg, and Rev. D. A. Hogan, K. K. Killeen.

The Very Rev. Charles O'Sullivan has been appointed parish priest of Millstreet, Vicar Foranish and Canon of the diocese by Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry.

The laying of the foundation stone of the Kerry '98 memorial will take place Sunday, Sept. 2, in Denny street. Miss Gannon will place the stone.

LIMERICK.—Most Rev. Dr. Prendergast, Catholic Bishop of Philadelphia, U. S., was on a visit to Limerick lately. He was accompanied by his brother and by his chaplain Father Firmausice. He came to Limerick from Kerry.

WATERFORD.—On Aug. 4 an Atlantic liner enter the bay of Tramore to the great surprise of those who were on the strand and around the town. In a short time a boat was lowered and sent a sho near Kinashark when sight stowaway were put on land.

A drowning accident occurred at Bonmahon. Two lives were lost—one was a cost guard named Shaw, who, after saving Miss. Hayes lost his life in trying to save another.

The unexpected demise lately of the Rev. Thomas Crowley, C. C., who had been for the past three years in Waterville, under the benign pastorate of the Rev. Father O'Reilly, P. P., caused deep regret. The deceased reverend gentleman had been ordained only seven years ago, out of which period he spent four years in the English mission. Great sympathy is expressed for the Rev. T. Crowley, Tralee, and the Rev. Father Crowley, L. stowd, the deceased's brothers.

Signs of the Criminal. By the personal examination of innumerable criminals Prof. Lombroso identifies certain physical peculiarities and anomalies which he claims to be diagnostic of the born criminal—the man who is by nature irremediable and who may be regarded from the start as hopelessly incorrigible. Of these the chief are: lack of symmetry of skull or face, certain peculiarities of ears, hands and feet, continuance or absence of beard, nervous contractions of the face, prognathism, inequalities of the iris, twisting of the nose or absence of the bridge, retreating forehead, excessive length of face, prominence of cheek bones, dark color of hair and eyes, white hair and baldness are rare. He says great stress, moreover, on tattooing—a practice which he regards as exceedingly symptomatic of criminal tendencies—and from these various external characteristics it is claimed that three types of criminals may be distinguished, the assassin, the violent and the thief.—The Forum.

For the Kitchen. The whites of eggs should be beaten with a clean knife.

Eggs may be roughly tested by placing them in cold water; the fresher the egg the more rapidly it will sink.

Stale bread is delicious for breakfast if it is quickly slipped in milk and heated in the oven. This may be done either with whole small loaves or with bread cut in moderate pieces.

LEINSTER

BRIDGE, KILNAP, on August 8. Both legs were cut off.

Mrs. T. Barry, on August 7 paid a visit to the political prisoners in the Cork county jail, from Nash, Kilderry, and P. J. Rahilly, Millstreet. Both complained strongly of bad diet.

The death of Mrs. James Kennedy, of Ullard, Graigue, occurred July 20, deeply mourned. Mrs. Kennedy was mother of Rev. P. Kennedy, Rosmalis, and Sister Mary Brigid, The Convent, Clone, County Kildare. On Tuesday morning the remains were removed to the parish church, Graigue.

DUBLIN.—Dennis Doyle a butcher, met with a horrible accident at the Bray Railway Station, Aug. 3. He was on the platform and fell on to the rails and was rolled over by a passenger train. The right leg was severed from the body, the left arm broken, and the left foot was torn.

Aug 4 a fire was discovered in the Recreation Hall at Skeerries, which in a comparatively brief period left the building in ruins. The hall cost some £2,000.

Mr. John O'Hart, author of 'Irish Pedigrees' and other works, died Aug. 7 at his home, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. He was an associate editor of the 'Irish Times' and a member of the Royal Historical and Antiquarian Society of Ireland, and a member of the Harleian Society of London. For many years he was master of the Royal School.

Recent Deaths in Dublin. O'Reilly, Aug. 2, at 10 Lombard Street, West land Row, Patrick O'Reilly, White, on Aug. 7, Thomas White, Drum Conna, aged 23 years. Gorman, Aug. 2, at Loughlinstown Post Office, Patrick Gorman, late member Bakers' Association, Bridge Street, and Holy Bernice Branch, N. F. Kingstown. Byrne, Aug. 6, at 101 Lower George's Street, Kingstown, William Byrne, Trov, at Ennis-kerry. Patrick Troy, Lynch, Aug. 5, at 6 Victoria Terrace, Terenure, Martin J. Lynch, Gills, Aug. 4, at 17 Upper Columbia's road, Drumcondra, Mrs. Bridget Gills, sister of the late Christopher Nowland, 14 Beechwood road, Ranelagh. English, Aug. 4, at 2 Belvidere road, Christina English, late at 112 North King street at an advanced age. Higgins, Aug. 2, at 50 Smithfield, James Higgins, aged 60 years. Cassidy, on Aug. 2, at 62 James Street, Dublin, Maria Cassidy, aged 50 years. O'Hart, Aug. 7, at 1 Woodside, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, John O'Hart, author of 'Irish Pedigrees' etc. Reilly, Aug. 7, at Coolmine, Clonsilla, John Reilly, aged 81 years. Murray, Aug. 8, at Tallaght, Laurence Murray, aged 21 years. McDonnell, Aug. 6, at 8 New Wapping street, Ellen McDonnell, Murphy, on Aug. 6, at 4 Emmett road, Inchicore, Denis Murphy, aged 42 years. O'Brien, Aug. 7, at Tubberregan, Garristown, Catherine O'Brien, Reilly, Aug. 7, at 10 Booterstown avenue, Booterstown, John Reilly of 60 Mary Street, Dublin, late Alderman, North City Ward.

KILDARE.—On Aug. 2, Rev. William Duggan, Athy, received a wire that the Rev. Laurence Dowle, Athy, had died suddenly the previous night at London. The news created a sensation. His genial manner made him a favorite. The deceased was educated at Clonsilla and at Maynooth, where he was ordained about six and a half years ago. His first curacy was Moone, whence he was transferred to Athy. He was a native of Anamoe County, Wicklow.

KILKENNY.—The City Council of Kilkenny will confer the freedom of that historic and ancient city on Cardinal Moran.

The Conahy-Jenkinson bazaar was opened in the grounds of the grounds of the Hon G. L. Bryan on Aug. 4. It was organized to raise funds to pay the debt due on the curate's new dwelling in Conahy, recently erected for Rev. J. Walsh. Among those present were Cardinal Moran, Right Rev. Dr. Browning, Bishop of Ossory, Hon. George L. Bryan and Hon. Richard Bellew.

Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, visited Callian on Aug. 4, and got an enthusiastic reception. His entrance was met outside the town by a large concourse of people. He was accompanied by a number of priests from Kilkenny and surrounding parishes. St. Bridget's band from Kilkenny attended. He was met at the entrance to the convent by the boys and girls of the schools in processional order. The boys played the Cardinal to the Convent. The town was decorated with arches. Tokens of welcome were erected everywhere.

The Cork Examiner of Aug. 8, contained this item: "The passengers who landed at Queenstown, Thursday from the Dominion liner New England, from Boston, included Paul Fitzgerald, aged nine years. He told me that his father, mother and four sisters all died in the United States, and he was left alone there. He was a resident of Chicago and was booked from there to Queenstown and obliged to look out for himself as he had no protector. His name and the address of his uncle on his satchel were his only means of knowing his destination. He is happy at the thought of meeting his only brother in Kilkenny, where he is kept by his uncle, and

believes that his uncle will provide a happy home for him. Notwithstanding his long journey over so many thousand miles the lad is quite well. He says every one was kind to him. Every one seemed to pity him. It is a singular thing that the poor little fellow could not find any person to help him eke out a living for a few years more, then he would be able to fully enter the battle of life in the great nation to which so many of his race are daily coming.

KINGS.—The two great Irish organizations—United Irish League and Gaelic League—are making considerable increases to their branches in the country.

LONGFORD Mrs. Garrahan, Clonbrany, died July 31, aged 80 years, deeply regretted. In the funeral cortege to Forgney Cemetery were 150 coaches.

Sister M. Cella Gallagher of St. Joseph's Convent of Mercy, Longford, died Aug. 1, in the twenty-third year of her religious life. She was daughter of late Owen Gallagher of Longford town, she was aged 42 years. Interment took place in the Convent Cemetery. Office and High Mass were solemnized in the Chapel of the Convent. Most Rev. Dr. Moore, Bishop of Ardagh presided. Rev. Father Masterson, vicar general, Rev. Father McCabe, deacon, Rev. Father Farrell, Droichead, sub-deacon, Rev. Father Munty, master of ceremonies.

LOUTH.—Sister M. Magdalen, of the Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, died Aug. 2, in the forty-sixth year of her religious life. She was daughter of late Mr. Arthur Murphy, Dublin.

The meeting of the Monknewton branch of the United Irish League, held Aug. 3, was attended by John Conway, president, J. Magee, W. Ginnity, Patrick Timmons, John Gorman, Daniel Smith, Patrick Farrelly, Richard Walsh, Thomas Callan, Michael Walsh, Robert Berhill, Jr., Terrence Gorman, Patrick Cheevers, Michael Smith, and J. R. Drew.

MEATH.—The new church in Trim will be dedicated to St. Patrick, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Gaffney, on Oct. 12.

Father Joseph Coleman, of the Augustinian Order, died recently in Philadelphia, Pa. Father Coleman was a native of Go manstown. He was prior of the convent in Drogheda from 1871 to 1875, and subsequently Prior of the celebrated Augustina College of Villanova. He was afterwards Prior of the Convent of his Order in Victoria and North Queensland, from which he went to the United States, where he ministered until his death in the Italian Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

QUEENS.—The Owenas bazaar and fête was opened in Mountmelick, August 4 with the booming of the booming of cannon and general enthusiasm of the people. The money obtained will be devoted to the completion of the parish church.

The Féis organized by Miss Dease was held on Aug. 3, at Rath House, Rath House dan boast of a pretty situation and is an ideal spot for a cycliff spin from Maryborough, Athy, Monasterevan, Portarlinton, Mountmelick, Strabally and A. B. C. leix. Miss Dease has done much for the revival of the Irish language, music and games, and we trust she will be encouraged by the people in her good work.

WICKLOW.—Rev. Laurence Doyle of Athy, died suddenly in Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, Aug. 1. He was a native of Anamoe. His ordination took place in Maynooth six years ago. The parish of Moone was the scene of his mission.

Shame.—This letter appeared in the Wicklow People of Aug. 9: "Parnell Quarries." To the Editor.—In your issue of the 2nd inst, it is stated that Welsh quarrymen were being imported to fill the places of Irishmen. This is misleading as from the first opening of the quarries there was no native skilled labor. Hence the late Mr. Parnell had to import skilled labor, and the foreign element (which includes English, Scotch and Welsh) is coming and going up to the present day. Your report also states that the Welshmen are getting better wages than the Irish. This is also incorrect, as all skilled laborers (sett makers) are paid at a uniform price per day. I challenge contradiction of the above. Thomas Kelly, foreman sett maker. What can be said for Irishmen who were running these quarries for so many years, and yet neglected to have their own countrymen instructed in the business, so that "Englishmen, Scotchmen and Welshmen" need not have been "coming and going up to the present day?" No wonder Irishmen are left when they are neglected by those who should see to their im-

A storm of hail passed over Norwood, N. Y., August 18. The stone lay three inches deep on the ground.