

OUR IRISH LETTERS

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.

CONNAGHT.

GALWAY.—Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, arrived in Lettertrack, Sept. 15, and on the following Wednesday administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to more than four hundred children...

At a meeting held on Sept 14 of the Ballinasloe branch of the United Irish League the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That this Ballinasloe branch of the United Irish League would respectfully suggest to the Dublin Executive..."

LEITRIM.—On Sept. 13 a grand concert was held in Fearglass school rooms in aid of the fund for the building of a new school at Gortlettera. The concert was organized by the revered pastor of the parish, Rev. T. Maguire, who spared no efforts in bringing together a combination of the most popular musical talent.

MAYO.—The Foxford Woolen Mills now manufacture over six thousand yards of tweed each week. It employs over six hundred and thirty persons. Among its best customers are Switzerland and Australia.

Mr. Dononick A. Browne, of Breaghwy, died lately at his London residence, aged 78 years. He was related to the Westport family and the Moros of Moorehall. Not long since he presented a fire engine equipment to the people of the town of Castlebad.

Mr. John Cannon, of Kilkenny, Castlebar, died at his home, Sept. 16, aged 54 years. His remains were conveyed on Wednesday evening to the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar, and on Thursday morning High Mass de Requiem was offered up for the eternal repose of his soul, the celebrant being the Rev. P. Lyons, deacon; Rev. John O'Malley, sub-deacon; Rev. P. O'Flaherty, secretary after twelve o'clock the funeral procession started from the church for the family burial place, Ballyheane, where interment took place.

Mr. Edward Cannon (brother); Mr. W. E. Mulligan and Mr. E. J. Mulligan (nephews), and Mr. J. Cannon, Hollyhill (cousin). The cortege was one of the largest witnessed in Castlebar for a long time.

SLIGO.—On September 24 Mr. B. McTiernan, manager of the suppressed Sligo Champion and present manager of the Sligo Nationalist, the paper which succeeds the Champion, was arrested on the charge of intimidating persons "from doing what they have a legal right to do." When the case was dismissed the accused did not appear in court.

Hugh O'Donnell, son of Mrs. Margaret O'Donnell, Gurteen Sligo, was on Sept 14 raised to the priesthood. The ordination was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Lynch, Bishop of Achery.

and assistant priests were Rev. J. Daly, O. D.; Rev. J. O'Conner, Adam; Rev. K. O'Donnell (brother); Rev. M. Harie; also the Rev. Patrick Cahill (student), Maynooth.

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, was presented with an address of welcome by the District Council of Carlow, on behalf of the people, in commemoration of his visit to the capital town of his native county. His Eminence, accompanied by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and a number of priests, arrived at the Town Hall, where the presentation took place, shortly after 12 o'clock, and was received by Mr. Michael Governor, chairman Urban District Council.

Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin performed the consecration of a new altar in the Church of St. Flannan Ballinabrannea, in the presence of Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney. The altar, which is the work of a Dublin sculptor, Mr. Ryan, Dominick street, is formed out of pure white marble, and is very handsome in design. The altar is erected to the memory of the Cullen family, one of the oldest and most respected in the County Carlow, being kinsmen of Cardinal Moran whose presence on this occasion increased considerably the importance and dignity attached to the auspicious function.

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LOUTH.—Members of the Gormanstown branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on Sept 7, when were present Mr. T. Mongey president, Edward Mulvaney, T. Hand, J. Cully, W. Mongey, Christopher Leonard, Thomas Mongey, Jr., Thomas Kelly, hon. treas. Laurence Mongey, hon. sec. The following new members were enrolled: P. McHugh, Thomas Murray, P. Lynch, P. Carey, Thomas (George) Geraghty. On motion of the chairman (Mr. Thomas Mongey) seconded by Joe Cully, it was resolved and passed in silence "That we deeply regret the death of our esteemed vice-president Mr. N. Maguire, and that we tender to his wife and family our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement. A copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Maguire."

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Recent deaths in Dublin.—GALLAGHER.—Sept. 18, at the hospital, North Brunswick street, Thomas Gallagher, late 5 North Portland Place.—BODIE.—Sept. 15, 1902, at Mercer's Hospital, Catherine Alice (Kate) late of 9 Upper Gloucester street.—CULLEN.—Sept. 14, at 17 Queen's terrace, Winifred Cullen.—BRADY.—Sept. 13, Annie Brady, 43 Richmond place.—KAVANAGH.—Sept. 17, at 41 North Strand road, Elizabeth Kavanagh.—DUNNE.—Sept. 19, at 125 Royle terrace, Phibsborough, Mary Ellen Dunn, sister of Rev. T. J. Reidy, C. C., Dunmore County, Galway.—FITZSIMONS.—At Temple Road, Blackrock, Mrs. Margaret Fitzsimons, sister of the late Very Rev. John Murphy, O. S. F., Merchants' Quay; cousin of the late Rev. John McCormack, O. S. F., Merchants' Quay, and aunt of the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea.—FITZGIBBON.—Sept. 16, at 29 Dunne street, William Fitzgibbon, aged 25 years.—REDDY.—Sept. 16, Catherine Reddy, 20 Nelson street.—BYRNE.—Mary Jane Byrne, 33 Winstavern street.—WALSH.—Sept. 17, at 28 Upper Buck-

ngham street, Elizabeth Walsh. KILDARE.—Mr. William Fitzpatrick, Currabell, died Sept. 12, at the fine old age of 90 years. The funeral to Killbegs was very numerous attended.

Sister Baptist Simpson, of the Order of Mercy, died at the Convent, Naas, Sept 17, in the thirty-first year of her age and twelfth of her religious life. She was professed ten years ago. Sister Baptist was a native of Killashee, County Longford.

KILKENNY.—On Sept. 14 a most successful meeting was held at Gowran, in furtherance of the United Irish League. Patrick O'Brien, M. P., and Joseph Devlin, M. P., were joined by Alderman Joyce, M. P., of Limerick. A procession was formed, headed by the St. Patrick's Brass Band, Kilkenny, and several hundred people started for the place of meeting. A field outside of the village of Gowran, where bannerettes with Irish inscriptions were conspicuous. The Irish Brigade Band also attended. Very Rev. Canon Carroll, Gowran, was unavoidably absent on holidays. Rev. Father Walsh, Pitt, was moved to the chair amidst applause, and among those present were Rev. Father Freney, P. M., Rev. John Carroll, Gowran, Rev. Father Hipwell, Goresbridge, Messrs. Patrick O'Brien, M. P., Joseph Devlin, M. P., Alderman Joyce, M. P., Joseph Walsh, chairman Kilkenny County Council, Alderman P. Hayte, mayor of Kilkenny, R. Joyce, chairman Thomastown District Council, and R. J. Ryan.

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ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—At the masses in the churches of St. Patrick and St. Bridget, parish of Ramoon, on Sunday, Sept. 14, Father Conway, the pastor, announced his going away to the parish of Larne, because of bad health. During the announcement not a dry eye was in the congregation, and Father Conway himself almost broke down before he had got through.

A meeting of the Nationalists of East Belfast was held in the hall, Ballymacarrett, Sept. 12, under the auspices of the Joseph Devlin branch of the United Irish League, for the purpose of hearing addresses by Joseph Devlin, M. P.; William McKillop, M. P., and other Nationalists.

ARMAGH.—On Sept. 12 Mr. John Francis Small, coroner for South Armagh, held an adjourned inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mrs. Harpur, wife of William Harpur, a respectable farmer residing in Lisadian. The deceased was found dead in her bed on the morning of Aug. 9 last. The jury found a verdict of death from natural causes.

CAVAN.—The death of Mrs. James Wright, wife of the postmaster in Shercock, happened Sept. 16, aged 26 years. The death of Mr. Thomas King, postmaster, Ballinboro', took place at his

residence on Sept. 10, at an advanced age. The deceased held the office of postmaster for over thirty years. The funeral was very largely attended.

DERRY.—The death of Mr. W. C. Stevenson, of Knockan, happened on Sept. 16. At one time he was high sheriff of the county, and also acted as magistrate in the district of Dungen.

At a special meeting of the Londonderry Board of Guardians on Sept. 13, Mr. W. E. Scott presiding, Mrs. Morris, in accordance with notice of motion, moved that suitable accommodation or chapel be provided for the Catholic chaplain. In doing so he said there was no accommodation for the Catholics in the house except a school-room. Mr. W. Geer seconded. Mr. Glendinning, in opposing the motion, objected that the same accommodation was not asked for all the chaplains. Mr. McDermott, in supporting the motion, said Bishop Henry had made repeated application to the Belfast Board of Guardians for a chapel in the workhouse, but had been refused. The local Government Board had now stepped in. No doubt the Catholic chaplain to the Londonderry Workhouse thought it was for the Guardians and not for him to have this matter attended to, as some of the Guardians would be inclined to scout his application in such the same way as the Board of Guardians had done. The motion was lost by 13 votes against 11 for.

DONEGAL.—The Irish League met at Buncrana Sept 30 and unanimously passed a resolution that W. O'Doherty, M. P. of Donegal, north be asked to resign his seat in the House of Commons. He is charged with having fomented the confidence and acted contrary to the authority of the Irish Parliamentary party by attending the coronation ceremonial at Westminster.

DOWN.—County Court Judge Orr sat in the Court House, Railway street, Lisburn, Sept 16, and proceeded to revise the voters lists in the Lisburn and Drumbo polling districts of East Down. Mr. William Sinclair, clerk of Lisburn Union, Messrs. Robert McCright and Andrew J. Morrow, rate collectors, were in attendance. Mr. Wier, solicitor, Downpatrick, represented the East Down Registration Society, assisted by Charles Scott, Lisburn.

Rev. Thomas Russell of the diocese of Portsmouth, in England, eldest son of the late Mr. Charles Russell, King's Castle, Ardglass, who with two of his brothers is at present on a visit to his cousin, Mr. C. Russell Kelly, Killoogh, celebrated Mass in Rossglass chapel and asked the congregation, among whom were his brothers and Mr. Russell Kelly to offer up their prayers for the repose of the souls of all those buried in Rossglass graveyard, including his father, the late Mr. Charles Russell. Father Russell is grandnephew of the late Very Rev. Dr. Russell president of Maynooth college, who was a cousin of the late Lord Russell of Killowen. He is at present studying at Louvain in France for higher ecclesiastical honours.

The burying ground at Clandeboye, where rest the remains of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava was recently embellished by the erection of a handsome Celtic cross. This artistic monument which has been raised by the family to the memory of the late Lord Dufferin, ad his eldest son, the Earl of Ava, who was killed in the defence of Ladysmith, is, to a great extent, a reproduction of the West cross at Monasterboice. It is ornamented on both sides by beautifully carved Celtic interlacing. Executed in grey Irish mountain limestone, which was the material employed in many of the old Irish crosses, this stately monument is about twenty-four feet high and weighs thirteen tons. Messrs. Farmer and Brindley of London were the sculptors. This cross could have been much better executed in Ireland, but it's so fashionable to say "It's English, you know."

FERMANAGH.—At the Letterbreen Petty Sessions, Sept. 17, Hugh McKernan was charged with having, on Saturday, Aug. 16, 1902, at Belcoo West, in the county Fermanagh, unlawfully intimidated Daniel Gilmartin. Gilmartin, it was proved had taken an evicted farm, and thereby incurred so vigorous a boycott that no person enters his shop, or transacts business of any kind with him. The "peelers" are the only customers he has. The evidence proved that Mr. McKernan had not intimidated Gilmartin; yet the "Justices" sentenced him to one month's imprisonment under the power of the Coercion Act. He refused indignantly to give bail for future good conduct, he never having been a badly conducted man.

MONAGHAN.—Mrs. Cormack Duffy, regretted. She was an ardent and practical Catholic, a loving wife and an affectionate mother, a good neighbor and a lady remarkable for her many acts of charity and generosity. The funeral was very largely attended, and afforded evidence of the esteem and respect entertained for the deceased lady.

A large and important meeting of the shareholders in connection with Aughnaglogh Auxiliary Creamery was held lately in Aughnaglogh National School, Mr. Edward Murphy, movie president. The following were

also present: G. Evans, O. Murphy, Benar, Duffy, W. Wallace, J. Wallace, Henry Beatty, Robert Donnelly, W. Ward, Wm. Coyle, P. Mohan, J. Farmer, N. T. hon. sec.; P. Connolly, W. Mullen, John Smith, J. McGillan, and others. The objects of the meeting were, along with transacting routine business, the appointment of a committee of management for ensuing twelve months; also to hear the annual report of the working of the auxiliary. Mr. Farmer, N. T. hon. sec., then read the annual report, which was as follows: There were received 66,355 gallons of new milk as compared with 52,000 odd for previous year. For this supply you were paid £97 6s 8d as compared with £767 for previous year. This gives an average price of 3s. 6d per gallon.

TYRONE.—At a meeting of the Board of Guardians Sept. 13, Mr. Jas. McKown in the chair, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That we congratulate the Holy Father on his Jubilee, and request Father Ring to so inform his Holiness." The resolution was proposed by Mr. W. H. Warnock (Protestant), who said the Pope was a gentleman for whom he had great respect.

The revision of the voters lists for the Division of Mid-Tyrone concluded Sept. 18, in the court house, Omagh, before Sir Thomas W. Brady, Bart. Mr. F. J. O'Connor, solicitor, represented the Nationalists, assisted by Mr. P. McLoughlin, and Mr. W. E. Orr, solicitor, appears for the Unionists, assisted by Mr. James Hue. Last year the Unionists were in a majority, but owing to the good work done by the latter have reduced the majority until the parties are about equal.

MUNSTER.

CLARE.—On Aug. 7 the Religious Profession took place at St. Joseph's Convent, Clapham, London, of Miss Anee McNamara, in religion Sister M. Genevieve, second daughter of Mr. Daniel McNamara, Kilmurry-McMahon, West Clare. The young lady was received with seven other novices and the ceremony of her Profession was performed by the Superior General of the Order assisted by the Rev. J. S. O'Mahony, Rev. Father Henry. The address delivered by the Rev. Father Weber was very appropriate. The chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After the ceremony the friends of the novice were entertained at the Convent. This is the second daughter of Mr. McNamara's who has devoted her young life to the cause of religion, for on Aug. 5, 1899, his eldest daughter, Miss Nora McNamara, in religion Sister Mary Julia, was also professed at St. Joseph's Convent, Clapham, London.

The promotion of Rev. F. M. Curry, P. P. Bournea, near Roserea, to the important pastoral charge of the united parishes of Kilmacdnane and Cree gave much pleasure in West Clare. In the missionary work of the achieved a great name, and his labors for several years of the most arduous and trying type, were spent in the United States lecturing, preaching, organizing in big cities and out of the way places to raise funds for the erection of the now complete magnificent church at Nenogh, and with which his name is associated. Back in the old land he set to immediate work to beautify the house in his first parish, Bournea, and once more success crowned his toil.

CORK.—Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars have been contributed by the Catholics in the Diocese of Cloyne, to the funds for the erection of the Cathedral of St. Colman at Queenstown.

The memorial to late Mr. Michael Deering, of Cork, erected in St. Joseph's Cemetery, that city, will be unveiled on Oct. 26. It has been erected by the members of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Ireland as an evidence of their esteem for his memory, and how they appreciate the great and unceasing efforts he made during life to advance the interests of the association. It will be a great day in Cork.

A large and enthusiastic audience thronged the Mall House, Youghal, on Sept. 14, to hear an address by the Right Rev. Monsignor Keller and an excellent programme of Irish music and song. Youghal district has among its people a great number of good Irish speakers, and the only pity is that long ere this the Gaelic League did not have the pleasure to number it among its affiliated branches. But now that an energetic president, honorary secretary and committee have been appointed to work such a local organization, very little difficulty will be experienced in making it one of the best in the country. In his address Dean Keller was able to infuse new spirit and kindle a determination to aid the revival of the mother tongue in every possible way. Numerous members were enrolled.

Recent deaths in Cork.—LAMBKIN.—On Sept. 14, at Delgany, County Wicklow, Louis Lambkin, Feltrim, Cork.—O'SHEA.—On Sept. 16, at 35 Hanover street, the beloved wife of Thomas O'Shea.—SULLIVAN.—On Sept. 17, at the North City Infirmary, Margaret M. Sullivan, late of Bantry.—DUGGIN.—Sept. 17, at Main street, Mallow William Joseph Duggan, aged

29 years.—HUMPHREYS.—On Sept. 16, David Humphreys, Farnastig, Whitechurch.—COGAN.—Sept. 19, at 89 North Main street, Bridget Cogan.—YOUNG.—On Sept. 18, Peter Young, Lough View, late of Ballygarvan.—O'KEEFE.—Sept. 19, at Currebehe, Inniscarra, Sept. 17, Rev. Wm. Keating.—DUGGAN.—Sept. 17, at Main street, Mallow, William Joseph Duggan, aged 29 years.—ROHAN.—On Sept. 17, at Killowen, Blarney, Patrick Rohan.

KERRY.—A gun in a car from which Mr. Brennan, hardware merchant, of Kenmore, and Mr. D. S. O'Sullivan, clerk of the Union, had alighted, exploded on Sept. 15, and killed a young man named Cornelius O'Shea, who was standing in Henry street. The men had been shooting game, and when leaving the car Mr. O'Sullivan unfortunately left the charge in the gun. The wheel of the trap got up on the sidewalk, and in getting off gave a violent bump on the street, which discharged the gun, with the melancholy result stated.

A meeting of the inhabitants of Valentia was held on the island Sept. 13. The local band, with a splendid banner, was present, and Messrs. Boland and Murphy, M. P.'s addressed the meeting. At the conclusion of the speeches, Mr. Murphy asked for a declaration in favor of the United Irish League, and the response made was enthusiastic, 120 names being handed in.

On Sept. 14 Michael Murphy, a native of Killarney, lost his life under the following circumstances. He deceased, who was coachman to Mr. Samuel Trant MacCarthy, of Struggenna, Glebe, was in Cahireveen on Sunday evening, when he set out for Struggenna, mounted on a spirited horse. On the way the horse stumbled, throwing Murphy on the road and rendering him unconscious. He lingered for an hour after the accident, but never regained consciousness. The deceased was 25 years of age and unmarried.

A public meeting was held in the schoolroom, Killorglin, on Sept. 14, for the purpose of organizing a Fels for Killorglin. The Rev. T. Lawlor presided. Also present Very Rev. Canon McDonnell, Castletown-Bere, T. O'Donnell, M. P., W. O'Brien, Michael O'Doherty, Michael O'Donoghue, P. T. O'Sullivan, M. P., G. T. O'Sullivan, P. P., Begley, D. C. O'Sullivan, J. O'Donoghue, P. O'Shea, E. Sheehan, J. Teahan, T. McDonough-Mahony, J. Foley, Rev. T. Lawlor stated the objects of the meeting and said he hoped that they in Killorglin who had already done some good work in this direction and whose pupils had won distinctions in Tralee and Cork, would now take steps to have such a Fels in their own town as would do credit to them as pioneers in the great Gaelic revival which is doing so much to purify and enoble the public and private life of their country (hear, hear). He had gone to all his teachers and asked them to take up Irish in their schools and to give it a position of equality with any other subject, no matter how important, and he hoped that in a short time every school in his parish, male and female, and especially the female schools, would be teaching Irish. Rev. Canon McDonnell also spoke. The following committee were appointed: Rev. T. Lawlor, Rev. H. Kerin, T. O'Donnell, M. P.; W. O'Brien (hon. secretary), Michael O'Doherty (treasurer), P. O'Shea, P. T. O'Sullivan, Michael O'Donoghue, D. C. O'Sullivan, P. Begley. The Fels will be held between Christmas and Jan. 1, coming.

LIMERICK.—Mr. John McNamara, of the City of Limerick Gaelic League Football Club, left for the United States on Sept. 16. The members made a very useful and valuable presentation to him, as a mark of their esteem. Miss Maria Cary, of Rathkeale, died Sept. 19, deeply regretted. She was daughter of Mr. James Carey, and sister of Rev. Bernard Carey, Soliman Requiem services were held in St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, on Monday which, as well as the funeral, was very numerous attended.

A shocking railway accident occurred at Birdbill on Sept. 13 on the arrival of the train from Limerick. A young man named Harvey, an employee at the locomotive works at Limerick, attempted to board the train, but missing, fell between the platform and the train, with the result that he was killed. Harvey had been in Limerick and was on his way to Nenagh. He leaves a wife and two young children.

TIPPERARY.—Rev. Brother Weston, of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Clonmel, when the new Technical School was opened by Rt. Riv. Dr. Sheehan, on Sept. 18, gave a fine, practical example of how Irish industries can be revived. He said: "With regard to the Technical School, everything in it was of Irish manufacture, and all the work, with the exception of the fitting and the laboratories, executed by T. and C. Martin, of Dublin, was done in Clonmel, and by men employed in Clonmel.

A strange occurrence took place at Nenagh lately, when some blasting operations were being performed in the Cudville Road Quarry, belonging to the Urban Council. A large stone, weighing seventy pounds, was thrown fifty yards by a dynamite charge, over the Convent of Mercy walls and through the roof of the Convent building, smashing tables, glass, etc., and penetrating through a second floor into another room, causing much damage. Happily no person was injured.