

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 death of Mr. Patrick Forde, Dublin road, Tuam, occurred on January 24, at the early age of 14 years.

The Tuam Herald of February 7 contained the following: "A correspondent writes—it would be a wise and prudent thing for the Galway people, in view of their hopes of the establishment of a Transatlantic port there, to offer the seat to Hon. Edward Blake, M. P., for Longford and connected by family with Galway. Mr. Blake occupied the position now held by Sir William Laurier, and was once the most powerful politician in the Dominion and leader of the party now in office.

Feelings of regret were evinced throughout the diocese of Clonfert, when the death was announced of the Rev. Peter Lee, at Killoran, Ballinasloe, on February 3. Father Lee was but 29 years of age, and was a native of Cloran, Headford. He was educated for the Archdiocese of Tuam, but after his ordination took up a curacy in Clonfert, and has remained in it since.

Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated in Killoran, after which the remains were removed to his native place—Cloran, Headford. Solemn requiem mass was also celebrated in Cloran, after which the interment took place.

The first "Ceilidh" of the members of the St. Grellan Branch of the Gaelic League, Ballinasloe, was held on February 1, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. After a brief address from Rev. T. J. Joyce, adm., president of the branch, in which he pointed out the advantages to be derived, intellectually and nationally, by membership of the Gaelic League, the evening's amusement commenced with a fine selection of Irish airs by the Gaelic orchestra.

On January 29 the golden jubilee of Mrs. Croly, known in religion as Sister Ignatius of the Sacred Heart, was celebrated at the Convent of Mercy, Loughrea. The Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. Dr. Healy, was present throughout the day and presided at the various functions, assisted by a large number of priests. Representatives of the several convents of Ballinasloe, Portlanna, Eyrecourt and Woodford attended the ceremonies. During the morning private masses of thanksgiving were celebrated in the Convent church by the bishop and priests.

LEITRIM.

On Sunday, Feb. 8, after 11 o'clock mass in Ballinagar Chapel, near Dromahair, Father Lynch administered the anti-treating pledge to a great number of persons. The number of pledged people now in the parish is very considerable.

MAYO.

The death of Mr. Patrick Fitzpatrick, of Derrygorman, a respected member of Westport District Council. On Tuesday morning his remains were removed to Westport Parish church and placed on a catafalque in front of the high altar. At 9 o'clock high mass of requiem was celebrated for the repose of his soul, and there was a large congregation present.

The Mayo Examiner of January 31, last, contained the following: "The Earl of Lucan's Committee waited on the High Commissioner of the Dominion of Canada lately in London. He give the report of the Deputation. Nothing could be better arranged. Lord Lucan, Lord Oranmore, Lord Bingham, Lord Ambrose, M. P.; Col. Charles Knox and Father Lyons did a great practical work in bringing the west to the forefront in these days of vast changes and developments in the routes and produce of the world. Dr. Ambrose, M. P., seems all at home with these important feature of the future of the country. He deserves great credit for all he has done in London, while Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M. P., did equally good work at home with his friends, Mr. Mills and Mr. O'Malley, county councillors, Belmullet. The speech of Father Lyons lent new features of practical importance in every line to the need, the safety and the rapidity which may be secured by Blackrod as a leading Transatlantic port, for any or for every purpose—postal, naval or mercantile. The first great stride has been made by the chairman and his supporters on the deputation in a matter the vital importance of which can not be overestimated in these days, and which the near future will disclose. St. John's is only 1,510 miles from Blackrod less than three days' steam with present liners. It can not be too often repeated that there is no coasting, no river work, no broken water, and the highest land-fall and the least fog of any day in the Three Kingdoms.

ROSCOMMON.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Connolly, Carrowkeel, Boyle, took

place at Kilmannagh, Feb. 11. The cortege consisted of eighty cars.

Mr. Edward Egan, sr., of Boyle, died February 9. On Wednesday the funeral which was one of the largest and most representative seen for years past, took place.

SLIGO.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Clonfert, who has been appointed Archbishop of Tuam, was born in Ballinacorney, on the shore of Lough Arrow, County Sligo, November 14, 1841, ordained priest in 1867, and about 1883 was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Clonfert. He is a very learned ecclesiastic.

A public meeting was held after mass in Killeevan, the half parish of Ballymois, on February 8. Rev. Father Dan Gallagher presided and made a stirring speech. Mr. James Keane proposed a series of resolutions, one pledging faith in the tenants' representative at the Land Conference. Mr. P. Flynn seconded the resolutions, which were carried. Mr. John Gilmartin addressed the people at some length. He spoke of the evils of grabbing, and called on the people to keep united and victory would soon be achieved. The meeting dispersed, cheers being given for the Irish leaders.

Mr. Laurence Colliery, son of Mr. B. Colliery, died February 7 in Cregg House, Ballinacorney, at the early age of 24 years. He was studying for the medical profession in Dublin. The remains had been brought from Ballinacorney to the Cathedral.

MUNSTER

CLARE.

The funeral of Rev. Daniel Garry, Crusheen, took place in the Parish church on February 10 after solemn office and high mass, at which there was an immense congregation from Crusheen and surrounding parishes. The deceased clergyman was of an old and popular West Clare family. He was only in his 49th year, and had been close to twenty-five years in the ministry. Ruau was the scene of his first mission and subsequently Kilmihil, Miltown Malbay, Kilkishen and Kilrush, and four years ago he was appointed administrator of Crusheen.

Mr. William Redmond, M. P., on his first visit to his constituency since his release from Kilmannagh on February 10, was the recipient of a magnificent reception. At every station from Limerick he was awaited by deputations of the Nationalists and addresses were presented. At Ballyear Station the members of the Newmarket-on-Fergus of the Irish Land and Newmarket Branch of the Irish Land and four hundred marched from the village, headed by the Workingmen's brass band. As the train whistled at the distance signal, torches blazed, the band giving the stirring strains of Ireland's national anthem. The first to greet the member for East Clare was the Rev. J. O'Houlihan, who, in the Gaelic tongue, bade Mr. Redmond welcome to freedom and to Clare.

CORK.

Rev. M. Brew presided at a meeting of the members of the Young Men's Society, Kantuck, Feb. 8, when it was decided to have the Irish language taught in the Hall in the future.

A concert took place in Rafferty's Town Hall, Mallow, on Feb. 5, under the auspices of the Cork Pipers' club. This club, which has come through a storm of struggles, has now made itself a potent factor in the Gaelic revival and it must be said that its form of engaging in its very laudable work has the character of being the most attractive and the most influential, as it appeals to the sentiment of a sentimental race. The club works very energetically, and sometimes at a loss. Mr. Wayland and his fellow workers are worthy of praise for the manner in which they labored to carry out the programme.

To the deep regret of her friends and the good nuns of the Presentation Community of Millstreet, Miss Julia Dennehy, in religion Sister Francis, passed away recently after a religious life of over forty years. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated in the Parish church. Celebrant, Rev. J. Burke.

On February 9 the new Clonpriest Male and Female schools, built at Gortree, near Youghal, were opened by Monsignor Keller. At 12 o'clock the children marched two deep from the old schools to the new schools, while the monsignor entered and blessed the buildings. Then, after the boys had taken possession for a brief time of their own premises, all the children, the teachers and a large number of parishioners, assembled in the girls' school. There were present Father Ahern, Father Whelan and Father Nagle, as also Mr. J. Murray, son of Mr. M. Murray, Youghal, builder of the schools, and a number of the monitors and pupils of the Presentation Convent, Youghal. After the opening chorus, "Let Erin Remember," by the boys and girls, Mr. R. Purcell, principal teacher of the boys' school, addressing Monsignor Keller, bade him welcome to the new schools in the name of the teachers and pupils. He said that day marked a turning point in the educational history of Clonpriest Parish. After Monsignor Keller's address the following programme was performed: Solo in Irish, traditional style, Miss Katie Bransfield;

chorus, "Welcome Home," girls' class; Irish dance, reel and double, Master Griffin and Miss Sheehan; chorus in four parts, "Lullaby-Hush-a-Bye, Baby," girls' class; recitation in Irish, Master James Crowley; chorus in parts, "The Harp," boys' and girls' classes combined; solo in Irish, Miss Katie O'Brien; recitation in Irish, Miss F. Sheehan; chorus, "Home, Sweet Home," boys' class; chorus, "Let the Hills Resound," boys' and girls' class.

RECENT DEATHS IN CORK.

COLEMAN—On Feb. 12, at the South Infirmary, Hannah Coleman, Walshestown, Owens.—O'MALLEY—At Kilmannagh, on Feb. 8, Peter Joseph O'Malley, aged 31, late of H. M. L. Revenue, son of the late Owen O'Malley.—O'SULLIVAN—On Feb. 11, at Knockavullig, Denis O'Sullivan, aged 71 years.—BARRETT—On Feb. 11, at 27 Bridge street, Mallow, John Barrett, aged 76 years.—DALY—At Munster and Leinster Bank House, Charleville, on Feb. 11, Anne Daly, aged 70 years.—BURKE—On Feb. 7, at 5 Margaret street, Elizabeth Burke, Crossfield, Ballylough.—CLIFF—On Feb. 7, at Ballinacorney, Patrick Clifford.—FORDE—On Feb. 7, at Coach street, Hannah Forde.—HANRAHAN—On Feb. 6, at Main street, Dunmanway, James Hanrahan.—REA—On Feb. 7, at Killeen, Ballylanders, Patrick Rea, at an advanced age.—O'KEEFE—On Feb. 7, Joseph O'Keefe, 37 Gillyabey street.—REGAN—On Jan. 8, at Currabegh, Crookstown, Julia Regan, late of Currahilly.—SULLIVAN—At 79 York street, Blackpool, Margaret Sullivan.—COLEMAN—On Feb. 13, at Passage Road, Daniel Coleman, aged 67 years.—DOWNNEY—On Feb. 3, at Mounshahora, Kate Downey, Mountcross.—O'SULLIVAN—At 82 Tower street, Michael O'Sullivan.—Fitzgerald—On Feb. 4, at Scart, Ballyclough, Hannah Fitzgerald.—CONDON—On Feb. 4, at Lower Cork street, Mitchelstown, Patrick Condon, aged 93 years.—HYDE—On Feb. 3, at Midleton, Thomas Hyde.—TWO-MEY—On Feb. 4, at 13 East Hill, Queenstown, Mary Twomey, at an advanced age.—COGAN—On Feb. 9, Margaret Cogan, of Blarney street, Cork.—O'SULLIVAN—At Cork, on Feb. 13, John O'Sullivan, formerly of Kilmallock.—LINEHAN—On Feb. 12, at Barrack street, Cork, Ellen Linehan.—DONOVAN—Sunday, Feb. 1, at Presentation Convent, Midleton, Sister M. Brendan Donovan.—M'DONNELL—On Jan. 31, at St. Patrick's Hospital, David McDonnell.—BARRY—On Feb. 1, at Ballyluff, Killeavullen, Michael Barry, Ballingurran, Killeavullen.—NOLAN—On Jan. 31, at 44 Madden's Buildings, Bridget Nolan.—M'CARTHY—On Jan. 31, Magdole McCarthy, Ashgrove.

KERRY.

Mrs. James Barrett, The Kerries, died Feb. 8, at the fine old age of 90 years. After requiem services in St. John's church, the funeral left for Abbeydorney, and was very largely attended.

The death took place Feb. 5, at the Presentation Convent, Tralee, of Sister Angela, one of the oldest nuns in the Tralee Presentation Community. Deceased, whose name was Miss Rose Doran, was a native of Dublin.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dingle, on Feb. 10, the Rev. Father Dillon solemnized the marriage of Mr. Michael Neilan, of Ballymore, and Miss Ethie O'Donnell, Main street, Dingle. After the marriage ceremony a nuptial mass was celebrated.

LIMERICK.

Mrs. William Sheahan, of Limerick City, died Feb. 8, aged 76 years, deeply mourned. Solemn requiem services were held in St. Mary's church on Tuesday, after which the funeral left for Mount St. Laurence, where interment took place.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Michael C. Riordan, aged 38 years, native of Glin, which occurred Feb. 21, in St. Peter's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a member of the A. O. H. During his last illness his cousin, Mr. Michael Riordan did all that was possible to do for him. The interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery on Feb. 23. The funeral was largely attended, thus attesting the respect in which the deceased was held. The pallbearers were Michael Riordan, Daniel Curhane, Robert O'Leahy and Daniel Fitzgerald. The deceased leaves a mother, brother and sister.

TIPPERARY.

A young man named Guiry, of the Nire, near Clonmel, has been missing for several weeks. He went into Clonmel for some clothes, and has not been seen or heard of since.

Mrs. Ellen Talbot died at Castle street, Nenagh, on Feb. 9. Mrs. Talbot had attained to the age of 71 years. High mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated in St. Mary's of the Rosary, the officiating clergy being Rev. Father Hogan, celebrant.

WATERFORD.

Mr. Philip Boucher, a pilot in the employment of the Harbor Board, Waterford City, obtained two thousand five hundred dollars as damages in his suit against the Clyde Shipping Company for injuries sustained when their steamer Pladda ran into a ship he had in charge.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lismore, has left Waterford for a visit to Rome. He will remain away about four weeks.

LINSTER

CARLOW.

The annual meeting of the Bagnalstown Branch of the United Irish League was held lately, and among those present were: E. Hughes, chairman; James Aughey, T. Kinsella, John McGrath, Patrick Fenlon, Daniel Tierney, Phillip Bolger, Michael Murphy, Kilkerragh, Patrick Maher, Michael Kavanagh, James Brophy. It was proposed by Mr. P. Kinsella, and seconded by Mr. James Brophy, that the retiring officers and committee be re-elected. Carried unanimously. The following are the names: E. Hughes, chairman; William Lawlor, vice-president; E. Fenlon, treasurer; James Aughey, D., and M. J. Kavanagh, honorable secretaries. Proposed by James Aughey and seconded by P. Fenlon, that the six delegates who were appointed last year be re-elected, viz.: P. Kinsella, John Grant, Phillip Bolger, William Lawlor, M. J. Kavanagh and James Brophy.

DUBLIN.

The defense fund of the Irish Parliamentary fund now has reached the respectable amount of more than \$40,000.

An address was presented Feb. 8, to Mr. J. A. O'Sullivan, one of the recently released Coercion prisoners in Tipperary, by a representative meeting of members of the city branches of the United Irish League, held at 39 Upper O'Connell street. The large hall was crowded to excess, and the proceedings were most enthusiastic. The Lord Mayor, Mr. T. Harrington, M. P., presided.

RECENT DEATHS IN DUBLIN.

LEANEY—Feb. 8, at the Mater Hospital, Mary (Mamie) Leane, daughter of Mary Myler, of 161-2 Amiens street.—LOUGHREY—At 6 Fontenoy street, Catherine Loughrey, merchant, Ballynacorney, Westmeath. Funeral by Broadstone, to Mullingar, to family burial ground, Mitton.—M'SHANE—Feb. 7, at 16 Upper Bridge street, Mary McShane.—MANSIEUR—James Mansieur, late of Robertstown, County Meath; funeral Feb. 9, from Cork street Hospital for Donaghmore.—MEIGHAN—Feb. 7, John Meighan, of Hawthorn Terrace church road.—O'SHEA—Feb. 5, Elizabeth O'Shea.—BYRNE—Feb. 7, at 17 Northumberland road, Kate Byrne, Casino, Malahide and Ballyboghil, County Dublin.—LAWLESS—Feb. 9, at Annsbrook House, Richmond road, Drumcondra, Christina Lawless, solicitor.—LEWISIDE—Feb. 9, Agnes Mary Lewiside.—MOONEY—Feb. 10, Patrick Joseph Mooney, agriculturist, S. D. U.—KELLY—Feb. 9, at 120 Lower George street, Kingstown, John Kelly.—LARKIN—Feb. 9, Thomas Larkin, aged 71, late of Sallins road, Naas, funeral from 8 Malpas street to Glasnevin.—JEFFERS—Feb. 11, at 3 Cowper street, N. C. R., Clare Frances Jeffers.—KELLY—Feb. 10, at Glorney's Buildings, Mary Jane Kelly.—HOWARD—Feb. 6, at 4 Bella place, James Howard.—HAUGHTON—Feb. 9, at 3 Dolphin's Barn lane, S. C. R., Dublin, Rosanna Haughton, sister of the late Patrick Higgins, of Guinness' brewery.—DUFFY—Feb. 10, at 24 Cambridge road, Henry M. Duffy, C. E., late superintendent General Valuation Office, aged 83 years.—COLLINS—Feb. 10, at 10 Nicholas avenue, Frank Collins, for years secretary to the Dublin Carpenters' Society, Lower Gloucester street.—BYRNE—Feb. 11, at 29 Geraldine street, James Byrne, formerly of D. M. P.—BARRY—Feb. 8, at 11 Anna Villa, N. C. road, Mary Barry, formerly of Percy place.—TIGHE—Feb. 8, Patrick J. Tighe, of 33 Manor street.

KILDARE.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Athy School Teachers' Association was held in the Town Hall, Athy, on Jan. 31. The following teachers attended: Messrs. Lacy, Churchtown; Sunderland, Bert; Owens, Strabally; Kirby, Ballyadams; McCabe, Moore; O'Reilly, Kilabbin; Mrs. Lesley, Luggacurran; Miss Mitchell, Athy, and Mrs. Governey, Ballylinan. Mr. McCabe, Moore, Miss McCabe, Killea and Mr. O'Reilly, Kilabbin, were admitted members of this association.

The death of Mr. John Swan took place at Coolayna, Carbury, lately. The deceased had reached the patriarchal age of 83 years. He was an old resident of the place and was highly esteemed. The funeral to Derrinturn was attended by a great concourse.

KING'S.

On Feb. 10 Sister Mary Rose, of Nenagh Convent, celebrated her golden jubilee, she having entered the Birr Convent on Feb. 10, 1838. When the Convent Schools were opened in Nenagh, forty-eight years ago, she was one of the nuns who took charge, and since then her zeal and devotion to religion and the education of the children of Nenagh could not be surpassed. The Reverend Mother, who is now past her 90th year, attended from Birr, accompanied by several sisters.

Peter Ryan, farmer, gave himself up to the police at Tullamore, Feb. 13, and was remanded on the charge of having killed a workman by smashing in his head. Ryan had been suffering from melancholia, and at one time was an inmate of an insane asylum.

KILKENNY.

Communication by telegraph may

now be made with Mullinavatt.

Father John Doyle, of Castlecomer, has been appointed parish priest of Ballyhale.

Rev. W. Holohan has been transferred from Thomastown to Castlecomer in place of Father Doyle, who has been appointed pastor of Ballyhale.

LONGFORD.

The United Irish League and the Gaelic League have reason to be proud of the men who are leading the Nationalists in the County Longford. Both National organizations are doing steady and permanent work for the Irish Ireland movement.

The Longford Leader of Feb. 7, contained the following: "Mrs. Kelly, wife of the popular Mr. T. Kelly, ex-D. C. and principal of Coolavin Female National school, was pensioned off within the past few weeks from service under the National Board. She was one of the many teachers debarred from a course of training in her youth; yet, by her energy and ability, succeeded in winning the highest class under the board. Her monitors were most successful teachers, attaining the highest ranks in the service."

LOUTH.

A meeting of the Drogheda branch of the United Irish League was held in the ballroom of the Mayoralty House on Feb. 10. The mayor, Alderman McGuinness, presided and there was a large attendance, which included Mr. Joseph Nolan, M. P., for South Louth, who delivered an interesting address.

MEATH.

A conference of the clergy of Meath was held at Navan on Feb. 10. Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, bishop of Meath, presided. Seventy priests were present.

The death of Mr. James Tiernan, Gormanstown, occurred Feb. 10. Office and high mass was celebrated in St. Mullin Catholic church, at which the following clergymen officiated: Rev. J. Tiernan Rahan (brother of deceased); Rev. Father Davis, Stamullen; Rev. Father Hopkins, Slane; Rev. Father Brangan, O. S. A. The funeral cortege was the largest seen in the district within the memory of the present generation. The chief mourners were: T. Tiernan (father), Rev. J. Tiernan (brother), Mr. Francis Tierana (brother), Mr. Peter Brangan, (brother-in-law), Messrs. John Brangan, M. Brangan and Thos McCourt, Stamullen (cousins).

QUEENS.

On February 7, Patrick Doogue, a farmer's son, residing at Tolerton, was accidentally killed through the overturning of a cart, which he was driving from Carlow. When about a quarter of a mile from home, when going through a gateway convenient to the residence of a man named Brennan, the cart was upset by being driven over a wall about two and one-half feet high. Deceased was caught under the cart, and when extricated ten or fifteen minutes afterwards was dead.

WESTMEATH.

On January 28 the wedding took place in St. Francis Xavier's church, Gardiner street, Dublin, of Mr. William Early, solicitor, Aughnacloy, and Miss Margaret G. Healy, Strand House, Mullingar. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Nicholas Woods, Mullingar, the assistant clergymen being the Rev. Dr. McCrory, Maynooth; Rev. W. J. Booth, Aughnacloy; Rev. P. Neal, Cloghro; Rev. P. H. Maguire, Enniskillen.

The death of Mr. Mortimer Quinn Carrick, Mullingar, took place at his residence on February 8. The funeral was to Meedin cemetery, where Father Bray and Father Gaughran officiated.

WEXFORD.

The anniversary office and high mass for the soul of Mr. Laurence Codd, Munmore, was held in Crossabeg church February 10. The Very Rev. Canon Clonely, Castlebridge, presided. The celebrant was the Rev. James Murphy, Crossabeg.

WICKLOW.

A meeting of the Father Murphy '98 Monument Committee was held at Arklow February 8. Mr. Thomas Kelly, sr., presided. Others present were: John Doyle and Garrett Moore, secretaries; W. Kavanagh, James O'Neill, Thomas Kelly, jr., Patrick Condren, Moses Fitzpatrick, M. Kavanagh and James Tyrrell. The business of the meeting was to consider correspondence from the architect and the sculptor with regard to the erection of the figure to be delivered in Arklow during the week.

The death of Mr. John Fleming, of Aughavanagh, took place at the Crettyard Stores, Queen's county, on January 24. The funeral took place on Sunday morning from Crettyard for Aughavanagh.

ULSTER

ANTRIM.

Mr. Craig, the landowners' and Orangemen's candidate, was elected member of Parliament for South Antrim on February 13. He defeated Dr. Keightley, the tenants' candidate, by 849 votes.

On February 7 the Woodburn factory in Carrickfergus was destroyed by fire. The premises, which form a branch of the County Down Flax Spinning and Weaving Company, were within a mile of Carrickfergus and consisted of two large buildings in which linen weaving and bleaching of fine linen were carried on. The old wing of the factory is stated to have been built about one hundred years ago.

Three hundred persons are thereby thrown out of employment. The financial loss is estimated at over \$100,000.

On February 4 the burial took place of Mrs. Marie de La Croix at the convent, Lisburn. The deceased nun was the daughter of the late John Enright, of Dublin, and sister of Rev. Father Andrew, C. P., Glencoe, Adelaide, Australia. On Wednesday the funeral ceremonies took place in the convent chapel. Most Rev. H. Henry presided at the solemn high mass, which was celebrated by Rev. D. J. McWilliams, Lisburn.

ARMAGH.

At a public meeting held in Belleek lately a branch of the Gaelic League, was established. The meeting was the largest, representative and most enthusiastic yet held. Rev. Joseph O'Connor, C. C., being chairman. All the officers were in attendance. A collection was taken up, and a handsome sum was realized.

The remains of the late Mrs. Conway, of Ballynec, Armagh, mother of Mr. John Conway, chairman of the Armagh Urban District Council, were on February 7 conveyed to St. Malachy's Chapel, Armagh, the funeral cortege being large and representative. The chief mourners were: John Conway and James Conway, Belfast, sons.

CAVAN.

Mr. Matthew Donagh, merchant, Kingscourt, died January 20, aged 41 years.

On January 27, died Mrs. Mary McGovern, at the age of 70 years. The funeral to Fenagh was very numerously attended.

A successful concert, organized by the Rev. M. E. Brady, Fairymount, was held in the schools, Crosserlough, February 4. Father Brady was fortunate in securing the services of Michael Kiernan and Michael Galligan, Oldcastle; Miss O'Connor, Cavan; Mrs. McQuaid, Misses Julia Finnegan, Bridgid Finnegan, Maggie Kelly, Dr. McQuaid, Messrs. F. J. Lynch and T. J. Lynch, Ballyjamesduff; Messrs. O'Brien, Nelson and Fitzsimmons, Cavan; Father Brady, Ballyjamesduff, while Kilmaleck was represented by Mrs. Dr. McGennis, Rev. Hugh Owens and Rev. M. F. Brady.

DERRY.

Miss Elizabeth O'Kane of 20 Chamberlaine street, died February 9, aged 21 years. The funeral to St. Joseph's new cemetery, Banagher, was very largely attended.

On February 12, in St. Columba's hall, Derry, in the presence of a splendid house, the Rev. W. M. J. Ring, O. M. I., superior of the Order of Mary Immaculate, delivered his lecture entitled "The Irish Pilgrimage to Rome." Rev. William Doherty, administrator, Long Tower, presided. It was a most interesting and instructive lecture. Shortly before eight o'clock and at other periods of the evening the girls of St. Columba's choir, Long Tower, gave evidence of their ability in rendering hymns and other sacred music, as well as national airs. Miss McCloskey presided at the harmonium.

Rev. A. McNelis, pastor of Kilar, has commenced the building of a new church, and has advertised for contracts.

The remains of Ann McCann, aged 70, of Ballyshannon, were found in the River Erne by Stephen Quinn on February 6.

In Ballybrack on February 8 a meeting was held to found a branch of the Gaelic League in Moville Parish. On the motion of Mr. John Cavanagh, seconded by Mr. John Smith, the chair was taken by Rev. J. Hasan, P. P. The reverend chairman urged on all the necessity of cultivating their native language. He dwelt on the various phases of the Irish industrial question and pointed out the duty incumbent on Irishmen and women—both on patriotic and economic grounds—of patronizing Irish industry.

DOWN.

Rev. J. J. McKinley, C. C., Castlewellan, has been transferred to Green-castle.

A meeting of the Coliste Ceannair was held in Castlewellan on February 8. The progress of the language movement in the district; the advisability of holding a Fests in 1903; the observance of St. Patrick's day as a national festival, and Irish language week collection occupied the attention of the meeting.

FERMANAGH.

Edward O'Flanagan, of Main street, Irvingston, died recently, very largely regretted. The funeral was very largely attended.

Owen Bannon, who resided alone in Glenn, near Tempo, was found lying in his home on February 2. He recovered consciousness and received the consolation of religion from Father Gallagher.

MONAGHAN.

Mr. Hugh Duffy, grocer and draper, of Newbliss, died January 24, aged 60 years. The funeral of Killeevan was very numerously attended. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Duffy, wife; Michael Duff, Pat lck Duffy and Hugh Duffy, sons; Maggie Duffy, daughter; Ellen Duffy, cousin. The Rev. P. McDonald officiated at the grave and delivered a touching panegyric on the deceased gentleman.

TYRONE.

A special meeting of the organizing committee of the William O'Brien branch of the United Irish League was held in the League rooms, Fintona, February 8 to continue the work of reorganization so suspiciously commenced at the public meeting on Wednesday, when addresses were delivered by Mr. George Murnaghan and Mr. J. McKean, M. P.'s. The vice president, Mr. John Owens, Omagh, occupied the chair in the absence of the president Very Rev. B. Canon Duffy, and the attendance was one of the largest yet recorded of the Fintona Branch.