

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—The Hon. Michael Redmond Morris, B. L., youngest son of the late Lord Morris and Killanin, died at Spiddal, Dec. 9. The deceased had been suffering with appendicitis and his death was not unexpected. The deceased was the youngest member of the Connacht bar.

LEITRIM—A meeting of the members of the Skreen and Dromard branch of the United Irish League was held on Dec. 7.

MAYO—Mr. John Ryder, Jr., of Castle street, Castlebar, died Dec. 1, aged 23 years, deeply regretted. The funeral was very large and respectable.

ROSCOMMON—Mr. J. P. Monahan, assistant secretary, South Roscommon Executive, of the U. I. L., was arrested on Dec. 7 by the Beechwood police and conveyed to Roscommon under the Coercion Law. Of course Mr. Monahan is not guilty of the least criminal act, yet he is charged with intimidating some person or persons unknown.

LEINSTER

CARLOW—On Sunday (the second Sunday in Advent), the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, assisted by the Rev. L. Brogan, Dean of Carlow College, ordained to the priesthood in the collegiate church, the Rev. Luke Brennan, of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, and to the priesthood, the Rev. S. Colroy (Leith, Western Australia).

On Dec. 7 a meeting of the Father John Murphy Memorial Committee was held in the Town Hall, Tullow. Mr. Thomas Bolger, chairman, presiding.

Mr. Michael Purcell, Bagnalstown, died at his home there Dec. 7. He was a prominent member of the local branch of the Catholic Young Men's Society. On Monday Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, Bagnalstown. The Rev. J. Breen, celebrant.

DUBLIN—The Treasurer of the United Irish League in the United States has forwarded \$10,000 to Mr. John Redmond, M. P., chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

The Pope, through Cardinal Rampolla, sent the following to the Lord Mayor of Dublin: "My Lord—I am happy to inform your lordship that the homage of devout congratulation offered to the Holy Father by the Municipal Council on the auspicious occasion of the Pontifical Jubilee, has been specially pleasing to His Holiness. Such an act of spontaneous and most courteous respect is a valued pledge for his Holiness of the praiseworthy sentiments which animate the members of the Municipal Council of Dublin. The august Pontiff, who receives it with pleasure, in referring to you, your lordship, and your distinguished colleagues, deserved thanks and praise heartily invokes for them the plenitude of heavenly aid. In transmitting this I declare myself with sincere esteem, your lordship's to command."

M. CARD. RAMPOLLA. "Rome, Nov. 27, 1902."

Right Hon. Timothy C. Harrington, M. P., Lord Mayor of Dublin. The United Irish League, at recent meeting of the National Directory in Dublin was reported as constitutionally complete in 73 Parliamentary divisions of Ireland. There are only 9 Nationalist constituencies lacking complete organizations.

On Dec. 8, in the Father Mathew Hall, Dublin, the forty-sixth anniversary of the death of Father Mathew was celebrated.

KILDARE—The United Irish League organization in the Parliamentary divisions of North and South Kildare will soon be effected.

KILKENNY—Mr. Comerford of Mooncoin is a candidate for the Rate Collectors' place vacant by the death of the late Mr. Martin Barron, Ballydoon, Ferry Bank, Waterford.

Mr. Martin Barron, Mountain View, Ferry Bank, Waterford, died Dec. 6, aged 74 years deeply mourned. The Requiem service and funeral to the Chapel of Ease were very numerous attended. Mr. Barron was one of "the old stock" of South Kilkenny.

KINGS—Very Rev. P. Callary, V. P., is the present pastor of Tullamore and his assistants are Fathers Fitzsimons and Gillian.

In St. Boyed's Convent of Mercy, Clara, Dec. 11, was professed Miss Mary Russell, Mount street, Mullingar. She assumed the religious name of Sister Mary Vincent. Bishop Gaffney and many priests attended.

LONGFORD—Mr. James McCann, Ballykenny, has been appointed to be a Justice of the Peace. He is a Catholic and popular.

Mr. Patrick Goodwin, Newtownforbes, died Nov. 14, deeply regretted. For many years he had been postmaster of the town. On Saturday Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of his soul, celebrant Rev. J. J. Goodwin.

LOUTH—On the golden jubilee of Rev. Patrick J. Fagan, Dec. 8, pastor of Kilbeg and St. Molag recently, the parishioners made a presentation to him as a mark of their respect. The address which accompanied the presentation was signed on behalf of the people by Michael Tevlin, Patrick Flood and John Farrell. Father Fagan's reply was touching and most appropriate.

An Irish class has been founded in Cannestown, to which the teacher in Navan gives instructions in the native language. The schoolmistress is an enthusiastic student of the "old tongue" and a constant attendant at the Navan Gaelic League. This is a contrast indeed to other teachers, and might well be imitated at least by many living in the town.

MEATH—Sine was represented by Michael Johnston, J. R. Drew, President U. I. T. Wall, P. Boyle and T. Boyle, at the great meeting held after Mass in Heronstown on Dec. 7, to found a branch of the United Irish League.

QUEEN'S—On Dec. 8 the jury at the Winter Assizes, Maryborough, rendered a verdict of guilty against Joseph Taylor for the death of John Daly, of Clonbrock, on June 16, last. He was sentenced to be executed in Kilkenny prison Jan. 6, 1903.

Here are the names of the Queen's County Jurors, who found Mr. Dennis Kilbride, M. P., guilty of alleged incitement to murder Major-General Mears, of Mears' Court, County Westmeath, on July 27th, last, at a public meeting held at Milltown Cross. Mr. Kilbride was sentenced to eight months in prison by Judge Kennedy in Maryborough, Dec. 11. Mr. Kilbride did not incline to murder. Jeremiah Meredith, Meelick; Philip E. Meredith, Raney Valley; Joseph Mole, J. P., Bella House; Graves C. Swan, J. P.; Richard Ringwood, J. P., Harristown; William Dobson, Ballycarron; Robert Ruskin, Clonbrock, Captain Sir Anthony A. Weldon, Henry Meredith, Corbally; Abraham Thompson, Cappalough; John F. Plunkett, J. P., Ballybrophy House, and James Thompson Laurel Hill. The Crown ordered forty-six jurors to stand aside.

WESTMEATH—Miss Mary Russell of Mount street, Mullingar, was professed as St. Boyed's Convent of Mercy, Clara, Dec. 11. In presence of a large assembly of clergy and laity. The young lady has adopted the name in religion of Sister Mary Vincent. The Bishop of Meath, Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, presided at the ceremony.

The trial of Mr. Denis Kilbride, ex-M. P., on a charge of inciting persons unknown to murder Major-General Mears, of Mears' Court, was resumed at the Leitner Assizes, Maryborough, on Dec. 10, when Mr. Bodkin addressed the jury for the defence, and Dr. Falconer replied for the Crown. Mr. Justice Kenny summed up, and the jury, after half an hour's deliberation, found the prisoner guilty, with the recommendation of mercy. The judge in passing sentence, said it was a matter of very great pain to him to discharge the duty, for he had sat in the House of Commons with the accused. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the jury, the high character he had received from Very Rev. Canon Germaine, and Mr. Minch, M. P., and above all that the diocese had remained in a peaceable state, he should impose a sentence of eight calendar months' imprisonment without hard labor, to run from that day.

WEXFORD—Wexford and Kilkenny met in their tie for the All-Ireland's championship in hurling at Carlow Dec. 7. Blackwater represented Wexford and Tullaroan did duty for Kilkenny. The game was undecided, as the referee thought it would be impossible to finish the game, owing to the darkness, and he declared the match off with eight minutes to be played, Blackwater leading by 12 points.

The Ennisclorthy Guardian of Dec. 13 said: "A couple of nights ago the fishing fraternity at Curraloe were thrown into consternation by a strange occurrence, which they have endeavored to account for by the supposed visit of a whale in that district. The men engaged in the herring fishery were out in large numbers and were having good hauls. The night was dark and a storm was brewing overhead as they plied their 'hardy trade' about the small hours of the morning. The boats were suddenly tossed about as if by some huge object rushing beneath the waters, and in a few minutes the fishermen of four of the boats discovered to their astonishment that their nets had been torn away. The other 'toilers of the deep' engaged some distance off, do not appear to have noticed anything unusual, but the story told by those who are at the loss of their nets has given rise to much speculation.

A meeting of the Wexford County Committee of the Gaelic League was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Nov. 27. Rev. J. Kennedy, Wexford, vice-president, occupied the chair. The committee said: "We highly recommend the action of the Wexford Teachers' Association. They have three classes in operation—one in Wexford every Saturday, and on alternate Saturdays in Mayglass and Taghmon. These classes are held under the organizer for Wexford district. Likewise an Irish class is held every week in the Presentation Convent, Wexford for the nuns all attend. A similar class is held in St. John of God Convent, at which the Sisters of Kilmore Convent National School attend, coming a distance of nine miles. A teachers' class is also in operation in Enniscorthy, and is well attended.

WICKLOW—The death of Maria Lalor, of Ironrange, Ballyglass, on Dec. 7, at an early age, was deeply and widely mourned. Solemn Office was held in Ballyglass Parish Church Dec. 9, the celebrant E. Lalor Allen.

MUNSTER

CLARE—The death of Mrs. Bridget Malone, of Fahanrights, happened on December 6, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to the family burial place in Kilrush was largely attended.

The members of the county council of Clare at a recent meeting passed a resolution declaring continued confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party and condemning the course pursued by Mr. T. M. Healy and his followers.

The death is announced of Rev. Dr. C. Flood, first Superior of the Christian Brothers in Kilrush. The sad event occurred at the Christian Brothers' Industrial School, Galway, on December 6. The deceased religious had attained the age of 72 years. About thirty years ago he went to Kilrush to begin the good work to which he had devoted his life.

CORK—On Dec. 4 Mr. Andrew Williams, late of Ballinkeen Farm, was interred at Drishane Graveyard, Millstreet. Mr. Williams, after his eviction seventeen years ago emigrated to the United States, where his wife and some of his family died, but at the reawakening of the Irish land movement he came to Ireland. His death is much lamented by his friends and his funeral was largely attended by the people of the district.

On December 10, after the Benediction by Bishop of Cloyne, Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, the Prefects and sub-Prefects of the Men's Confraternity assembled in the sacristy of the Cathedral Church for the purpose of presenting to the Bishop a check, to be devoted to the purchase of a monstrance, for the church.

On Dec. 13 the Marie Reparatrice Convent, Summerhill South, Cork City, was the scene of a most impressive ceremony. It was the occasion of the obsequies of Sister Ellen Slattery (in religion Mother Mary St. Gertrude) Mother Mary who died on the 7th of December, after thirty-three years of religious life, was conducted with the Marie Reparatrice Convent for the past ten years, had become a general favorite. The deceased was from Kilkenny, County Limerick, and in the different convents in which she spent her religious life she made herself beloved and popular.

On December 3 the Office and High Mass were held in Ballyhea Church for the repose of the soul of Rev. Patrick Shinnick. The Very Rev. P. J. Canon O'Callaghan, Charleville, presided at the ceremonies. The Rev. W. Blake, B. D. Adm. Fermoy, was celebrant.

The imposing ceremonial associated with the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Cork Young Men's Society must be regarded as a distinct and unequalled success. The celebrations opened December 7 with a reception by the Mayor in the Municipal Buildings, after which the members and the delegates attending the conference proceeded in processional order to the Cathedral to attend High Mass. The processionists numbered over a thousand, and presented an imposing appearance on the way to the cathedral. In the afternoon a conference of Catholic Young Men's Societies was held in the hall, Castle street, and in the evening the vice-president of the society, Mr. John Sisk, was presented with an illuminated address, and his portrait unveiled. An address on the "Nobility of Work" was delivered by Rev. J. P. Dowling, C. M. At High Mass a most eloquent sermon was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore. In the procession to the Cathedral were the President, Rev. T. Marner, and officers of the Society; members of the corporation with the Mayor (Alderman E. Fitzgerald), Mr. D. F. Gittan, Mayor's Secretary and mace and sword bearers. The corporate body drove in open carriages.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—CROWLEY—On Dec. 11, at 36 Evergreen Buildings, Cork, Julia Crowley, of Aulsh, Dunmanway.—EDGEWORTH—On Dec. 11, at Kinsale, Patrick Edgeworth, druggist.—LEGARRY—On Dec. 12, at Maymount House, Friars' avenue, Mary Ann Hegarty, late of Queens town.—CRONIN—On Dec. 10, Margaret Cronin, daughter of Michael Lane, Ballinvoskig.—MOORE—At Mautbrack, on Dec. 11, Mary Moore, aged 62 years.—CANAVAN—On Dec. 11, at Mary Villa, Ballyhooley Road, S. Luke's, Mary Canavan, Longstone, Whitechurch.—CLEMENTS—On Dec. 11, at St. Patrick's Incurable Hospital, Wellington Road, Mary Clements.—AHERN—On Dec. 11, at Ballymakea, Killeagh, Pierce Ahern.—MURPHY—On Dec. 11, at Watergate, Bandon, Mary Murphy.—CAREY—On Dec. 11, Pauline Carey, The Cottage, Mulgrave Road.—DONOGHUE.—On Dec. 12, Hannah Maria Donoghue Ryanfield.—HEGARTY—On Dec. 12, at Peacock lane, Florence Hegarty, late of Carrignavar.—WEBB—On Dec. 10, at Drumcondra, Dublin, Agnes Webb, pharmaceutical chemist and

granddaughter of the late Dr. Webb Kenturk.—BROWNE—On Dec. 12, at Scaratagin, County Kerry, Mrs. J. Browne, relict of John Browne, aged 70 years.—WALSH—On Dec. 11, at 16 Tower street, Mary Walsh, aged 59 Douglas street, ETAINSHRDLU, Kap years.—KELLY—On Dec. 7, at Mayfield, Hannah Kelly.—McCARTHY—On Dec. 7, at 62 Douglas street, Margaret McCarthy, Moskeigh, Templemartin.—BURDON—On Dec. 8, at 66 Douglas street (the residence of her son-in-law, William Kavanagh), Margaret Burdon.—MSWEENEY—On Dec. 8, Annie McSweeney, Gurrans, Kilmichael.—BARKETT—On Dec. 8, Lizette Barrett, Ballyphenane.—SCANNELL—On Dec. 10, at 26 Grattan Hill, Joseph A. Scannell, aged 56 years.—SLATTERY—On Dec. 9, at the Convent of Marie Reparatrice, Summerhill South, Ellen Slattery (in religion Mother Mary St. Gertrude).—FLYNN—On Dec. 9, at Youghal, Miss Elizabeth Flynn, sister of Rev. William Flynn, S. J.—DREW—On Oct. 20, at 50 Burke street, Sydney, N. S. W., Patrick Drew, late of Alfred street, Lork.—COSTELLOE—On Dec. 10, at the South Infirmary, Hannah Costelloe.—OLEARY—On Dec. 8, at 42 Rock Ingham, London, John O'Leary.—GEANY—On Dec. 8, at Cork Hill, Fermoy, James Geany, Assistant Petty Sessions Clerk.—MURPHY—On Dec. 10, at 26 Harbour Row, Queenstown, Patrick Murphy, late of H. M. Coast Guards.—COWHEY—On Dec. 10, at Egmont, Churchtown, Madge Cowhey, aged 14 years.—ROCHE—On Dec. 11, Ellen Roche, Passage West, at an advanced age.—CRONIN—On Dec. 10, Margaret Cronin, daughter of Michael Lane, Ballinvoskig.

KERRY.—Mr. Michael Connel, former town steward of Tralee, died at his residence on James street, Dec. 11. Mr. Connel had been in the employment of the town for a quarter of a century.

The funeral of Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan, Mountcastle, took place Dec. 7. Deceased, who was 77 years of age, was until very recently a fine specimen of manhood, a sound scholar, a brilliant orator, and a powerful athlete. The deceased was a true and exemplary Catholic, and the father of two priests and five nuns. He was not called away until his son, the Very Rev. Fr. Edmund, of Asent Friary, arrived on Sunday night and processed him a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. The eulogy in which he was regarded was shown by the dimensions of the funeral cortège which was over two miles in length.

LIMERICK—Miss Helena Mulcair, of Limerick, was received into the Order of Presentation Nuns in Blacktown, Madras, India. She bears the religious title of Sister Mary Benedict.

On Dec. 5 the second concert under the auspices of the Irish Pipes Club was given in the Athenaeum, Limerick. If possible the spacious hall was more crowded than on the previous night, and the program, was rendered with an individual and collective success. It was at once evident that the public appreciate the patriotic aims which the club has in view. At the conclusion of the program Mr. O'Loughlin, thanked those present for their attendance. Much credit is due to Mr. Halpin, President, and to Secretary Downey.

TIPPERARY.—On the Feast of the Epiphany, the Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, will pay his first official visit to Emly, the ancient city of the Patrick of Munster for the purpose of blessing the new marble pulpit, which the Very Rev. Canon Power, P. P. has erected within the Church of St. Ailbe. The pulpit cost \$1,500.

The Cashel Sentinel of Dec. 13 said: "It is feelings of regret that we have to announce the death of Mrs. Ellen Kinane, which took place on Dec. 10, at No. 5 Main street, Tipperary. Deceased was mother of Very Rev. T. H. Kinane, Solohead, to whom we tender our sincere sympathy. High Mass and Office were celebrated, for the repose of her soul.

On Dec. 9, the day previous to the fair in Clonmel, Michael Harvey, aged 65, of Gleanore, County Waterford, came into Clonmel, accompanied by his brother, Thomas, bringing with them some cattle. Having put up the cattle they took lodgings. Thomas left the house soon afterward. The following day he returned to the lodging house in search of Michael, but could not find him. He then took the cattle and disposed of them, after which, assisted by friends, he searched for his brother, but to no avail. Next day he proceeded home about three miles distant from Clonmel, thinking that the missing man was there, but he was disappointed. A search was then made along the road home and inquiries instituted at the neighboring houses, but in vain; not a trace of him was discovered, nor was there up to Dec. 12.

Mr. Edward Gleeson, Chapel street, Mullinahone, died Dec. 6, aged 25 years, after a few days' sickness. He was secretary of the Mullinahone Literary Society and was a prominent member of the local branch of the United League, the C. J. Kilkham Football Club, the C. J. Kilkham brass band. On Tuesday the remains were removed for the interment in Mullinahone churchyard, close to the home where his happy boyhood and young manhood were spent. The funeral was the largest seen in the district for years.

WATERFORD—Very Rev. Dr. Sheehy, president of St. Iolius' College, Waterford, has been appointed pastor of Ardalin, in the County of Tipperary in succession to late Rev. William J. Phelan.

Mr. John Costelloe, merchant, Barronstrand street, Waterford, died lately, at the age of 53 years, deeply mourned. He was a native of Ballymountain, Ferry Bankside, of Waterford, and had been in business for himself for the past sixteen years. He was a member of the National and Commercial Club, of Waterford City. Solemn Requiem High Mass was held in St. Patrick's Church, after which the funeral left for the cemetery in Sheverne, County Kilkenny.

Mr. James Lyman, United Irish League organizer, was released from Kilmalholm prison Dec. 6, having undergone six months' imprisonment in consequence of his refusal to give bail in the King's Bench Division, where he had been summoned in connection with a speech delivered in County Galway. Mr. Lyman on leaving the prison was met by a deputation on behalf of the Joint Executives of the United Irish League in the city, and also by I. G. Sherlock, representing the Lord Mayor. The released organizer Ardway drove to his residence in Drumcondra.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—Considerable damage was done by fire at the premises of Anderson & Son, felt manufacturers Short Strand, Belfast, Dec. 6.

At a recent meeting of the members of the Pioneer Branch of the Gaelic League in National Club, Belfast, it was decided that Killarney arbutus be substituted for imported mistletoe in the Christmas hall decorations, etc., and that the members support the custom of wearing Irish evergreen as favors during the Christmas season.

On Nov. 28, a concert and dramatic entertainment was given under the auspices of the Cushendall dramatic club in Holden's Hall, Watertown. The spacious hall, capable of seating 500 people, was filled.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Timothy Harrington, M. P., Dec. 8 opened the grand national bazaar the primary object of which is in aid of the United National Club, Berry street, Belfast, the headquarters of the Belfast executive of the United Irish League. The attendance was large and influential and the proceedings were most enthusiastic.

ARMAGH.—The sad death of a farmer named Kinney, aged 65 and residing in the townland of Ballyargan, was lately announced. It appears that William Thompson, in the employment of Mr. John Ailair, of Corcragh, went to look at cattle, and when passing a flux hole he discovered a man's head above the water. On close examination he found the body of the above named in a standing attitude, with his body leaning against the side of the flux hole. Sergeant Callaghan and two comrades from Pontypass arrived and had the body taken out. It was found on examination that deceased had taken off one boot and sock. Deceased was residing with a sister, and unmarried. He was a stationmaster a former years in County Kerry.

On Dec. 4 a disastrous fire broke out resulting in the total destruction of the flax mill in Tullygluskane, convenient to Middletown, the property of Mr. Joseph Marshall. It appears a workman, in carelessly handling a candle, ignited the tow on the walls and in a few minutes the entire building was on fire.

CAVAN.—Miss Mary Frances McCabe, of Lisnabunry, Killinkere, was professed a member of the Order of Poor Clares in the convent, Ballyjamesduff, Nov. 29.

On Dec. 1 the body of John McManus, of Cortoon, was found within ten yards of his home. He was in good health Sunday morning; was at early mass in Curlough church; partook of his meals and went to a neighbor's house in company with his cousin, with whom he parted about twenty perches from his own home and was not seen again until his father found him dead in a laneway beside the house Monday morning.

The death of Mr. Peter McGovern, Gortesh, Swanlinbar, happened Nov. 24 after a short illness. The event was made much sadder by the death on Friday morning of his eldest daughter, Miss Mary McGovern, shortly before the departure of the funeral coach; she succumbed to pneumonia. Mr. McGovern's interment took place on Friday at Kinawley, the funeral being the largest ever seen in the locality.

DERRY.—The death of Mr. John O'Kane, only son of Mr. John O'Kane, Hotel, Dungiven, happened on Nov. 28. The Requiem services and funeral to St. Patrick's cemetery was very numerous attended.

Mr. James Toner, Mayogall, died Dec. 4 at the fine old age of 84 years. He had the happiness of having the members of his family, among the rest the Rev. Anthony Toner, around his bed when dying. He had the privilege in his lifetime to seeing his son minister at the altar and two of his daughters become nuns. One of these ladies (in the Order of Sisters of Charity) passed to her reward recently in Drogheda; the other survives and is of the Sisterhood of Mercy, St. Peter's

Convent in Jerry. His funeral was attended by a very large number of sorrowing friends and sympathizers. Requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. Michael O'Neill, who delivered an impressive discourse on Death; and also dwelt on the virtues of the deceased.

DONEGAL.—Mrs. Rose Ann Flanagan, wife of Mr. Thomas Flanagan National Teacher, died December 8, at her home in Kerry, Kilmacrenan was very numerous attended.

A well attended meeting of the patriotic residents of Irishowen was held in St. Patrick's Temperance Hall, Corn donagh, December 7. Father John Doherty presiding. The Rev. Father Syth then proposed this resolution: "That we, the people of the parish of Carnadonagh, in public meeting assembled, do pledge ourselves to support first the Gaelic movement, and next the industries movement in the most practicable form possible." Mr. Crossin, in seconding the resolution, said it behooved every man who called himself an Irishman, and particularly an Irishman, to give this laudable movement a hearty support. The heads of families should be careful to see that good Irish educations be imparted to their children. Father John O'Kane, Kulduff, said "I believe that the founding of the Gaelic League was an inspiration from St. Patrick. Several prominent Gaelic leagues addressed the meeting."

DON.—The ordination of Rev. M. J. Gallaghy, B. A., took place on the 8th of December in the Pro-Cathedral, Hill street, Newry. The day being a festival one in the church, and the reverend gentleman being locally well known, attracted a large and devout congregation.

A burning accident, resulting in the death of Mary Collins, aged 20 years, occurred at Ballymagueen near Killeel, recently. The deceased was employed at the residence of Rev. Father Eardley and Rev. Father McKillop. She was attending to her household duties as usual, and about midday she was seen cooking at the range by Father McKillop. A few minutes afterwards the reverend gentleman was horrified to see her rush into the yard, with her clothing ablaze. He endeavored by means of rugs to extinguish the flames and every possible assistance was also given by Father Eardley. The fire, however, had got such a hold on the clothing that it was impossible to extinguish it. The case is a peculiarly sad one, but everything humanly possible was done for the deceased. The two clergymen were badly burned about their hands and arms in their efforts to extinguish the burning clothing, particularly Father McKillop, who is still under the doctor's care. In the excitement of the moment they gave no heed to danger and were almost unconscious of the injuries they themselves received.

FERMANAGH.—On Dec. 3 John McCarroll, who with his wife, Mary, lived in a gate-house on the Great Northern Railway, about half a mile from Newtownbutler station, retired to bed at ten o'clock and sometime after twelve went to the kitchen where he found his wife lying across the hearth in a charred condition, the legs and lower portion of the body being burnt into a cinder. An inquest was held, when a verdict of death from accidental burning was returned.

Very Rev. Canon O'Connor, pastor of Newtownbutler, presided at a recent meeting of the members of the South Fermanagh Division of the United Irish League held in Enniskillen.

MONAGHAN.—Robert William Moore, farmer, residing at Drumalina, was found drowned in the Ulster Canal at Cortolvin Bridge on December 4. Deceased had been missing since December 1, when he left Monaghan for home. He was found lying on Cortolvin bridge by Frank Magee, who took him to the house of Patrick Gartland, who lives only a few yards from the canal.

On Wednesday, December 3, the remains of Mrs. Mary McKenna, Feeba, Tydavnet, were interred in the family burying ground in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. J. Shiell, C. C., attended and officiated at the grave side.

TYRONE.—Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, of Newtownstewart, died at her residence there on Nov. 21, at the extraordinary age of 100 years.

The funeral of the late Mr. Michael Donnelly, merchant, Beragh, took place Dec. 12, and was very largely attended. During his sickness he was attended by Fathers Grimes and Murtugh.

On Dec. 6, Mr. Eugene Crean, M. P., addressed a meeting of the Mid-Tyrone Executive of the League in Omagh. Mr. Charles Clarke, County Councillor, president of the executive, presided.

On Dec. 5 the Clann na n Gaodhal branch held their first sgaradh, act of the season in Rabstown. It is a wise policy on the part of the Gaelic League to make these entertainments a regular feature of the movement; the crushing out of foreign amusements of all kinds is a big task, but it is encouraging to feel that a beginning has been made and the Gaels are confident that we shall succeed. The school of Rabstown was crowded, and all expressed themselves pleased with the entertainment. The program consisted of songs, Irish and Anglo-Irish, of Irish step-dancing, and Irish music played by a fine string band.