

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.—Miss Loftus, Galway, and Miss Larkin, Loughrea, were received into the order of Mercy, in the convent, Loughrea, Feb. 4. Rev. Fr. Healy officiated. They took the religious titles of Sister Mary Laurence and Sister Mary Bina.

The fiftieth anniversary, or golden jubilee, of the religious life of Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart, was fittingly celebrated at the convent of Mercy, Loughrea, on Feb. 5, when the good sister was the recipient of hearty congratulations and good wishes from far and near. This is the first golden jubilee of any nun yet celebrated since the foundation of the convent half a century ago, and during that time Sister Mary Sacred Heart has witnessed many and important changes in the development and spread of this religious society. She was one of the first postulants to don the garb of a Sister of Mercy and devote her life to the services of God on the opening of the convent, and she is as enthusiastic and devoted to her religious life now as she was then.

Rev. Father Leo, Killoran, Ballinascorney, died Feb. 3, at the early age of 23 years, deeply mourned. He was a native of Claran, near Headford, and in the cemetery of that parish his remains were interred.

LEITRIM.—Mr. Patrick Doods, of Drumadoe, District Councillor for Mohill, has resigned that office.

Mr. Patrick Duguid, Fair Green Road, Mohill, died Feb. 5, aged 64 years, deeply regretted. He was a native of Dromard, but resided in Mohill for fifty years. The interment took place in the Mohill churchyard.

The concert held in the courthouse, Killybegher, lately was a decided success, financially and otherwise.

MAYO.—On Feb. 1 Mr. Conor O'Kelly, closed his winter campaign in his constituency, North Mayo, at a public meeting held at Glenhest, under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League.

A man named Lynskey recently died in Attyne, near Ballina, at the age of 104 years. Deceased was a farmer and enjoyed wonderful vitality up to a short time before his death. He was a total abstainer, a non-smoker, and seldom drank tea.

ROSCOMMON.—St. Mary's Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen, was broken into lately and the contents of the poor box, which amounted to a considerable sum and devoted to the relief of the impoverished people of the district, abstracted.

The death took place of Mr. Joseph Kane, at Castleplunket on Jan. 23. His demise is very much regretted by all who knew him. The funeral cortege that followed his remains to the family burial ground at Kilkorky, was the largest seen in the district for a long time.

SILGO.—Mrs. Patrick McIntyre, of Ballinacastle, Clifden, died Jan. 23, aged 80 years, deeply regretted by her family and friends in Ireland and in the United States.

The ceremony of assumption took place at the Mother House of the St. Vincent de Paul Nuns, in Paris on Jan. 17.

Mr. Patrick Torney presided at a recent meeting of the members of the Scoy branch of the United Irish League, where the following resolutions were passed: "That we wish to return our best thanks to the delegates of the different branches of the executive who voted for Mr. Morrison as one of the secretaries to the divisional executive. We sympathize with the manager of the Silgo Champion, Mr. Bernard McTernan, who is undergoing six weeks' imprisonment in Silgo castle for no other cause than acting as an active officer of the United Irish League."

LINENSTER

CARLOW.—On Feb. 1 at early Mass in the Church of Carlow College, Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, ordained Rev. Matthew O'Brien. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. L. Brophy, senior dean of the College. The missionary labors of the newly ordained priest are for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

DUBLIN.—Mr. William Redmond, M. P., was liberated from Kilmainham Prison, Dublin, Feb. 3. He had served a little more than half the term of imprisonment to which he had been sentenced in default of giving bail. In over three months in prison. I do not know why I am now released, but I certainly don't thank the Government who have kept me in jail over three months for no crime against the law.

The death of Brother Joseph Lavery, who for thirty-three years was a member of the Arzoo Industrial School Community, occurred on Jan. 30. In his case truly "death was the echo of life." Brother Joseph came of a good Catholic family in the North of Ire-

land. In the year 1853 he entered the Novitiate of the Christian Brothers, North Richmond Street, Dublin.

While testing the fire escape at Moran's Temperance Hotel, Talbot Street and Gardiner Street, Dublin, Feb. 3, Thomas Whelan and Thomas Coulton, the former "boots" and the latter hall porter, sustained injuries of a serious nature. The testing operations were being successfully carried out until the men had reached ten feet from the ground at the Talbot Street side of disarranged the apparatus that Whelan and Coulton were dashed to the ground. Coulton was stunned and Whelan sprained his ankle.

On Feb. 2 a most interesting conversation and concert, under the auspices of the National Literary Society took place in the hall, 6 Stephen Green, Dublin. The attendance was exceedingly large. The programme was admirably chosen, and consisted of a number of vocal and instrumental pieces.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—**ROCHFORD.**—Jan. 24, at 3 Williams Place, John Rochford, for nearly twenty-three years with the M. G. W. Railway Co.—**RYAN.**—At 191-2 Foster Terrace, Ballybough Road, Sarah Ryan, member of the Bakers Society, Upper Bridge Street.—**TIMS.**—Jan. 23, at 68 Church Street, John Tims, car and cab proprietor.—**CRUISE.**—Jan. 30, at Anne Cruise, late of Blackhall Row Market, deeply regretted.—**ENNIS.**—Jan. 30, at 1 Hargrave Terrace, Terenure, Lydia, daughter of the late John C. Ennis, of 32 Kenilworth Square.—**O'BRIEN.**—Jan. 28, at Celbridge, Michael O'Brien.—**O'CONNOR.**—Jan. 28, at Mater Hospital, Patrick O'Connor, D. M. P., Irishtown, aged 32, son of the late Charles O'Connor, Coolteen, Clonooey, County Sligo.—**BRENNAN.**—Jan. 30, suddenly, Laurence Brennan, 2 Upper Rutland Street, formerly D. M. P., and late of Local Government Board.—**M'CARTHY.**—Jan. 30, at 71 Seville Place, Mary McCarthy.—**MALONEY.**—Jan. 28, at Ardara, Mrs. Mary Maloney, aged 84 years.—**RYAN.**—Feb. 4, at 10 George's Quay, James Ryan.—**CORCORAN.**—Feb. 1, at Whitworth hospital, Richard Corcoran, late D. M. P. Interment in Kilmarde, Queen's County.—**DALY.**—Feb. 1, suddenly at 59 Mabbott Street, Mary Daly, G. S., and W. Ry., Kingsbridge.—**FAGAN.**—Feb. 1, at 212 Great Britain Street, Michael Bernard Fagan, formerly of Moore Street, aged 74 years.—**FAGAN.**—Feb. 2, at 16 Infirmary Road, Margaret Fagan.—**FLYNN.**—Feb. 2, at 2 Diamond Terrace Upper Rathmines, Mary Flynn.

KILDARE.—On Jan. 27 and 28 the Athy Amateur Dramatic Association gave in the Town Hall a representation of "Ireland, as it Was," or "The Middleman."

Mr. Edward Doyle, Tipper House, Naas, died recently at the age of 50 years, deeply regretted. Mr Doyle belonged to one of the oldest and most respectable families in the county. He was born at Craddockstown House, which he afterwards sold to Mr. Osborne, of Ballyknockan for \$6,000. He had extensive farms in Kildare, Kilkenny, Meath and Cork. The funeral was to the new cemetery.

KILKENNY.—Mr. John Delehanty, Barnacole, died Feb. 7, deeply regretted. His remains were interred at Kilsaspigafter. Office, and high mass Mr. Delehanty was only 35 years of age. He was present recently at the funeral of the late Walter Walsh, P. P., at Ballyhale, and on his return was seized with the illness which terminated fatally.

Mr. Richard Forrestal, Inistloge, died recently, deeply mourned. He was the efficient conductor of the local brass band. He was a prominent Nationalist. The funeral took place on Jan. 15.

KING'S.—The government order received at Tullamore prison on Feb. 2, directing the liberation of Mr. Reedy, M. P., and Mr. William Lowry, before the completion of the sentences under the Coercion act, was put in force and the two left the jail. An expectation prevailed that Mr. John O'Donnell, M. P., and Mr. Denis Johnson, United Irish League organizer, who are imprisoned at Tullamore, would be set at liberty. In an interview, Messrs. Reedy and Lowry expressed the opinion that the land war in Ireland was over, and that their liberation was due to the intention of the government to effect a speedy settlement of the land question.

LONGFORD.—Mr. William Mullin, proprietor of the Greville Arms, Granard, died suddenly lately, deeply regretted.

Except the great Parnell meeting in Longford, in October, 1879, there never was a greater sight seen in town than on Jan. 30, when Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., returned home from Silgo jail after his three months' imprisonment. No person dreamt that such a vast concourse of people could be assembled on a wet, cold, sloppy day, and could be got together from such distances.

A solemn office and high mass were held in Ballylague Church on Feb. 3, the repose of the soul of the late Mr. James Harvey, Ballinamona, who died Dec. 31. On Monday evening the remains were taken to the church, where the coffin was placed on a catafalque before the high altar. At 11 o'clock on Tuesday solemn high mass commenced, a large congregation being present.

LOUTH.—The death of Mrs. Dwyer,

Rathfrina, wife of Mr. Joseph Dwyer, and mother of Philip and Joseph Dwyer, Bull Ring, Drogheda, took place Feb. 3. The deceased belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in Meath. The interment took place in Danestown, the large funeral cortege, bearing testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

On Sunday, Feb. 1, a meeting was held at Grangegeeth chapel, after mass for the purpose of reviving the League in that parish. Almost all who attended mass enrolled as members.

MEATH.—Anne Marry died Feb. 3, at the extraordinary age of 97 years. The funeral to Monkstown was very largely attended.

In Messrs. Ganly's salesrooms, Usher's Quay, Dublin, the tenant's interests in the valuable fattening farm known as Castletown, Tara, County Meath, was put up for auction by order of the administrator of the late Mr. Patrick Boylan, of Dublin. Considerable interest was manifested in the sale by graziers and property owners in the County Meath, owing to the reputation possessed by the farm for its finishing qualities, and owing to the fact that this is the second occasion within a year that the property has changed ownership. The farm contains 230 statute acres, held at the yearly rent of £240. Bidding commenced at £2,000, and, after keen competition, Mr. George Collins, solicitor (Messrs. Casey & Clay), was declared the purchaser, in trust, at £3,700. Mr. Richard Ganley, auctioneer, conducted the sale.

QUEEN'S.—Lord Castletown is one of the land owners who is content to sell their estates on conditions proposed by those who sat at the recent conference of the representatives of the land owners and the tenants.

WEXFORD.—On Feb. 2, at Ballinacorney Cottage, Mullyfarrah, the residence of Mr. A. J. Lugton was the scene of a fire which resulted in the total destruction of the edifice and its contents.

The death of Mrs. Mary Ball took place at her residence in Kiltown on Feb. 2, in her 102nd year. The death occurred at Foh of another centenarian—Owen Gillehan—who reached the great age of 105 years. Mrs. Mary Wall, of Castlepollard, died during the week at the age of 82 years; Mr. Peter Reilly, Castlepollard, aged 81, and Mr. James Carroll, Castlepollard, aged 80 years.

WEXFORD.—The Feast of St. Alden Jan. 31, patron of the diocese of Ferns, was generally observed as a holy day throughout the parish of Ferns. The shops were closed. The people attended in large numbers at the masses. There was a solemn high mass at 10 o'clock at which Father Jones was celebrant. After the mass a panegyric of St. Alden and his times was delivered by Rev. James Donovan, St. Peter's College, Wexford.

The Ennisceorthy Guardian of Jan. 31, said: "The fourth volume of Mr. P. H. Hore's 'History of Wexford' which is now in the press, contains the history of Duncannon Fort, fethard Killoegan, Houseland, Portersgate, Loftus Hall, Galgystown, Hook, Slade, Baganban and Bannow. The vicissitudes of Duncannon Fort under different series of letters in the State Paper Collection in the Public Record Office of London, and the Bodleian Library, at Oxford, the great majority of which are now published for the first time. The history of Fethard, an ancient residence of the Bishops of Ferns, and of Killoegan, the principal commandery of the Knights Templars in the county, now better known as Temple-ey, is traced from such authentic documents, as have come down to us Redmaid's—now Loftus—Hall, with the exciting incident of the determined attack upon its walls and the decided repulse sustained by the besiegers, in July, 1642; Hook Tower, perhaps the most ancient lighthouse in Ireland; Baganban, the landing place and entrenchment of Raymond le Gros, Bannow, the scene of the arrival of the first conquerors of Ireland, are all treated in the same way from original documents."

WICKLOW.—Jan. 23 was a gala day in the Arklow Convent. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father Dunphy's appointment as pastor of the parish, and the Sisters of Mercy took the opportunity of doing honor to the parish priest to whom they and all Arklow owe so much. Father Dunphy has spent 46 years of his ministry in the town.

The funeral of Mr. P. Gahan, Rathdrum, to Glencaul, on Jan. 25, was one of the largest seen in the district for many years. The procession was most remarkable, over 300 persons following the biers, after which came a line of 60 cars and a large cavalcade of horsemen. All the population turned out, every family in the town being represented.

to make the children truly Irish. They have trained a chorus for the forthcoming concert, besides aiding the May their good work prosper and their call to who are to take part in it, god example be followed by all the convents in Ireland.

The death of Mr. Martin Moloney, of Clonmoher, Bodyke, happened June 19. He was a pious and sterling Catholic, and as a consequence four of his daughters entered the cloister, and one son is a member of the C. S. Sp. Rathmines. The remains were removed to the parish church, Bodyke, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated. The celebrant was Rev. P. Moloney, C. S. Sp. Rathmines, (son of the deceased).

CORK.—Sister Mary Angela, of the Order of Mercy, died in the convent at Queenstown, Feb. 4, aged 57 years. She had spent thirty-three years in the religious life. Her death was deeply regretted by the members of her community and the people of Queenstown.

The second Irish concert, under the auspices of the Fermooy Branch of the Gaelic League, was held at Fermooy on Feb. 4. The programme was long and varied, including choral work, songs in Irish and English, and dancing. The Assembly Rooms were filled with an enthusiastic audience and the concert was a big success. One of the features was the dances, four and eight-hand reels, performed by the members of the branch. Last year the dances were performed by members of outside branches, but the classes were established and the result speaks for itself.

A public meeting was held Feb. 8 at Berrings, Inlisca, under the auspices of the United Irish League for the purpose of discussing the Land Conference report and promoting the organization. There was a large attendance and the enthusiasm which prevailed is the best indication of the success of the league. A number of policemen were present and a Government note-taker who took short-hand notes of the speeches. Resolutions of confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party, advocating the abolishment of dual ownership of the land of Ireland, and the revival of the Irish language, were passed. The reverend chairman delivered his speech, first in the Irish language, and afterward in the foreign English language.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—**O'CALLAGHAN.**—On Jan. 30, Elen O'Callaghan, daughter of the late Michael Mulcahy, Watercourse Road—**HILL.**—On Jan. 29, at Walker Road, Cardiff, Dr. J. J. Hill, son of Mr. John Hill, Jan. 29, at Cork, Miss Mary Anne Burke, late of Ballyholihan.—**CANNIFF.**—On Jan. 29, James Canniff, late of Messrs. Reardon & Son, Cork, at Farnham, Newcastle.—**O'CONNOR.**—On Jan. 19, at Brooklyn, U. S. A. Margaret O'Connor, daughter of the late John Daly, master cooper, Shandon street.—**NEENAN.**—On Jan. 30, at 15 Gerald Griffin street, Julia at South Infirmary, Patrick Sheehan, Monard, Blarney.—**CURTIN.**—At 17 Dublin street, Mrs. Margaret Curtin.—**RYAN.**—On Jan. 29, at 9 Travers street, Timothy Ryan.—**FLYNN.**—On Jan. 28, at 5 Prospect Row, Mary Flynn.—**BURKE.**—On Jan. 29, at Cork, Mrs. Mary Anne Burke, late of Ballyholihan.—**SMYTH.**—On Jan. 29, at No. 1 Almorah Villas, Queenstown, Anne Morgan Smyth, aged 62 years.—**DONOVAN.**—On Jan. 28, at 11 Cromore square, Kate Donovan.—**O'CALLAGHAN.**—On Feb. 6, at No. 1 Magazine Road, Ely O'Callaghan.—**STACK.**—On Feb. 6, at Ballinabon, Lizie Stack.—**TWOMEY.**—On Feb. 5, at Keel, Coachford, Catherine Twomey, mother of the very Rev. Dean Twomey and the Rev. Dennis A. Twomey, P. P., both of Kingston, Ont., Canada.—**TWOMEY.**—On Feb. 4, at 13 East Hill, Queenstown, Mary Twomey, at an advanced age.—**CORKERY.**—On Feb. 5, Mary Frances (Fanny) Corkery, 20 Warren's Place, Cork.—**DRINAN.**—On Feb. 4, at Oak-tront, Charleville, Hanoria Drinan.—**O'LEARY.**—On Feb. 5, at Cork, Daniel O'Leary, Maghanaclea, Bantry.—**BLAKE.**—On Feb. 4, at Ballinaha, Kilmara, Helena Blake, daughter of the late Michael O'Flynn.—**HENCHION.**—On Feb. 5, at Knockavilly, Mary Henchion.—**O'MAHONY.**—On Feb. 3, at 3 Southern View Road, John O'Mahony, detective sergeant R. I. C.—**MCCLURE.**—Lost from H. M. S. Orwell, Willie McClure, Myrtleville, Crosshaven, aged 22 years.—**RIORDAN.**—On Feb. 2, at Knockree, Ballinlough, William Riordan.—**BUCKLEY.**—On Feb. 3, at Mounahorna, Kate Downey, Mounteros.—**BROWNE.**—On Jan. 30, at Dromreague, Macroom, Kate Browne, aged 92 years.—**AHERN.**—On Feb. 3, at Baryscourt, James Ahern.—**FORDE.**—At 23 Madden's Buildings, William Forde.

KERRY.—Mr. J. J. Coffey, District Inspector of the Great Southern and Western Railway, was drowned in the River Maine at Castlemaine, on the night of January 31, while on his way to catch the train for Tralee. The night was very dark. Several persons have been drowned in the river under the same circumstances.

On Feb. 4, Dr. Clancy, District Coroner, assisted by a jury, held an inquest touching the death of Michael Walsh, farmer, Knockclare, seven miles from Listowel. On the previous day Dennis Walsh, aged 11 years, brother of the deceased, went into an outhouse where a loaded gun was resting on sacks of oats, and began fiddling with the weapon, touching the trigger,

Mayor's Walk, Waterford, and Mr. Tilson Provincial Bank, Waterford, son of Mr. R. Tilson, Rhine Villa, Cork, and grandson of the late Captain Robinson, 51st Regiment. The Rev. Canon Flynn, Ballybricken, officiated. The bridesmaids were Miss Josephine Widger, Miss Kate O'Brien, Miss Power, and Miss "Nancy" Widger, and the best man Mr. Tilson, brother of the bridegroom.

with the result that deceased, who happened to be passing, received the full charge in the abdomen. Death was instantaneous. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan, of Main street, Dingle, died Jan. 28, deeply regretted. She was aged 47 years. The funeral started from the residence of the deceased on Friday, the cortege proceeding by Milltown to the local cemetery. Every class, creed and profession was represented, swelling the cortege to dimensions that attested the esteem and respect in which she was held. The Very Rev. Canon O'Leary officiated at the grave, assisted by Father Dillon, Father Sheehan and Father Courtney.

The Killarney Branch of the Gaelic League, which continues to make steady progress, has given evidence of its vitality in the shape of a two night concert in the Town Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 3 and 4. On each night the orchestra, under Mr. James Roche, opened the proceedings with a selection of Irish melodies.

LIMERICK.—Rev. Father Lambert, of the Mount of Alphonse Church, Limerick City, died Jan. 29, deeply mourned. He was 85 years of age, yet until two or three days before his death he performed all his duties to the minutest detail. Father Lambert was born in County Wexford, in 1818, ordained in 1845, and spent several years in Wexford Town as a curate. In 1875 he became a member of the Great Order of the Redemptorists.

Mr. John Daly, ex-political prisoner, office as mayor of the ancient and historic city of Limerick, added a link to the chain of office. The new link has most singular and most significant impressions. On one side is engraved a pair of handcuffs, with a gun and Irish pike crossed, a symbolical allusion, it is presumed, to the Alderman's arrest and his imprisonment as a treason felon. This is surmounted by a sunburst, the whole being surrounded by shamrocks. On the other side is an inscription in Irish—the first of its kind on the entire chain—giving a few particular phases of the ex-Mayor's regime as chairman of the Municipal Council. The work is neatly executed by a Limerick jeweler.

The interment of Mrs. Jane Madigan of Newcastle West, took place at the family vaults, Churchtown, lately, the cortege being one of the largest seen in the locality. The deceased lady had reached her 75th year, and was in possession of her faculties to the end. A member of one of the old County Limerick families—the Quids—she was highly regarded in the town of Newcastle West and district.

TIPPERARY.—Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel, has appointed the Very Rev. Canon Arthur Ryan, President of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, parish priest of Cashel, Very Rev. Canon Cahill. Canon Ryan labored for twenty-six years in parishes and for fifteen years he discharged the onerous and responsible duties of president of St. Patrick's College.

There died at Ardinnan, Jan. 29, near Clomet, Anne Delany, at the very advanced age of 108 years. The deceased, who possessed most of her faculties up to the last, was confined to her bed with rheumatic pains for 5 years. She remembered and could narrate with great clearness and distinctness many memorable events. Her son, the late Mr. Frederick Delany, of Ballymackee, died a dozen years ago, aged 70.

Mrs. Dorsey, Deerpark, Ballymacarberry, died Jan. 27, deeply regretted. The funeral took place at Knockboy. The attendance was large and representative. Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated at Four-Mile Water Church. Very Rev. Dean McDonnell, SS. Peter and Paul's, Clonmel, presided.

On Jan. 27, and in Tipperary town, was held the first public meeting in connection with the movement to commemorate the memory of the late Mr. Michael O'Dwyer, of Ballycohey, at whose house was enacted the tragic event of Aug. 16, 1868, which first brought landlord tyranny in Ireland and was exposed effectively. It is gratifying that the action which the people of Ballycohey took eighty-four years ago to cope with felonious landlordism has been appreciated, and the people's gratitude shown in a practical manner. The meeting was held in the Buter Market Weigh House, and the audience was very large.

WATERFORD.—Brother O'Neill, of the Christian Brothers, Mountswin, Waterford, has been transferred to Carlow.

Mr. John Power, a prominent member of the Ballyneen Branch of the United Irish League, was married to Miss Minnie Lennon on Feb. 4.

The Christina, a steamship owned by Murphy Bros., Waterford, was lost lately in the harbor of Port Talbot, Wales. All hands were saved. The Mumbles lifeboat, when going to the Christina, capsized, and four of the crew were drowned.

On Jan. 31 died Miss Angie Edmonds of Main street, Lismore, and her mother died just one hour after. Both had been sick for some time. Mrs. Edmonds was aunt to Rev. Father Louis, of Mount Mellary Abbey, County Waterford, now prior of the branch of the Trappist Order in Dubuque, Ia.

An interesting wedding ceremony took place by special dispensation at the church, Butlerstown, Feb. 5. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Widger, daughter of Mr. John Widger,

ULSTER

ANTRIM.—The members of the Tone Branch of the United Irish League held a social meeting in their hall, Corrasco square, Belfast, Jan. 25. Mr. James McGreevy presided. The following gentlemen contributed to the evening's enjoyment: J. McGuraghan, T. Hayes, J. Magee, J. Fitzpatrick, H. Laverty, Wm. J. Brannigan, M. McUsher, J. Ward, T. Martin, M. Dougherty, M. Maguire, J. Hinds and J. Hennessy. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

A concert was held in the club room of the St. Mathew's Catholic Club, Belfast, Jan. 22. The audience was larger than on former occasions. The musical programme attained a very high standard of excellence, the following being the artists: Miss Maguire, Miss McClellan, Miss Mary McKeown, Masters Francis Mulholland and McOlivier, Messrs. F. Hempsey, J. Ivory, G. McGladdery, T. Cunningham, Connolly, St. John, Wilson, Wall, Scully presided. Also present: Very Rev. John Macaulay, Rev. J. Haly and Patrick Kelly. The entertainment was brought to a close by the audience singing "God Save Ireland."

ARMAGH.—The extensive dry goods premises occupied and run by James Fleming & Co., Portadown, were destroyed by fire Jan. 20. Three other business houses were also seriously injured and the stocks destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The Pope, having given instructions that the cause for the beatification of the Venerable Plunket is to be proceeded with. This celebrated Archbishop of Armagh was hanged at Tyrburn on July 1, 1681. His body is preserved at the Benedictine College of St. Gregory, Downside, near Bath. His offence, according to his accusers, was attempting to incite an insurrection of the Roman Catholics of Ireland. He was condemned on this charge to be hanged and quartered, and this sentence was carried out in all its barbarity.

DERRY.—Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry, has made the following changes in the diocese: Rev. John McElhinon, C. C. Strabane, to P. P. Urney, which parish comprises Castlejerg, Sion Mills and part of Strabane town, Father McGlynn, who has lately returned from collecting funds for the Derry Cathedral in America, has been appointed C. C. of Strabane, Rev. Father Morris, from being P. P. of Greencastle, to be P. P. of Mallin, County Donegal; Rev. James O'Kane, from the administration of St. Columb's, Derry, to be P. P. of Lishehen, which comprises the portion of Moville parish called Drug, and comes within 3 miles of Derry City.

Mr. J. E. O'Neill recently delivered an interesting lecture before the members of the Maghera Branch of the McKenna, vice-president of the branch, occupied the chair.

DONEGAL.—The Donegal Celtic and Newton Stewart Rovers football clubs played lately a semi-final game for the Donegal and Tyrone Cup. Donegal came out winners by six goals to two after a fast game. For the winners, Mullan, McMenamin, Alexander, McGinty and Buchanan played well; for the Rovers, Murphy, Stevenson, Blackburn and Roche showed up well.

DOWN.—The death of Rev. Henry Devlin, pastor of Anacloe, occurred Jan. 30, deeply mourned. He was born in Islandmoye, Conduff, in 1838. In 1860 he entered the Irish College, Paris. His ordination took place in Newry Cathedral in 1865. Rev. Dr. Leahy officiated. Loughbrickland was the scene of his first missionary labors and he subsequently officiated in Lower Drumgoonland, Tullylish, and where he died. On Monday the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery beside the church where he had so long ministered. The solemn burial service, consisting of the Office and High Mass, was celebrated.

MONAGHAN.—Mrs. Jones of Derrilyn, near Carrickmacross, was found drowned in the river near Carrickmacross on Jan. 31.

TYRONE.—Michael Gilles of Drumquinn was found dead in a house at Bridgegate, Glasgow, recently. It is supposed that he was robbed, as a purse without money was found in a pocket. He was to have gone home to Ireland in a few days with his brother, who was going to be married.

The funeral of Mr. John McPeake of Tullyne, Donaghmore, to the ancient and loyal cemetery took place on Jan. 28. On the arrival of the cortege at the church the remains were placed before the High Altar. Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Joseph O'Neill, who, assisted by the Very Rev. Canon McCartan, officiated at the grave. Father O'Neill paid a tribute to the good qualities of the deceased, who has been blessed with a long life, having attained the patriarchal age of four-score years.

MUNSTER

CLARE.—Ennistymon Convent will soon be the most Irish in Clare. Every child in the school is learning Irish, and speaking it, too. The infants are learning an Irish hymn, the elders Irish songs and Irish music. The visitor is welcomed in Irish and gets an Irish blessing when he leaves. It was only a few months ago that the nuns made a real effort, but it was a real good one, and they have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the work.