

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 Empire.

Connacht

GALWAY.—At a National League Convention held in Galway, Mr. J. N. Devlin was selected for the vacancy created by the conviction for alleged treason of Col. Lynch. Mr. H. A. Murray, solicitor, was also proposed, but his name was withdrawn. Mr. Devlin was a member of the Canadian House of Representatives, and in that capacity supported a Home Rule resolution in 1893. He will advocate the establishment of Galway as a terminal port for the Canadian mails. He signed the party pledge.

On Feb. 25 one of the most destructive storms that have visited Galway visited and destroyed valuable property. The streets of Tuam presented the appearance of a city that had suffered from the bombardment of a hostile force; streets lay promiscuously around; the Palace of Most Rev. Dr. O'Sullivan suffered damage, also the town hall, some of the lead being stripped off. From outlying places we learn of destruction of crops and houses, and momentary fires are arising in various parts of the county. The night of the 25th was the night of "the Big Wind" in 1879.

At a full meeting of the Tuam Rural District Council on March 1 (80 members present), the chairman of the council, Mr. Thomas Higgins, proposed and it was unanimously resolved that an address be presented to Most Rev. Dr. Healy, on his accession to the archbishopric of Tuam, and a committee, consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman and S. J. McDonogh, Henry McKelvey and Michael P. Costelloe, was appointed to draft the address. A meeting of the people of Ballinacree, called by circular issued by Mr. L. Conroy, was held in Hayden's Hotel for the purpose of considering the advisability of presenting an address and presentation to the archbishop of Tuam. Mr. L. Conroy occupied the chair. Mr. Julius E. Horns proposed that a committee be formed. The resolution was adopted. £225 towards the expenses were subscribed.

LEITRIM.—A farmer named Thomas Cullen, residing near Manorhamilton, while cutting grass for his cattle on February 27, was blown into a drain, and falling upon his scythe received fatal injuries.

Mr. James Burbridge, Forest, Johnston Bridge, died February 14, deeply and widely mourned. The large and representative cortege which accompanied the remains to the family burial place at Cloonmore bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which he was held. Rev. M. Skelly, Gortlettera, officiated at the grave. The chief mourners were: Mrs. J. Burbridge (wife), Messrs. J. and D. Burbridge, (sons), Mrs. Toole and Mrs. Kennedy (daughters), Mrs. T. Burbridge and Mrs. D. Burbridge, (daughters-in-law), Mr. P. Kennedy (son-in-law), Mr. L. Burbridge (brother), Messrs. W. and D. Burbridge (nephews), Mrs. J. Shanley (sister).

MAYO.—Mr. Patrick Hughes, Ballinacorney, Claremorris, died rather suddenly on February 23. Deceased was enjoying excellent health until midnight night previous; after attending a concert he suddenly got an attack of asthma. He revived from the first attack; about two hours afterward he became overcome by a second attack, to which he succumbed. His demise has caused a universal feeling of regret, for he was held in esteem by all who knew him. He spent thirty years teaching in the National school, Claremorris. He was master of the Irish League, and spent many years of devoted service in reviving the grand old Irish tongue. On Wednesday morning the remains were conveyed to the parish church where solemn requiem mass was celebrated. Rev. John McEvilly, celebrant; Rev. Archdeacon Kilkenny, deacon; Rev. P. Nicholson, sub-deacon. After the requiem mass the funeral took place at the family burial place, Ballinacorney.

The death of Mr. Matthew J. Barrett took place at Cairns, North Queensland, Australia, on November 23, 1902. Deceased was a son of the late John Barrett, Lisnolan, Balla. The late Very Rev. Dean Finn, of Swinford, was his uncle, and he was a first cousin of Canon Barrett, Headford, County Galway. Before he emigrated to Australia, Mr. Barrett was manager of Sidney Auckland's business in Ballinrobe.

ROCKFORD.—Peter McNulty, son of Mr. John McNulty, Westport, died Feb. 22, aged 18 years. The funeral to the Andersons' burial ground was one of the largest witnessed in the district for a long time, and testified to the widespread esteem in which the family was held. The Rev. John J. Kelly officiated. Among those in the cortege were: Dr. M. O'Donoghue, Mr. Glenan, U. L. L. organizer; Michael Finn, P. L. L. organizer; David O'Connell, Michael O'Connell, Michael O'Connell, John O'Connell, Michael O'Connell, P. O'Connell, P. O'Connell.

Br. P. Timlin, Jr.; John Rowland, Michael Ruane, P. Murray, Thomas Coleman, Thomas Machale, P. McHale, Dominick Byron, Martin Casley, J. Flynn, John McGowan, James Murray, John McHale, Edward Neary, Michael Casley, secretary U. L. L.; Thomas Lotus, Anthony Canavan.

The Ballinrobe branch of the United Irish League was reorganized lately. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and the people showed great eagerness to join the organization. Among those who were on the platform were Mr. Fetherston, M. Concanon, J. Byrne, J. Kelly, P. Byrne, J. Vaugh, etc. Mr. O'Sullivan, organizer for Roscommon executive, was present. Mr. Michael Fetherston took the chair. Mr. O'Sullivan referred to the forthcoming Land Bill, and urged the people to band themselves together by joining the United Irish League.

The death of Mr. William Treacy, Castlerea, occurred Feb. 19, at the age of 75 years. For many years he had been clerk of the Petty Sessions Courts in Castlerea, a Ballinrobe and Ballinlough.

SLIGO.—Mrs. Jordan, of Ballinrother, Keash, attended Boyle market, after which she entered a house in Chapel street, and becoming sick, expired in a few minutes.

Father Patrick O'Donnell, of Curry, has been transferred to Ballinacorney, to the great regret of his parishioners. It was his first mission. He was ordained in 1892.

The members of the Keshigo branch of the United Irish League at recent meeting elected the following officers for ensuing year: Mr. A. O'Sullivan, president; Mr. James McGurra, vice-president; Mr. B. Feeley, deputy vice-president; Mr. P. McGowan, treasurer; Messrs. M. Connelly and T. McGowan, secretaries.

Mr. John Mulligan, High street, Sligo, died March 4, at an advanced age, deeply regretted. On Friday a solemn requiem mass was celebrated at the Cathedral, where the remains had been conveyed the previous night. The following priests officiated: Dr. Hurly celebrant; Rev. Fr. McDermott, deacon; Rev. Fr. Hughes, sub-deacon; Rev. Dr. O'Leary, master of ceremonies, and a number of clergymen in the choir. The funeral was to the Sligo cemetery. The cortege that followed the corpse was large and representative, including friends from Drumcliffe, Rosser Point, and other localities.

Munster

CLARE.—Mr. John S. Frost, of Rosmanaher, was married to Miss Catherine Kirby, Ballynoodare, County Limerick, in the Dominican church, Limerick City, Feb. 24. Father Hanly officiated.

Major Michael Francis MacNamara, Corofin, died in Waterford City, March 1. He was a son of the late Dr. Michael MacNamara, Corofin. He had seen service in the British army. During five years' previous to his death he had resided in Waterford City. His remains were conveyed by rail to his native place for interment.

The village of Quin suffered from the great storm of February 26 and 27, the roofs of many houses being damaged. Near Clooney a tree fell on the house of a farmer named O'Grady, dividing it in two, and girls who were sleeping in an end room barely escaping injury. A number of chapels throughout the county, including Doora, Borefield and Connelly, had their roofs damaged. The house of a farmer named Fitzgerald, near Borefield, had its roof blown in. Cases of injury to houses and property are very numerous.

CORK.—John Kelly, 100 Great Britain street, aged 70 died at Cork March 4, as a result of an accident. Some bricks fell on him while working in Goulding's Glen on Ash Wednesday.

John Gilhooley, a riveter on the steamship Mariposa, under repair at Rushbrooks dock, Cork, fell down the hold of the vessel, March 6, and was picked up in an injured state. He was at once removed to the Queenstown hospital.

On March 5 the rear of two large tenement houses in George's Quay, Cork City, known as Nos. 2 and 3 Buckingham place, collapsed and buried several occupants. Mrs. Ellen Donovan, aged 60 years, when picked out was dead; and another, a boy named Donovan, aged 6 years, died from shock.

Recent Deaths in Cork—O'DWYER.—At Gurtien, Goldcross, County Tipperary. Mrs. O'Dwyer, mother of the Rev. Brother O'Dwyer, North Monastery, Cork, in the 70th year of her age. O'CONNOR.—On Feb. 28, at St. Patrick's hospital, Denis O'Connor, 178 Blarney street. CREMEN.—On Feb. 28, Sunday's Well avenue, Patrick Cremen, son of the late William Cremen, Sunday's Well, aged 18 years. BURNES.—On Feb. 28, at Rathduff, Daniel Burnes. O'MAHONEY.—On March 1, Ellen O'Mahoney, Ballyshannon. MURPHY.—On Feb. 28, Bridget Murphy, late of Blackpool. LONDON.—On March 2, at 16 Bridge street, George London, in his 84th year. BURROW.—On Feb. 9, at Kent Villa, Kent street, Woodstock, Cape Town, Jane Beere Burrow, late of Grattan Hill, Cork. O'LEARY.—At the North Infirmary, on March 3, Hannah Clery.

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KILDARE.—Mr. John Nolan, Rathgar, Dublin, died Feb. 16, aged 81 years. He was related to Rev. John Nolan, pastor of Kildare.

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The death of Mr. Nicholas O'Hara, at the early age of 32 years, which occurred on Feb. 23, is deeply regretted in the many parts of the country where deceased was well known and popular. He was for many years manager of Mr. Sparrow's and subsequently of Mrs. Fitzgerald's establishments at Kilmannagh. Some four or five years ago he opened business at Windgap and succeeded in establishing a very fine connection. The funeral took place on March 2 at Windgap and was largely attended.

LIMERICK.—In the estate of Lord Dunraven, Odare Manor, one thousand trees were felled by the storm which swept over Ireland, Feb. 26 and 27. Adjoining the Adare Presbyterian church a tree was knocked down by the fury of the gale on Feb. 26, which fell on the roof of Dean Flanagan's residence, demolishing the chimney, the debris falling in the bedroom of the Dean, who had a most miraculous escape.

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The death of Mr. Maurice Roche of Kilmannagh, Ballingarry, occurred Feb. 26. The funeral on Sunday from Clounceagh church to Ballingarry cemetery was very largely attended. Rev. Garrett Alphonsus Prendergast, a promising member of the illustrious Order of St. Francis, brother of the late Rev. Father Prendergast, Powerscourt, and of Mrs. L. Comerford, Clonmel, died at the convent of the Franciscan Fathers, Caprenea, near Rome on March 2.

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Lienster

CARLOW.—A reminder of the great storm of Feb. 26 in Tullow is the absence of the cross on the spire of the Catholic church. It was blown off and was found dashed to atoms at the base of the tower. It was designed by Augustine Pugin, and erected by Father Nolan, the late P. P. Abbeyleix, during the episcopate of "J. K. L." It was the first raised after Catholic emancipation. The people of Tullow were proud of its history and now regret that they have been deprived of it.

DUBLIN.—The recent storm made great havoc among the trees of all kinds that beautified the Phoenix Park Dublin. Almost 3,000 were torn up. Mr. John Nolan, Rathgar, died Feb. 16, aged 81 years. Mr. Nolan was a native of Carlow, and a member of a family which gave to the church Father John Nolan, of Kildare, and the Very Rev. E. W. Burke of Bagnalstown. He was a man of wonderful physique, most retentive memory and on incidents in O'Connell's time he was a mine of information.

At the close of the first day's polling in connection with parliamentary vacancy at Dublin University, caused by the retirement of Mr. Lecky, the result on Feb. 28 was: James H. Camp, K. C., solicitor general for Ireland Unionist, 725; A. W. Samuels, K. C. Liberal, 727.

Recent Deaths in Dublin—SMITH.—Feb. 27, Patrick Smith, late of William Martin & Sons, Stephensgreen. THUNDER.—Feb. 26, at Grasa De, John Baptist Thunder. AYLMER.—Feb. 9, at St. Mary's hospital, Brooklyn, Mary Elizabeth Aylmer, Sister of Charity in religion Sister Dolores Miriam, in the 23d year of her age and fourth of her religious profession, youngest daughter of Stephen Aylmer, late of 8 North Wall. DONOVAN.—Feb. 27, at 50 Moore street, Mrs. M. Donovan.

LYONS.—Feb. 27, Francis N. Lyons, aged 57 years. FOGARTY.—Feb. 27, at 18 Rolly's avenue, Dolphin's Barn, Alexander Fogarty, aged 45 years. BAKER.—Feb. 22, at 7 Stamer street, S. C. road, James Baker, aged 53 years. BRENNAN.—Feb. 23, at 1 Charlotte place, Catherine Brennan. CARNEY.—On Feb. 22, at 190 Clonliffe road, Henry Woodhouse Carney, aged 76. DUNNE.—Feb. 23, at 26 Edbrooke road, Paddington, West London, Henry Dunne, member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, son of the late Mr. John Dunne, of Dublin. HERBERT

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ANTRIM.—Right Rev. Dr. Henry Bishop of Down and Connor, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 220 children in St. Patrick's church, Belfast, March 1. He was assisted by Rev. J. Walsh and the clergy of the parish. All the children took the pledge until they will have reached the age of 21 years.

A shocking affair was reported February 28, from Ballycastle, which has resulted in the loss of three lives. It appears that as a result of the previous Thursday night's storm and rain a landslide occurred at the timeworks house in which the caretaker, James Butler, and his wife and child resided. Tons of debris crushed through the roof, carrying down the loft on the unfortunate inmates, who were killed on the spot.

At a meeting of the Belfast Harbor Commissioners lately it was decided to proceed with the construction of a new graving dock, 750 feet long, 96 feet wide at the entrance and 100 feet wide at the bottom. The depth will be thirty-two feet from the blocks to ordinary high-water level, and some 4 feet 6 inches will be allowed for the blocks. There will be a fitting out jetty 600 feet long and the estimated cost of the entire work is £290,000.

ARMAGH.—The annual sermon in aid of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Greenpark, Armagh, was preached in St. Malachy's church, March 1, by the Very Rev. Dr. Canon Quinn, pastor of Magherafelt. Cardinal Logue, archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, presided, and there was an immense congregation, which included: Rev. Michael Quinn, administrator; Rev. Peter Sheerin, Rev. Joseph Dunne, Rev. J. W. Brady, S. T. L., and Rev. J. Downey, C. M. St. Patrick's college, Armagh. The Christian Brothers were introduced to the Primatial city in the year 1850 by Cardinal Cullen, who was then archbishop of Armagh. The contributions amounted to a great sum.

A house situated near the railway station in Lurgan, and owned by Mr. Adam Hewitt, totally collapsed at an early hour Feb. 26. The premises were recently erected and fortunately no person had occupied them. A large warehouse at the rear of John Malcomson's extensive premises in Market street, was blown down and its valuable stock completely destroyed. A large and very expensive plate-glass window in the premises of Newell Bros., drapers, was demolished, as was also one in the shop of Mr. Samuel Charles, jeweler.

CAVAN.—Dr. Mark Moore, of Cavan, Feb. 24, accidentally took an overdose of morphia and died from its effect. He was aged 30 years.

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"Tid, Mid, and I" "Carling, Palm, gives a name to each of them, at special celebra- The stern, save English ancestor of, during the and as Sundays proper" days to turned into days.

The most into some began at Sunday in Lent, Lent Sunday, M. Cars, Carle, or very early custom shipping in the day first gave it ing Sunday, but changed to that mother, bearing cakes, etc. In o among all classes early the lower and feasting. I as going a-moth furnity, one of t the guests, being in milk, with sea.

Carle, or carlil tal dish in som This was dried p and fried in bu eat; a kind of s claims that dirt vessel load of p by a storm, and from starvation, brated the day lings.

In Northumt were eaten with cakes. In servil had his own sp self, this being custom till then when they wer time. The pers one fell would b pany to be ma the carlings, es per classes, w served on na; which they wer taste.

In Spanish co presented as an places the childr streets dressed drums, shaking "Saw down t

"Saw down t concluding the c two the figure r present Lent. The custom o was very gener is interesting i porpouse, and se fish, and in t enormous sums morsels of them. reason, to be es Why! Is it pos to a superstiti the coast of Ir to kill them, be the souls of th at the food. T capable of casti sporting on the If a mortal obit cast-off skin of claim her as his

A manuscript contains a rece dyne of porpo Henry the Eight delicacy, and in much later. H preys were great of Yarmouth w to send yearly rings, baked in Severn was not and the town of cullar way of st

Good Friday toms, the eating tag a familiar these, it is be house from th while eggs laid believed to hav out all fires o thrown. It was make a small lo to be used for m ing the year.

were grated in posed to be a pa An Irish wh the cutting of th cuts away the st sibles one to sta also prevents Margaret Johns in 1693, declared the day for a witches. Holy day of prepar feasting of East feasting of Lent and fowl were the morrow's fe was believed to taste of them in some places custom to haq filled with tree across the stree fired. This w Spanish custom Holy Saturday,