

# 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.

## CONNAGHT

**GALWAY**—Rev. T. J. Burke, O. S. A., who died lately in the convent of the order at Limerick, was born in Galway in 1822. He was a school fellow of late Very Thomas Burke, the famous Dominican preacher and patriot.

A special meeting of the Tuam Branch of the Gaelic League was held in the Town Hall, Oct. 6, for the purpose of reopening the Irish class and a meeting of the committee of the organizing a class for Irish dancing.

**LEITRIM**—At the Carrick-on-Shannon Quarter Sessions, on Oct. 11, by Judge Waters, the Sub Sheriff (Mr. Wilson Vaughn) presented his Honor with white gloves, stating that there were no criminal cases to go before the court. His Honor complimented the county on the total absence of crime.

**MAYO**—Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Archbishop of Tuam, on Sept. 20, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to more than four hundred children. He advised the people to become members of the Anti-Treating League. After the ceremonies five hundred persons were enrolled in the League.

**ROSCOMMON**—In Elphin the Irish classes are now in full swing, and in the learning of the Irish language the pupils are making rapid and solid improvement.

**SLIGO**—At an open air Nationalist demonstration in Bunninadden, on Oct. 12, Mr. John O'Dowd, M. P., delivered a stirring address, in which he urged all to subscribe generously to the National Defense Fund.

Mrs. Joseph Golden, of Stephen street, Sligo, was found dead in her bed, Oct. 9. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Hubert Brennan, of Belmont, County Roscommon, and niece to the late Rev. Father Malachy Brennan, Clifney, and sister to Mr. Henry Brennan, Clifney.

Owing to indefatigable efforts of the Rev. Father Hyne, whose exertions in the cause of temperance are only equaled by his desire to promote the Gaelic movement, two very successful Irish concerts were given in the assembly rooms of our Town Hall, Sligo, on the nights of October 5 and 7.

## ULSTER

**ANTRIM**—On Oct. 12 a large meeting was held in the Wellington Palace, Glasgow, under the auspices of the Home Government Branch of the United Irish League, to welcome Mr. Joseph Devlin, M. P. Mr. Hugh Murphy presided. Prior to the commencement of the proceedings a number of patriotic songs were rendered. Mr. Thos. White proposed the following resolutions: "That this meeting of the Irishmen of Glasgow pledges itself to National self-government for Ireland, and will not support any candidates not prepared to support a measure on the lines of the Gladstone Bill. That we reiterate our confidence in the Irish Party under the leadership of John Redmond, and trust no opportunity will be lost by them to turn out of office the present Coercion Government, which has imprisoned the best and bravest of the Irish race."

Right Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, preached in Hantsdown Church in aid of that church. There is still a debt due on the sacred edifice, of which Rev. E. Storey is pastor. Mass was celebrated by Rev. John McShane.

**ARMAGH**—Cardinal Logue Oct. 13 received an address from the Trim Urban District, welcoming him to the Capital of Meath as an illustrious Prince of the Church and representative of Our Holy Father the Pope, and as a great and patriotic Irishman.

The funeral of Sister Mary Brennan of St. Joseph's Convent, Lurgan, took place on Oct. 9, to the cemetery of the Convent. The obsequies were in the Convent Chapel, in the presence of an exceedingly large congregation, with the celebration of Requiem Mass by Rev. Patrick McCottrill, Lurgan, after which the Office of the Dead was sung. Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Down, presided.

At the quarter Sessions opened in Lurgan, Oct. 13, before Judge Kibbey, an important appeal, dealing with the exemption of convents from valuation for purpose of rating, was heard. The Portadown Urban District Council were appellants, the respondents being the Commissioners of General Valuation in Ireland, and the matter came before the court on appeal against the action of the Council in exempting from valuation for purpose of rating the Portadown Convent of Portadown.

His Honor, in giving judgment, said the decision of the case turned upon the notice of June 27, which stated that new premises were to be valued. There were new walls and gates, but the convent itself had been valued before. His opinion was that the Commissioner's duty was to value premises that were new, and new only. It seemed to him (his Honor) that by striking out the convent as exempt he was acting ultra vires. In that case he would have to allow the appeal in the ordinary way. He was against the appellants on the other point, in so far as he believed the convent was wholly a charitable institution. He therefore allowed the appeal with 25 s. costs. A case will be stated for the superior courts.

**CAVAN**—At the meeting of the members of the Mandabam branch of the United Irish League on Oct. 12, Mr. P. J. Magory presided. The chairman urged the committee to lose no time in having the Parliamentary Fund collection finished as soon as possible. A person called a "grabber" in the Cotehill district was denounced, also those who assist that person.

**DERRY**—The Catholics of the parish of Dungiven have been gratified by the announcement that the new Church of St. Matthew, Drumrum, will be dedicated soon by Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty. The sacred edifice has been brought to satisfactory completion in a short time, under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. Edwin Loughrey. The sermon at the opening will be delivered by the Very Rev. Dr. Butler, S. J., Dublin.

On October 15 the general drawing of prizes in connection with St. Eugene's Cathedral bazaar took place in St. Columba's Assembly Hall, Derry. Drawings for special prizes held over from the bazaar also coming off. The balloting commenced at 11 in the morning and continued till late in the evening.

**DONEGAL**—Mr. Francis Marron, father of Rev. James Marron, Buncrana, died at his residence, Cornanty, Carrickmacross, on Oct. 14. The mission conducted by Father Coyle, O'Sullivan and Bingham, of the Redemptorist Order, for two weeks, came to a close on Oct. 12. The spacious church was thronged morning and evening of the mission. During the mission the main efforts of the fathers were concentrated on the stamping out of drink, and with the gratifying result that over two thousand persons joined the Anti-Treating League. Canon Sweeney is to be congratulated on the success of the mission.

A meeting of the North Fermanagh Executive of the United Irish League was held in Mr. Hugh's Hotel, Belleek, on October 10. Mr. David Sheehy, ex-M. P., attended from the Directory.

The funeral of Mr. Patrick Doherty, Hotel Carndonagh, took place Oct. 16 from his late residence, and was a huge demonstration of respect and sympathy to his memory. The obsequies were conducted by Father John Doherty, Adm., who spoke in feeling terms of the character of deceased. The chief mourners were James and Patrick Doherty, sons.

**DOWN**—Mr. Robert Graham, of Lownards, died on Oct. 11. For years he has been on the reporting staff of the "Northern Whig."

On Oct. 10, in the court house at Saintfield, the opening meeting of Mr. Russell's new campaign was held. The building was crowded and considerable numbers could not obtain admission. The proceedings were enthusiastic. Mr. James Wood, M. P. for East Down, presided, and in calling upon Mr. Russell to address the meeting, said they had in the past demonstrated to Mr. Russell their confidence in him, and that night he was sure they would be glad to renew that confidence and that support they had given him in the days that were gone by. Mr. Russell delivered a fine address on the great question of how to put an end to the dual ownership of land in Ireland.

**FERMANAGH**—On Oct. 10 a serious accident occurred on the Sligo road half a mile from Enniskillen. Mary Ann McElroy, who belongs to Derrylinn, was travelling home from the Enniskillen fair, in company with her brother, who was driving a donkey cart and her mother. A horseman, also from Enniskillen, came up behind and by some means Miss McElroy was knocked down by the horse and sustained a compound fracture in one of her legs. It is feared her limb will have to be amputated. The horseman passed on and his identity is unknown.

Mr. John Reilly, Sr., of Irvinestown, died Oct. 15. The concourse which followed the remains to the family burying ground (Kilskerry), was the largest ever witnessed in the district, manifestations of the deepest sorrow being everywhere visible. Deceased belonged to a very old and highly respected stock of people, the Reilly, of Irvinestown. He was noted for his staunch devotion to his country. Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Brennan, and the offertory on the occasion amounted to \$350, at the end of which Father McKeel, Irvinestown, delivered a touching panegyric.

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for South Tyro e, after a brief visit to Cork, will resume his Ulster meetings. Later in the year another series of Ulster meetings will follow; and in England the Irish land question will be discussed by the Cambridge University Hibernian Club and the St. John's College Debating Society, at both of which the member for Tyrone will take part.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Beragh Branch of the United Irish League, held on Oct. 12, the following resolutions were adopted: "That a public meeting of the Nationalists of the parish be held after last Mass on Sunday, Nov. 9, in Beragh, to reorganize the branch in order to have it re-affiliated, and to promote the National Defense Fund so auspiciously inaugurated by the Irish party." "That in view of the contemptuous refusal of the Irish landlords to meet in friendly conference accredited and trustworthy representatives of the tenant-farmers, we earnestly appeal to all who believe in a fair and speedy settlement of the unsatisfactory system of land tenure existing in Ireland, to join hand in hand, without distinction of creed or caste, in a combined effort to induce the Government to step in and settle once and for all, this knotty question by the abolition, on equitable terms, of landlordism in this country." "That we hail with delight the prudent reserve manifested by the Irish Party in reference to the Education Bill."

## MUNSTER

**CLARE**—Mr. Timothy Flanagan, of Corofin, has been driven insane by Wyndham's Coercion. He was chairman of the Corofin District Council, and by his election to that office became a magistrate of the County Clare. He was lately removed from the County infirmary to the Limerick Lunatic Asylum as a dangerous lunatic. Mr. Flanagan was prosecuted under the Coercion Act for alleged intimidation, and sentenced to four months' imprisonment, confirmed on appeal before Judge Carton, the greater part of which he had undergone when he was attacked in Limerick Jail with typhoid fever. He was transferred to the County infirmary, but his illness grew worse daily, and eventually as the outcome of the fever his intellect became impaired. Several consultations were held on his case, but in the end the doctors agreed that he was suffering not from delirium but acute mania, and that he was insane. This conclusion was arrived at some days since, but in the hope of improvement settling in his transfer to the asylum was deferred until Oct. 18, when he was removed and committed as stated in the warrant signed by two city magistrates, James J. Roche and P. E. Bourke. Head Constable Webster and a small party of constabulary were present at the removal, and some relatives and friends.

**CORK**—The Cork Exhibition has been a great success in every way. It will be reopened next year, when many improvements will be introduced. Since the Exhibition was opened in Cork City in May last up to Oct. 11, it was visited by 1,217,299 persons. Not bad for a small exhibition in the South of Ireland. This is about one-fourth of the entire population of the country.

The Irish People, Dublin, of Oct. 18, said in our Irish World notice: "An interesting young man is at present studying at the R. I. C. Depot in the Phoenix Park, and he hopes to be a 'District Inspector' in due course. The budding batonman is the son of Lord Mayor Edward Fitzgerald, of Rebel Cork. And people were wondering at the access of 'loyalty' which seized Cork's Lord Mayor this year."

On the morning of Oct. 12 considerable sensation was caused in Kanturk by a remarkable occurrence at a place called Ballybane, six miles north of Kanturk. The facts, which are, as far as can be ascertained, all thoroughly authentic, appear to be as follows: For some time Margaret Kennedy, aged 67 years, had been ill. On Sunday morning she was supposed to have died. Her son proceeded to Kanturk on the same day and ordered a coffin. The wake was being carried out with due solemnity and shortly before dawn, when they were about to remove the body to place it in the coffin, the supposed corpse, to the amazement of all, displayed signs of life, and in a short time completely woke up. The people present quickly recovered from the shock, which was nearly akin to a panic, and restoratives were administered to the patient who shortly recovered complete consciousness.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cork Young Ireland Society was held at their rooms, Great George's street, on Oct. 12. Mr. J. J. Crowley, chairman, presided.

A great demonstration under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League was held in Ballinaspittle, Oct. 12. Two bands were in attendance, viz.: St. Patrick's Brass Band, Bandon, and the Kilbrittain Band. Rev. Father Deasy presided.

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**MEATH**—On Oct. 13 Cardinal Logue, who was staying at Trim as the guest of the Very Rev. M. Woods, was presented at the Parochial House with addresses from deputations representing the Trim Urban District Council and the St. Cormac Branch of the Gaelic League.

The new church of St. Patrick's, Trim, was solemnly dedicated to God Oct. 12, by the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath. The new church of St. Patrick's rises a short distance from the ruins of the Abbey. The remains of the Castle of King John are also situated in the vicinity. The foundation stone of the new church was laid on Oct. 5, 1891, by the Most Rev. Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, and the sermon on the occasion was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe.

**WESTMEATH**—Mr. Christopher Oct. 14, at the age of 80 years. After Requiem Mass and Office in the local church, the funeral left for Russagh Cemetery, and was very numerously attended.

On Oct. 13 occurred the death of the pastor of Rochfordbridge, Rev. Peter Fagan, at the patriarchal age of 90 years. Solemn Requiem services were held in the parish church and were numerously attended by clergy and laity. Interment was in the cemetery at Meelin.

The Freeman's Journal of Oct. 15 contained this item: "The conduct of His Honor, Judge Adye Curran in grossly insulting the Grand Jury at Mullingar Quarter Sessions on Monday last, by tearing up the paper containing a resolution passed by that body in condemnation of the proclamation of their county under the Crimes Act, is regretted even by so stalwart a Coercion organ as the Dublin Evening Mail as 'somewhat brusque,' while the incident itself is characterized as 'an unpleasant one,' and the gentle hint is conveyed to the learned judge, which will come straight home to a person of his refined sensibilities, that a little more tact might have conduced to a better feeling."

**WEXFORD**—Patrick Whitty, of Aclare, was drowned in the River Barrow, at a place named the Fland, near Camblin. How he got into the water is unknown. Ten remains bore no marks of violence.

The great harvests of the sea are not reaped by the Irish people to the extent which they should be. As one instance of one small part of the Irish coast, it is stated, after careful investigation, that fifty thousand dollars worth of fish caught by aliens between the Rock of Turkur and Hook Tower was landed at Milford in Wales, during the months of June, July and August this year. Think of the almost fabulous amount of money lost every year by the Irish people by not pursuing this industry as actively as the aliens do.

Mr. John Parnell and other members of the family are again offering suggestions as to how the house and place at Avondale may be continued in the family, as a memorial to the late Mr. Charles S. Parnell.

A Big Flow.

The largest flow in the world, perhaps is owned by Richard Gird, of San Bernardino county, California. This immense sod turner stands eighteen feet high and weighs 25,000 pounds. It runs by steam, is provided with twelve 12-inch plow shares and is capable of plowing fifty acres of land per day. It consumes from one to one and a half tons of coal per day, and usually travels at the rate of four miles an hour.

On Oct. 13 in the Templere Court House, Mr. Martin O'Dwyer, a member of the County Council, and honorary secretary of the Mid-Tipperary Executive of the United Irish League, was prosecuted under the Coercion Act on charge of alleged intimidation and incitement to intimidation. Of course he was found guilty by the magistrates and sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor, and when that time was up if he would not give bail for "good conduct" in future a further term of three months in jail. An appeal against the sentence was entered.

A great Nationalist demonstration was held in Ballylooby on Oct. 12 in support of the United Irish League. Mr. John Cullinan, the member for the division, was supported by his colleagues—Alderman Condon, M. P., Mayor of Clonmel, and Mr. W. Duffy, M. P., who, although a warrant has been issued for his arrest by a Coercion Court, traveled specially to be present; while the patriotic pastor of the parish, Rev. Richard Mockler, and Father Ormonde, with Father Ormonde, of Clogheen, were present. The meeting was held in a field close to the village, where a platform was erected and surrounded with green flags. There was a force of police in the village and more were scattered through the crowd.

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