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.—The parish priests of Clonfert met at Loughrea on March 26, for the purpose of selecting a successor to their late bishop, promoted to the Metropolitan See of Tuam Most Rev. Dr. Healy presided The following names were recommended Rev. Father Bowe, P. P, 7 votes, Very Rev. Father Gilmartin, Maynooth College, 5 votes; Rev. Father Cunningham, P P, 4 votes; Very Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Maynooth college, 3 votes; Rev. Father O'Donovan, Adm., 1 vote.

At County Galway Assizes lately James McCullagh was charged with having defrauded Lord Ashtown, when in his employment as steward, of sums of money amounting to £650. After hearing the evidence, the jury found a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas McHugh Caherlistrane took place March 21, and was very largely attended, the immense cortege extending from his residence to the burial place at Donaghpatrick, two miles away. Telegrams and letters of sympathy with his family were received from the members of the Freeman staff, Dublin, P. Cullinane, J. McKinney, P. McGrath, Sergeant Morrissey, T McMahon and J. Flynn, Dublin; P. J. Burke, Warrenpoint, County Down, T. Mitchell, De La Salle, Waterford, etc Rev. J. Healey officiated at the interment.

LETRIM.—The new Bornacoola Hurling Club has adopted the name of An Craob Ruad, which in English is, the Red Branch. This name has been adopted to encourage the study of the Irish language. It is expected that the new team will begin practice before the end of March, and during the summer the young people will find enjoyment in the old Irish game It is now more than a decade since hurling was replaced by football in this parish and now the old game is revived in Leitrim and Longford by the action of the Bornacoola hurlers. It is expected that their action will encourage other parishes to do likewise The Hurling Club is controlled by the Bornacoola G. A. A. Committee, J. B[illegible]nan, presid. J. McWeeney, treasurer, W Bohan, secretary, J Dinny, P Devine, M. Cox, J Feeney.

MAYO.—The local government Board gave notice in the Dublin Gazette that at an examination of candidates for assistant county surveyors in Ireland, held on February 5 and 6, Mr. John J. O'Malley qualified Mr O'Malley was elected by the Mayo County council as assistant county surveyor for West Mayo, subject to his passing the examination referred to

ROSCOMMON.—The funeral of late Mr. Michael Noone, Jr, Rathmore, Roscommon, took place to Ballinderry cemetery, March 11, and was very numerously attended

SLIGO.—On March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, Miss Maggie Lyons, Tobercurry, received the veil of a religious in the Convent for African Missions in Cork.

Messrs. Peter Crowley, Thomas Coleman and Bryan O'Hara were elected by the members of the Killoran branch of the United Irish League to represent them at the great National Convention in Dublin, April 14 and 15

Munster

CLARE—The members of the Labasheed, a branch of the United Irish League held a meeting on March 22, Mr John O'Neill presiding The announcement in the Clare Man that the Ennistymon Board of Guardians rejected the tender of Mr Thomas Glavin, the representative of the paper was condemned as unworthy of a National body At the meeting a poster was read stating that the Clare Man had been seized on Saturday by the sheriff and bailiffs under a judgment for £[illegible] obtained by John McInerney, auctioneer Ennistymon It came as a surprise on the people, who sympathize with the editor His example of "no surrender" should be followed by the people

Mrs. John Skehan, Lacknashanna, died recently, after a brief illness. The immense funeral cortege which followed the remains to its last resting place at Killadysert testified to the esteem in which deceased was held.

CORK—The people in Kilworth Parish has subscribed $530 to assist in liquidating the debt on the great Cathedral of St. Colman, at Cove, in the diocese of Cloyne

The death of Mr. Robert Thompson, the well-known Irish piper, occurred in Cork on March 21. Mr. Thompson had been in delicate health for six years, but not until a fortnight ago was it thought necessary to have medical aid. Mr. Thompson gained notoriety as a piper by winning first prize against all comers at Feis Ceoil held in Dublin in 1897, and the following year at Belfast he was successful in heading the list.. As an all-round player of the pipes, and also a maker of "reeds," Mr. Thompson had few if any equals in this country, and consequently was in great demand at Irish entertainments in all parts of the south of Ireland, and his demise at a comparatively early age will be deeply regretted by his many friends. Father Daly administered the last rites of the church.

Recent Deaths in Cork—NOONAN—On March 25, at 156 Evergreen road, Cornelius Noonan. McGRATH—On March 26, at Eastcliffe, Southern road, Marcella McGrath. HAWES—On March 25, at 16 Beach, Queens town, Willie Hawes, aged 10½ years. HENNERTY—On March 26, at Boreenmana road, Margaret Hennerty. DESMOND—At Friar's Walk, on March 26, Catherine Desmond O'REGAN—On March 25, at Condonstown, Watergrasshill, James O'Regan, aged 60 years SMITH—On March 18, at Castle Hotel, Blarney, George Smith FAHY—At Earlestown, on March 18, Annie Jagoe, daughter of the late John Malton, Kinsale THOMPSON—On March 21, at Kaiser'sHill, Cork, Robert Thompson, aged 52 years FITZGERALD—At Cork, on March 23, Elly Fitzgerald WALSH—On March 22, at Horse Hill, Ballinadee, David Walsh

KERRY—John O'Sullivan, Cahirciveen, when knocking down the walls of the sacristy of the old church, March 19, was crushed by a portion of the ceiling which collapsed He was removed to the infirmary for treatment, but died on Saturday following

On March 27 the town o Tralee was flooded by the Big River burst up through the streets and inundated dwelling houses and stores, doing great damage to goods and premises. In some houses the water rose to five feet P Carroll, of Mary street, when wading through the water in Bridge street, was swept off his feet and almost drowned Train service between Traless and Limerick was suspended. Other parts of Kerry suffered from the floods On March 23, at Patrick Clifford was proceeding to the creamery at Firies with a horse, cart and milk about ten o'clock in the morning, he had to pass the road at Ballyfinane, submerged by the flood from the River Maine Being well acquainted with the place, he thought it was fordable, but the horse got out of its depth, plunged to swim and overturned the cart Clifford seized the uppermost wheel and kept his head above water while the horse extricated itself and swam out on land In this perilous position Clifford [illegible] for four hours, although [illegible] attempts were made to reach him [illegible] two p m Thomas [illegible] Denis Deady and William [illegible] lashed themselves [illegible] with ropes and by a strenuous effort reached the terrified Clifford and brought him in an exhausted state to a [illegible] of safety

LIMERICK—The new pulpit in the Kilmallock church was unveiled on St Patrick's day in the presence of a large congregation There was solemn high mass Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer presided, assisted by Very Rev John Carrick, Kilfinane, and the Very Rev Andrew Murphy, president of Munchin's College, Limerick The celebrant was the Rev William [illegible]ggins, Effin, deacon, Rev John O'D[illegible]ell, Kilmallock, and subdeacon, Rev W Carroll, Maynooth, Rev Timothy Reidy, master of ceremonies After the first gospel Very Rev Father MacNamara, C. S R R, rector, Limerick preached a very impressive sermon

The floods caused by the recent rains were the greatest known in Abbeyfeale district for fifty years The Feale and its tributaries, the Oonlaugh and Oonlaghaun, were swollen to points rarely exceeded Several houses on the way to the railway were inundated, and the inmates obliged to leave a circumstance never before recorded, even in the highest floods The Tralee train was blocked owing to the submersion of the line near Lisnaw, on the Kerry side of the Feale The waters rushed over the roadway at Moynsha and [illegible] the road bridge, while the roadway was rendered impassable The flood filled up the entire valley of the Feale A good deal of damage has been done by the destruction of road waterways and to what early tillage ha[illegible] done A fall of snow succeeded the rain The weather was disastrously cold showery and entirely unlike any spring weather experienced Farmers have seldom been so seriously handicapped in spring operations as they have been this year

TIPPERARY—According to the census the number of Irish speaking persons in Tipperary county in 1861 was 37,911, of 10.3 per cent. of the population, in 1881 23,806, or 11 9 per cent of the population, in 1891 12,312, or 7 1 per cent of the population, and in 1901, 9,735, or 6 1 per cent. of the population

WATERFORD—Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lismore, presided at 12 o'clock mass at the Cathedral, Waterford, March 22. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. T. O'Donoghue, chaplain to the Good Shepherd convent, the deacons at the throne bein the Rev. W. O'Connell, and the Rev. P. Ward. After the first gospel the bishop preached an instructive sermon on the gospel of the day. "The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes." He also spoke on his recent visit to the Holy Father

On St. Patrick's night a "Juverna" concert was held in Lismore, and it was the most successful entertainment ever before held in the town. Foremost among those who took a lively interest in the concert were: Rev. J. Kirwan, Rev R J Casey, Rev W J. Bruce, Little; Professor Wright, LL. D.; Dr. E. B. Russell, J E. Penrose, H. A Sterne, L. M. Fitzgerald, Dr. P. R. Dennehy, J. Noonan, J. Crotty and James C. O'Brien The money obtained will be presented to the Christian Brothers, to assist in founding a training college in Dublin for the order.

The children attending the Ursuline Convent, Waterford, had an entertainment on March 22 The parents of the children were invited and all were highly gratified with the program. Father Fitzgerald a im, was present, accompanied by Father Thomas, who was conducting a retreat at St John's church The program, which was truly Irish, began with "An Drigte Ceold," sung by the pupils of the fifth and sixth standards Next was a double jig, danced by two sets of four. The following took part in the dance First set, Mr Murphy, M Butler, B Power and M Hannigan, second set, M Tully, K Murphy, S Whelan and E. Furniss.. A prize for the best traditional Irish song learned at home" The following competed M. Malone, Julia Doherty, Cissie and Maggie Butler, S Murray sang "Ban Cnuic Eireann Og," and M Murphy rendered with taste and expression, "Caiteam na Glair." The next item was a four-hand reel, danced in two sets It was astonishing to see mites of six and seven stepping in perfect time, and in such graceful style They were First set, K Murphy, S Manning, M Tully and M Butler, second set, J Tully, P Lawson, M Furniss and Daily The children of second standard sang "Fairies' Revels" To the children of third and fourth standards was intrusted "An Irish Lullaby" It was the most highly appreciated of the choruses The teachers danced an eight hand reel in capital style and were enthusiastically recalled One responded by dancing a single reel. The Rinnce Fada was danced by sixteen children [illegible] the length of the school [illegible] would be enough to make any one desirous to learn Irish dancing It is one of the oldest of the [illegible] being revived After the [illegible] was again danced by the [illegible] program concluded with [illegible] hymn to St Brigid Children [illegible] Fada C Kennedy N [illegible] M B[illegible] Connors A Manning E M[illegible] K Murphy Maggie Kirwan M M[illegible] M Kirwan S Whelan C B[illegible] P S[illegible]van E Shea E Jo[illegible]

Leinster

CARLOLW—A boot and shoe factory will soon be working in Carlow town Mr [illegible] at the last meeting of the Carlow Industries Committee announced that he would commence operations in that business in a few weeks

DUBLIN—A farmer named E. Aspin of Clondalkin disappeared mysteriously Feb 25 Great and continuous efforts have been without result He possessed a good farm

The Leinster Foot all championship was won by the Dublin team, named the Isles of the Sea The opponets were Wexford men and Kilkenny City was the place where the contest came off The names of the Dublin team are Gaffney goal Holland captain, afterwards Grace Kickhams and Fahy Kickhams I Doyle, Isles; O'Brien, Kickhams and Gannon, Kickhams, Mahan Kickhams, Redmond, Kickham and [illegible] Commercials, Parey [illegible] J and M Whelan Lawless Dooley Fitzpatrick Brien Isles, and Harris Terenure [illegible]

Most Rev Dr Walsh, Archbishop of [illegible] sacrament of [illegible] church [illegible] He addressed [illegible] from the pulpit [illegible] ceremony and [illegible] [illegible] pleased with [illegible] [illegible] to gave [illegible] [illegible] address.

Recent Deaths in Dublin KELLY—[illegible] Mary Kelly aged [illegible] March 27 KIRBY—March 26, Mary Charlotte Kirby 9 Florence st., S C R daughter of the late Henry Joseph O'Byrne [illegible]nemainagh, Tallaght DOWNING March 27, at 2 Connaught place Kingstown, Thomas Downing chief accountant D W & W Ry Co CURRAN March 23, at 3 Windsor terrace Portabello, Edward Curran coal merchant, late of South [illegible] street ENNIS March 24, at Park VIEW James street, late of Constitution Hill John Ennis, aged 59 years SMYTH March 22, at 24 Old Kilmainham John Smyth, aged 64 years late engine driver G S W railway DOYLE March 2, at St Michael's Hospital, Matthew Doyle, at an advanced age GARGAN—March 22, at 146 Drumcondra road, Mary Gargan, formerly of Newton Tierworker, Meath KEARNEY—t 17 Lower Mercer street, William Kearney. D'ARCY - March 27, at Skerries, Patrick D'Arcy, Culacloigh, Clifden, County Galway. FLYNN—March 21, at Our Lady's Hospice, Haroldscross, Mary Christina Flynn, aged 15 years, of 66 Marrowbone lane. DUNNE—March 22, at Limelawn, Clonsilla, Michael Joseph Dunne, aged 28 years. BYRNE—March 21, at 19 Wexford street, Ellen Byrne, daughter of the late William O'Neill, Killpipe, Aughrim, Wicklow. FITZPATRICK—March 22, at 26 Blackhall place, Thomas Fitzpatrick. STAFFORD—March 28, at Sir Patrick DUN'S Hospital, Dublin, Bridget (nee Byrne) wife of James Stafford, of Donnybrook, formerly of Priory st., New Ross. LEDWIDGE—March 25, at 13 Avondale road, William LeLdwidge, father of William Ludwig, aged 89 years, late Old Theatre Royal, and twenty five years, tenor Pro Cathedral, Marlborough street O'HANLON—March 24 at Smyrna Mansions, West Hampstead Maria O Hanlon, widow of the late John David O Hanlon, barrister at law Dublin McGRATH—March 21, at 29 Londonbridge road, Sandymount Michael McGrath late librarian at Greene's DUNNE March 21, at the Hospice for the Dying, Maria Dunne 45 St. Paul street, Dublin, daughter of the late Michael Moran, Shinrone King's County

KILDARE—The members of the Monastevan branch of the United Irish LeLague held a meeting March 22, Mr. Peter Dempsey, presiding The following were present James Behan, Mooney, Dempsey, Dunne, Fennell, Somers Kennedy, Tracey Walsh and P P Timmons, honorary secretary The following were proposed and seconded Proposed by James Behan and seconded by Joseph Fennell—That Messrs Dempsey, Dunne and Timmons represent the Monasterevan branch at the convention to be held Dublin Proposed by James Mooney and seconded by James Tracey—That all yearly subscriptions be handed in by Sunday, the 5th of April, and that officers be elected for the coming year on an early date

The death of Mrs. Mary Kelly took place at her son's residence Clogheen, Monasterevan March 10 Mrs Kelly had attained the wonderful age of 102 years and from her appearance might be said to be twenty years younger She was until a few weeks before her [illegible] to attend to household [illegible] and seldom was obliged to use [illegible] She was a native of Cora [illegible] County Clare where she was born [illegible]

KILKENNY—The death of Miss Tynan, daughter of [illegible] James Tynan, [illegible] March 11 The funeral was very largely attended The following [illegible] the beloved [illegible] Mrs Hat[illegible] Miss Kerwin, [illegible] Miss Teehan [illegible] of Urlingford [illegible] a large number of [illegible] Urlingford [illegible] tribute of regret [illegible] the deceased

Kilkenny College has fallen on days We do not mean the flourishing catholic College of St Kieran's founded in 1782 which is now eminently successful under the presidency of Very Rev Dr B[illegible]ennan) but the ancient College of Kilkenny so lauded by Stainhurst in 15[illegible] which owed its origin to Piers Butler, earl of Ormonde and Ossory It is proposed to amalgamate this sixteenth century foundation with the Incorporated Society for Promoting English Protestant Schools in Ireland and so will disappear one of the most remarkable seats of learning in Ireland

KINGS—The resolution of the Edenderry branch of the Gaelic League calling on Boards of Guardians to insert advertisements in newspapers printed on Irish manufactured paper, was adopted by the Rathcale Board of Guardains on March 25

Rev. Mother Angela Clarke, of the Presentation Convent, Montmellick, Queen's County, who died March 21, was a member of an ancient and esteemed family of King's County She was only forty nine years of age when she died

LONGFORD—Rev William Gray, pastor died at the Parochial House [illegible] Granard March 2, aged 5[illegible] years deeply and widely regretted. [illegible] office and high mass were held [illegible] parish church, and were numerously attended by clergy and laity

Mr Luke Moore, Longford, has [illegible] a shoe factory in the town which gives employment to several persons Work for a great number will be found if the people do their duty by the factory and wear home-made shoes

The death of Mr. Peter Connor, Aughnakilmore, happened March 13, at the early age of 24 years, deeply and very widely regretted

LOUTH—Judge Kisbey at the court house in Drogheda, March 25, was presented with a pair of white gloves because there was not a criminal case to be tried

The Drogheda Branch of the United Irish League was represented at the great national convention in Dublin April 14 and 15 by M A Casey, P. J. Callan and William Murray

The death of Mrs. Margaret Andrews wife of Mr John Andrews, Clatterstown, Duleek, took place March 22 The interment was in the family burial ground at Duleek, the funeral cortege being one of the largest seen in the district for years.

MEATH—The Irish concert organized by the local branch of the Gaelic League, which was held in the Old Chapel, Trim, March 25, was a success to an extent as to surprise the most sanguine of its promoters.

County Court Judge Dane died March 25 at Rathnilly, Trim, in his 50th year Judge Dane represented North Fermanagh in Parliament from 1892 to 1898, and in the latter year was appointed county court judge for Mayo.

QUEENS—A meeting of the Portarlington branch of the United Irish League was held March 22 at the committee rooms, the chair being occupied by James Dunne. Thirty names were added to the roll, which now numbers 160 names The chairman, Mr. Dunne; treasurer, Mr M H Burke, and secretary, Mr. P. Wright, were appointed delegates for the national convention in Dublin, April 14 and 15.

WESTMEATH.—Rt. Rev. Dr. Gaffney, bishop of Meath, has made the following appointments The Rev. Thomas O'Farrell, C C, Kingscourt, to be professor of St. Finian's Seminary, Navan, the Rev D. Dunne, C. C., Enfield, to be C. C., Kingscourt; the Rev. J. Cooney, C C., Killucan, to be C. C., Enfield

On March 22 there died at Farra, Bunbrusna Patrick Molloy, in his 110th year, having been born in 1793. He was a mason by trade, and retained all his faculties up to a few days before his death The funeral took place to the Franciscan burial ground, and was largely attended.

In connection with the shooting affray at Aughafin, Drumraney, for which Surgeon Major Fox, of Crown House Glasson, is in jail charged with shooting James Bannon farmer, with intent to murder him, a telegram received from Dublin dated March 21, where Mr annon was removed for special treatment, announced his serious condition It was necessary to amputate the injured left arm, and the life of the patient is in danger The intelligence caused deep regret among the friends of Mr annon, who, with his family are popular in Drumraney.

WEXFORD.—John Fagan, of Davidstown, died March 13 having reached the extraordinary age of 105 years. He was born in the historic year of 1798 in [illegible] County Carlow, until three days before he died he was in good health

WICKLOW—Mrs. Catherine Doyle, wife of Mr [illegible] Doyle coroner for West Wicklow, died at Main street, Baltinglass March [illegible] Office and high mass were held in the local church The funeral was very numerously attended.

Ulster

ANTRIM—A largely attended meeting of the Belfast [illegible] Executive of the United Irish League was held March 2[illegible] in the United National Club, Berry street Mr Thomas Maguire, solicitor presiding The following branches were represented Wolfe Tone Michael Dwyer National, Thos Sexton, James Hope West Belfast Joseph Devlin Emmet (St Patrick's) Nelson Emmet [illegible] Dr Drennan The chairman complimented the branches on the splendid turnout from the city and upon the conduct and fine appearance of the Nationalists of Belfast at the Gavan funeral in Dublin On the proposition of Mr. H Byrne, seconded by Mr J Rooney, the following resolution was unanimously passed and the secretary Mr J Waters, was directed to forward a copy of the same to Mr Sexton That the Belfast executive of the United Irish League, composite of thirteen branches of the National organization and voicing the unanimous sentiment of Nationalist Belfast, joins with the Nationalists of his native city, Waterford, and other public boards in requesting Mr Thomas Sexton to return to public life and restore to the services of Ireland his gifts of eloquence and statesmanship

On St Patrick's day the funeral of Mrs Lucinda Kavanaugh of Glengary, took place to St Joseph's cemetery Her death caused universal sorrow in the whole neighborhood Representatives of every religious denomination were in attendance at the funeral The Rev M O Malley P P., officiated at the grave and before her removal [illegible] in the course of a [illegible] sermon to her many virtues

ARMAGH—The sisters in charge of the convent schools Lurgan, are organizing a "sale of work" to obtain some financial assistance to liquidate the debt due on the new schools erected for the benefit of the children of the town For this good purpose they will thankfully receive any assistance. Cardinal Logue has indorsed the appeal and has subscribed also.

At a meeting of the members of the Armagh Board of Guardians, March 24, under the presidency of Mr. Thompson BBrown, a letter was received from the local government board enclosing a copy of a letter by Miss McKee The letter stated that on February 24, a resolution was passed dismissing her from the position of Catholic catechist, which she had held since 1887, and requesting the local government board to prevent the resolution being carried out The office was established in 1880 and its attempted annulment now is an unwarranted display of religious bigotry.

CAVAN—On March 15, a very large and representative meeting of the inhabitants of Templeport attended at Kildough Church to hear an address from Mr. McGovern, M P, on the necessity of reorganizing the local branch of the United League

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Gilrey of Putiaghan, Belturbet, took place on March 5 to Drumlane cemetery. Great numbers attended the solemn requiem services. Mrs. Gilrey was aged 62 years.

DERRY—There died on March 21, at Caheney, Fanny Cox, who was born in 1796, and was in her 107th year. For many years she pursued the occupation of "gathering eggs," going about the country with a basket and purchasing them from farmers, and afterward disposing of them to dealers. The outdoor life she led had a good deal to do with her longevity, but she was only of eleven persons in County Derry who at the last census, were recorded as "100 years and upward"

An Emmet celebration was held by the Nationalists of Castledawson at Hill Head, on March 25 Upon arrival at the field in which the meeting was held, the bands discoursed a selection of patriotic airs, after which the meeting was proceeded with.

DONEGAL—On March 22, at a meeting of the National Literary Society, Dublin, Dr Sigerson in the chair, Mr. Seumas MacManus, Irish novelist, delivered a lecture on "St Patrick's Purgatory" Mr MacManus said his claim to deal with the subject was that he had done the pilgrimage himself.

On the morning of the national festival in Dunglee, strains of the sweetest music were wafted on the air. Three flute and drum bands participated in an excellent program. The Meenmore band under Mr Neal O'Donnell, assisted by James Boyle and John McGee, marched in front of a large contingent to the Burtenport chapel and assisted at mass Returning they were joined by the Dunglee band under Mr Francis O'Donnell, and the Derryard band The order of procession was Meenmore band, preceded by a horseman (Mr Neil Sharkey) dressed in green and bearing a harp, which he at intervals played This harp was lent by Mr O'Donnell, carpenter, Maghery Such a St. Patrick's day has not been seen in the locality since the late Mr Bryan Sweeney, Hotel Dunglee organized the first procession The late Mr James Glac[illegible] was then the harper and he rode a charger and carried a harp lent by Miss Bold Meenmore After mass the bands proceeded to Dunglee and opposite the Rev Monsignor Gallagher's residence played a selection of national airs The bands played O'Donnell Abu The Wearing of the Green The Green Flag, O'Connor's March Let Erin Remember," 'Brian Boru's March Napoleon's Grand March St Patrick's Day," and "St Patrick's Day Parade "Killarney," Garryowen and The Men of Harlech

DOWN—In the Cathedral, Newry, [illegible] March 22 after twelve o'clock mass celebrated by Rev D O'Hagan, Most Rev Dr O'Neill presiding, the annual appeal on behalf of the Newry Christian Brothers school was made by Rev M F Gallogly who said that the ideal of the church in the education of the young was that the imparting of religious knowledge should go hand in hand with secular instruction

On St. Patrick's night an Irish concert and reunion was given in the rink attached to the Great Northern Railway Hotel Rostrevor, under the auspices of the Kilbroney Branch of the United Irish LeLague The magnificent building was filled to the door and the proceedings were most enthusiastic The concert was an unqualified success and the credit is due to the organizer, Mr P Burns. Father Magivern presided

FERMANAGH—The quarterly meeting of the standing committee of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the County of Fermanagh was held in Lisnaskea March 21. Mr James MacKiernan county delegate, presiding There was a large attendance The balance sheet for the last quarter showed the order in a flourishing condition

MONAGHAN—Mr. Patrick McMahn Stamrock Mills Clones died March 5, aged 73 years to the great regret of his family and numerous friends Solemn requiem services and the funeral were very numerously attended

TYRONE—The examinations in the [illegible] National schools were conducted lately by Mr McNeill, Omagh, and Mr Little Belfast inspectors In [illegible] the day school, Mr McGrath [illegible] was attentive to his work The evening school was examined by Mr Little The pupils acquitted themselves creditably in the various subjects The inspector gave [illegible] credit for their knowledge of Irish and shorthand This being the first occasion on which the Irish language had been included as a subject at national school examinations in the locality the boys were elated by the complimentary remarks of the inspector in regard to their studies in the language of their country

On March 22 a large number of guests attended at Dungannon Weaving factory (Messrs Dickson & Co. limited) to witness the starting of the new engine installed there by Messrs J and E Wood of Bolton, England The ceremony was performed by Mrs Dickson Milltown House, who turned steam into the cylinders The engine is a horizontal cross compound, condensing one to develop 300 horsepower The factory has been largely rebuilt and extended at a cost of $50,000 Is there not a firm in Ireland able to supply the machinery mentioned as having been imported from Bolton? This money went out of Ireland and the country is so much the poorer, while the foreign city and aliens enjoy the benefit. It is no wonder that Ireland is a poor country; that system is carried on in all other branches of business