

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.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Mrs. Bridget Burke, widow, died Feb. 24, at Holles street, Dublin. Her remains were conveyed by rail to her home for interment. The remains were in St. Bridget's church during requiem office and high mass.

Right Rev. Dr. McCormack, bishop of Galway, has given his approval to Rev. Father Conroy pastor, Spiddal, to erect a new church for the parish. For that purpose Lord Killanin and his uncle, Sir George Morris, have each given \$1,250. A bazaar will soon be organized to raise money for same good object.

LEATRIM.—Mr. A. O'Rourke, chairman of the United Irish League branch in Upper Drumrell, presided at a meeting of the members held on Feb. 22. The following resolution, proposed by Mr. P. Charles and seconded by the chairman, was passed unanimously: "That we express our confidence in the Irish party and hail with satisfaction the recent friendly conference between the representatives of the landlords and tenants of Ireland, which we hope will result in the passing of a final land purchase bill in the present parliament; and we pledge ourselves to continue the struggle for self-government until it becomes an accomplished fact." With regard to rent strikes and grabbers being officers and members of the U. I. L., we certify that our branch contains neither.

MAYO.—Mr. Mellett, auctioneer, Swinford, had a remarkable sale of land interest on February 24. The holding was situated at Kinafo, comprised 8s. 2r. 22p. statute; yearly rent £56; valuation £22—sold for £20. A previous sale by Mr. Mellett was a cottage and garden at Kil Kelly, rent 5s a year, sum obtained £44. The land commissioners will surely note these extraordinary prices and as they are on the side of the land law generally, will increase the second term rents of tenants in this district.

ROSCOMMON.—The Rev. J. Shannon C. C., has been transferred from Ballyleague to Ballymoe.

The death of Miss Blanche Eileen Bealin, of Main street, Boyle, occurred Feb. 24, deeply mourned.

Sunday, Feb. 22, was a busy day in the vicinity of the Associated Estates. In the morning Mr. Denis Johnston and Father Hart had a monster meeting at Rorriacarta, and at the same time Messrs. Fitzgibbon and Conroy were busy at a great meeting in Tibboe. In the evening Messrs. Fitzgibbon, Johnston and Conroy addressed a monster meeting at Lisacul, near Maherry schoolhouse. At the meetings the greatest enthusiasm prevailed and the dimensions of all were the best evidence of the determination of the people to continue the struggle for the land. At Derrynacarta meeting Father Hart paid a glowing tribute to the good effects the conference had. The names of Messrs. Redmond, O'Brien and Harrington were cheered. Police were all around and on cars and bicycles they followed the speakers all day.

The marriage took place on Feb. 23, at St. Bride's church, Ballintubber, of Mr. Michael O'Brien, Jr., Clonoygrasson, Ballintubber, nephew of the Rev. John O'Brien, Tullish, and Rev. Charles O'Brien to Miss Margaret Gill, daughter of Mr. John Gill, Garabane, Ballintubber. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Martin, Ballintubber. The bridesmaid was Miss O'Rahilly, sister of the bride, and Mr. O'Brien, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

A meeting of the Nationalists of Roskeery and Tarmoderry District was held in Clonfad on Feb. 22 for the purpose of reorganizing the branch of the United Irish League. Mr. Edward Hanly, Killyharry, was unanimously elected to the chair. The chairman exhorted all nationalists to stand firm by their organization in this critical period. The following are the officers and committee elected: Thomas McGowan, president; James McGlynn, vice president; Thomas Cooney, treasurer; Patrick Flanagan, secretary; Joseph Farrell, Thomas Spallan, P. Gilhooley, P. Mitchell, Peter Connor, J. M. Cox, M. Dooner, James Carroll, Bryan Lannon, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, John Egan.

SILIGO.—The terrific storm that passed over Ireland during the night of Feb. 25 and following day did considerable damage in Siligo. Several houses in the neighborhood of the quays were flooded. The steamship Olive (1,000 tons) was blown ashore with a cargo of corn. Several thousand pounds' worth of sugar, flour, salmon and other merchandise were injured. Messrs. Meagher & Sons, sugar merchants, were the largest sufferers. There was no loss of life.

The deaths reported in the county were: Mr. James Irwin, Ballin...

Templeboy, aged 21 years. Feb. 15, at Rathnarrow, Mrs. Margaret... aged 76 years. Feb. 14, at Carr House, Michael Sweeney, aged 61. At Feb. 20, at the Royal Hospital, Donabrook, Dublin, William Wallace Whitaker, Silgo, aged 20 years.

Mr. B. McCernan, secretary of the North Sligo Executive United Irish League, was unexpectedly liberated from Sligo Prison on Feb. 26. Mr. McCernan was sentenced to be imprisoned for six weeks for alleged intimidation and conspiracy under the Coercion Act on January 30 last, so that there were two weeks of his sentence unexpired. When it became known in Sligo that Mr. McCernan was once more free, many friends, including Mr. McGuire, mayor of Sligo prominent Nationalists, and a number of his colleagues in the corporation, called on him. On Thursday evening and following day Mr. McCernan received congratulatory wires from Messrs. O'Dowd and McKillop, M. P.'s, Mr. T. McCarthy, editor of the Irish People, and many other friends.

A meeting of the Nationalists of the Roskeery, Carracastle and Clontia districts was held in Roskeery, Feb. 22, at which the Carracastle band attended. The following members of the committee of the Carracastle Branch United Irish League were present: Hugh Glacken, P. Boland, John Kelly, John Cloasick, Michael Towey, Thos. Towey, Michael Flannery, William Marron, T. Visey, J. Colter, Pat Geever, P. Doherty, Thomas Hansbury, P. Sherlock, James Tansy, Bartley Cawley, M. McDonnell, Mr. Thos. O. Hunt, treasurer Roskeery Branch. United Irish League, occupied the chair. The following resolutions were carried: "That the Carracastle and Roskeery Branches of the United Irish League become amalgamated and be hereafter known as the Carracastle and Roskeery Branch." "That we call on the people of Roskeery and the surrounding townlands to become enrolled under the banner of the United Irish League, which is a prime factor in bringing the land question to its present stage."

Lienster

CARLOW.—Mrs. Sarah O'Neill, Hacketstown, died February 25, deeply mourned. Solemn requiem mass at Hacketstown (funeral to Tinacah) was very numerous attended.

DUBLIN.—Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, on February 17 administered the sacrament of confirmation to six hundred children in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.

Another successful rehearsal of the orchestra of the Dublin Gaelic League was held at 20 Rutland Square, N. February 26. If the spirit which animates the members of the orchestra continues, not only will the Gaelic league have a competent orchestra free of expense, but a most difficult problem in the musical world shall have been solved.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—MERRIGAN.—February 19, at St. Michael's Hospital, Kingsdown, John Merrigan, National school teacher, Dalkey. COUGHLAN.—Feb. 19, at 10 Beesborough Parade, Rathmines, Mary (Molly) Sabina Coughlan, McKENNA.—Feb. 18, at Killucan, John McKenna. FAIRFIELD.—Feb. 19, Mrs. Julia Fairfield, Bloomfield Park, South Circular Road. QUINN.—Feb. 20, at 27 Queen's Square, Agnes Quinn, O'Neill.—Feb. 17, Michael O'Neill, of 42 Benburgh street. WHELAN.—Feb. 21, at 2 Ormond Place, Upper Ormond Quay, Jane Whelan, eldest daughter of Mr. Stephen Hanlon, of Lower Dorset street. REILLY.—Feb. 24, at Newport, Donabate, John Reilly, members of Bakers' Association, Bridge street. OMEARA.—Feb. 23, at 31 Lombard street, West, Edward James O'Meara. DOWDALL.—Feb. 23, John Dowdall. MURPHY.—Feb. 23, at 18 Haroldscross, Rebecca J. Murphy, daughter of the late P. Murphy, Haroldscross Mills. MURTAGH.—Feb. 25, Edward Murtagh, of 42 Booterstown avenue. COLE.—Feb. 21, at the Hospice, Haroldscross, James Cole, of 149 Phiborough road, aged 67 years. DE PELLETTE.—On Feb. 21, at 34 Meath street, John, husband of Elizabeth De Pellette. TORMEY.—Feb. 18, at 2 Chapel street, Teresa Catherine Tormey. TREACY.—Feb. 19, at Castlereagh, William Treacy, aged 75. TUNNEY.—Feb. 19, at 13 Ballsbridge, Mary Tunney. HALTON.—On Feb. 19, Brighton House, Fairview, Mary Halton, only daughter of Mr. John Irwin. KILDARE.—Mr. John A. Copeland died at Ballymore Eustace Woolen Mills, Feb. 22, aged sixty-eight years, deeply mourned. The funeral to the Catholic cemetery was numerous attended.

KILKENNY.—Rev. William Fogarty, pastor of Dublin, Ontario, Canada, who died recently at the early age of forty-two years, deeply regretted, was son of the late Mr. Edward Fogarty, Ballyuskull, Ballyraggett. He had a brother a priest and two sisters, nuns. The late Father Fogarty was educated at Blackrock College, Dublin and at St. Michael's College, Toronto. He went through his theological studies at the Grand Seminary of Montreal.

KINGS.—During the awful storm which swept over Ireland February 22, and the following day serious damage was inflicted on the extensive distillery buildings, Tullamore, as well as on P. and H. Egan's brewery and the workhouse. A huge tree was up...

storm of Feb. 24, the new park enclosure of galvanized iron was demolished and portions carried away. Buildings in the town present the appearance of a bombardment. The Longford court house was blown away in portions, and a large part of the interior flooded. The Longford Arms Hotel, which adjoins had windows burst in and the roof in portions taken off.

Rev. P. Farrell, C. C., has been appointed president and spiritual director of the Navan Catholic Young Men's Society, which positions were vacated by Rev. D. Flynn on his promotion to the presidency of the Seminary.

Mr. Henry Balf, of Bigstown House, County Meath, died Feb. 10, aged 87 years. He was a member of an ancient family in that part of the county. Requiem services and funeral to Kibbeg cemetery were numerously attended. He took a prominent part in all the national and patriotic movements during his lifetime.

Mr. Margaret McDonnell of Coote street, Maryboro', died Feb. 18, aged 25 years. The remains were removed to the parish church, where office for the dead and requiem mass were sung in the presence of a large congregation.

WEXFORD.—The nuns in the Faythe and Presentation schools, Wexford, are heart and soul in the Gaelic movement, and their enthusiasm has been taken up by the children, who recite the rosary and sing hymns in the Irish language. In the George's street schools there is a very wholesome Irish spirit, which equals that of their little neighbors in the other schools. An Irish lady teacher has been obtained for the schools under the management of the Sisters of Mercy.

During the excavation at the entrance of the railway station, Rosseron, New Ross, in connection with the new railway to Waterford, the workmen dug up on February 24, human skulls and a very large quantity of bones, supposed to be those of the yeomanry who fell after having been beaten out of New Ross by the Wexfordmen, across the old wooden bridge into Rosseron, on June 5, 1798. At this particular spot it is stated that it was all English soldiers who fell on that day, and were there buried.

WICKLOW.—A meeting of the committee of the Dwyer and McAnister memorial was held at the committee rooms, Ballynash, on February 24. Mr. Denis Kehoe, presiding. Also present: Patrick Byrne, vice-chairman, T. C. Cooke, treasurer; J. T. Clarke, J. Flynn, W. P. Hoey, Patrick Moore, Edward O'Neill, A. O'Brien, N. O'Brien, M. Lawler, T. F. Doyle and James Byrne. The secretary read the minutes, which were confirmed and signed. Subscriptions were handed in, collected in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland (per Mr. P. McCarthy, Aughrim, County Wicklow). Mr. Joseph Byrne, donors, Mr. Denis Byrne, Mr. Thomas Lennon, Mr. Jas. Nolan, Mr. Michael Lawler, seconded by Mr. Thomas F. Doyle, a vote of thanks was passed to the subscribers. The committee fully appreciates the noble sentiments which prompted those subscriptions. The secretary drew the attention of the meeting to some money lying out...

Munster

CLARE.—On Feb. 26 a terrific storm broke over Ennis and districts surrounding it, doing great damage to property of all kinds. Not since January 6, 1839, was there such a disastrous storm experienced in Ireland.

A meeting of the Kilrush Branch of the United Irish League was held in the National Club, February 22. Mr. Stephen McMahon, president, in the chair. The secretary drew the attention of the meeting to the action of a member of the Kilrush Urban Council, who proposed a resolution for to have a warship in the Shannon, which would be the means of our young townsmen joining the navy. Clare's representative, Mr. W. Redmond, should be called on not to notice such resolution. The following resolution, proposed by the secretary and seconded by Mr. O'Dea and unanimously adopted: "The the Kilrush Branch United Irish League give thanks to Mr. Michael Crotty, U. C., for his patriotic action at a meeting of the Kilrush Urban Council against Mr. J. Carroll's resolution in begging of the government to make Kilrush a depot for the navy."

CORK.—Cord City and surrounding districts experienced on February 26 and 27 the most terrific and destructive wind storm that Ireland has known since the night of the "Big Wind" in 1839. The structures on the Cork Park racecourse were destroyed. A house on Sullivan's Quay, Cork, fell and killed Elizabeth Cragg. In queenstown vessels dragged their anchors, houses were unroofed and the sea broke clear over residences, at the seaside. Windows were torn clear of their fastenings and carried away sailing on the wind. The damage all over the county is vast, but, fortunately, so far as known, very few persons have been reported as having perished in that great storm. A silver Celtic bowl, presented to the committee of the Ennis Branch of the Gaelic League by Mr. W. Redmond, M. P., has been received by Father O'Connell, V. P., St. Flannan's College...

read an address of welcome to the political prisoner. Mr. Corr addressed the assembly. Immediately after the public meeting, a banquet was given, at which Mr. Corr, Mr. Wm. Fennelly, a brother of the archbishop's, and several local gentlemen were present.

WATERFORD.—Miss Annie Phelan, sister of late Rev. William Phelan, parish priest of Killymane, County Tipperary, died on Feb. 25, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Captain Kearney, 3 Rockgrove Terrace, Lower road, Cork, deeply regretted. Father Phelan and his sister were natives of the city of Waterford and were much esteemed by the people of that city. Captain Kearney was in command of the Cork steamer Uppu, which was lost lately on the coast of Cork. All hands went down with the ship.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—COMERTON.—On Feb. 23, at 8 Seminary Villas, Farranferris, Valentine Comerford, engineer, late of Cork Steam Packet Company.—GARVAN.—On Feb. 22, at Castlestownroche, John Garvan.—LINDSEY.—On Feb. 22, at King street, Fermoy, John Lindsey.—VAUGHAN.—On Feb. 20, at the Convent of Mercy, St. Marie's of the Isle, Sister Fidelis Vaughan, daughter of Mr. John Vaughan, Lisimire, Kanturk.—KENNEFICK.—On Feb. 23, at Rose Cottage, Brandon, William Kennefick.—CLOSE.—On Feb. 22, at Ballyvonnare, Buttevant, Annie Close, of Derrymacloaghney, County Galway, aged 69 years.—LINEHAN.—On Feb. 22, at Barrack street, Michael Linehan.—KELLY.—On Feb. 17, at Ballinamannagh, Killarney, Elsie, the beloved wife of James Kelly, Acting-Sergeant, R. I. C., William street, Limerick, and late principal teacher Clashnagarrane, F. N. S.—McARTHUR.—On Feb. 16, Myles McCarthy, Killarney.—COTTER.—On Feb. 20, Catherine Cotter, Lady's Well Brewery.—COUGHLAN.—At Boreenmanna, Michael Coughlan.—O'SULLIVAN.—On Feb. 17, at Curra Bower, Glanane, Mallow, Eugene O'Sullivan, aged 66 years.—CARROLL.—On Feb. 14, at Gorteenore, Bally, of pneumonia, Patrick J. Carroll, Sotir, aged 38 years.—MACDONALD.—On Feb. 18, at Loretto Convent, Fermoy, Sister Mary Ignatus, eldest daughter of Captain Macdonald.—COUGHLAN.—At Boreenmanna, Michael Coughlan.—O'SULLIVAN.—At Curra Bower, Glanane, Mallow, Eugene O'Sullivan, aged 66 years.—O'CONNOR.—Richard O'Connor, at Main street, Charleville.—AHERN.—On Feb. 24, at 41 York street, Hannah Ahern, of Monard, Whitechurch.—QUINLAN.—On Feb. 25, at Artillery Quay, Fermoy, Winifred Dunlea.—MURPHY.—On Feb. 20, at Fohenagh, Bridget Murphy.—O'BRIEN.—On Feb. 21, at Coole, Fermoy, Michael O'Brien.—DWYER.—At 48 Grattan street, Mrs. Anne Dwyer.—LEE.—On Feb. 13, at Ballyvaugh, Kinmartry, Mary Lee, sister of the late Rev. Philip Burton, C. M., and niece of the late Canon Burton, P. P., Castlestownroche.—MURPHY.—On Feb. 24, at Cuckoo Hill, Mary Murphy, aged 15 years.—PHELAN.—On Feb. 26, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Kearney, 3 Rockgrove Terrace, Lower road, Annie, sister of the late Rev. W. J. Phelan, P. P., Ardhanee.—SHEEHAN.—On Feb. 26, at Poulisduff road, William Sheehan, aged 19 1/2 years.—CRONIN.—Feb. 27, at the Square, Macroom, Patrick Cronin, late market clerk.—DUGGAN.—On Feb. 25, at The Lodge, St. Vincent's Convent, St. Mary's road, Cork, Jane, wife of Patrick Duggan.—LANE.—On Feb. 27, at Ballymacmoy, Killavullen, William Lane, aged 86 years.

Ennis. The outline is taken from the celebrated "Ardagh Chalice," discovered some years ago buried in the ground, under a stone in an old "hag," or fort, at Ardagh, County Limerick. It is ornamented with designs in metal and enamel, and was probably made some time before the tenth century. The original is preserved in the National Museum, Dublin. The work was executed in the workshops of Johnson, Dublin, who have made a special study of ancient Irish gold and silver ornaments. The chased bands of Celtic interlacing with the various crosses between the panels make it a very valuable cup.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—St. Compall's New Schools in Antrim, recently erected, were formally opened February 23 by a grand variety concert and entertainment. The songs and music were of an Irish character, as befitting such an occasion. Rev. Thomas O'Donnell is the pastor.

BELFAST.—In celebration of his golden jubilee as a priest, the Very Rev. John Macaulay, pastor of St. Matthew's, Belfast, was the guest on February 19 of the priests of Down and Connor at a dinner in the Linen Hall Hotel. An illuminated address was presented to him on same occasion. The historian of the diocese, the Very Rev. J. O'Laverty, P. P., M. R. I. A., Holywood, Down, presided, and with him fifty clergymen. Of the committee Father O'Laverty was chairman, the other members being the Rev. James McArdle, Crossgar; Rev. C. McAuley, St. Peter's; the Very Rev. Dr. Lavery, president St. Malachy's College, Down; and the Rev. James Hamill, Whitehouse, secretary.

Intelligence has reached Belfast of the death of a highly respected priest of the diocese of Down and Connor, the Rev. J. P. Greene, D. D., who passed away at St. Joseph's Institute, Antwerp, on Feb. 22. Dr. Greene was born at Malahide, County Dublin, in 1843, and after completing his preliminary studies in St. Malachy's College, Belfast, entered the Logic Class in the College of Maynooth in 1863. He was ordained by Cardinal Cullen at Pentecost, 1867, and in July of the same year he was appointed curate of Newtownards. He was subsequently professor in St. Malachy's College, Belfast, and was attached to St. Peter's, St. Mary's and St. Malachy's districts. In the latter of which he was for years administrator. The remains will be interred at Antwerp, but office and requiem mass were celebrated in St. Malachy's church on February 23.

ARMAGH.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the profession as a nun of the Order of Mercy of Rev. Mother de Sales (McGeeney) was celebrated at Lurgan lately. The Rev. Mother during her religious life, labored in the service of God in the Convent of Mercy, Lurgan. The Most Rev. Henry O'Neill, bishop of Down, presided at the function, and many of the clergy were present. An attractive program having been gone through, and an address presented to the Rev. Mother. Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill congratulated the Sisters of Mercy and the children taking part on the excellence of the entertainment.

CAVAN.—The death of the Rev. Thomas McEnroe, S. J., occurred as the result of an accident at North Sydney on Christmas eve. Seeing a horse rearing away with a trap, in which a man and boy were seated, he bravely placed himself in the way and tried to stop it by opening his umbrella. He was himself knocked down and fatally injured. The deceased was a native of Cavan, where he was born in the year 1834. He went to Australia twenty-five years ago, serving also for some time on the mission in Dunedin, N. Z. The funeral took place on St. Stephen's day from the church at Greenwich to Gore Hill cemetery, after requiem mass and office in the church, a large attendance of the clergy being present.—West Australian Record, January 24.