

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.

Connaught

Galway—On March 3, John King and his wife residing at Cloughmore, beyond Spiddal, were found dead in bed. Demonstrations were held in Galway March 9, over the unopposed election of Mr. Devlin as member for Galway. The Nationalist Independent Brass Band and the Forster Street Pipe and Drum Band paraded the streets followed by large crowds of people. Leitrim—James Nesbitt, who resided at Furnace, had a very narrow escape during the storm of February 28. About three o'clock in the morning a large chimney crock was swept from a portion of the house more elevated than where he slept. Although very heavy and very large it was swept for a considerable distance with such violence that, when falling, it came through the roof where he slept and fell on the bed in which he lay. Luckily it did not strike him. Mr. Michael Cullen, Meelragh, Saggart, died March 8, aged 78 years, deeply mourned. The funeral on Thursday was largely attended from the surrounding districts. The remains followed by relatives and a large funeral cortege were laid in the family burying ground in Clonmorris cemetery. Prayers were recited by the Rev. Father O'Flynn, P. P., who afterwards officiated at the interment. Mayo—John Fitzpatrick, Claremorris, was found drowned in the Alexandra Basin, North Wall, Dublin, March 9. Deceased was on his way to work on farms in England. Died—March 10, at Magheraboy, Mary Ann Brennan, sister of the late Very Rev. Malachy Brennan, on Feb. 26, at St. Vincent's Convent, Cork. Margaret Higgins (in religion Sister Aloysius "Venerable") sister of the late George Gore Oulsey Higgins, formerly M. P. for the County Mayo, in the 8th year of her age. Roscommon—Mr. Martin MacGuinness, Clonmore, Tarmonbarry, died Feb. 20, aged 78 years. The secretary of the Longford Branch of the United Irish League is a son of the deceased. The funeral to the ancient cemetery in Kibbarry was very numerous attended. The death of Mrs. J. Dolan occurred at Clonlough, Strokestown, on Feb. 14 at the age of 60 years. The funeral which was one of the largest seen in the district for a length of time, over sixty vehicles being in the cortege, took place on Tuesday, Feb. 17, to Killooly. The Rev. Father O'Kane officiated. The chief mourners were: Michael Dolan, Peter Dolan, Thomas Dolan, John Dolan, sons; Miss Mary A. Dolan, daughter; Michael Tiernan, brother; Miss Aorkie, Miss Kate Rorkie nieces; Michael Rorkie (nephew). Sligo—Mr. M. Creighton, Chapel street, Sligo, coach builder, died suddenly March 11. The funeral took place on Monday after solemn requiem services were held in the Cathedral. At the Sligo Assizes, on March 12, in the Record Court, before Mr. Justice Barton, was heard the appeal of the Rev. James Spellman, Anthony Calvey, Hugh O'Hara and John McNulty, members of the Kilmacogue Branch of the United Irish League, against the decision of the County Court Judge, who awarded Edward Perdue damage amounting to £19 19s for alleged conspiracy. The Judge confirmed the former verdict against Father Spellman and the others and imposed a further sum of £7 as costs.

Munster

CLARE—A meeting of the members of the Gaelic League class was held lately to try and revive the Irish language in the saintly valley of Glencolumbkille. The following members were present: William O'Connor, chairman; Michael Forde, V. C.; J. S. Linnane, D. V. C.; James Lee, secretary; Miss Fogarty, treasurer, and Patrick Gilligan, assistant secretary. His friends will read with regret of the death of Mr. James Corry, Doonane, Tulla, which took place on March 7 at the residence of his father, Mr. Martin Corry. What makes his death more sad is that exposure to the cold which prevailed on the occasion of the burning of Tyredagh House, where he had been ill for some time, and from where he had to be removed in an open vehicle in the early hours of the morning, hastened his end. As a horseman and an all-round athlete the deceased had few equals. He was, as is well known in Gaelic circles, a pillar of the hurling team, which succeeded in bringing the Dr. Croke cup to Clare, and his old comrades in the United States and his opponents in America, Tipperary, Galway and Wexford, will grieve at his death with the same intensity. The funeral took place on

acter and size of the cortege which followed the remains to the old burial ground at Tulla was proof of the high esteem in which deceased was held. The chief mourners were: Martin, father; Mary, sister; Patrick and T. Corry, brothers; James Corry Michael Corry, P. Corry, N. Corry, T. Corry, W. Corry, Michael Dinan, cousins. Rev. T. Lynch and Rev. J. Gavin officiated at the interment. CORK—The parishioners of Castle-magner have contributed \$500 to liquidate the debt on the magnificent cathedral of St. Colman, Queenstown. Before a very large and appreciative audience in the Young Men's Society Hall, Castle street, March 10, Mr. E. Harding, J. P., delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture entitled "Something About Poetry and Poets." All present thoroughly enjoyed the lecture. The Rev. T. J. Magner, president, occupied the chair. Also present Rev. Father Quinn, O. P.; Rev. Father Ahern, Rev. Father Roche, C. P.; Rev. Dwyer, O. P.; Rev. Richard O'Connell, W. O'Connell, C. J. Duane, Charles J. Nolan, P. Harding, M. J. Lavallin, Samuel Thomas, Florence Long, John Slak, vice president; C. M. O'Connell, honorable secretary; John Birmingham, honorable treasurer; Eugene Murphy, honorable librarian; Chris Rooney, B. A., Blennerhassett Club; John Horgan and Florence Mc Carthy. Recent Deaths in Cork—CRONIN—March 8, at 10 Trimmbath's Lane, Nora Cronin, O'SHEA—On March 8, at 45 Clarence street, Cork, late of Inchigoela, Daniel O'Shea, aged 55. O'CONNELL—At Brisbane, on January 8, Lady O'Connell, aged 85 years, widow of Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell, president of the legislative council of Queensland, and lieutenant-governor of New South Wales, and grandson of Charles Philip O'Connell, of Ballinacorney, Iveragh. REYNOLDS—On March 7, at Howardsgrove House, Castletownroche, James B. Reynolds. LYNCH—On March 10, at 3 Needham place, Minnie Lynch. JENKINS—On March 10, at The Lough, Margaret Jenkins, Marlboro street, aged 88 years. LENAHAN—On March 10, at Buttevant, Frances Lenahan. McNAMARA—On March 10, at Presentation Convent, Doneraile, Mother Patrick McNamara. POWER—On March 6, at Mitchell street, Dungarvan, Patrick Power, aged 52. WALSH—On March 10, at Cork street, Kinalea, Mary Walsh, aged 82 years. RIORDAN—On March 9, at Frankfield, Mary Riordan. CONDON—On March 7, at Kiltinane, James J. Condon, in the 47th year of his age. SHANLEY—On March 8, at Garrybetta, William Shanley. MANNING—On March 9, at the residence of Daniel Turner, Bettyville, Glantane, Mallow, Mary Manning. BRENNAN—On March 11, at 10 Patrick's Hill, Jane Brennan. COSTELLO—On March 11, at Clonbeg, Thurles, Martin Costello. LEHANAN—On March 10, at Buttevant, Frances Lenahan. McAULIFFE—On March 13, at Rathcooney, John McAuliffe, aged 75 years. SHEEHAN—On March 7, at Newmarket place, Fermoy, Patrick Sheehan, at an advanced age. HARLEY—On March 13, at Carrigbarre, Gill Abbey, Florence Harley, aged 10 1/2 years. ROYCE—On March 13, at Newmarket, Mary Roche. RUSSELL—On March 13, at the South Infirmary, James Russell, secretary Cork Coopers' Society. CONWAY—On March 13, at Tower House, Cloyne, Margaret Josephine Conway. DOWNING—Patrick Downing of Garrylucas, Ballinspittle. FOLEY—On March 13, Richard Foley of Ballymacask, Youghal. O'CALLAGHAN—On March 9, at the Convent of Mercy, Shoreham, Sussex, England, Sister Mary Magdalene, daughter of the late Thomas O'Callaghan, Bellmount. LEHANE—On March 11, John Lehane, Kiltullen. BARRY—On March 11, at Knockraha, Kate Barry. HARTE—At Curramore, Innishannon, James Harte, of Roughgrove, aged 77. KERRY—The death of Mr. T. O'Donnell, son of M. P. O'Donnell, Ballyard, occurred March 13. For a considerable time he was on the staff of the County Council. The remains were removed to St. John's church, Tralee, March 14, and the funeral left the church for Rath on Sunday. Great numbers accompanied the remains to their last resting place. The half-yearly meeting of the County Kerry Teachers' Association was held in the Town Hall, Killarney on March 7, Mr. P. Buckley, B. A. C. D., presiding. There was a large attendance of members, among whom were: H. P. Courtney, J. Counihan, J. O'Sullivan, J. O'Reilly, P. J. Fleming, R. O'Shea, P. Lawlor, J. D. Murphy, M. Kearney, E. O'Sullivan, J. Collins, J. O'Sullivan, P. Dennehy, M. O'Donoghue, W. Coughlin, P. O'Sullivan, D. P. O'Shea, P. Cronin, J. G. Herlihy, F. Hickey, D. Herlihy, J. O'Leary, M. Kiely, D. O'Dogherty, W. B. Lawlor, M. O'Sullivan, J. Browne, G. McGrath, Miss O'Shea, etc., and the secretary, Mr. J. Dennehy. Mr. O'Sullivan, Rockfield, was elected president; Mr. R. O'Shea was elected secretary. UPRH 9-CatRH: a shrdlumtwmtyw LIMERICK—A meeting of members of the Coolcappa Branch of the United Irish League was held on March 8, Mr. John O'Donovan, president, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members, which included T. J. McDonnell, M. O'Shaughnessy, M. Nestor, E. O'Shaughnessy, William Donovan, P. Spillane, J. Lyons, D. Madigan, C.

Connors, P. Scanlon, C. O'Brien, Thomas Downey, and the secretary. The prevailing opinion among the members respecting the land purchase measure seemed to be very favorable. There was a discussion over the direct labor question, and a resolution proposed by Mr. P. Spillane, seconded by Mr. C. Connors, and passed unanimously, strongly recommended all laborers and small farmers to be members of the United Irish League or labor society. TIPPERARY—A meeting of the members of the Templedown Branch of the United Irish League was held on March 8, Mr. Thomas O'Donoghue in the chair. Present: T. Young, W. Kelly, James Coghlan, Ned Lee, John Bourke, P. Donohue, P. Slattery, J. F. Hogan. The treasurer was instructed to forward 1/3 to the Mid-Tipperary Defense Fund. Delegates: T. Young, P. Donohue and J. F. Hogan were elected to attend the national convention to be held on April 14 and 15, in Dublin. During a United Irish League meeting on March 8, at Barnane, near Templemore, references were made to the holder of large grazing tracts, who is boycotted. The police attempted to disperse the meeting by baton charges. During the melee District Inspector White and several men with his charge were seriously injured. Many civilians had to be surgically treated. WATERFORD—Patrick Joseph Connors, son of Patrick Keat Connors of the Quay, Waterford, died at sea on November 15, aged 33 years, deeply mourned by his family and friends. David Canty, of Johnstown, Waterford City, died March 5. For some years he held a seat at the Board of the Civic Council. His demise was deeply mourned.

Lienster

CARLOW—The contest for the hurling championship of Lienster was held in Borris, March 8, between teams from Wexford and Vulkenny, in which the Wexford men were victors. On March 12, at Beaumont Convalescent Home, Drumcondra, Dublin, died Very Rev. J. Phalen, Rathvilly. Remains were removed by train to Rathvilly, where solemn requiem services were held, after which the interment was made. Both ceremonies were largely attended. DUBLIN—Very Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, S. J., continued the lectures on the "Passion" in St. Francis Xavier's church, Gardiner street, Dublin, on March 8. There was a very numerous congregation. "Our Lord Before Annas" was the title of his discourse. The Nationalists of Crumlin and Clondalkin are taking steps to organize their district, and to have in that portion of North Dublin as strong and as vigorous branches of the United Irish League as are in any part of Ireland. Mr. Kelly, League Organizer, visited Crumlin and Clondalkin March 12, and called on leading Nationalists. The result of his interviews proves that from North to South the spirit of Nationality burns as brightly today in North Dublin as when Mr. Clancy first wrested the representation from the Tories. Recent Deaths in Dublin—CAHILL—March 8, at the South Union Infirmary hospital, Annie Cahill. CASEY—March 6, Margaret Casey, 23 Richmond street. CROFTS—At 82 Lower Camden street, Richard Alphonso Crofts, aged 10 years. DONEGAN—March 5, at the Convent du Bon Secours, Roubaix, France, Mary Donegan (Sister St. Vincent), in the 44th year of her religious profession, youngest daughter of the late Thomas and Christina Donegan, Palmerstown, County Dublin. DUNNE—March 7, at Essex street, Mrs. Mary Dunne, formerly of Moore street Market. FORAN—March 8, at 80 Sherrard avenue, Mary Foran. MCINTYRE—March 7, at 20 North King street, Richard McIntyre, ironfounder. MANGAN—March 6, at the Hospice, Haroldscross, Mary Jane Mangan, aged 16 1/2 years. O'CONNOR—At 30 St. Albans' road, S. C. R., Anne, dearly beloved wife of Dennis O'Connell. Members of the Dublin Bakers' Association. MASON—At the Hospice, Haroldscross, Henry Mason, late of 3 Lower Dominick street, and of Williams and Woods for the past 25 years. KEOGH—March 12, at 25, Michael's Hill, Peter Paul Keogh. FARRELL—March 10, at Cork street, Hospital, Catherine Farrell of Terenure, aged 18 years. BUTTERFLY—March 10, at Leo avenue off Leo street, John Butterfly. NETTREVILLE—CAHILL—March 7, at 34 Pembroke road, Dublin, the Hon. Eliza Netterville-Cahill, relict of Michael Cahill. CLARKE—March 9, at 21 Benbur street, Mrs. Anna Clarke. CRANWELL—March 12, at 20a Wentworth place, Mary Cranwell, daughter of the late William and Bridget Doyle, White's avenue, Merlion. BOYLE—March 9, at 4 Lower Leeson street, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle, aged 46 years. KEENAN—March 9, at the Convent of Holy Faith, Glasnevin, Annie Josephine (in religion Sister M. Louise Bertrand), eldest daughter of the late John Keenan, Esq., Yeomastown House, Nass, in the 22d year of her age and third of her religious profession. BAMBROCK—March 11, at 3 Granby row, Margaret Bambrook. BUTLER—March 13, at 68 North King

street, Edward Butler. ENNY—March 2, at the Hospice Marcella, second oldest daughter of the late Christian Ennis of Charleville avenue aged 29. MC LAND—At 80 Seville place, James Francis Boland, aged 4 years. EILALY—Feb. 27, at North Dublin Infirmary Mrs. Elizabeth Brady, 78 Upper Dominick street. CLEARLY—At the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Matthew Cleary, 7 Desmond street, South Circular road. CONLAN—Feb. 28, at 132 Great Brunswick street, Sarah Conlan, formerly of 1 Sandwith place. O'MALLEY—March 2, at 6 Donore avenue, S. C. R., Mrs. Mary O'Malley. MCGOWAN—Feb. 28, at The Cross, Skerries, Matthew McGowan, Skerries. KILDARE—James McDonagh, Ruseelin, near Newbridge, was found drowned in the Grand Canal, near Milltown, March 6. Hugh McBride, son of Mr. Joseph McBride, National school teacher, Ballymore, Eustace, died in Mercers hospital, Dublin, March 2, aged 15 years. The interment was made in Glasnevin cemetery. KING'S—Father Fitzgerald, Fernane, has been transferred to St. Milt's Cathedral, Longford. Mrs. Catherine Egan, of Lower Heath House, Birr, died Feb. 27. Deeply regretted. Solemn requiem services and the funeral were very numerous attended. Fathers J. Kinsella and John Kelly of Edenderry, attended the requiem services and funeral of the late Mrs. S. Ryan, Rathangan, March 11, in the church of her parish. LONGFORD—Bernard Mangan, Kill, left his home on Feb. 28, for Caedown for loading, and while walking behind his cart at Saghavally, fell dead on the road. He was in perfect health when leaving home. LOUTH—An adjourned public meeting was held in the Mayorality House, Drogheda, March 12, for the purpose of resuming the consideration of the question of observing St. Patrick's day as a general holiday in Drogheda. The mayor, Alderman McGuinness, presided. MEATH—The death, suddenly, of Mrs. Bryan McCabe, Ratoath, occurred March 6. Deceased was daughter of Mr. Michael Maron, Ratoath. The funeral took place on Sunday, the remains being interred in the family burial ground at Ratoath. The immense concourse that assembled to testify their regret proved the respect and esteem in which the family is held. QUEENS—The storm which passed over Ireland on the night of Feb. 26, and morning following did a great amount of damage in Queen's County. Houses, farm produce, trees and property of various kinds were destroyed. Not since 1839 did the country experience so fierce and destructive a storm. WESTMEATH—On Feb. 25 (Ash Wednesday) after two days' illness, at the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Rue Violet Greville, Paris, Mamie (in religion Sister Patricia Marie), daughter of Edward McLoughlin, Bunbrosna, Westmeath. WEXFORD—Mr. Patrick Murphy, Ballinastrow, died Feb. 28, aged 67 years, deeply regretted for the repose of deceased's soul. Father Murphy, Kiltely, celebrant; Rev. John Byrne, Clongal, presided. In the choir: Rev. Austin Delaney, Clongal; Rev. John Byrne, Austin Delaney, Rev. John BByrne, Clongal; Rev. P. Darcy, Kilrush; Rev. W. Sinnott, Rev. Andrew O'Brien, Tomacork; Rev. Father LoLughlin, Tullow; Rev. M. Wallace, Rev. P. Parker, Newtonbarry; Rev. James Kenny, Killyshal. WICKLOW—The Father Murphy Memorial in Arklow will be unveiled June 28 with impressive ceremonies. Ireland has very few memorials to her illustrious sons, but many to those who were the people's foes. Those who had had patriots in their districts who suffered or died for Ireland should follow the laudable example set by the Nationalists of Arklow and erect memorials. On Sunday, March 8, the retreat for men at Arklow concluded with a most impressive ceremony. The retreat was well attended, even at the early mass, which proved the earnestness of the people during the holy season of Lent. Father Murphy, in his sermon, referred to the fight made by the Rev. Michael Murphy, in 1798, at the battle of Arklow, for faith and fatherland, and with deep emotion, which was shared by the congregation said: Men and women of Arklow, you in whose veins flows the blood of our martyred forefathers, shall it be said of you that your forefathers fought and died for you will not do reverence and honor?

Ulster

ANTRIM—Catherine McKeever has just died at Largymore, Lisburn, she having reached the age of 104 years. Deceased was formerly a servant in the Convent of the Sacred Heart. She had been blind for twenty years, but bore her affliction with resignation. She had a wonderful memory and could relate many interesting stories. A memento of the steamer White-abbey, which went down with all hands in Belfast Lough, in November, 1901, was a few days ago washed ashore near Pivethel, Carnarvonshire, in the form of a damaged and battered

boat bearing the name "Whiteabbey, Glasgow." The Whiteabbey belonged to Carrickfergus, and after foundering she was raised and brought to Belfast, where she was refitted. The discovery of the boat is a singular circumstance, as it is fifteen months since the wreck occurred, and it amazing how it could drift about the Irish Sea without being picked up all that time. The remains of Mrs. Catherine Delaney were removed from Church street, Ballymena, on March 4, for interment in the new cemetery and were followed by all sects and classes in the community. The remains were first taken to the Church of All Saints where requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. John Quinn. The remains were then taken from the church to the place of interment, where the Very Rev. Alexander MacMullan, read the burial service. The Rev. F. J. Conalty was also in attendance at the funeral. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Alfred P. Delany, Dublin, son; Michael Keenan, stationmaster, Portrush, and Joseph Kelly, Portstewart, sons-in-law. ARMAGH—Cladymore Branch of the United Irish League, held a meeting on March 8, after mass, for the purpose of taking in the subscriptions for affiliation. The president of the branch, Mr. John O'Hare, presided. In the course of his address, Mr. O'Hare said his first duty was to propose a vote of thanks to the collectors for their work. He was glad to announce they were in a position to affiliate their branch. It spoke well for the future success of the branch. The people were now beginning to awake to a sense of their national duty, and he had no doubt ere long they would have one of the finest branches in Armagh. The secretary, Mr. Peter Gollighy, was then instructed to have the affiliation fee sent away and have the branch duly registered. CAVAN—Mr. Patrick Donohue presided at meeting of the members of the Ballyconnell Branch of the United Irish League held lately, when the following retiring officers were re-elected for ensuing year: President, Mr. Hugh Kiernan; vice chairman, P. Donohue; treasurer, E. Reilly; secretary, J. F. Kane; also the committee, P. McAdam, Edward McAvinue, J. O'Neill, James McKiernan, J. Wynn, P. Fitzpatrick, T. Reilly, J. Prior, J. Donohue, P. O'Donnell, J. McCaffery, T. Cosgrove, J. O'Neill P. Carbery, P. McGovern, P. McKiernan, Francis Kilagher, Bernard Reilly, F. McGovern, Edward Gallagher, T. McManus, Jas. McCabe, Mat. Cassidy, J. McKiernan. On Feb. 22, to a crowded audience, a concert and variety entertainment was given in the National Hall, Ballytrain, in aid of Loughmullen East Pipe and Drum Band. The gramophone recitals by Mr. D. Coyle were a new item to the people, while the clog dancing of Messrs. Coyle and McGrath brought the people of Ballytrain back to the days of the literary society when the hall resounded with the native melodies. Mr. T. Winters and Mr. P. McCabe were greeted with sounds of applause for their dancing. The concert closed with the song "Let Erin Remember."

Mrs. Bridget Farrelly died Feb. 27, at her residence. The Gates, Bloughballybeg, at the age of 110 years. Deceased was in the best of health until a month before her demise. Her intellect was unimpaired until the last and she spoke the native Irish language fluently. She was born some time before the sanguinary conflict at Petersville, in the parish of Moynalty, between the Peep o' the Day Boys and the Defenders in 1795, and had a recollection of some of the incidents of 1798. She sang Irish songs so well that her home was often visited by persons anxious to obtain a proper pronunciation of certain words. The large number who accompanied her remains to Kelly's church burying place bore testimony to the esteem in which she was held. DERRY—The funeral of the late Mr. Edward P. J. Donaghy, the Squire, Magherafelt, took place on March 8 to Moneyone cemetery, and was very numerous attended. Deceased was aged 23 years. In the famous college of the Jesuits at Clongowes Wood he made his studies. His death was deeply regretted. The flooding continues in the Myroe district, Limavady. Though the depth of water in the country is not so great still at the rise of the tides thousands of acres are covered to the depth of several feet. No attempt has so far been made to repair the breaches in the sea embankment. A meeting was held in the Alexander Hall, Limavady, on March 9, in order to raise funds to alleviate the distress among the laboring class, consequent upon the flooding. Twenty-eight families are suffering. Sir Thomas Lecky presided and the attendance included: Rev. Canon Forde, S. M. Macrory, Samuel Martin, John Morrison, James Dunn (Ballykelly) and David Hamilton. It was decided to open a subscription list, and a good sum was subscribed. A resolution was passed to memorialize the Irish society to contribute to the assistance of the people temporarily homeless. Thomas Craig, of Knockan, has been charged at a court in Dungiven with unlawfully discharging loaded firearms at John McCloskey, doing him grievous bodily harm, so as to

endanger his life. The injured man, McCloskey, made a deposition, stating that on going to post a letter he saw a number of men lighting an oil barrel as a mark of rejoicing at the marriage of John B. Mullin. Shots were also fired. Afterward the defendant, Craig, fired two or three shots, one of which passed close to the witness' face. Witness told Craig not to do that again. Half an hour later Craig fired another shot, which struck Craig on the head, and he fell senseless. Dr. Martin found a wound two and one-half inches in diameter penetrating to the bone on the right side of McCloskey's head. The wound was caused by a gunshot. The man's life was out of danger except some symptoms supervened. The magistrates remanded defendant for trial, accepting bail—himself in £40 and two sureties of £20 each. DONEGAL—At a recent meeting of the members of the Keshbeg Branch of the United Irish League, the branch was reorganized. The following were present: A. Johnstone, J. Connelly, P. McGowan, B. Connelly, P. McGeever, B. Connelly, B. McGowan, J. McGowan, J. Cleary, B. McGowan, Feely, T. McGowan, M. Connelly, J. McBride. The following officials were then elected: Mr. A. Johnston, president; Mr. James McCurran, B. Feely, P. McGowan, treasurer; Terrence McGowan and M. Connelly, secretaries. There passed away lately, after a protracted illness, Miss Bridget Travers, Quas street, Donegal. The deceased was always attached to the weak and needy, with that self-denial so becoming to a real Christian. The funeral to the old Abbey burying ground, largely attended testified to the high esteem entertained for deceased. The Rev. E. Cassidy, Donegal, officiated at the grave. The deepest regret was occasioned over a wide district of County Donegal by the sad fact becoming known that John McGinley, Falcarragh, had passed away in death at the health resort, Davos Platz, Switzerland. Mr. McGinley died there on March 9. Mr. McGinley was respected throughout Northwest Donegal, and by many friends in Derry. Deceased was brother of Rev. D. McGinley, C. C., Cashmore, and of Mr. P. McGinley, Belfast bang, Armagh. DOWN—A novena to St. Patrick, suggested by Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, bishop of Down, was begun in the churches of Killybegs Parish, March 8. Father Lynch conducted the novena in the Rostrevor church, while Killybegs was conducted by Father McGovern. The novena is for the purpose of soliciting the intercession of St. Patrick in the work of temperance. A successful meeting of the Shin and Sheppstown Branch of the United Irish League was held on March 9, in which Mr. Hugh Sanders in Benagh, was one of a series arranged in connection with above branch in the division of County and C. C. for the better organization of the branch. FERNANAGH—On March 10 a convention under the auspices of the local branch of the Ulster Tenant Farmers and Laborers Association was held at Enniskillen for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the constituency. Mr. T. W. Russell was in conference with a number of his supporters. The convention was attended by Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., and Mr. James Wood, member for East Down, and a large number of delegates, of whom a fair percentage were nationalists. The information was then supplied to the delegates that Mr. Edward Mitchell had been unanimously selected to contest the seat against the Unionist candidate, but on the understanding that if the other side put forward Mr. Horace Plunkett—which is not at all probable—Mr. Mitchell would withdraw. The delegates were perfectly unanimous in this decision. Mr. John Anderson of Pettigo, presided over the meeting, at which arrangements were made for the contest. Mr. Mitchell was elected. MONAGHAN—Mr. Justice Holmes and Mr. Justice Wright arrived at Monaghan on March 4, and were met by the high sheriff, Mr. A. Moutray, and driven under an escort of mounted police to their lodgings. On Thursday the high sheriff, sat in the Crown Court of the County Courthouse, Monaghan, and commenced the business of assizes. The grand jury having been sworn, the judge informed them that there was no crown business and congratulated them on the peaceful state of the county. The high sheriff then presented him with a pair of white gloves. On Feb. 27, the Lord Lieutenant, with Countess of Dudley and the Viceregal party, arrived by special train in Monaghan from Portrush, to open the Agricultural College, established in the town for the sons of County Monaghan farmers by the Rev. Brother J. P. Higgins, principal of the Christian Brothers in this center. The Viceregal party drove to Rossore Castle, the residence of Lord Rossore, who guests they were during the stay in Monaghan. On Saturday morning their excellencies were presented with three addresses in Rossore Castle. At Carragafeghy, a townland of Smithborough, March 7, Thomas Kieran was shot through the heart. James Connolly and John McMahon were also shot and wounded—the former in the head and the other in the shoulder. They are in a serious condition. A man named Moorehead has been arrested on his own confession. He states that he fired the gun for the purpose of frightening the men. After the occurrence he sent for a doctor and helped to carry Kieran into his house. The affair is said to have arisen out of a squabble. Moorehead has been arrested and charged. TYRONE—In the Music Hall, Aghnacloy, March 9, Mr. T. Russell, M. P., addressed a large enthusiastic and representative meeting of his constituents. Mr. Sproule, Finton, presided and among those present were: Mr. James Wood, M. P.; Revs. Manderson, Millar, Stuart, Coulter, Gargin and Sloan and Messrs. Smith, Early and McElroy, solicitors. George McElroy, etc. The chairman, in introducing Mr. Russell, said the tenant farmers of Ireland were under a very heavy obligation to Mr. Russell for the gallant stand he had taken on the land question. Mr. Russell delivered a stirring and very practical address.