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 Finnegan Fund has been inaugurated in County Galway. During the land league war Pairick Finnegan, Croughwell, was accused of murder and found guilty on false testimony. In fact, he was an innocent man, and that is now admitted. The poor's sentence of death was commuted to imprisonment for life. A few months ago he was liberated after being buried twenty years in a British dungeon. Of course he is broken down in health and unable to work; therefore the people are making provision for him; they consider him a victim of British vengeance.

The funeral of the late Mr. Fallon, Athenry, took place on Dec. 22 to St. Mary's cemetery. A large number from Athenry and Loughrea attended.

At the meeting of the Ballinasloe Guardians lately a letter was read from Mr. William Duffy, M. P., acknowledging the receipt of the Board's resolution about the reinstatement of the evicted tenants. He was glad that the Ballinasloe Guardians had the forethought to put this question before the Land Conference. They should not hamper their representatives on the Land Conference, but the Ballinasloe Guardians may be satisfied that the Irish Party would not accept a land bill that would not contain provision for the restoration of the wounded soldiers of the land war.

The two meetings announced to be held in the parish of Moniva on New Year's Day and proclaimed by the government, were held, one at midnight on Wednesday night, in the village of Curreferrin, and several meetings on Thursday in different parts of the parish, notwithstanding the army of police drafted into Monivea to suppress them. As soon as the proclamations were issued a copy was served on Mr. Thomas Higgins, chairman of the North Galway Executive United Irish League, and on Mr. McGann, secretary of the local branch. Arrangements were immediately made to hold a midnight meeting at Curreferrin. Word was sent around and the hour appointed Curreferrin was in a blaze. People came from all directions carrying torch lights, and a big fire was lighted on the top of the Knockroe, which was seen for miles around. About 11 o'clock p. m. Mr. Thomas Higgins, Mr. McGann, Mr. Lally, Mr. Tanniane and a large number from Ryehill and Monivea, accompanied by the Abbey and Menlvea Fife and Drum Band, arrived and the meeting commenced.

MAYO.—A new Town Hall in Westport was officially opened on Jan. 6, music, song and dramatic entertainment.

At the recent meeting of the Westport Board of Guardians, Jan. 9, Mr. P. J. Kelly presiding, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. John McHale, president of the West Mayo Executive, U. I. L.: "That we approve of the report of the Irish Land Conference, in which the representatives of the landlords and tenants agreed that the system of dual ownership of Irish land should be abolished. We trust this principle will be adhered to, in any land bill the government may introduce into the Parliament. Nothing less will settle the land question."

A vast demonstration of United Irish Leaguers was held in Claremorris on Jan. 6. It was the largest held during the past twenty years. The people came on foot from districts many miles apart and the attendance was supplemented by parties from Castlebar, Westport and Ballina. Some of the districts had their bands and banners, and at the commencement of the meeting the whole space in the centre of the town, at the point where the chief thoroughfare intersects, was densely packed. Very Rev. Archdeacon Kilkenny presided. He and William O'Brien Conor O'Kelly and Father McGinn delivered orations.

A fine meeting of Nationalists was held lately in Irishtown for the purpose of organizing a branch of the United Irish League. Mr. J. O'Donnell, M. P., drove out from Claremorris, and on entering the historic little town met with a very hearty reception. Large numbers were present from Ballindine and Milltown. Irishtown and surrounding districts turned out to a man, showing that the old spirit of patriotism was brilliant. The proceedings ended in a thorough organization of the "cradle of the Land League." On the proposition of Mr. P. Nolan, seconded by Mr. M. Garry, Rev. P. McGirr took the chair amid loud cheering. The Rev. Chairman said that he had to thank them for having asked him to preside over such a large meeting. They were there for the old, old cause: "Ireland for the Irish and the land for the People."

The funeral of the late Mr. Edward Hopkins, Swinford, took place Jan. 1 to Kilgeel, where Jan. 3 from the parish church a special mass for the de[illegible] was celebrated by the Very Rev Dean Staunton at 8 o'clock a. m., and solemn requiem high mass later, Rev. P. Cawley, Swinford, celebrant.

LEITRIM.—The person accused of having recently robbed the poor boxes in the Church of Saint Mary's, Carrick-on-Shannon, has been returned for trial at the coming quarter sessions.

Mr. John Breheny, of Battlebridge was found drowend in a drain Jan. 2 on the road between Leitrim and his home.

Mr. Thomas Moran of Dromahaire died lately in Sligo, aged 86 years, deeply mourned. The remains were conveyed to the Cathedral, Sligo, from whence they were borne to the cemetery.

ROSCOMMON.—The Boyle Municipal elections passed off without a contest. George W. Tully, J. McDrury and J. H. Callaghan being declared elected on Jan. 6.

Right Rev. Dr. John Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, is negotiating with the Congested Districts Board for the purchase of Loughglynn House and demesne for the purpose of converting the one hundred acres of land into a training place for agriculturists and the house into a technical training school. He intends to place both under the care of the Salesian Brothers.

Mrs. Sheerin, Bridgecartron, Ballyfarnon, died Jan. 4, aged 62 years, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to Killelan churchyard was one of the largest ever seen in the locality, and the long line of cars, horsemen, and pedestrians testified to the respect in which the family is held.

SLIGO.—Mr. John O'Dowd, M. P., and Mr. Peter Cawley,, Co. C, visited Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., in Sligo jail Jan. 3. Mr. Farrell is in good health and spirits and is receiveing visits from Nationalists.

The annual bazaar in aid of the Convent of Mercy, Sligo, was held in the Town Hall from Jan. 7 to Jan 9, and was a most successful function from all points.

The funeral of the late Mr. Francis J. Dolan, Sligo, took place Jan. 2. The cortege from Sligo to Carrickatemple was the largest ever seen in the district.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—Sister M. Adolphus Kerin, of the Convent of Mercy, Ennis, died January 8, aged 65 years. She was a member of an old and respected family of Ennis.

Brother James John Redmond, of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Ennistymon, died December 29. He was born in the city of Dublin, May, 1828. He was a pupil of the author of "The Collegians," Brother Gerald Griffin, of the Christian Brothers. At the early age of 16 years, Brother Redmond joined the Order and taught in many of the large towns in Ireland He was superior of the Christian Brothers in Nenagh, Enniscorthy, Kingstown, the Cabra Institution, Derry, and for the last ten years, Ennistymon. The inhabitants turned out "en masse" to pay the last tribute of regard to the departed. The remains were borne by the members of the sodality from the monastery through the principal streets, and back to the Brothers' little cemetery, where the interment took place. During the procession the sodality choir sung hymns, the bells of the parish church, the convent and the monastery were tolled.

Mrs. Mary O'Dea, mother of Rev. P. J. O'Dea, Roselevan, Ennis, died died January 1. Her remains were removed to the Cathedral the day following, and were accompanied by large and representative contingents from Doora, Barefield, and Ennis, by her immediate relatives.

CORK.—The death of Mr. James Dromey, merchant, Doumcara, near Macroom, occurred suddenly, January 7, and the sad event was deeply mourned.

The funeral obsequies of Sister Mary Michael (Lane) were held at the Clonakilty Convent on January 5. Deceased belonged to one of the most respectable families in Cork, ad had for years devoted herself to God's service. Rt. Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, presided.

An important meeting of the Dunmanway Coisde Coenntair was held on December 28 in St. Patrick's Hall, Dunmanway, to consider the report of Mr. Murphy, district teacher, on the progress of the movement in the district, and discuss schemes for the advancement of the same throughout the district.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—Williams—Jan. 5, at 7 Richmond Hill, Mary Williams.——Collins—On Jan. 4 at Garranjames, Mogeely, Hanorah Collins.—McCarthy—Jan. 5, at Glantane, Mallow Jeremiah McCarthy, at a ripe old age.——Murphy—On Jan. 5, at South Infirmary, Denis Murphy, formerly of Rathpeacon.——Riordan—On Jan. 4, at 23 Roche's Row, Annie Riordan.——Mulcahy—At 13 Ashburton, Mary Mulcahy.——Murphy—Jan 6, at Clonmacow, Kilmurry, John Murphy.——Peters—At Western Road, on Jan. 6, John J. Peters.——Corkery—On Jan. 6, William Corkery, Sr., tailor.——Moore—At Tallow, on Jan. 4, Joanna Moore, Ballyannon, Midleton, aged 82 years.——Bourke—On Jan. 5, at 10 Grattan street, Dr. John Bourke, M. D. late of Westport, County Mayo.——Collins—On Jan. 6, Willie Collins, 21 Mayfield.——Dromey—at Cooldaniel, James Dromey.——O'Leary—On Jan. 6, at Spa Walk, Mallow, Hanorah O'Leary daughter of the late Thomas Curtin Dromineen, Glantane, Mallow.——O'Carroll—On Jan. 2, at Lower Effin Charleville, Rev. Thomas A. O'Carroll of the Archdiocese of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, in the 57th year of his age and the thirty-second year of his priesthood.——Lucey—On Jan. 3, at 32 Shandon street, Mary Lucey.——Kelly—On Jan. 14, 14 South Mall, Louisa Kelly.——Bennett—On Jan. 3 at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington Road Anne Bennett.——O'Halloran—At 1 Marie Place, Windmill Road, Sarah O'Halloran.——O'Sullivan—On Jan. 3, Mary Bridget O'Sullivan, Main street, Macroom.——Aherne—Jan. 6, at Fountainstown, Hanora Aherne, in her 69th year.——Broderick—Jan. 7, at Glanmire, Bridget Broderick.——Cantillion—On Jan. 7, at Ballinlough, Blackrock, Patrick Cantillion.——Griffin—On Jan. 6, Patrick Griffin, Kilgobbin,——McAuliffe—On Jan. 7, John McAuliffe, Castleiyons.——O'Brien—On Jan. 7, at Sovereign street, Clonakility, Ellen O'Brien.

KERRY.—On Jan. 6, Father O'Leary's Irish play, "An Sprid" followed by a concert, was given at Cahirciveen, in aid of the O'Connell Memorial Church, now open for divine service, though unfinished and burdened with death. The entertainment was held in the butter market The performers acquitted themselves in fine style and gave satisfaction in the rendering of their parts. Mr. O'Donnell, M. P, delivered a practical speech in Irish and English.

In connection with the epidemic of typhus fever at Cahirciveen, which has now subsided, a death of a very sad nature has to be recorded, and one which has evoked deepest sorrow among the members of the House Committeemittee of the South Infirmary, Cork City, and the medicine and nursing staff of that institution. November last the epidemic made its appearance in Cahirciveen. Among the nursing Sisters selected to attend the fever-stricken patients was Miss Anna Fitzgerald, of Listowel, and one of the most prominent ladies of the highly trained and efficient nursing staff attached to the South Infirmary. Nurse Fitzgerald devoted herself with zeal to ministering to the needs of those committed to her charge, and so faithfully had she discharged her duties that great praise was bestowed upon her. The deceased had charge of the Fever Hospital, Cahirciveen, the permanent nurse, Miss Corcoran, with one of the Sisters of Mercy, both of whom have now recovered, having been prostrated with fever. When, however, the disease had almost been eradicated, the self-sacrificing Sister fell a victim to the malady. As a mark of respect to Miss Fitzgerald's memory, and in recognition of her services the Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan directed that high mass be celebrated Jan. 3 at the New Church, Very Rev. Canon celebrant.

LIMERICK.—Mr. John Hickey, of Croom, a sterling Nationalist, died Jan. 1, deeply and widely mourned.

On Jan. 2 took place the coercion prosecution of Mr. Jeremiah Buckley, B. L., of the Limerick Leader, Limerick City, for an article in his paper denouncing the coercive conduct of the government toward the Irish people, for exercising the privileges of rfreemen. He was sentenced to one month imprisonment.

TIPPERARY.—Mr. John McKeogh, Boher, died Dec. 20. The interment was in Ballina cemetery and the funeral was numerously attended.

On the Feast of the Epiphany in the church in Emly, Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel, blessed a beautiful pulpit made of marble. The ceremonies commenced with mass at 12 o'clock, celebrated by the Rev. M. Devane, Emly, after which His Grace formally unveiled and dedicated the pulpit. The base and column are of green serpentine, and the plinth, balustrade and steps are red marble. The upper part of the pulpit is of white marble, relieved with columns of onyx and other marbles. The plan of the pulpit is an irregular octagon; on the center panel is a group in relief representing the preaching of St. Alibe. The other panels are filled with foliage and tracing, and the shields contain emblems of the Passion and of the Evangelists.

The Very Rev. Canon Cahill, of Tipperary, died Jan. 3. During the past fifty years he was a prominent figure in the ranks of the Irish Nationalist movement. Canon Cahill was born in 1819, in the then portion of Mullenahone parish, subsequently transferred to Drangan. His ordination as priest took place in Maynooth in 1849, and since that time zealously worked out his sacred mission in Thurles, Tipperary, Knockavella, Murroe, Lattin, and finally Tipperary as pastor. Office, followed by Requiem High Mass, was solemnized in St. Michael's Church for the deceased. Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly Archbishop of Cashel, celebrant.

WATERFORD.—The Executive of the West Waterford branches of the United Irish League held a meeting in the town hall, Dungarvan, lately. Mr. P. F. Walsh, Tallow, presided and delivered a most patriotic address. The Government is persecuting Mr. Walsh for his support of the United Irish League.

The following is an extract from the annual report of Father Power, Diocesan Inspector of Waterford and Lismore: "The Irish prayers programme has been fairly taught in schools for which it is prescribed. In many cases the whole programme has not been gotten through and in a few cases, where teachers were only learners, the pronunciation was bad. There were four schools met with in which no effort had been made to teach Irish prayers, and to make matters worse two of the schools are in Irish speaking districts. In a surprisingly large number of schools Irish prayers have been taught where the Irish programme is not binding. The total number of children examined in Irish is 10,000, of whom 9,000 reside in County Waterford. As Mount Malleray Male (primary) School still retains its lead in this subject. It is awarded the gold medal offered for competition two years ago. The award is made with satisfaction, inasmuch as the winning school has gone far beyond the specifications, teaching not only the prayers, but the whole catechism in Irish."

Mr. Henry P. Lyman, editor of the Waterford Star, was liberated from Waterford prison on the morning of Jan. 6, where he had undergone a term of two months' imprisonment under the Coercion Act. A large crowd had assembled outside the prison gate to welcome him. On his liberation, Mr. Lynam was warmly shaken hands with by those who were afforded the opportunity of greeting him.

LIENSTER

CARLOW.—The United Irish League is extending its influence over the county i na way that gives the utmost pleasure to all who are truly National in feeling.

DUBLIN.—Mr. T. McCarthy editor of the Irish People, Dublin, on Jan. 7, was conveyed to Mountjoy Prison, Dublin, to serve two months' imprisonment under the Coercion Act, for publishing United Irish League reports.

At a meeting of the Privy Council held in Dublin Castle, Jan. 3, Lord Mayo, for the first time, was sworn in one of the Lord Justices of Ireland, to administer the country in the absence of Lord Dudley in the South of France. Lord Mayo was one of the landlords' representatives at the recent conference on the land settlement questoin in Dublin.

Mr. John Dillon, M. P., arrived in Dublin Jan. 8. He said: "We had a delightful voyage and I feel improved in health. The doctors, however, say that after so severe an illness I should take no part in public affairs before the opening of the session of Parliament in February. Mr. Dillon has recovered from the severe illness which he suffered during his visit to the United States.

On Jan. 7 Mr. Joseph F. Keogh, held an auction of the effects of the late Mr. Patrick Boylan at Avoca Villa, Meath, Road, Bray. The auction was attended by four hundred persons. After selling the drawing room effects the crowd descended into the hall to reach the billiard room, where the auction was proceeding, when the hall floor gave way, and forty persons were in a minute a mass of human figures struggling amid statuary, hall stands, clocks and kindred furniture. Fortunately no person was seriously hurt.

Patrick Cone and John Fagan, proceeding along the strand last week, found the left hand of a man, apparently freshly cut off from the wrist, lying opposite the tram shed. Two me narrived while the youngsters were examining their find and took it away with them.

KILDARE.—The people of the town and district of Monasterevan will take advantage of the Compulsory Education Act, and for that purpose a committee has been appointed. The committee fixed Jan. 10 for the purpose of electing a secretary and inspector.

KILKENNY.—The funeral of the late Rev. Walter Walsh, P. P., Ballyhale, took place on Jan. 4 and was one of the largest that has ever taken place in the Ossory diocese, people from all parts of the diocese as well as from Waterford, attending to testify to the esteem in which the reverend gentleman was held The interment took place in the cemetery attached to the church in Ballyhale. The reverend celebrant of the high mass was the Rev William Cassin, Adm., St. Mary's.

KING'S.—Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe, of Sharragh, Rathcabbin, died on Christmas Day, deeply regretted. The funeral to Ardcroney was numerously attended.

Mr. Hogan, Birr, who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Removables at Birr under the Coercion Act, was liberated Jan. 2 with M. Glennon. Mr. Reddy, M. P., who was sentenced on the same occasion, is still in prison.

An Irish concert was held in Banagher on New Year's night. It was organized in aid of the National schools of the parish, and held under the patronage of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Reddy. There was an overflow attendance and the numbers on the program were most warmly received.

LONGFORD.—Mr. Thomas Devine, Richmond street, Langsford, Jan. 6, was married to Miss Forrest, Clorncoose.

A concert in aid of St. Mary's church was held in Granard on Jan. 6. It was a grand success.

LOUTH.—Hon. Sir Daniel Dixon Lord Mayor of Belfast, has purchased Ravensdale Park, a fine seat in County Louth, situated between Dundalk and Newry, near Carlingford, Lough It was formerly the residence of the Fortescues, of Domiskin, and for some time was the Irish seat of Lord Carlingsford and Clermont. The demesne is a very fine one, beautifully wooded, and the mansion handsomely and elegantly appointed. For the last few years the house has been occupied by Mr. G. A. Tonge, a wealthy London merchant. Sir Daniel Dixon does not intend in acquiring this fine property to leave Ballymenoch.

MEATH.—At the monthly meeting of the Trim Urban Council Mr. James Higgins, chairman, presided at the meeting. Mr. L. M. Sheridan handed in the following notice of motion, viz: "I will move at the next meeting of this council that the Trim streets be renamed and that the new names be put up in Irish characters."

Rev. Richard Blake, pastor of Kilbride, died Jan. 2, deeply regretted. He was born at Ladyrath, Navan, in 1817, and at an early age entered Maynooth College, in which he was ordained. Leaving Maynooth, he spent some years in Paris at the Irish college. In 1862 he was appointed C. C. at Trim, where he labored for some years. From Trim he was transferred to Moyvore, County Westmeath, and there he ministered for seven years. In 1872 he was appointed parish priest of Kilbride, Dunderry and Robinstown in which parishes he labored with zeal and piety to the close of his long and busy career.

QUEEN'S.—Miss M. A. Piercy, Kildellig, was found dead in her room on Jan 4. A gun, which was just discharged, was found in the room Deceased, on regaining consciousness, said she was sorry for it.

Right Rev. Monsignor Murphy, pastor of Maryborough, was one of those who composed the Irish pilgrimage to Rome last October. On Jan. 4, in the Catholic Young Men's Society, to commemorate this event, Rt Rev Monsignor Murphy was presented with a magnificent album, having this inscription on it: "Address from the people of Maryborough to the Right Rev Monsignor Murphy, D. D." The design is Celtic, and the interlacing and ornamental lettering are neatly executed after the designs from the Book of Kells. The first page contains hand painted views of the Town Hall, the parish church and the Rock of Dunamaise. On the title page is a photogarph of Monsignor Murphy, and a painting of the parochial house with the heading of the address in Celtic lettering. Then followed the address with the names of the subscribers with which were introduced views of the Presentation Convent, the Christian Brothers' Schools, the round tower of Kildare, St. Peter's, Rome and the Papal Arms.

WESTMEATH.—Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Lord Bishop of Meath, held an ordination in the chapel of the Presentation Convent, Mullingar, Jan. 4, when Rev. James O'Reilly was admitted to the priesthood. A large number of friends of the young clergyman was present.

WEXFORD.—The distribution of prizes to those successful at the first County Wexford Feis from the Rathgarogue school, took place on Jan 4, in order to make the occasion enjoyable a Ceilidh was held. The Rev. Father Hunt, O. S. A., New Ross, explained how the Gaelic League was aiming for an Irish Ireland by the restoration of the language, customs and music. The reverend chairman introduced Father Murphy, M. S. S., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the County Committee. In his address he alluded to the distinctions achieved by the children of the Rathgarogue School one of the pupils having secured a first prize at the County Wexford Feis. Great credit was due to Father Bolger, Rathgarogue, for encouraging the teaching of the national language in his schools and for his efforts to have the language revived as the national language. A great number of songs and orations in Irish were delivered and the Irish dances were gone through

WICKLOW.—John Parker, farmer, aged 85 years, a resident of Ballygriffin, was found drowned in gripe on his farm on Jan. 3.

The remains of a man, name unknown, were found in the Wicklow Mountains, in the district of Donara Police Barracks, on Jan. 8. An inquest was held and a verdict of death caused by exposure was rendered. The remains appeared to have lain several weeks on the mountain.

An inquest was held on Dec. 31, at Arklow, on the body of a young woman Emily Kelly, a servant in the employment of the Rev. Dr. Bluett, rector of Delgany. Mr. James Murray, Coroner for East Wicklow, held the inquiry, at which it transpired that deceased, while walking the previous day with her fiance, Charles Howard, in the neighborhood of Killencarrig, suddenly fell dead on the road. They were returning from Blacklion when near Burnaby Farmyard Lodge she felt dizzy, and at the same moment fell down. Dr. Eciles, medical officer, stated that death was due to syncope, aggravated by tight lacing.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—W. H. Macartney, Tory member of Parliament, for South Antrim, has been appointed deputy master of the mint in London.

A concert was held in Ballycastle New Year's night, under the [illegible] of the members of the Catholic [illegible] which was attended by four hundred persons.

The Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction of the Antrim County Council have inaugurated an important factor in the agricultural development of the country It is a model farm near Cullybackey The farm has been constructed on the banks of the Leade, a small stream branching off the river Maine, at the lower end of the village. Mr. William Young, Fenaghy, gave the committee the site for five years at twenty-five cents per year. The farm covers about four acres.

ARMAGH.—Sister O'Shea, of St. Catherine's Convent of the Sacred Heart, Armagh, died at the convent January 3. She had been teacher in the institution for the past fifty years and was much loved by all her pupils—apst and present The obsequies took place on January 5 in the convent chapel. Cardinal Logue presided, and Rev. Michael Quinn, Adm., officiated as celebrwant.

The annual meeting of the Armagh Catholic Reading Room was held Jan 4, Rev. Michael Quinn, Adm., (president), in the chair. There was a very large attendance of members. The statement of accounts was submitted, showing a balance to credit.

CAVAN.—The funeral of Mrs. Rose Flood Lower Bridge Street, Belturbet took place December 9 to the ancient cemetery attached to Drumlane Abbey, and was numerously attended. Father John Brady officiated at the interment and at the requiem services in the church.

DERRY.—Rev. Francis O'Neil pastor of Iskaheen, died January 7, deeply mourned by his parishioners.

Mr. Gilbert Craig, solicitor, Derry, was found dead in the Continental hotel, Paris, December 30. It was stated that he was returning from Monte Carlo.

With regret we chronicle the death of James Donohue, aged 11 years, which happened on January 5 at his home, No. 11 Wellington street, Derry He was second son of Mr Michael Donohue, a highly respected citizen of Derry. The funeral was very numerously attended.

DONEGAL.—Mr. John O'Donnell, of the Postoffice, Bruckless, died Dec. 23, aged 70 years. The funeral, which was the largest and most representative in the district for many years, bore testimony of the esteem in which deceased was held The interment took place on Christmas Day after the masses, at Killaghtee. The Rev. P. A. Dunley officiated

During the recent thunderstorm which passed over County Donegal, the parochial house of Drumkeen was destroyed by a thunderbolt. The house, which was intended for the curate, Rev. John McAteer, was almost ready for occupation. Intelligence was received by the constabulary at Letterkenny, on January 7, that Patrick McClafferty, farmer, near Derryhassen, Carrigart, had been struck dead by lightning. The deceased was 40 years of age.

Rev. Francis O'Neill, pastor of Upper Moville, died January 7, after a long period of sickness. He was ordained in Long Tower Church by late Rt. Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Derry, forty years ago. His first mission was in the parish of Urney, subsequently Donaghmore, and lately Iskaheen. During his life he was the uncompromising foe of felonious landlordism and true firend of the tenants of Ireland. A vast concourse of laity and clergy attended the Solemn Requiem services and the funeral.

DOWN.—Hugh Finlay, Rathfradam street, Banbridge, died suddenly Jan. 7, aged 57 years.

FERMANAGH.—Father Joseph Cullivan, of Aghabog parish, died Jan. 5, aged 58 years, deeply regretted. He was a native of Eskra.

James Scalan, who resided near Irvinestown, on the road to Ederney, was found dead on the mountain there Deceased, who was 96 years of age, went on Jan. 3 to cut rods, and not having returned at the usual hour his family became alarmed and a search was made with lanterns, but to no avail. He was found on Monday morning lying on his back with his arms stretched out, his stick in one hand and a reaping hook in the other. He was partly covered with snow, from which it is inferred he had fallen before the storm began.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Nationalists of the parish of Derrygonnelly was held lately in a field a short distance from the town for the purpose of reorganizing the branch of the United Irish League.

MONAGHAN.—The remains of Patrick Gavin, aged 24 years, of Aghabog, were found in the canal at Smithborough on January 4. He had been missed since December 20 last.

Father Joseph Cullivan, pastor, of Aghabog, died January 5, aged 58 years, deeply regretted. Father Cullivan was a native of Eskra, Fermanagh. During life he was an earnest worker in the National cause.

Christopher Mullen, Rackwallace, was found dead on the roadside near his home recently. He had been in Ballybay, and the weather being extremely cold he succumbed.

TYRONE.—Miss Mollie Devlin, a daughter of Mr. James Devlin, Market street, Onagh, died on Christmas Day, aged 16 years.