

OUR IRISH LETTERS

NEWS FROM ALL THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Various Items From Every Section of the Empire.

CONNAGHT

GALWAY.—Mr. Willie Duffy, M. P., undergoing a second sentence of three months imprisonment in Galway Jail, was visited Jan. 19 by Mr. T. G. Quinn and Mr. Thomas Higgins. The death of Sister Xavier Reid, of the Presentation Convent, Galway, occurred lately, and was deeply mourned. She belonged to an old and respected Galway family, was a daughter of the late Andrew Reid, Eyre Square, and a relative of Sir A. Reid, late chief commander of the Royal Constabulary of Ireland. The obsequies were attended by the Bishop of Galway, the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack and many clergy. The remains were laid at rest in the convent grounds.

LEITRIM.—Mr. Patrick J. Coghlan, of High street, Drumshanbo, died recently at the age of sixty-nine years, deeply regretted. The funeral to Hunt Street cemetery was very numerous attended.

MAYO.—The death of Mrs. Winifred Madden, of Donamans, Castlebar, occurred Jan. 21, deeply and widely regretted. She was mother of Rev. Father Madden, Athlone. After office said high mass in Belcarra Church, the funeral took place to the ancient cemetery at Drum, and was very numerous attended.

Mr. Egan, N. T., and Mr. Edward Shannon, Glenties, devote an hour every Sunday, after last mass, to teach the youth of the district in the language of their fathers. The classes are very largely attended and much progress is shown by the young and all to acquire a better knowledge of the Irish language.

At the fine old age of 85 years, Mr. William Tyler, of Carrubeke, passed away on Jan. 10. The funeral to the Kiltubha cemetary was the largest seen during many years past.

A meeting of the members of the Kiltubha Branch of the United Irish League, presided over by Rev. D. O'Hara, P. P., was held in the town hall Jan. 18, when the work of reorganization for the present year was proceeded with. Forty-nine new members were enrolled, making a total of 523.

ROCSOMMON.—Mr. Martin Nagle, Carraghroo, was found drowned in a drain near his house Jan. 18. He was aged 40 years. His demise was widely regretted.

Mr. Patrick McDermott of Kings-Jack, was found dead in his dwelling Jan. 19. He was aged 60 years. An inquest was held and a verdict of death from natural causes rendered.

The death of Mr. John Gunn, Carraghroo, took place on Jan. 16, at an advanced age. The deceased was a steady Nationalist and was much respected by all classes. He was a member of the Stokestone District Council.

SLIGO.—Councillor McGuire of the Sligo Council of Sligo, has been elected Mayor of the town of Sligo for 1903.

On Jan. 18, at the Ursuline Convent, St. Joseph's, Sligo, Miss Jane Cogan, of Keshoore, Sligo (in religion, Sister Mary Catherine) received the white veil. The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of the diocese.

Mr. T. O'Dowd presided at the meeting of the members of the Templeby Branch of the United Irish League, immediately after opening the meeting adjourned on account of the death of a respected native of the parish—Thomas Sexton, of Kilturk, who departed this life at the patriarchal age of 91 years. He witnessed during the years of his manhood the uprooting of many of the ancient families of the parish, and the wholesale clearance of the populous and prosperous villages of upper, central and lower Baljyregan, being himself one of the victims—few of whom remained to tell the tale of woe caused by the vile tyranny of the arch-exterminator, Capt. King, of evil memory. His funeral cortege was a large and respectable one. The parish priest, Rev. John J. Melvin, officiated at the graveside.

LINENSTER

CARLOW.—On Jan. 20 the marriage of Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, inland revenue office, Enniscorthy, and Miss Hogan, Garryhill, Carlow, was celebrated in the chapel of Drumpha. The marriage was performed by Rev. Jas. Blaker, Curbury, County Kildare, uncle to the bride, assisted by Rev. James Hughess Myshal (celebrant of the nuptial mass) Rev. Michael O'Brien, Paulestown, County Kilkenny; Rev. Wm. Mahor, Myshal, and Rev. Patrick Murphy, M. S. S., Enniscorthy.

On Jan. 16 Sister M. Dominick died at the Presentation Convent, Carlow, in the twelfth year of her religious life. She bore her illness with exemplary patience and resignation. Her remains will be much felt by the community. The interment took place Sunday in the cemetery of the community, adjoining the Cathedral. There was a representative assemblage of the people of Carlow, members of the Confraternity of the Children of Mary, and a large number of the children attending the schools. Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, officiated at the last prayers at the graveside.

DUBLIN.—A successful concert in Irish was held under the auspices of the members of the Lord Edward Fitzgerald Branch of the Gaelic League before a large and appreciative audience. The proceedings opened with an Irish chorus by the boys' choir, which was rendered in excellent time and tune.

Recent deaths in Dublin.—**MURTAGH.**—Jan. 17, the result of an accident Teresa Murtagh, 110 Abbey street at an advanced age.—**PURCELL.**—Jan. 18, at the Dominican Convent, Cabra. Sister M. Stanislaus Purcell, in the 84th year of her age and the 65th of her religious life.—**FOGARTY.**—Jan. 18, at Bank street Templemore, Nora Mary Fogarty.—**Boiland.**—Jan. 17, at 42b Great Brunswick street, Arthur Boiland.—**SMITH.**—Jan. 20, John Michael, Palmerstown, postman of Chapelisod District.—**SMYTH.**—Jan. 21, at Pyro Villa, Cork street, John Smyth.—**LEE.**—Jan. 20, at St. Anne's Bohernabreena, Joseph Lee, in the 70th year of his age.—**LYNAM.**—Jan. 20, at 48 Mountjoy Square, Inspector Thomas Lynam, 49 years.—**BLIGH.**—Dec. 26, at Fyzabad, Bengal, India, Michael Bligh, aged 27 years, late of a Company, 1st Royal Irish Rifles, eldest son of Michael Bligh of Carrigrohane, Ennis & Son, Ltd.) 17 King's Inn street, Dublin.—**MAONAMARA.**—Jan. 17 at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Margaret Maonamara, late of 28 North Summer street.—**CAMPBELL.**—Jan. 20, at 27 Mountjoy Square, Rosina, John Campbell.—**CARY.**—At Clonmelon, James Cary, aged 30 years.—**WHITE.**—Jan. 19, at Our Lady's Hospice, Haroldscross, Mary Anne White, of 41 Haroldscross street.—**KEOGH.**—Jan. 19, at the Meath Hospital, Edward Keogh, late of 10 Lower Clanbassill street.—**DARCY.**—Jan. 17, James Darcy, aged 25 years, son of Mr. Christopher Darcy, Fenner, Kilkucan.—**MOLONY.**—Jan. 19, at Clonmoher, Bodyke, Martin, late beloved father of Rev. Martin Molony, St. Mary's College, Rathmines.

KILDARE.—A Concert was held in the Town Hall, Athy, on Jan. 20, in presence of a large audience. The items on a well selected program were enjoyed. Mr. W. P. Delaney was well received in his masterly selections of the violin.

On Jan. 16 there was a successful concert in the National School, Rath, inaugurated in honor of the Balybrittas Band. The band marched up and played a selection outside the schools. A considerable number of people were all welcomed by the school secretary, Mr. Dease, and his party.

KILKENNY.—Alderman Patrick Hoyle, Mayor of Kilkenny, has been re-elected Mayor of the city for the ensuing year.

Mr. Michael O'Keefe, Castlefield House, Thomastown, died Jan. 13, at the patriarchal age of 80 years. Office and high mass for the repose of the deceased's soul were held in Tallowberin Parish Church.

KING'S.—A singularly sad fatality occurred at Annabargey, near Tullamore, on Jan. 16, involving the death of James Scally, aged 55, of Newtown, Jeashill. Deceased was in Tullamore at the cattle fair, and left for home about 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. On the following morning a man named Hector found the horse and cart overturned on a byroad far from the house where Mr. Scally lived. A portion of his overcoat was attached to the cart and footprints were observed leading along a narrow boreen in the direction of the open bog. A searching party being formed, the body was found, lying on the left side, in a bog hole, the head and face being clear of the water. It was evident that death was due to exposure and cold.

Mr. Michael Hogan, of Birr, paid the first visit to his colleagues since his liberation from Tullamore Jail, after three months under the Coercion Act.

The members of the Colmelina Branch of the Gaelic League in Tullamore are doing good for the revival of the Irish language.

LONGFORD.—Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., for Longford, was liberated from Sligo Jail Jan. 23, on completing two months' imprisonment on 64 months in lieu of finding bail, under the coercion act. Mr. Farrell was convicted for publishing an alleged intimidatory report in the Longford Leader.

LOUTH.—Members of the Monknewtown Branch of the United Irish League held a meeting Jan. 18. Mr. John Conway, president, in the chair.

The project for the establishment of a free library in Drogheda is being pushed forward with dispatch. Following on Mr. Carnegie's offer to give \$5,000 for the erection of suitable buildings, the Corporation has given a free site in Fair street and Mr. Carnegie has expressed his agreement with the terms of the lease. At a meeting of the Free Library Committee held on Jan. 22, at which the Mayor presided, and at which there attended the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Segrave, St. Peter's; Rev. Mr. Ledoux, rector of St. Peter's and Alderman McCullough, instructions were given to advertise for plans for the new building.

MEATH.—Mr. John Denning, of Balam, Navan, died Jan. 15 aged 78 years, deeply regretted by his friends in Ireland and in the United States. The funeral to the ancient cemetery of Kiltubha was very largely attended.

QUEEN'S.—At recent Quarter Sessions for Ballinakill Division, held in the Court house, Abbeyliscan, a landlord named Percy R. Bernard obtained decrees for the eviction of these tenants: William Kenna, Cullohill; John Mahon Jr., Martin Phelan and John Dunphy.

On Jan. 18 two men residing near Maryborough and Ballin, were interred, each of whom had exceeded in years the century. Michael Smith, whose age was about 104 at the lowest calculation, had enjoyed excellent health up to a short time ago, and he was never known to have suffered from any ailment. He passed quietly away on Jan. 18. His age is accounted for with some accuracy, as some of the old men from eighty to ninety years of age well recollect him as a young man when they were children. Timothy Lalor was reported to have reached the age of 101; his age was also well authenticated. He was not so strong as the late Mr. Smith, and he was for some time unable to leave his bed.

Rev. R. Bourke, pastor of Portarlington, presided at a recent meeting of the Young Men's Society of that town, when the reports relating to the society were read and approved.

WESTMEATH.—Mr. Charles O'Donoghue, Chairman Westmeath County Council, lies seriously ill at Ballinahown Court, Athlone. His brother, The O'Donoghue of the Glens is at Ballinahown.

James D'Arcy, son of Mr. Christopher D'Arcy, was returning from Drumree Mills Jan. 17, driving a cart laden with meal. When near his house, one wheel ran upon the bank, causing the vehicle to overturn and crush him against the ground. The frightened horse struggled and broke loose, but before doing so the cart was dragged on to young D'Arcy's head, inflicting fatal injuries. The arrival of the animal at the farm had caused alarm and a search party went out, finding the overturned cart and the unfortunate man's body not far from the avenue gate.

WEXFORD.—The oldest woman in the County Wexford died in the New Ross on Jan. 19, in the person of Mary Leamy, aged 104, a native of Rosbercon.

Moses Null, of Enniscorthy, was killed at the railway station, Gorey, on Sunday, Jan. 18. Deceased was aged 22 years. It appeared that he had traveled from Ferns that day to see a girl to whom he was engaged to be married.

The Venerable Archdeacon Furlong D. D. Gorey, delivered a lecture on "The Cross and the Crescent" in the lecture hall of the Christian Brothers' Schools Gorey, Jan. 21. The lecture was delivered under the auspices and in aid of the Gorey Young Men's Catholic Society. Great numbers of the people of the town and country districts were present.

The annual meeting of the Enniscorthy Branch of the Gaelic League was held in the League rooms, Church street, Jan. 21, for the purpose of selecting officers and committee for the ensuing year.

WICKLOW.—Mr. Collier, the New York publisher, and a County Wicklow man, at present in Ireland, is said to be the only Irish-born member of the New York Four Hundred. He rose from being book agent in the States to a New York publisher. His son, who edits Collier's Weekly, is married to a daughter of the millionaire house of Astor.

Among the deaths in the county were those of: Jan. 14, at Rathdrum, Mr. Henry Dunphy, formerly of Blackwater, aged 57 years; Jan. 12, 1903, at Barnamella, Johanna Dillon, aged 91 years; Jan. 17, at Coolpluke, Rathdrum, William Farrar, aged 81 years.

The quarterly meeting of the Arklow National Teachers' Association was held on Jan. 17, in the Arklow National School. Mr. Keogh presided.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—The return home of Mr. Timothy Flanagan caused the utmost rejoicings at Corofin. At night time all the houses were illuminated and tar barrels were lighted and carried through the streets, cheers being given again and again for the ex-political prisoner. Mr. Flanagan's health being still delicate, he returned home quietly, avoiding all excitement. He complains bitterly of his treatment in the Limerick asylum.

An impressive ceremony took place at St. Malachy's Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, recently, when Miss Kathleen Louise Devine (in religion Sister Mary Colette), daughter of Mr. M. J. Devine Brooklawn, Kilkree, and granddaughter of the late Mr. John O'Hart, the well known author, received the religious veil. The officiating prelate was the Right Rev. Monsignor Segrave, V. G., Archdeacon of Armagh.

The death of the Rev. Brother James John Redmond, Superior of the Christian Brothers, Ennistymon, took place at the Monastery, Mount Saint Joseph, lately. Brother Redmond was born in Dublin in May, 1828, and was a pupil of the gifted author of "The Collegians," Gerald Griffin. At the early

age of 16 years he joined the Institute of Christian Brothers and taught in many of the large towns in Ireland. He was superior of the Christian Brothers town in Nenagh, Enniscorthy, Kings town in Cabra, Institute, Derry, and for the past ten years in Ennistymon. CORK.—Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, present Mayor of Cork, has been elected to succeed himself in that office for the ensuing year. His opponents were Councillor Roche and Alderman Kelleher.

No death in the history of Buttevant for many years evoked such feelings of regret as that of Mr. John W. Coleman, which occurred at his residence on Jan. 9, after a few hours illness, at the age of 50 years. The respect in which he was held by the community of Buttevant and vicinity as well as by the inhabitants of Charleville, Donerale, Malin, Kanturk, Lisacarrill and Churchtown was fully attested by the large number who attended the funeral.

The worst thunder storm which ever burst over the town of Skibbereen occurred Jan. 23. At seven minutes to 12 half fell suddenly like a shower of pebbles and immediately followed a flash of lightning seldom equalled and simultaneously thunder that shook the houses. On came another in rapid succession, driving terror into the people. The house of a farmer named Walsh, close to the O'Donovan's at Lisard, was struck by the electric fluid and the chimney knocked down and roof swept away. Mrs. Walsh's body is all black and she is in a very serious state. Two cows and a pig were killed and the place wrecked. He reported the occurrence to his landlord, The O'Donovan, who sent tradesmen to the scene to have the premises repaired.

The Cork Steam Packet Company's vessel Pupa was lost and all hands drowned on the voyage from Cardiff to Cork. She left Cardiff Jan. 15 and was due in Cork the following morning. On Friday evening a considerable quantity of wreck and a boat with her name on was washed ashore at Garrywoe, four miles to the east of Hallycotte. The catastrophe cast a gloom over the city, as all the crew were natives of Cork or of districts adjacent.

A meeting of the Coliste Central of the Gaelic League was held at No. 41 South Mall, Cork, Jan. 19. Rev. Father Augustine, O. S. F. C. presided.

The annual meeting of the members of the Macroon Young Men's Society was held on Jan. 21.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Cave, wife of Alderman W. Cave, Cork, took place Jan. 18 from St. Peter and Paul Church for St. Joseph's Cemetery. The attendance was very large and representative.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—**O'SULLIVAN.**—On Jan. 17 at Seaview Hotel, Lynch's Quay, Queenstown, Mrs. Eliza O'Sullivan.—**MURPHY.**—On Jan. 17, at 94 Douglas street, Patrick Murphy, of Rearour.—**MULLANE.**—On Jan. 17, at Kingsville, Wellington road, Susan Mullane.—**DALY.**—On Jan. 17, at 17 Thomas street, Catherine Daly.—**SHEEHAN.**—On Jan. 20, at Upper Glasheen, Bessie Sheehan.—**MURPHY.**—At 16 Kiltubha cottages, Ellen Murphy.—**KELLY.**—On Jan. 19 at Ballinakill, Hannah Kelly.—**SOMMERFIELD.**—On Jan. 20, in London, Annie Sommerfield, second daughter of Jeremiah Cronin, Great Britain street, Cork.—**RICHARD.**—On Jan. 20, at Mount Prospect, Douglas, George Richard.—**PRIESTLEY.**—On Dec. 23, on board S. S. Burgenmeister, while coming home on leave, Claries Percival Priestley, of National Bank, Roxburg, South Africa, and formerly of National Bank, Cork.—**CLIFFORD.**—On Dec. 30, at Middleton, Conn., U. S. A., Patrick Clifford, late of Queenstown.—**O'GORMAN.**—On Jan. 28, at Milltown Castle, Charleville, John R. O'Gorman, aged 64 years.—**DONOVAN.**—On Jan. 22, at Douglas road, Margaret Thomas Donovan.—**HANNIGAN.**—On Jan. 21, at Gardenfield, Drumcollogher, P. J. Hannigan.—**WREN.**—On Jan. 20, Mary Wren, of Ballymond, Bandon.—**HOBSON.**—On Jan. 21, at the South Infirmary, James Betnel Hobson, Kinsale.—**DALY.**—On Jan. 20, at Ballycraheen, Donoughmore, Julia Daly.—**COTTER.**—At No. 2 Lower Cottrell's Row, Queenstown, James Cotter, aged 84 years.—**O'BRIEN.**—On Jan. 21, Annie O'Brien.—**HORGAN.**—On Jan. 21, at Liverpool, Edward Horgan.—**HOLMES.**—On Jan. He must serve his term with safe 22, at Stump Hill, Mary Holmes.—**CROWLEY.**—On Jan. 22, Bridget Crowley.—**O'DONOGHUE.**—On Jan. 24, at Lisahane, Millstreet, Joanna O'Donoghue.—**O'CONNOR.**—At Cahirbrane, Margaret O'Connor.

KERRY.—Eight hundred dollars were forwarded lately by the United Irish League branches of West Kerry to the trustees of the Irish Parliamentary Fund. This was the second contribution.

A meeting of the Cahirciveen Branch of the United Irish League was held on Jan. 18. Mr. Thomas McDonogh Mahony presided.

LIMERICK.—Mr. Michael Donnelly, Nationalist, was elected Mayor of Limerick on Jan. 23.

In the Land Judges' Court on Jan. 19, Mr. C. Bradley applied that the offer of 28 tenants on Bateman's estate

to purchase their holdings at an average of 18 years' purchase be accepted. The lands were situated in the County Limerick and County Kerry, and the rents had been paid up to last gale day. The application was granted.

A meeting of the National School Teachers of Limerick was held at Town Hall January 17. Mr. Valentine Ryan, Chairman of the district, presided. There was a large attendance. W. Lee, Castleconnel, and E. O'Connor, Limerick, were appointed delegates to the Teachers' Congress. A resolution was adopted favoring the teaching of Irish in the schools.

Mathew Moroney, father of eleven children, who resided at Ballynaah, was killed at Foynes Jan. 21. Moroney, who was a carter, was taking a load of hay to ship at Foynes quay when the animal rushed and struck him with the shaft in the chest, killing him instantly.

Mr. Henry J. Guinane, as Superintendent Register of Deaths, Births and Marriages in Limerick, while going through the district returns lately noted fifteen deaths in which the aggregate age amounted to 1,327 years. The lowest was 72 the highest 92 years.

J. Ryan & Sons, Limerick, have secured a one hundred thousand dollar contract from the British Postal Department for the erection of a new postoffice in Limerick City, on Henry and Lower Grantworth streets. The front will be on the latter street.

The Board of Works has made a valuable and interesting presentation to the Limerick Corporation. It consists of an ancient Irish canoe, sixteen feet in length, with paddles and appurtenances. It was dug up in 1888 by the Board of Works from the bed of the river below Lough Allen, and is in a good state of preservation. This primitive mode of conveyance used by our forefathers is hollowed from the trunk of a large tree, and is of one piece. The Board of Works also presented to the Corporation a large mortar picked up from the bed of the river at Malal's Bridge when excavations were carried on in 1897. These historical relics are much appreciated by the Municipal Council, and are given in view of the opening of the proposed museum in the city.

Mr. James Ryan of Gurranebeg died on the 24th of January, at the age of 89 years, fortified with the rites of the Holy Church. The deceased was one of a line in a grand old stock, distinguished for devotedness to faith and fatherland. Every one who knew him regarded him as the soul of honesty and high principle. The immense concourse of persons that accompanied his remains to Ballymackoogh, the family burying place, gave testimony of the high esteem in which he was held.

TIPPERARY.—Alderman Thomas Morrissey, of Clonmel, has been elected Mayor of Clonmel for ensuing year. He succeeds Mr. Thomas J. Condon, M. P., who was a worthy Mayor of the ancient borough.

Mrs. Moroney of Bansa was killed lately by gas which escaped in the sleeping room in Clarence Hotel, Dublin, in which she and her husband were staying. The sympathy for them and their family was strikingly marked on Jan. 17 when the remains of Mrs. Moroney arrived at Bansa station. The platform was crowded, and amidst a reverential display, the remains were conveyed to the residence of the deceased. Again on Sunday at 1 p. m., when the funeral started for Kiltubha, the burial place of the Maden family, the Square and streets were crowded with sympathetic mourners though the notice was very short; and as the enormous number of vehicles filed along it was found they were extended over an Irish mile.

On Jan. 14 an accident occurred at Kiltcash, near Clonmel, resulting in the death of Mrs. Davis, wife of William Davis, farmer. It appears that the deceased lady, who was aged 46 years, on the evening of the day in question, went into the farmyard for the purpose of collecting eggs and entered a stall where a heifer was bailed up for fattening. While Mrs. Davis was removing the eggs from the nest, near the cow's head, the hen fluttered up, and the animal becoming infuriated, jumped and kicked violently, striking Mrs. Davis and felling her to the ground, continuing to jump on and kick her while there, roaring furiously and drowning the cries of the victim. Eventually the members of the family came out and rescued her. Dr. White, Kilsheelan, and Dr. O'Brien, Clonmel, were sent for, and found her so seriously injured that they requested that the priest be called in. She suffered intensely during the short time she lived, and died on Thursday morning. The interment took place at the family burial ground at Kiltcash, and was largely attended. Deceased was sister to Mr. William O'Brien, Mullinahane.

WATERFORD.—Mr. James A. Power, of the City Council, was elected Mayor of Waterford for ensuing year on Jan. 23.

The death of Major Lucien Bonaparte Wyse, Manor, St. John's, Waterford City, occurred lately at Manchester, England, as the result of a surgical operation. He belonged to one of the oldest Catholic families in Ireland, and his ancestors were for cen-

turies connected with the municipal life of the city.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—In the chapel of St. Malachy's College, Belfast, Jan. 18, four priests were ordained by Most Rev. Dr. Henry.

The extent of the respect in which the Rev. Patrick McBriain, in Belfast, was held, was exemplified Jan. 19, on the occasion of his funeral in Milltown cemetery. In point of numbers and representativeness, the attendance was the greatest of any funeral seen in Belfast. A remarkable feature was the large number of clergymen who attended.

ARMAGH.—On Jan. 19 a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Home Rule" was delivered by Bailie John Ferguson, in the Foresters hall, Armagh, under the auspices of the Armagh Branch of the United Irish League. Mr. James Donnelly, president of the League, was moved to the chair, and, in introducing the lecturer, said that Mr. Ferguson had been working for forty years in behalf of the democracy. The lecturer received an ovation. In the course of the lecture he said that the committee in selecting the subject of "Home Rule" for him to lecture upon could have selected none so important and so little understood. Ireland required intellectual, moral and social reforms, but all these were contingent in self-government. This great question of home rule for Ireland could not be abandoned for any consideration or for any bribe that might be offered. A number of resolutions in support of legislative independence, and pledging renewed confidence in the Irish party, were, on the motion of Mr. J. Short, seconded by Mr. John Oliver, passed.

On Jan. 18 a large and enthusiastic public meeting was held at Cullyhanna after last mass, for the purpose of establishing a branch of the United Irish League. The following resolution was passed: "That we, the Nationalists of Cullyhanna and Newtownhamilton, recognizing the necessity of organization and concerted and united action, hereby establish a branch of the United Irish League, and cordially invite every Nationalist in the parish to become enrolled under its standard."

CAVAN.—Mr. Patrick Hanlon, Kingcourt, was found dead in his home Jan. 11.

Mr. Patrick Smith of Aughnalough, died Jan. 11, aged 54 years, deeply and widely mourned. Deceased was for many years prominently associated with the pig trade in the County Cavan and recognized as a man of the strictest business integrity. He was a sterling Nationalist and at the last election was elected unopposed as District Councillor for Tullyvin Division. The funeral to Kill was one of the largest in the district for many years.

At the Cavan Quarter Sessions lately, County Court Judge C. Waters, K. C., delivered judgment in the action of the Cavan Poor Law Guardians against the trustees of the Humphreys estate, Ballyhaire, Cavan, for \$100, being amount which plaintiffs are entitled to recover in that the defendants, on the 3d day of June, 1902, executed said decree and took possession of said lands without having previously to the execution of said decree given the relieving officer of the district notice required by statute law, whereby defendants forfeited \$100 to plaintiffs, and for that the defendants and said decree disposed of Margaret Caffrey from her lands, contrary to the statute. His honor said he had gone carefully into the facts and arrived at the conclusion that the notice of eviction had not been given to the relieving officer and, therefore, that there was an infringement of the statute. He had no power to reduce the amount claimed; it was fixed by the law, and he gave a decree for that sum. Mr. H. P. Kennedy appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. Allen for defendants. Notice of appeal has been given. The notice was sent to the workhouse, instead of to the relieving officer's residence.

Mr. Francis Markey, Lattully, Cootehill, died Jan. 7, at the early age of 23 years, after a few days' sickness. The funeral to Drumgong was largely attended.

DERRY.—The extensive dry goods stores of Messrs. Austin & Co., of the Diamond, Derry, were entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of Jan. 14.

On Jan. 16 the remains of Mr. Richard Gallagher were removed from William street for interment in Derry Cemetery. The funeral cortege was large and representative.

On Jan. 19 an entertainment of great merit and admirably organized was held in St. Columba's Hall, Derry, under the auspices of the Total Abstinence or T. S. C. of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DONEGAL.—Mrs. Nancy Gallagher, widow of the late Mr. Teague Gallagher, of Drummacross, died Jan. 16, at the age of 82 years, deeply regretted. The funeral to The Glen, Glenties, was very numerous attended. She was mother of Mr. Peter and Mr. Thady Gallagher, Glenties.

A meeting of the National Teachers was held in the Court House, Dungloe, on Jan. 17. Mr. McCaulay, V. C., presiding.