

DUR 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 "Tribune" of Melbourne, Australia, in recent issue stated: "It is with feelings of sincere regret we chronicle the death of Rev. Brother John Joseph Mullen, Provincial of the Christian Brothers in Australasia, which occurred at the Novitiate, Mount Slon, Petersham, N. S. W., after an illness of three weeks. The reverend gentleman, who was born in 1843, was son of Mr Lawrence Mullen, late of Ardmullen, County Galway, and formerly manager of the National Bank at Tuam.

On Dec. 25 notices were posted in Monivea and Athenry announcing that two public meetings would be held on New Year's Day—one at Currafadreen the other at Belleville and that Messrs. McDermott and Dennis Johnston, Organizer, would address the meetings. Sergeant Coulson of Monivea tore down the notices posted outside the chapel, and later, where fresh notices were posted up they were torn down. At Athenry a similar fate awaited the notices announcing the meetings.

A presentation organized by the Gaelic League and other bodies was made recently at the Monastery, Lower Park Road, Peckham, London, to Father William Hanley, O. S. F. C., on the occasion of his transfer from London to Crawley, Sussex. Father Hanley, who is a fluent Irish speaker, has taken the greatest interest in the movement for the revival of the Irish tongue, and his removal from the metropolis is regretted by Irishmen in the Peckham District. Father Hanley is son of Mr. John Hanley of Barnarderg, near Tuam.

It may not be very generally known in this locality that Dr. Douglas Hyde, the distinguished Gaelic scholar, lecturer, and writer, is a grandson of the late Rev. Arthur Hyde, M. A., who ministered for more than fifty years in Mohill as rector of the parish. Hence Mohill may well feel proud of its connection with the present distinguished advocate of the revival of our mother tongue. Rev. Arthur Hyde died in Mohill in 1870, and the present memorial pump which stands at the top of Main street was erected by public subscription by all creeds and classes as a befitting tribute to his memory.

The most important series of meetings, probably, since the Land League days were held lately in North Leitrim. The National Directory decided on a series of parish meetings to further strengthen the United Irish League. The first of these was held in Manorhamilton on Friday, Dec. 12, and proved a magnificent success, and that was followed by meetings in Clonclare and Newbridge on Sunday, and in Killyclogher on Monday. The result of the four meetings shows that, though, though there is no need to increase the power of the organization in North Leitrim, never were the people so strong and so united and never have they manifested so much confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party.

Tomery's estate, Mr. Herbert Shaw applied to the court to accept the proposals of tenants to purchase their holdings. Counsel stated that the whole estate is situate in County Leitrim. The tenants number 484, and the gross annual rental is 2,150 pounds; the average rent of each holding is 4 pounds 8s 4d. The estate was scattered, and the land was poor and mountainy. There was due to the Standard Life Assurance Company 33,800 pounds, of which 23,000 pounds is principal and 10,800 pounds interest. The proposals now before the court had been made by 207 out of the 481 tenants, the average price offered being nineteen and a half years of the rent. The total purchase money offered by these 207 tenants was 21,000 pounds, their rental being 1,095 pounds. They had all complied with the conditions of purchase, and the parties interested asked that the proposals should be accepted. Mr. Justice Ross accepted the proposals of the 207 tenants.

MAYO.—Mrs. Mary Maguire, of Roigh, died Dec. 11, aged 64 years. The funeral to Aghagower was one of the largest in many years. Rev. J. Higgins officiated at the interment.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Stenson, Sr., Balla, occurred Dec. 17. The sad event is widely regretted. Deceased was 60 years of age. Many years ago she was appointed schoolmistress of the Balla Normal School, a position which she retained up to a few years ago, when she retired on a pension.

On Dec. 14 a meeting was held at St. Patrick's National School, Castlebar, for the purpose of reorganizing a branch of the Gaelic League. The Rev. Paul McLoughlin, presided. There was a very large attendance of the general public. The Rev. Chair delivered a practical address

and requested all to become members of the Gaelic League.

ROSCOMMON.—The death of Mr. James Davitt, Chapel St. Boyle, happened Dec. 22, aged 55 years, after a long period of sickness. He was an adept at boat building, while the excellence of his fishing rods was well known to anglers, locally and cross channel. The funeral, which was large and representative, took place to Assylinn Cemetery, and was a fitting tribute to one so popular and gentle during life.

The death of Edward Tully happened on Dec. 19 at the residence of his father, Mr. William Tully, proprietor "Roscommon Journal." Roscommon. The deceased was the youngest son of the above gentleman, and his death is deeply mourned by the younger population. While undergoing a course of studies in Blackrock his health gave way and he came home in June last. On Saturday evening the remains were borne to the parish church, and on Sunday morning solemn requiem mass was offered up for the repose of his soul, the Rev. Michael O'Beirne, celebrant.

SLIGO.—Michael Joseph Gillen, son of Mr. William Gillen, pilot, Rosses Point, died Dec. 17, at the early age of 26 years, deeply regretted.

Father Brennan presided at meeting of members of the Soney Branch of the United Irish League Dec. 21, which was attended by P. Clarkin, P. Morrison, J. Meenan, H. Fowley, M. O'Boyle, J. Kilkenny, M. Coan James Gillin, J. Burke, J. Torsney, P. O'Boyle, J. McLoughlin, P. Loughlin, J. McGoldrick, B. McDermott, M. Colliery, P. Gilmour, J. McDonagh, P. Kelly, T. Gray, M. Coggans, M. Kelly, W. Flanagan, T. Torsney, T. Kelly, L. Torsney, Mr. T. J. McGoldrick, Clerk of Sligo Union was present. Several new members were enrolled. The chairman addressed the meeting in patriotic style. He exhorted those present to be true to the principles of the League, and if they were, in the near future, the light of freedom would shine on the Emerald Isle. He produced a receipt for £8 10s to the National Defense fund, £2 to the Association Estates Fund and £3 for affiliation fee all being forwarded during previous week.

The friends and patrons of Summerhill College, Sligo thronged the hall that serves as theatre to enjoy themselves. The college dramatic club staged the Irish historical drama "Robert Emmet" in splendid style. A charming selection of Irish airs were afterwards rendered by Mr. Franklyn on the violin.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—Mr. Timothy Flanagan, chairman of Corofin District Council, who was imprisoned under the Curlew Act, and whose confinement and treatment brought on typhoid fever, which unsettled his mind, is now making progress toward recovery of physical and mental health.

Mr. James Reidy presided at meeting of the members of the Corofin branch of the United Irish League held Dec. 21.

Mrs. McGrath, of Ballyblood, died recently at a good old age, deeply regretted by her family and friends. She was mother of Mr. Patrick McGrath, chairman of Tulla District Council. The funeral to the local cemetery was largely attended.

CORK.—The remains of Mr. John J. O'Connor arrived at Bantry from Dublin on Christmas Day and were conveyed to the Abbey cemetery. Deceased was managing director of the large and successful firm of Clery & Co., Ltd., Sackville street, Dublin, and brother of Mr. B. O'Connor, of Bantry. The officiating clergy were: Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, Bantry; Rev. J. O'Hea, Bantry; Rev. J. Coakley, Bantry; Rev. O'Connell, Bantry; Rev. J. O'Connor, Schull.

Thomas Cavanaugh, aged 83 years, a resident of Middle Haddam for over 50 years, who died Dec. 31, was born in Ireland and came to this country when a young man and engaged in farming. He married Miss Margaret Casey 23 years ago and she survives him, as do also four sons, Martin at Middle Haddam, John of East Hampton, George of Middletown, and James of New Haven, and two daughters, Mrs. Kate Griffin, of Middletown and Mrs. Mary Riley of Middle Haddam.

WATERFORD.—Borough Constable John Sullivan of Waterford City, died from heart disease on Dec. 20. He was an old and much respected employee of the City Council.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin recently ordained in the Cathedral Carlow, to the priesthood, the Rev. T. Gilroy and the Rev. P. Danagney. The newly ordained priests, who completed their studies at Carlow College will enter on their missionary-labor in the Diocese of Perth, Western Australia.

The coroner's jury that investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Mary Brennan, Carlow-Graigue, on Dec. 20, passed this resolution: That we desire, in the highest possible terms to commend the heroic conduct of John Collins

Sleaty street, Carlow-Graigue, who, at the imminent risk of his life, rescued Bridget Brennan (who was suffering from acute mania) from drowning in the River Barrow.

The funeral of the late Sister Philomena Phelan, of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Mary's Hospital, who died Nov. 12, was held on Nov. 14, from the Chapel of the Passion, corner of First and Harrison streets, San Francisco, Cal. Sister Philomena was 72 years of age, a native of the parish of Rathdowney, and was among the first of the apostolic band who under Mother Superior Russell established the Sisters of Mercy in California. She came of a family who gave several members to the church, one of her brothers being Rev. Father Phelan, a pioneer priest of the Pacific Coast, and now stationed at St. Vincent's, San Rafael, in Marin County. She has also a niece a sister at St. Mary's Hospital, known as Sister Ignatius.

DUBLIN.—The death of Very Rev. Canon Keon, pastor of Fairview, occurred Dec. 21. Canon Keon was ordained priest in 1856. He was curate in Clontarf, Arran quay, and Westland row, Dublin City, and was appointed parish priest of Fairview in 1879, and in 1885 was made a canon of the Archbishopric of Dublin. His death is deeply regretted by his parishioners and other numerous friends in the country.

A deputation representing the Dublin Corporation waited on the Lord and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House Dec. 20, and presented them with a silver cradle as a memorial, an interesting child having been added to the family during his term of Lord Mayor of London.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin Dec. 21, at a meeting of the friends of the Sacred Heart, Drumcondra, delivered a scathing condemnation of the infamous system of proselytism carried on in the city. He said that no authoritative protest against the continuance of this debasing and sinful traffic had come from the responsible pastors of that religious body in the interests of which it is carried on. The work of the tempter, he said, was the devil's work. It was a lamentable thing that a person in a position such as his had to hold aloof from connection with a charitable work on the ground that it was to some extent in Protestant hands. But this was an unavoidable result of the working of the proselytizing system—so long as that system continued to be patrolled by accredited representatives of Irish Protestants, and so long as those Protestants who hold the system in the same abhorrence that Catholics did—are unwilling to take the honorable step of making it plain to all the world that in their opinion the toleration so long extended by their fellow Protestants to what is known as the proselytizing system is a disgrace to Christianity.

The funeral of late Rev. Dr. Tynan, of Blanchardstown, Dublin, took place to Glasnevin, Dec. 23. The obsequies in St. Bridget's Church, Blanchardstown, which took place before the funeral started for Glasnevin, were attended by a very large concourse of the clergy and laity. Requiem mass was celebrated.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—Kane—Dec. 23, at Main street, Rathfarnham, William Kane, car proprietor. DUNNE—Dec. 22, at 17 Hammond street, Catherine Dunne, Seapark, Malahide. JUDGE—Dec. 23, at Stevens' Hospital, Dublin, John Chapman, son of the late Poyntz C. Gageborough, Horseleap, aged 47. DUNNE—Dec. 24, at 44 Chamber street, Loughlin Dunne, late of Clontarf and Newtown, Rathcool. EGAN—Dec. 24, at 18 John street, W., Bridget Egan. MCGARVEY—Dec. 25, at Oldtown, Christopher McGarvey, aged 33 years. BRIGHT—Dec. 25, at 123 Church street, Sarah Bright, aged 37. Fay—Dec. 25, at Jarvis Street Hospital, result of an accident, James Fay, for 34 years clerk in the Alliance Gas Company. TIERNEY—On Christmas day, Christopher Tierney, late 2 Spring Garden street. TIGHE—Dec. 26, at 10 Upper Buckingham street, Katie Tighe, aged 13 years. McDONNELL—Dec. 26, at 12 Upper Ormond quay, Margaret McDonnell. MCGRATH—On Christmas day, of pneumonia, Michael McGrath, 18 Mulgrave street, Kingstown, aged 24 years. MATHEWS—Dec. 26, at the N. D. Infirmary, North Brunswick street, Marianne Mathews, 46 Chapel street. COONEY—Dec. 23, at the Hospice Haroldcross, Agnes Gertrude Cooney, late of 39 Cornmarket and 46 Tritonville road, Sandymount. HEWSON—Dec. 16, drowned on board steamship Marlay, Michael Hewson; funeral from his father's residence, 1 Hewson's cottages, Newfountain, and street. KAVANAGH—Dec. 20, at 5 Cross Kevin street, Annie Kavanagh. DONHOE—Dec. 18, at Abbey View, Little Bray, Mrs. Mary Donhoe, aged 61 years.

KILDARE.—Mr. Edward Donnelly, of Roseberry Mills, Newbridge, died Dec. 18, deeply mourned.

On Dec. 18 took place the funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Kelly, Ballymore, to Crookstown Cemetery, after High Mass in the parish church, at which Rev. J. Hagan was celebrant.

KILKENNY.—Rev. D. O'Halloran, pastor of Muckalee, lately forwarded to the trustees of the Irish Parlia-

mentary Fund the sum of one hundred dollars, which was subscribed by the priests and people of that parish.

Patrick Power, a railway porter, was found dead on the railway line near Grannagh Bridge, a few miles from Waterford City, on Dec. 22.

Mr. Thomas Wall, High street, Kilkenny, died Dec. 14. He was founder of the well known dry good firm of Wall & Son. The funeral took place on Tuesday, when the remains were removed for interment to St. John's Cemetery, Office and High Mass having been celebrated at the cathedral. Most Rev. Dr. Browning, Bishop of Ossory, presided at the ceremonies.

KINGS.—The Nationalists of Luskagh and Killeehan have sent considerable donations to the Irish National Defense Fund. Reunions were made by Mr. T. Sullivan, Luskagh, and Mr. Daniel Mooly, Killeehan.

Mr. P. J. Monahan's Coercion prisoner in an interview, stated that M. Reddy, M. P., P. Glennon organizer, W. Lowry, Barr, and Hogan who were his fellow prisoners since his commitment to Tullamore were none the worse for their long incarceration. Glennon and Hogan were liberated on Jan. 2, while Messrs. Reddy and Lowry will not be liberated until March 2. All are being confined in default of bail on a charge of good behavior. Mr. Reddy, M. P., has another sentence of two months hanging in the balance at the conclusion of the present one.

LONGFORD.—Mrs. Mary Ledwith, Trarnard, died Dec. 7, aged 76 years, much regretted. The funeral to Knockduff Cemetery was very numerous attended.

LOUTH.—The members of the Louth branch of the United Irish League held a meeting at Hearens own Chapel Dec. 21 at which a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, a prominent member of the branch. After enrolling many members, the following officers were elected: Patrick Smith, president; Patrick Carpenter, vice president; James Callan, treasurer; James Key, secretary.

Most Rev. Mr. McSherry, Bishop of Port Elizabeth South Africa on a visit to the Right Rev. Monsignor Seagrave, St. Peter's, Drogheda, preached Dec. 21 at the last Mass in the Oliver Plunkett Memorial Church. At the close of a discourse on the dangers of a relapse into sin he referred to the pleasure he experienced in addressing a congregation of the people of Drogheda in that beautiful church which, at the cost of many sacrifices, they erected to the honor of God and in memory of the glorious Confessor of the Faith, the Martyred Primate, Oliver Plunkett. In his native parish there was an ancient graveyard in which was pointed out to him the grave of one of the wretches who had given false testimony at the trial in London against the saintly man whose memory the church commemorated. The exclamation in which the memory of that perjured wretch was held by the people of the entire diocese made deep impression on his own mind, and when in after years he became a student he devoted some time to the study of the life of that heroic Confessor of the Faith, and often thought what steps would be taken to perpetuate his memory in the future. They could then imagine the pleasure which he had as a priest in taking part in the ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the in Trim, per Mr. J. Darby and Mr. J. Gillean, recently forwarded fifty dollars to Mr. William O'Brien M. P. for the National Defense Fund.

Mr. Christopher Dowdall, of Crossacole, died Dec. 14, at the patriarchal age of 80 years. The funeral was very numerous attended.

named Daly in Clonbrock, executed in Maryborough jail; as that is the capital of the county where the crime was committed.

Mr. Thomas Bergin, Grangemore, Ballybrophy, died Dec. 23, aged 65 years. The funeral on Christmas day to Knockrool was very numerous attended.

WESTMEATH.—On Dec. 19 a breach of promise action, brought by Miss Bridget Johnson against Patrick Dolan, both of the farming class, County Westmeath, was listed for hearing, but a consent was come to the defendant agreeing to pay plaintiff \$2,500.

Dec. 20, at the residence of her brother, Michael Donohue, Ardavanah Mullingar, died Anne Donohue, Office and High Mass (Monday) in the Cathedral, Mullingar. Funeral same day from the Cathedral for Walshestown Cemetery.

WEXFORD.—The United Irish League and the Gaelic League are making numerous additions each week to the number of branches in the county. The people are assisting in a whole hearted manner the great national organizations, and will in the near future make Ireland genuinely Irish.

The priests and laity of Wexford mourn the death of Rev. Aidan Corish Courtmacduddy, which took place on Dec. 18, after a lingering illness. The deceased, who was a native of Ballymitty, was ordained eight years ago. Deceased was 34 years of age. On Saturday, Solemn Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated at which

the Rev. P. O'Connor, Dav'stown, presided.

WICKLOW.—A committee has been formed in Newtownmountkenedy for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League, and held a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. John Joseph Reilly.

At a recent meeting of the members of the Ashford Branch of the United Irish League, Mr. William Byrne, of Rathdrum, presiding, a resolution of condolence in the Irish Parliamentary Party was passed unanimously.

The death of Mr. William O'Toole, of 61 Moore street, New York, occurred on board the Oceanic bound for New York, Dec. 8. He was a native of Dúnlaighin and aged 26 years. The funeral to St. Bridget's Cemetery, Westbury Long Island, New York

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—The funeral of late Mr. Edward Malone, 157 Leeson street, Belfast, took place on Dec. 14. He was 70 years old. The Rev. F. Boyland, St. Paul's was present and officiated at the grave-site.

The inaugural meeting of the Century Catholic Literary Society was held on the evening of the 12th, inst. in the Lecture Hall of the City Royal Academy, Belfast, when Rev. J. Burns, Adm. St. Mary's, president of the society delivered an important address on the subject of Ireland for the Irish. Most Rev. Mr. Henry Bishop of Down and Connor was to preside, but the committee of the society gave way to the claims of the Rev. J. Lath at St. Mary's Hall, and Mr. Savage took the chair.

ARMAGH.—A terrible accident happened in Lurgan Dec. 19 by which William McDowell, 30 years old, almost lost his life. He drives a broad van for Inglis & Co., Belfast, and was returning to the yard in Church place and prior to entering the gateway was fixing some articles on top of the van when the horse rushed forward and as the top of the gateway is only some inches higher than the van McDowell was wedged in between the two, with the result that his breast bone was smashed and his lungs and heart injured. He was immediately removed to his residence where he was attended by Dr. T. B. Pedlow, and lies in a precarious condition.

The bigoted proceedings which which have taken place at the Armagh Board of Guardians during the past year in connection with the nursing question, and latterly in connection with the Catholic Catechists, have been instrumental in drawing down upon that "model" board the indignation of all fair minded men. The Protestant members are in the majority and have, in the most relentless fashion, exercised their power where lay and just Catholic interests have been at stake and the following extract from a letter received by Rev. Michael Quinn, Adm. Armagh, is a fair specimen of the intolerance of the Protestant Board. "The Northern Board, showing the contrast between the board and that of the Catholic guardians who exercise the majority on a Southern board. 'Rev. Sir, Having seen a report of a recent meeting of the Armagh Board of Guardians, I wish to contrast their action with a Nationalist board, the Clogheen Guardians. The chairman here, who is a magistrate, is a Catholic, and all the guardians are all of the same creed and so are the officials, with one exception, viz., the matron, Mrs. Steele, who is a Scotch woman and a Presbyterian. She has been here for the past thirty years. On the death, just twenty-two years ago, of her husband, who was a Protestant, the matron had to resign her office by regulation and was unanimously re-elected. Her brother-in-law, Mr. R. Steele, had been for many years master of Clogheen Union, and had also previously been master of Clogheen Union, although non-Catholic. The late clerk of the Union, a Protestant also, had been many years in office. A Protestant inmate here, may be said to be as rare as a 'white blackbird,' and yet the Protestant clergyman has a stipend from the rates. There is the toleration of gallant Tipperary and Rebel Cork for you. It should put to shame the local legislators of the Armagh board room.'

CAVAN.—Dr. J. A. McCabe, Principal of the Normal School, Ottawa, Canada, died suddenly in St. Patrick's Catholic Church recently. Dr. McCabe, who was a native of Knockbride, County Cavan was English professor in the Old Seminary, Cavan, thirty years ago.

The death of Thomas Farrelly, of Relaghan, occurred on Dec. 17, aged 74 years. The funeral to Moybologue was very largely attended, over forty vehicles and thirty horsemen following the hearse.

Derby.—The members of the Carrn-corn branch of the United Irish League have appointed the following to office pro tem: President, Mr. W. McGlinn; vice president, Mr. James Coyle; treasurer, Mr. W. Connolly; secretary, Mr. Patrick Corry, Jr., Bo-

light; assistant secretary, Mr. Michael McPhelony, Lisleen.

The bells in the Cathedral of St. Eugene's, Derry, on Christmas pealed forth in joyful melody to usher in the holy festival of Christmas in Derry-Columbelle. Nothing in recent times stirred the hearts of Catholic citizens to such a degree of sadness as did the knowledge that from the Cathedral tower on Christmas morning would be heard after many generations the "consecrated music of the bells." The chime was blessed in St. Eugene's Cathedral by Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty on Sept. 26 last. The chime consists of ten bells.

DONEGAL.—The Congested Districts Board is negotiating with the owners of Tory Island off the coast of Donegal, and of the townlands Meenacaddy and Altan on the mainland, for the purchase of the property.

A successful concert in connection with the Irish language movement was held in St. Congas hall, Cullinagh, on Dec. 12. The spacious hall was packed. The various items contributed all of which were Irish were heartily applauded. Mr. McClinchey moved a vote of thanks to Father O'Kane which was passed unanimously.

DOWN.—A very impressive ceremony took place recently in the Court of Mercy, Catherine street, Newry when a large number of young girls were enrolled in the Children of the Holy Angels. A large number received the sacraments in the Children of the Holy Angels school room which was decorated with banners and flags. The altar. The Most Rev. J. J. Adams, Adm. and the Rev. Joseph Doyle, spiritual director of the Children of Mary having blessed the medals and candles preached a most eloquent and impressive sermon on the grace which associates of the Children of the Holy Angels and of the Children of Mary enjoy. After the reception, the Bishop gave Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. The magnificent Litany of the Blessed Virgin and Tantum Ergo were sung by the convent choir. Among those present were Rev. D. Grant, Rev. Father Hammersley, O. P. The credit for most of the good work for the young is due to the Sisters of Mercy.

FERMANAGH.—The death of Mrs. Patrick McBrwen Drumamuck Knockbride Barbeborough occurred on Dec. 11 deeply regretted. The deceased whose maiden name was Clarke sprang from an ancient stock who have given to the church many good members. On her father's side she was niece of the Rev. Father James Clarke, Knockbride, cousin of the late Father J. Clarke, Mandabawn and grandniece of the late Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Clogher. On her mother's side she was niece of the late Father T. McMahon, Garrison, County Fermanagh, the late Father T. McMahon, Aghnamullen, East, a cousin of the Very Rev. Canon McMahon, Donaghmore. A large and respectable concourse followed her to the Churchyard of Knockbride, where the interment took place.

A meeting of the South Fermanagh Divisional Executive of the United Irish League was held in Enniskillen Nov. 27. Very Rev. Canon O'Connor Newtownbutler presided.

MONAGHAN.—The remains of Joseph Jackson were found on the railway very near Clones, Dec. 18. The jury called by the coroner found that he was killed accidentally by a train. Deceased was a milesman on the Derry line, and resided at Clonagun.

The annual meeting of Castleblayney Branch of the Gaelic League was held Dec. 14. Mr. Lavery presided and addressed those present on the reasons why the Gaelic League should be supported. After this the annual report was read it showed that great apathy prevailed among the members though there was a record of much good work done. The branch sent a delegate to the Oireachtas and two competitors to Feir Uadh, one of whom (Dan Marley) secured the prize for playing Irish airs on the pipes.

MONAGHAN.—On Nov. 22, at 10 o'clock, the neighborhood of Monaghan was the scene of an outrage upon Mrs. Maxwell, aged between 30 and 40 years, a widow, and resident of the town. Mrs. Maxwell's friends reside in Drumlinny, and she went to pay them a visit. When she was returning home her brother brought her part of the way in his cart, and when close to the town she told him to return, saying that she would complete the journey on foot. When passing along the Glen road she had reached a point turning off the highway known as Susan's lane, when a man came upon her, caught her round the body by his right arm, placed the left over her mouth, dragged her up the lane and threw her down, when she became unconscious. She had an umbrella and a parcel; both are missing. The circumstances were reported to the police, and though they have been made, in view of the outrage and murder recently perpetrated in Tyrone, some favor the notion that both crimes are the work of the same criminal.