

OUR IRISH LETTER

FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND. ... Being Done by the People ...

CONNAGHT

BALLYVAUGHAN.—The premises owned by Messrs. McDonnell & Co., Tuam, were destroyed entirely by fire on Jan. 5.

On Christmas Day the death of Mr. Patrick Garvey, Dillonbrook, occurred, and the great regret of the people of the surrounding districts.

On Jan. 15, Feast of St. Ita, Miss Alice Walsh, daughter of the late Mr. M. Walsh, Mooncoin, was professed a religious in the convent of the Presentation Order, Clonmel.

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On Jan. 11, a meeting of the Nationalists of Keesh and localities was held after mass outside the chapel grounds, under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League.

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CARLOW.—Sister Mary Dominie-Laborer of the Presentation Convent, Carlow, died Jan. 16, deeply regretted.

DUBLIN.—The seventh circetas of the Gaelic League will be held on week commencing May 11.

On Jan. 17, the funeral took place of Mr. James Fitzgerald, who for twenty years was a member of the Dublin

Fire Brigade. The coffin, which was removed from his late residence, Clarendon street, was placed on a fire escape carriage and covered with the city flag, on which rested his helmet.

The Bellebridge Branch Technical School, Shelbourne Road, was formally opened Jan. 13. The school is a commodious and well equipped building.

KILDARE.—Miss Kate Kelly, Great Canal, street, Newbridge, died Jan. 13, after suffering three weeks' sickness. Miss Kelly was a member of a respected County Kildare family, and was sister to the Rev. Jeremiah Kelly, parish priest of Rhode, King's County.

KING'S.—Reports from the districts around Tullamore show that the flooding consequent on the recent snow storm is extensive, although, fortunately, no damage of a serious character has been reported.

LONGFORD.—Mr. John R. Jann, of the Longford Journal, was lately married to Miss Lottie Ormonds, of Edinburgh. The bride is a famous violinist.

LOUTH.—Rev. Father Corry, of St. Mary's parish, Drogheda, was the recipient lately of a most complimentary resolution of thanks from the Dunsloughlin branch of the United Irish League for his patriotic support of the Irish Party and the National organization.

MEATH.—Mr. Patrick Reid, aged 55 years, of Dunsloughlin, was drowned in the River Liffey, near the O'Connell Bridge, Dublin, on New Year's Day. Deceased had been in the British army in South Africa during recent war.

QUEEN'S.—The death of Patrick Coady, only surviving son of Mr. Andrew Coady, Timahoe, happened on Jan. 1, at the early age of 27 years, deeply regretted.

WESTMEATH.—Judge Curran, at the Quarter Sessions, held in Mullingar Jan. 12, complimented the grand jury on the very peaceful condition of the County Westmeath.

The swollen condition of the Royal Canal Jan. 9, caused a breach in the banks at Clonoweney, three miles from Mullingar, and the water burst over the surrounding country.

Catholic. The large cortege which accompanied the remains to their last resting place on Monday testified to the esteem in which he was held.

WICKLOW.—The Graystone Gaelic Athletic Tournament was continued on Sunday in rather fine weather, when Rathnew met the Emmet's of Bray in friendly rivalry.

On Jan. 8 a meeting of the Gaelic class, held at the class rooms, St. Patrick's road, Wicklow, Mr. James Gerson, on behalf of the Wicklow Branch of the Gaelic League, presented the Rev. Michael Clarke a collection of books, containing, in the Irish language, Irish stories, songs and poetry.

CLARE.—Mrs. O'Grady, widow of the late John O'Grady, cattle dealer, Ennis, died suddenly at her home in that town on January 14.

CORK.—Sister M. Angela Hegarty, daughter of Mr. John Hegarty, Millshane, Cloynne, was professed a religious in the Order of Mercy, in the Convent at Hull, England.

Mr. Thomas O'Brien, National School Teacher, of Castleview, near Macroom, on Dec. 31, was returning from Dunmanway in his own trap and pony, unaccompanied, and at nine o'clock a boy named Thompson, in the employ of Father English, O.C., found his body lying on the roadside and the upturned cart, near Coldirehy.

On St. Stephens night a concert was given under the auspices of the Inchigeela branch of the Gaelic League. The entertainment was held in the boys' school. There was a large and appreciative audience.

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national school, on January 11. Rev. Father Carmody presided. The room was filled, and a great number was unable to gain admission.

Recent deaths in Cork.—McCARTHY.—On Jan. 12, at 25 Dyke Parade, John McCarthy.—DOYLE.—On Jan. 11, Michael Doyle, funeral from South Chapel for St. Joseph's cemetery.

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which was successfully performed. The injured man remained in a very critical condition, and but little hope is entertained for his recovery.

WATERFORD.—Mrs. Martin Barron Mountain View, Ferrybank, Waterford, died Jan. 12, after a short period of sickness. Her husband wed but a few weeks previous.

Mr. Harry Fisher, of the Munster Express, is a candidate for the office of Mayor of Waterford City, for 1903. Mr. Fisher's paper did fine work for the Irish cause in the days of the Land League, and his election would be appreciated in the city, and in the counties of Waterford, Kilkenny, Wexford and Tipperary.

ANTRIM.—The Right Hon. William James Pirrie, LL. D., Belfast, was born of Irish parents in Quebec. He returned home at an early age and when fifteen years old entered the shipbuilding yard of Harland & Wolff, and now he is chief owner, one of his majesty's privy councillors, ex-Lord Mayor of Belfast, a deputy lieutenant, a magistrate, an ex-High Sheriff of several counties, and an honorary doctor of laws, besides being the first honorary freeman of the city of Belfast.

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An extraordinary scene was witnessed on the streets of Belfast Jan. 7. Mr. Arthur Trew, responsible for the establishment of the Belfast Protestant Association, announced a meeting to be held in Sandy Row, but which took place at the custom house steps.

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ARMAGH.—Charles Garvey, aged 35 years, of Mullinary, was found dead on the road, near Charlemont, Jan. 11. Death was caused by exposure.

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