

# 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 people of Ballinasloe will present a crozier to the new Archbishop of Tuam, Most Rev. Dr. Healy. It is a facsimile of the ancient crozier of the See of Tuam, now in the Museum, Kildare street, Dublin.

Brother J. G. Kennedy, of the Christian Brothers' Order, died at the Christian Brothers' Monastery, Frodoe, Kerry, on March 29. Brother Kennedy for many years was connected with the Industrial School, Salthill, Galway. His death is deeply regretted.

The Galway Vindicator of March 21, writing on St. Patrick's day as celebrated in the ancient and most Catholic city of the Tribes, said in part: "The celebration of St. Patrick's day, 1888, forms a record in the history of Galway. Never was the great feast observed as a general holiday. Never was there such a general closing of shops and business premises as there was on this St. Patrick's day. In the churches the celebration commenced at an early hour. Great congregations attended the masses at the Presentation of St. Nicholas, the parish church of St. Joseph, the parish church of St. Patrick, the Augustinian church, the Abbey, the Jesuits and the Dominican churches. Large numbers received holy communion and sermons were preached at the last mass on the feast—namely, 'All Hail to St. Patrick' being sung by the choir in some of the churches and rendered on the organ in others. There were special ceremonies at St. Patrick's church at which, in addition to the choir, a grand orchestra assisted. Thousands took part in the public demonstration and the gathering was the largest at any St. Patrick's day celebration in Galway."

**LEITRIM**—The farm and residence of Mr. Arthur Geelan containing 18 acres, were put up for sale lately. The bids reached two thousand, five hundred dollars. A greater sum than this was put on as a reserve price; therefore the sale was not concluded.

The organizers of the United Irish League are busy just now in this county. Several meetings have been held recently, and many are being arranged for, at which the official representative of the national organization will deliver speeches.

**WATERFORD**—On April 2 Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, performed the solemn ceremonies of reception and profession of novices in the chapel of the Convent of Mercy, Ballinrobe.

Mrs. M. A. McGinn, niece of Rev. P. McGinn, Ballinrobe, and Rev. J. O'Malley, Castlebar, is one of the young ladies professed. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Angela Joseph. The other young lady professed is Miss Debra Waldron, in religion Sister Mary Raphael Joseph, daughter of the late Mr. P. Waldron, Claremorris.

The young lady who had the happiness of receiving the habit is Miss Nellie Cresswell, niece of Mrs. Gill, Westport, and daughter of the late Mr. M. Cresswell, Castlebar.

The death of Mrs. Mary Beirne, Ballyshannon, occurred on March 24, at an advanced age, and deeply regretted. The funeral after high mass to the family burial ground at Killybegh, was a great testimony of the respect entertained for deceased and family.

**ROSCOMMON**—Mathew Conlon of Carrowanadry, died March 27 in the hospital at Boyle from lockjaw, which was caused by a wound on the head.

Father Martin, the diocesan clerk inspector, visited the schools in Tuisk, recently, and he expressed pleasure at the proficient manner in which the children came through their annual examination in the Christian doctrine.

The death of Miss S. Eileen Bealin, of Boyle, was deeply and widely regretted. The funeral on March 25 was one of the greatest size ever seen in the district. A solemn requiem services the cortege left for the ancient cemetery of Asslyn.

On March 28 the first two matches for the championship of Roscommon were played at Tuisk. The day was one of the wettest that came for forty years, but notwithstanding a very large crowd witnessed the games. The Strokestown St. Patrick club drove over on cars, and made a very fine turnout. The Kingsland Shamrocks club, from near Boyle, turned up in good form, while the Kilmaral Dr. O'Brien, who came to meet the Tuisk men, were represented by a man. The first match played was that between the Strokestown St. Patricks and Kingsland Shamrocks, which resulted in a win for the St. Patricks by 1 goal to 2 points. Mr. M. Kelly, who acted as referee, and Mr. Peter O'Brien, Strokestown, as field umpire. The day throughout was fine but the game was kept up with inter-

## Lienster

**CARLOW**—Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, conferred holy orders on the following at the Cathedral, Carlow: To the priesthood, Rev. John Kilan Kildare and Leighlin; Rev. Peter McGivney, Kilmore; Rev. Michael Cooney, Kilmore; To deaconship: Rev. Timothy Creed, Christchurch; Rev. James O'Connor, Pittsburg; Rev. Morgan O'Flaherty, Pittsburg. To sub-deaconship: Rev. Jeremiah Kelly, Perth; Rev. James Bourke, Wicks; Rev. Charles McCarty, Newfoundland.

**DUBLIN**—On March 29 Most Rev. Dr. Walsby, Archbishop of Dublin, at the chapel of Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, ordained Rev. James Mullins, C. M., sub-deacon. Both have been studying at St. Joseph's college, Blackrock.

At the Northern Police Court, Dublin April 1, judgment was delivered by Mr. W. F. Kenny in a case in which the commissioners of public works summoned several members of the Gaelic Athletic Association for trespassing on the Nine Acres, Phoenix Park, by playing hurley and football there on the 1st and 8th of March. The case was held on Tuesday, when the contention was raised for their rights. They had played hurley and football on these grounds since 1883, and that the land belonged to them. Mr. T. L. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Vesey Fitzgerald, instructed by Sir Patrick Coll, chief crown solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the board of works, and Mr. John O'Mahoney, instructed by Mr. James Brady, defended. His Worship found that the park was a royal park under the control of the board of works, and fined each of the defendants half a dollar and costs.

**Recent deaths in Dublin**—NOLAN—March 31, at 181 James street, Mary Nolan. O'CONNERTY—March 28, at St. Charles' rectory, Rishton, near Blackburn, the Rev. James Kenny O'Doherty, rector, aged 69. PAINTYK—March 28, at 181 Upper Sheriff street North Wall, Dublin, William Painter, aged 57 years. KELLY—March 28, at 4 Weston terrace, Dublin, Kate Kelly, late 75 Quay, Waterford, in her 83d year. BYRNE—March 28, at The Cross, Rush, James Byrne. CALEY—On March 29, at 12 Stephen's street, Margaret Carey, 127 Francis street. LETTERS—March 28, Margaret Frances Letters, Valentia Island, sister of the late James M. Letters, barrister-at-law, New York. WATSON—March 26, at Mount Pleasant place, Mrs. Margaret Walton. DOWNING—March 27, at Connaught place, Kingstown, Thomas Downing, chief accountant, D. W. and W. R. Co. GARTY—At Annisconon, Killycan, James Garty, aged 60. DOYLE—March 31, Sudden, at the D. M. P. station, Killyleah, Station Sergeant Thomas Doyle of Knockmaroon and Ashtown. GIBSON—March 28, at 60 Lower Gardiner street, James Gibson. FANNING—March 24, at Maddell's Cottage, Ballybrack, Elizabeth Fanning. COLL—March 25, at 54 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, of pneumonia, Clara Rosetta, deceased wife of Sir Patrick Coll. BUTLER—At Vergement Hospital, Clonskeagh, Susan Butler, late of 7 Church place, Rathmines. M'DONNELLA—April 1, at Baggot Street Hospital, late of 2 Merrion place, Lizzie McDonnell. MURPHY—March 28, at 5 Glangriffie Parade, N. C. road, John J. Murphy, aged 95 years. OWENS—March 31, Drum Swords, Newbliss, Edward Owens, National Teacher, father of the Rev. P. Owens, Maynooth College. BYRNE—At 24 Temple street, Ellen Byrne. CAUL—On March 29, Timothy P. Caul, of Naul. OLEARY—March 29, at 111 Capel street, Julia Cleary. MULVANY—March 30, at 3 Upper Erne street, John Mulvany, member of Bakers' Trade Union, 8 Upper Mountruan, Kingstown, Joseph Rossiter, ex-Sergt. R. I. C. GREEN—March 30, at 23 Richmond road, Fairview, Esther Green, daughter of Patrick and Mary McKeever, aged 27 years. DODRILL—March 30, Margaret Diddell. GAFFNEY—March 30, Mary Gaffney, late of Terenure, widow of the late James Gaffney, aged 76, formerly Tipstaff in Court of Chancery to the Lord Chancellor Brady. RYAN—March 30, at Garrville avenue, Richard, Alderman Patrick Ryan, of W. at Gate, Wexford. BURKE—March 30, at 48 Northumberland avenue, Kingstown, Mrs. Mary Burke, aged 80, late of Carlow. FOX—March 18, at 27 Blackpitts, Patrick Fox late of Cullinstown, Ranelagh. RYAN—March 19, at 2 Cuffe street, Patrick Ryan, formerly of 13 High street. KEATING—March 18, at 16 Talbot street, Margaret Keating. SALMON—March 18, at 12 Deane street, George Salmon, of South King street. BYRNE—March 19, Michael Byrne, Firhouse, Tallaght. KEATING—March 18, at 16 Talbot street, Margaret Keating. M'GUINNIS—March 19, at 8 Lower Wickingham street, Henrietta McGuinness, of Cavan. AHERNE—March 19 (Feast of St. Joseph), at the Hospice for the Dying, Catherine Aherna.

**KILDARE**—The death of Miss Bridget Connelley, Monasteran, occurred at the residence of her mother, Dublin street, Monasteran, March 30,

at the early age of 21. The funeral to Killynash cemetery was of large proportions and bore testimony to the respect in which the young lady and her family were held.

**KILKENNY**—Mr. P. M. Egari, Borough treasurer of Kilkenny city, died March 31, deeply regretted. The requiem services and the funeral were very numerous attended.

Mr. Denis Nolan, Commercial Hotel, Gorebridge, died March 28, deeply regretted. On Monday the remains were removed to the church, where mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul, after which the funeral took place to the family burial ground, The Rev. Father O'Brien, assisted by the Rev. Father Francy, Pittsburg, recited the last prayers at the graveside. On Tuesday office and high mass was offered for the repose of his soul, at which a very large congregation assisted as a token of their sorrow.

**KINGS**—Mr. Louis F. Corbet, of Blue Ball House, died March 30, deeply regretted.

**LONGFORD**—At a meeting of the members of the Longford Branch of the United Irish League the following were present: Peter Igoe (president), J. P. Farrell, M. P.; T. Duffy, M. P.; Molloy, J. Lyons, M. P.; G. Christy, L. Connaught, E. Ross, John Maher, Patrick Thompson, Owen Victory, M. Clynne, B. Jordan, P. McCormack, P. Coffey, F. Rodgers, Jos Deane, Gerald Farrell, Mrs. Killmeale, P. Farrell, Jas. Heaney, Joseph Barrien, Francis McGuinness, honorary secretary. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Farrell and Mr. Duffy.

**LOUTH**—The Balbriggan Manufacturing Company has opened a branch of the business at West Gate, Drogheda, which it is hoped, will afford employment in the future to some hundreds of young women; at present there are seventy at work. The articles manufactured consist of aprons, pinafores, etc., and are worked off on sewing machines. If the Irish people will not support their own products the business now being established will perish, and the young women will be rushing off to a foreign country with their technical experience.

**WESTMEATH**—The death of Mr. Garty took place on March 28. His funeral testified to the respect and esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. After office and high mass on Monday the funeral left Annisconon for Rathanny.

On arriving at Rathanny church the coffin was removed into the sacred edifice, when the prayers for the dead were said by Rev. Dr. Dooly and Father Corcoran. The remains were then interred in the family burial place adjoining the church.

**WEXFORD**—A general meeting of the Ladies Branch of the Gaelic League, New Ross, was convened on March 30 for the purpose of hearing the annual report and of electing officers for the coming year. The following is the result of the election: President, Mrs. Martin Murphy; vice presidents, Mrs. McCabe Mrs. Butler and Miss Molloy; honorary treasurer, Miss J. Hickey; honor secretaries, Miss "Arabason" and Miss M. Byrne. The other members of the committee are Miss Kelly, Miss Moran, Miss K. Murphy, Mrs. Vickers and Miss E. Murphy. The report was very satisfactory.

**WICKLOW**—The remains of Mr. John Clarke, Leitrim Place, Wicklow, whose death occurred on March 26th, were conveyed to St. Patrick's, Wicklow, and on Saturday in the presence of a very large congregation, office and high mass for the dead were chanted. The chanters were: Rev. M. Clarke, Wicklow; Rev. J. Hickey, Ashford; deacon, Rev. Father Butler, Barnardrig; sub-deacon, Rev. James Hickey, Roundwood; celebrant, Rev. James Clarke.

## Munster

**CLARE**—Mr. Michael Mitchell O'Brien of O'Brien's Hotel, Miltown-Malbay, died March 15, deeply regretted by his many friends in Ireland and in the United States.

The devil's work is going on in Clare, the landlords are at the old game of extortion. On March 30, at the Easter Quarter Sessions, held before Judge Carton, K. C., decrees were granted in a large number of cases against tenants on the estate of the Marquis of Conyngham. Mr. F. Vandeuler, Wesley F. W. Gore, B. G. McKean, Mr. Henn, Mr. Wilson Fitzgald, Mr. J. Butler, Mr. Robert Bouchier, Mr. R. V. C. Chambers, Mrs. Olivia Creagh, Mr. Charles R. MacDonnell. The cases numbered fifty-four rent decrees and fourteen ejections.

On March 29 Major Cullinan sub-sheriff, accompanied by balliffs, entered the premises of the Clare Man and seized the machinery and plant under a judgment obtained by John McInerney, of Ennisluoyon, for 2600 for alleged libel. About half-past two the Crusheen band arrived and followed by a large contingent, a move was made to the railway station, where the Killishen band was met. A procession was formed and march to O'Connell square. The hour of sale was fixed for half past three. A cordon of police under District Inspector Rice, was formed at the Clare Man office and few were allowed to enter. The bands accompanied by the crowd, took up a position in front of the offices, and continued playing during the sale. After the sale an emergency man, Mc-

Inerney was hooted and hissed through the streets, walking between the two bands. A meeting of the Nationalists was held and among those on the platform were J. Halpin, chairman, East Clare executive U. I. L.; Michael McConnell, Stephen Clancy, Ennis; James Lyman, U. I. L. organizer; Peter E. Moloney, Martin S. Honan, James O'Reagan, Sixmilebridge; Thomas Galvin, editor Clare Champion; J. Dalton, Limerick; D. Roughtan, Terence Fitzpatrick, honorary secretary U. I. L. Tradaree; M. Hastings, Tradaree; Pat O'Grady, John O'Grady, M. Walsh, Killishen; J. Clarke, Crusheen; J. McNamara, Crusheen; J. W. MacNamara, J. J. Moloney, L. F. Downes and others.

**CORK**—A farmer named Hartnuddy, of Keymore, Leap, aged 40 years, was found dead in Brade Wood, near Leap, on April 1. Lord Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has commuted the sentence of death upon Andrew Moore, a prisoner in Cork Jail, into one of penal servitude for life. Moore was convicted at Cork Assizes of the murder of the Rev. Mr. Bell, rector of Kilmee parish. The evidence was wholly circumstantial. The head of Rev. Mr. Bell has not been discovered.

The Cork Examiner of March 31, said: "It was with sincere regret we announced yesterday the death of Mr. Francis Allman, who was a prominent figure in all the philanthropic work carried on in the city for the last half century. Mr. Allman was an active Protestant who loved Father Mathew loyal support during his work in the temperance movement. In politics Mr. Allman held very liberal views. His sister was married to Mr. Justin McCarthy. Mr. Allman's wife was a daughter of Mr. Richard Dowden, during whose mayoralty the Mansion House was discontinued, and the office of mayor reformed. Mr. Allman took a deep interest in the Cork Blind Asylum, and worked for the rendering more comfortable and pleasant the lives of its inmates. He was an energetic member of the Literary and Scientific Society, and filled the office of censor for a great number of years."

**Recent deaths in Cork**—COSSELL—On March 14, at the R. N. Hospital, Chatham, George Costello. O'LEARY—March 14, Margaret O'Leary, Killybegh, age 80. ILETTERS—On March 25, Margaret Frances, wife of Doctor Letters, Valentia Island, and sister of the late James M. Lyddy, barrister-at-law, New York. O'DONOVAN—March 28, at Dunore, Castlefreke, John James O'Donovan, aged 78. BUTLER—On March 29, Mary Butler, Clonshee (Bandon). M'SWINEY—March 30, at Cove Street, Helen M'Swinye MULCAHY—On March 30, at 10 Conner House, Clonakilly, Mary Bridget Mulcahy, at an advanced age. MURPHY—On March 30, at Barnaby Ringaskiddy, Jeremiah Barnaby. NOONAN—On March 21, at 155 Exchange road, Cornelius Noonan. MURPHY—On March 24, Maurice Murphy, Bandon, Banter. FOLEY—At Ballard Connult, March 24, Margaret Foley. TWOMEY—On March 21, at Inghilla, Daniel T. Twomey. FITZGERALD—At Cork, on March 23, 1903, Eily Fitz-Gerald. ROSS—On March 21, at the Mercy home, Cork, Alexander Ross, Jr., Rock Terrace, Middleton, aged 37 years. TAYLOR—On March 22, at Fota, William Taylor, in his 62d year. DOYLE—On March 28, at 47 Gardiner's Hill, St. Luke's, James Doyle MURPHY—At Old Abbey, Waterford, on March 29, Kathleen Murphy, aged 7 years. STILIVAN—On March 28, at Ballycotton, Margaret Sullivan, Sr. WALLACE—On March 28, at Mogely, Ellen Wallace BUTLER—On March 29, Mary Butler, Clonshee (Bandon). ALLMAN—On March 30, at Ratan Lee, Sunday's Well, Francis W. Allman, aged 74 years. ABBOTT—March 31, at 13 North Mall, Mary Jane Abbott Cork. MULCAHY—On March 30, at Corner House, Clonakilly, Mary Bridget Mulcahy, at an advanced age. O'MAHONY—March 31, at Kiltworth Camp Hotel, Julia O'Mahony, Kildorrery. O'KEEFE—On April 1, at Church road, Blackrock, Cork, Con O'KEEFE. FOLEY—April 1, at Fair Hill, William Foley, victualler. CARROLL—April 1, at 10 Lower Grafton Hill, Patrick Carroll, late head porter G. S. & W. Railway. RICHARDSON—On April 1, at Macroom, Edward Richardson. O'SULLIVAN—On March 5, at 31 Lower Glanville road, James O'Sullivan, aged 31. CUNNINGHAM—April 1, at the Presentation Convent, Fermoy, in the 25th year of her religious life, Mother Mary Gabriel, daughter of the late Michael Cunningham, Kilmacow House, Tallow, County Waterford. O'FLAHERTY—On April 1, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington street, Annie O'Flaherty, Mary street.

**HOLLAND**—April 2, at 10 Mouny Pleasant, College road, Margaret Holland, Gloun, Dunnsueway MURPHY—On April 3, at Rock cottage, Tallow, County Waterford, Sarah Murphy. FOLEY—April 1, at Fair Hill, William Foley, victualler.

**KERRY**—Muckross House, Killarney, is now the property of Lord Ardilaun. Four families on the Warden property at Sneem were evicted by the sheriff's balliffs, April 2. Five hours after the eviction the dwelling house of one of the evicted tumbled down.

Patrick Donogh, of Bonaourt, a blacksmith, was found drowned near Callintry, on the bank of the River Laine three miles from Killarney. He

was last seen alive in the latter town on the night of March 24, when the country was flooded.

The death of Mr. Maurice O'Rourke, nephew of Mr. John O'Rourke, Bohenah, has occasioned widespread regret. The announcement of his death on March 27 at the early age of twenty-five years was a great shock. The funeral to Rath was largely attended. The religious services at the graveside were conducted by Father Dillon and the Rev. Father Power.

**LIMERICK**—Mr. Walsh, an evicted tenant at Ballykenny has been restored to his farm from which he was evicted nineteen years ago. The settlement was effected through the influence of the West Limerick executive of the United Irish League.

**TIPPERARY**—On St. Patrick's Day was laid to rest in the old graveyard of Kilkash all that was mortal of Rev. James B. Quinlan, B. A., Mangans-

town who died at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, on previous Sunday aged 25 years. Educated at St. Patrick's College, Tallow, he was ordained for the diocese of Waterford and Lismore by Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan in Waterford in June, 1900. While waiting a mission in his native diocese, he was appointed to St. Oswald's, Rev. Father Clarkson, travelled to Mangans-

town to see him during his eight months' illness, and again to attend his funeral. After about two years of arduous missionary work in Liverpool, the health of the young priest broke down and he returned to his native land, where all that the fond care of his sorrowing mother, and the best medical skill and nursing could do was cheer-

fully done, but all in vain. The death of Mr. William Egan, of Donmore occurred lately at the age of 8, and occasioned a feeling of great regret. The deceased was a brother of the late Very Rev. Andrew Egan, of St. Mary's, Loughborough, Leicester-

shire, of the late Rev. John Egan of St. Mary's and of the late Sister Mary Bernard Egan of the Order of Charity, Headfield House, Clonliffe. He was an uncle of Sister Mary Alphonsa, also of Headfield House, of the Rev. William Ryan, St. Joseph's, West Hartlepool, and of the Rev. Andrew O'Neill, St. John's New Brunswick. The interment took place in the family burial ground at Killybegh, near Clonsheer.

**WATERFORD**—Mrs. William Kelly, formerly of the well known drapery establishment on the Quay, Waterford, died March 28, at Weston Terrace, Dublin, at an advanced age. Her remains were conveyed by rail to Waterford city, where office and high mass were held in the Cathedral, March 31. The funeral to Saint Mary's cemetery, Waterford, was very largely attended. She was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in the city of Waterford.

The Rev. Michael O'Brien, O. S. A., who has been on a visit to Ireland on a twelve months' leave, left March 2, from Dungarvan, to return to Croaydon, South Australia. He intends to resume his duties as pastor. He stayed for the greater part of his vacation at the Dunngarvan house of the Augustinian Order and has made many friends it was there he went to school in his early days, and soon after his ordination to the priesthood he proceeded to Australia to pursue his missionary labors.

## Ulster

**ANTRIM**—A representative meeting of Nationalists under the auspices of the Emmet Centenary Association and Belfast Divisional Executive of the United Irish League, was held recently in the United National Club. Mr. Hugh Byrne presided. After expressions of opinion from delegates it was resolved to hold the Emmet demonstration on Monday, June 8.

It is stated that the amount to be spent during the coming year by the British government on naval construction will be a record. The estimated amount to be paid to Harland & Wolff during the coming year in respect of hulls and machinery of vessels already ordered, will be 745,000. This does not include 185,000 on the hull and 320,000 on the machinery of the new Admiralty yacht Enchantress under construction at the Queen's Island.

**ARMAGH**—On the evening of March 23, the inhabitants of Castle Lane, one of the thoroughfares of the town, were startled by a loud report, which was caused by a subsidence of the center of the street near the entrance of Lord Lurgan's demesne. A large circular opening was caused measuring 20 feet in diameter and several in depth.

At recent Armagh Petty Sessions, Joseph Heron, of Milford, Armagh, was charged by the police with assaulting persons unknown, on St. Patrick's day, near Milford. From the deposition of the constable a Nationalist band from Madden were passing the mill village of Milford on the day in question. The band was playing and they were stoned by a crowd of Orange ruffians. Constable Young corroborated as to Heron's stone throwing Mr. J. A. Peel solicitor, pleaded guilty on behalf of the accused. A fine of 5s and 2s 6d costs was imposed. Here is a would-be murderer let off with the insignificant fine, because he is an Orangeman. If a United Irish Leaguer only looked crooked at a grabber he would be im-

prisoned for three months at least.

**CAVAN**—A meeting of the members of the Crosserlogh branch of the United Irish League was held March 22. Mr. E. Cooke presiding. The following were elected on the committee: P. O'Reilly, E. Fitzsimons, J. Reilly, P. Gorman, T. Reilly, P. Nutty, E. Cooke, P. Lynch, M. Brady, J. Smith, B. Cooney, J. Callaghan. Officers elected: James Smith, president; E. Cooke, vice president; G. Gorman, secretary; T. Reilly, assistant secretary.

The death occurred on March 23 of the Rev. Thomas Masuire, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Patrick Brady, Tully. Deceased had only reached the early age of 55 years, of which period he labored in his sacred calling for 32 years. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. Joseph Maguire.

**DERRY**—"Irish Language We Kr" has passed, and in Derry all interested in revival of the native language left no stone unturned to bring in funds, with the result that Derry will bear very favorable comparison with other centers where the population is much greater. A goodly number of young ladies came out in the cold and rain on St. Patrick's day and collected for the language fund. They were treated with kindness and the citizens without distinction gave much and freely. Those who gave their services so graciously are as follows: Miss M. C. Doyle, Miss Sileen Doyle, Miss M. McMahon, Miss Sharkey, Miss Duffy, Miss M. A. Doherty, Miss McCafferty, Miss Lynch, Miss C. Hegarty, Miss M. Hegarty, Miss Cassie McGilway, Miss Coyle, Miss Kavanagh, Miss A. Doherty, Miss C. Doherty, Miss M. Gallagher, Miss Nellie McDermott, Miss Nellie McCarr, Miss S. Doherty, Miss A. Gallagher, Miss Deeny, Miss T. Deeny, Miss M. J. McNeil, Miss M. G. Flanagan, Miss B. Cunningham, Miss S. Cunningham, Miss M. McCaul, Miss K. McCaul, Miss McKay, Miss Coll, Miss Jose Flanagan, Miss Rose Bradley, Miss Nellie Bradley, and Miss K. Brolly. As well as these ladies who collected on St. Patrick's day and also on Saturday last, a house to house collection also took place by the members of the Gaelic League branches of the city, and on the whole the result is creditable to Derry.

**DONEGAL**—Mr. Hugh McElhew, one of the oldest residents of Letterkenny, died on March 30. He had been only a short time ill. He deceased was for half a century the proprietor of a cabinet-making establishment in the town. For the past ten years he lived in retirement at Sallaghgrane.

A terrific thunderstorm passed over Letterkenny March 30. Lightning struck the house of Mrs. Hegarty, Lisnaghanna, stunning the mother, two sons and two daughters, one of the sons seriously. A horse, a young heifer, and two swans were killed. The house was wrecked. The thunderstorm was accompanied by a fearful gale of wind, there were terrible hail-showers.

**DOWN**—On March 29, when Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCourt of Warrepoint, were driving home from the house of a friend, Mrs. Fitzsimons of Carrickmacstay, Mr. McCourt fell off the car. He was promptly removed to the house of an old man of Carrickhill, close to where the accident occurred, where, on examination, it was found that he was unconscious and that blood was flowing from his left ear. Dr. Mayne of Warrepoint was sent for and the services of Dr. Bell were also requisitioned. Medical aid proved invaluable, death supervening on Tuesday morning. The base of the skull was fractured.

The funeral of the late Patrick Caughey of Newcastle took place on March 26. The family of the deceased was one of the oldest and most respected in Newcastle. Having emigrated to Australia in the "early fifties" he was very successful in the gold fields and amassed a fortune, which unfortunately was lost on his returning home in the wreck of the General Grant. To the readers of the Wide World Magazine the hardships which he, with other survivors, endured on the Auckland islands for two years are well known.

**FERNANAGH**—Mr. Matthew Wilson of Omagh Model School, has been appointed head master of the Model school at Enniskillen. A meeting of the Catholic club was held in the club hall, Ballybay, on March 22. Mr. William Miller in the chair. There was a large attendance.

T. Kelly, secretary, and Mr. P. Cassidy, treasurer, gave a detailed account of the financial state of the club, which was satisfactory. Owing to the successful manner in which the club has been carried subscriptions have been reduced one-third. The secretary was instructed to order a number of weekly papers and magazines, which, along with the bagatelle and other games, will pass many an enjoyable evening.

**MONAGHAN**—Mr. P. McKenna presided at a recent meeting of the Killybegh branch of the United Irish League, in Errigal Truagh, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing session: President, Mr. Felix McKenna; vice president, Mr. John Kelly; treasurer, Mr. John McDermott; secretary, Mr. Patrick McKenna; assistant secretary, Mr. Arthur Treanor. Delegates to Divisional executive: Felix McKenna, Peter McKenna, John Kelly, Owen Murphy, Patrick McKenna and Andrew Treanor. Delegates to Dublin convention: Patrick McKenna and Felix McKenna.

**TYRONE**—Rev. James O'Hart was ordained priest in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, March 7, last, and had the privilege of saying his first mass in the Church of St. Agatha, attached to the Irish College, Rome, on the 8th. Father O'Hart belongs to the diocese of Clougher. He entered the Irish College, Rome, 1897. He returns to his native diocese in May.