

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—A house in Succellan, leading from Eyre street, Wood Quay, Galway, collapsed on the night of March 19, killing Mrs. Connell, the occupant.

A Feis Saintiarlath will be held in Tuam, June 2, coming under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League. The branch has done its part in the effort to revive the Irish language.

It is interesting to note what a number of prelates bearing the name John were Archbishops of Tuam between 1409 and 1437, says the Tuam Herald. There were three Johns in succession Archbishops of Tuam, viz: John Babington, a Dominican, from 1409 to 1427; John Batterley, a Dominican, from 1427 to 1430; and John Walsley or Birmingham, from 1430 to 1437. There were two John de Burgos, archbishops, namely, John de Burgos, from 1437 to 1450, and another John de Burgos, from 1447 to 1466.

Munster

CLARE—At the conclusion of the mass on April 3, in connection with the Crusade Gaelic League, a resolution was passed unanimously, proposed by Mr. F. O'Halloran, and seconded by Mr. John MacNamara: "That we regret the removal from among us of our president, Rev. D. MacNamara, and we thank him for the services rendered in the founding of the branch and the interest he took in it since."

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Ryan, was passed at the meeting of the Kilrush Urban Council: "That we, the Kilrush Urban Council, this 6th of April, 1905, tender Mr. F. J. O'Doherty our sympathy on the death of the Rev. Father O'Doherty, and also to Mr. John McInerney of Burton street, on the death of his wife."

CORK—A meeting of the members of the Doneraile branch of the United Irish League was held April 5, at which Mr. M. Morrissey presided. The business transacted was the election of delegates to the great national convention in Dublin. The following were appointed: Mr. John O'Connor, Mr. Thomas Duane, Mr. Patrick O'Regan, Mr. Thomas Duane proposed: "That we, being farmers, deem it a duty to ask that a clause be inserted in the Land Purchase bill restraining county court judges from issuing decrees after November 1 next for any rent other than the equivalent of the purchase annuities." Seconded by David O'Callaghan and adopted.

Recent Deaths in Cork—HANLEY—April 10 at 18 Dillon's Cross, Thomas Hanley, engineer's department, Postal Telegraphs. BROWNE—On April 9 at the Protestant Incurable Hospital, Cork, Robert T. Browne, son of the late Robert T. Browne, of Kinsale, aged 64 years. BARRY—April 10, at 22 Peacock lane, Mrs. Barry. HAYES—April 4, at 151 Blarney street, Patrick Hayes, for over twenty years employed at Annot's Brewery, and late of Lady's Well. KEATING—March 24, at Clogher, Shanballymore, James Keating, aged 107 years. WOOL—On April 9, Mary Wool, of 13 Desmond's Square. CLEARY—April 9, at 4 Coal Quay, Daniel Cleary. CRONIN—On April 9, at Turner's Cross, Cork, Mary Cronin of Ballinrea. HAWE—April 9, at Churchtown, Butevant, Johanna Howe. MCCARTHY—April 9, at Lickendarragh, Glantane, Cal McCarthy, at an advanced age. WALSH—On April 6, at Bawnmore, Peter J. Walsh. McCARTHY—On April 6, at North Main street, Bandon, Thomas McCarthy. McDONNELL—On April 7, Bridget McDONNELL, of 11 O'Connell street, Cork. O'REGAN—On April 7, at Kilkenny, Kilkenny, Denis O'Regan. HARDING—April 8, at 3 Blarney View, Gardiner's Hill, Conductor Robert Harding Supply and Transport Corps, Madras, eldest son of the late Robert and Annie Harding, Market House, Malrow, and husband of Agnes Maud Harding. WEST—John West, Commercial Club, Bandon. HENNESSY—On April 7, at Castletownsend, Jerome HENNESSY. KELLIHER—April 5, Hennessey, Kilkenny, High Mount, Charles Kelliher, probationer nurse at North Circular Infirmary. NEWMAN—On April 5, Margaret Newman, Ashburton, at an advanced age. DANAHAN—On March 28, at Moyne Cottage, Shanagolden, Margaret DANAHAN, aged 82. BLYNN—On April 5, at Parkville Hospital, Mary Blynn, 60 years of age. Queenstown.

received by the townspeople with mingled feelings of regret and grief. WEXFORD—Denis Donoghue, Iselin Road, Ennisecurry, died March 31. He had been on the D. W. W. railway during forty-eight years. The funeral to Glenealy, County Wicklow, was very largely attended.

The people of New Ross have purchased for a public hall the old parish church from Very Rev. Dr. Kavanagh for four thousand dollars. A great number of the people in Ross believe that the parish priest should not have asked any money for it, as they had practically built a new church in exchange.

There was a horrible sequel to a fire as fire at Killea, two miles and a half from Newtownmountkeshy, causing considerable alarm throughout the county on April 9. The fire occurred on the premises of a well-to-do farmer named Edward Short, of Killea. The remains of a person unknown were found on the premises destroyed by the fire.

On April 3, Joseph Ryan, Kildare, built a new school with a shocking accident when traveling from early mass in Ennis to catch the mail train for Ennis on the 10th. The train was derailed on the station the pedal crank smashed, and the rider was dashed to the ground fracturing his skull. Dr. Greene hurried to the assistance of the young man, whose life seemed ebbing away. He was joined by Father Clancy. After two hours of suspense, a slight return to consciousness inspired some hope for his recovery but later on he relapsed into insensibility, and his condition became precarious. He is only 22 years of age.

WICKLOW—The remains of late Mrs. J. B. Boyle, Baltinglass, were buried March 27, after office and high mass in St. Joseph's church. The remains had been conveyed to the cemetery accompanied by a large concourse of people. At the high mass the celebrant was the Rev. M. Hayes, Baltinglass; deacon, Rev. Father Kinsella, Kiltegan, sub-deacon, Rev. P. Loughlin, Rathvilly, and master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Ramsbottom, Hacketts town.

Ulster

ANTRIM—One of the most successful missions ever given in St. Matthew's Parish, Ballymacarett, was brought to a close on April 5. The mission, which lasted for a fortnight, was conducted by Fathers Power, Cussen and Murphy, of the Redemptorist Order. Together with the missionary fathers the priests of the parish were assisted in the confessional by the priests of St. Malachy's College, the Very Rev. Dr. Laverty, Fathers Boyle, McCotter, Walsh and O'Rawe.

The remains of the late Mrs. Theresa Conalty, mother of the Rev. F. J. Conalty, Ballymena, and sister of the late Very Rev. John McCourt and the late Dr. James McCourt and the late Dr. Francis McCourt were removed from Belfast, April 3, for interment at Drumadrum. Although the funeral was announced strictly private a large number of friends assembled at the graveside, where Rev. P. McCambridge and Rev. Father McBride recited the last prayers. The deceased lady was one of the last surviving members of a most respected family of Killyfist, Toomebridge.

ARMAGH—A lecture on the Passion play of Oberammergau was given by the Rev. George McCorry, Lurgan, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Leitrim, Upper Drumgoonland, on March 31, before a very large audience. The lecture was illustrated with lime-light views of the tableaux vivants and scenes of the play.

The quarterly meeting of the Committee of the Armagh Catholic Reading Room was held under the presidency of Rev. Michael Quinn, administrator, Armagh, April 5. There was a large attendance of members present, including: John Conway, J. Cassidy, James Mallon, James Lennon, James Sleavin, honorable treasurer; J. Quinn, P. Quinn, T. McLaughlin, G. Heron and P. J. McGarvey, honorable secretary. The statement of accounts was submitted and showed a substantial sum to the credit of the institution.

CAVAN—Rev. Bro. William Smyth, of the Order of Oblates of Mary Immaculate, died late, aged 26 years, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Patrick Soden, Knocknank, Stradone, deeply regretted.

Rev. Charles O'Reilly, pastor of Laragh, died April 2 from pneumonia. No tenant in Laragh ever feared the loss of the old homestead, for application to "Father Charles" meant the settlement of the landlord's demand. Father O'Reilly was 67 years of age. He studied in the old seminary, Cavan, and the Irish College, Rome, and was ordained in 1852. His first curacy was Drumreilly and the next Killinkere, of which after nineteen years he was made pastor, to be transferred in 1872 to Laragh.

DERRY—At a meeting of the Donaghmore Gaelic Class, held at Crossroads, N. S. Killygordon, on April 4, Rev. M. Mullin presiding, the following resolutions were passed unanimously: "That, the national teachers of the parish undertake to cooperate with the priests and people to revive the Irish language in their districts, and request Irish speakers and those learning Irish to make use of the

Irish language on all occasions," "that having regard to the great interest taken in the movement it is desirable that the Executive Committee of the Donaghmore Gaelic class be enlarged." The following to constitute the new committee, with Rev. B. McLaughlin as president: Rev. M. Mullin, Rev. T. O'Doherty, P. Kelly, Baljarry; W. Gallagher, Castlein; P. Donar, Killygordon House; J. Quinn, Carr; D. Gallen, Crossroads; J. Quinn, Carrickmagrath; T. McGoldrick, Gleneely; T. McGoldrick, Knock; J. Thomey, Killymagrath; J. Reid, Castlein; P. O'Neill, Nessaghonell; M. McClean, Overgrass; P. Byrne, Tieve-Lack; E. Malone, Crossroads, treasurer; P. Maguire, Crossroads, secretary.

DONEGAL—The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Gilvary, Knocknong, occurred on March 23 after a long illness. The funeral took place on Wednesday, when the funeral cortege to the respect in which deceased and her family are held. Wreaths were sent by Mrs. M. Curran, Miss M. McGarran, Miss Anne McGowan, Miss M. A. Haran, Mrs. Rose Gilmarie, Mrs. M. A. Ryan, Mrs. Fanny Brodie, and Miss M. Duly.

DOWN—A branch of the Gaelic League has been founded in Killybeg. A meeting for that purpose was held recently in St. Columba's hall, Very Rev. Dr. Marner who is to be the president of the League, was present and consented to allow the meeting to be held in the Parish hall. Father Eardley presided. The following resolution was adopted: "That we, the priests and people of Mourne, hall with delight this opportunity of testifying to our faith in the aims of the Gaelic League, and that we pledge ourselves to use every means in our power to encourage the study of the Irish language." It was also resolved: "That a branch of the Gaelic League be established." Father Eardley and Father McKillop were appointed vice-presidents, Mr. McDermott-Roe, vice-chairman, and Mr. M. Martin, treasurer. Mr. O. Cunningham proposed and Mr. O'Neill seconded, that the branch be called "St. Columba's."

Rev. T. J. Rooney died at his father's residence, Queen street, Newry, April 5. He was curate in Newry, Banbridge and Magherlin. Father Rooney was ordained by the late Bishop of Down, the Most Rev. Dr. McIlvenna. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated in the cathedral, Newry, on Tuesday at ten o'clock. Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Down, presided. Father Daniel Joseph Doyle, deacon; Rev. Thomas Magrath, sub-deacon and Rev. Father John Rooney master of ceremonies. The chanters were Rev. H. McEvoy, Warrenpoint, and the Very Rev. Prior Laverty, Newry. The Very Rev. J. O'Brien, Banbridge, and a large number of the priests of the diocese composed the choir. The interment took place in the old chapel cemetery.

FERNANAGH—On April 8 Railway Porter Quinn was seriously injured while shunting wagons at Irvinestown railway station. He was caught between the buffers of the wagons. He was removed to the Fermanagh county infirmary.

MONAGHAN—A grand concert was held in Droichead School, near Castleblaney, on March 22, under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League. The following was the program: Opening chorus, "Let Erin Remember," Irish pipe solo, Mr. Dan Markey, first prize winner. Feis Ceoil, Irish ballad and hornpipe, Miss B. Ward; song, "Lord Clare's Dragoons," Mr. Laverty; and "The Irish Emigrant," hornpipe, Messrs. Doyle and McGrath; "A Heen Alanah," Mr. T. Ennis, and "She Is Far from the Land," The Wreath Asleep, and "The Minstrel Boy," Mr. McGrath. In the interval the selections on the gramophone by Messrs. Coyle and McGrath were rapturously applauded. Second part, Irish pipe solo, Mr. Dan Markey, "Shule Agra," and "Fainne Gal Lee," by Miss B. Ward; "When Shall the Day Break?" and "Nora the Pride of Kildare," Mr. C. Laverty; hornpipe, Messrs. Coyle and McGrath; "The Memory of the Dead," Mr. T. Ennis; "Asthore," M. W. McGrath; also "The Wearing of the Green." The concert terminated with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

TYRONE—A meeting of the Beragh branch of the United Irish League was held on April 5. Francis Owens occupied the chair. The following were present: Henry Owens, H. K. McAleer, Dan McGuirk, Francis Owens, vice president; Patrick Kelly, Patrick Kerr, honorable secretary; John Donnelly, John Maguire, Edward Gormley, Francis Hepburn, George Gormley, John Coyle, Michael Gormley, John Donnelly, Clogherney, Peter Donnelly, Patrick Owens, Bernard McSorley, Patrick Owens, Remackin; John Devlin, Cloughan; Daniel Donnelly, Daniel McGarrity, Willie Mullin, Charles Devine, Patrick Toye, James Rafferty, Hugh Rafferty, Patrick McKenna, etc. A large number of new members were enrolled, after which the delegates to the convention were appointed: Mr. Henry Owens, Mr. H. K. McAleer and Mr. Francis Owens.

The funeral took place on April 6 of the late Mr. Samuel Corry, one of the oldest residents of Strathcross, County Tyrone. The deceased had been ill for only a week. He was a member of the County Infirmary Board. The funeral was very large. After a short service in the church the remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground. The following were the chief mourners: Robert Anderson, James Anderson and Robert Johnston, nephews; William Corry, John Corry, Robert Corry, Frederick Corry, Samuel Corry and G. Corry, cousins.

LEHANE—April 5, at Knockavauilly, Co. Lond., Cornelius Lehane, aged 75 years. LONG—On April 6, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Jane M. Long. MURPHY—On April 5, at Skeat, Timoleague, James Murphy.

KERRY—The death of Mrs. O'Connor, tobacconist, Nelson street, Tralee, occurred April 2. She was under medical treatment in Dublin for some time. Mrs. O'Connor leaves an only daughter. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Michael Kelly, Roch street, and sister to the Very Rev. J. Kelly, O. P., Limerick.

On April 10 John Collins, locomotive coalman in the Great Southern and Western railway at Tralee Station, was accidentally killed by an engine near the cabin at the level crossing in Edward street while the train was passing from the North Kerry yard.

A cow shed belonging to a Mr. Michael Coffey, of Coon nine miles from Glenties, was set on fire April 7 and fifty head of cattle were burned to death. Mr. Coffey, with his brother Stephen, has a holding and live under the same roof. It seems the cattle were burnt properly. The men are popular in the locality.

LIMERICK—On April 5, at Boru House, Limerick, Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, deeply and widely mourned. Solemn requiem mass and office were held in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, April 5, which were numerously attended, as was also the funeral. The interment was in Mount St. Lawrence cemetery.

A public meeting of citizens was held April 5 at the Town Hall, Limerick, for the purpose of reforming the City Branch of the United Irish League. Among those present were The Mayor (Councillor M. Donnelly), Henry O'Shea, Alderman S. O'Mara, Patrick Bourke, John Kivlehan, George MacDonagh, editor Limerick Leader; P. Collins, T. McCormack, Robert O'Brien, Martin Leahy, B. C. John Paris, etc. The Mayor took the chair on the motion of Mr. Henry O'Shea, seconded by Mr. P. Bourke. In opening the proceedings he said the object of the meeting was beyond dispute, namely, that of furthering the national movement and rendering support to the Irish parliamentary party. The Mayor was elected president, Mr. Patrick Bourke, vice-president, Messrs. John Paris and Michael Neville, secretaries, and Mr. John Kelly, Upper William street, treasurer. The following committee of six were appointed: Messrs. Patrick Collins, John Kivlehan, John Malone, Robert O'Brien, George MacDonagh, editor Limerick Leader and Michael Neville.

TIPPERARY—Mr. Robert Cummins, farmer of Seekin near Killebeelan, died suddenly at his residence April 8. He went to bed in usual health got up at three o'clock in the morning to look after a cow, and returning to bed was found dead at five o'clock.

Sister Mary Aleria, Hall of St. Joseph's Female Orphanage Home, Kansas City, died lately in the fifth year of her religious life and the twenty seventh of her age. She was a native of Knockforra, near Thurle, and was the daughter of Mr. W. M. Hall. She was taken out to the United States four years ago to enter the Order of Saint Joseph at "Arondelst, St. Louis, Mo. Her cousin, the Rev. William A. Mahar (also of Thurle) chaplain of St. Mary's, Vigo county, Ind., received several letters from the deceased sister when she was at Sedalia, Mo., and when in her last illness at Kansas City, Mo.

WATERFORD—The members of the branch of the Gaelic League in Waterford City have collected £260 for the Language Fund.

The death of Mr. Thomas Ryan, of Ballinacree, in the district of Dungan, occurred lately and was deeply regretted. The funeral on April 6 was very numerous and attended.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie wrote to the Waterford Town Council lately acknowledging the resolution of the corporation proposing to confer on him the freedom of the city and hoping to accept it when he next visits Ireland. He will also lay the foundation stone.

Lienster

CARLOW—Mrs. Anne Hanlon, of Fenciscourt, died on Friday, April 3. It appears that at about seven o'clock in the morning deceased was sitting up in bed saying her rosary beads when she was heard to moan and immediately lay back and expired. She had been attended by Dr. Delaney, who had warned her of the possibility of such an occurrence. The coroner did not think it necessary to hold an inquest.

DUBLIN—On April 5, at 12 o'clock mass, the Very Rev. Dr. Keane, O. P., preached a sermon in the church of Sts. Michael and John, Dublin, in aid of the parochial schools. Upward of a thousand children are educated in those schools and funds are urgently needed to maintain them in the state of efficiency required for modern education. The response to the appeal was generous.

The annual meeting of the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League was held April 7 in the Mason House, Dublin. The chair was occupied by the Lord Mayor, Mr. T. Harrington, president of the branch. There was a large attendance. Mr. R. A. Foley read the annual report, which stated that the year of the Gaelic League just closed had witnessed a great development of the

organization and the Keating Branch, which could fairly claim to have been in no small degree a factor in that development, had been a partaker in the improving fortunes of the league. The election of office bearers was announced as follows: President, the Lord Mayor; vice presidents, Dr. Coffey, Mr. D. Lynch and Mr. T. D. Sullivan; librarian, Mr. John Ryan; treasurer, Mr. T. Murphy; honorable secretaries, Mr. R. A. Foley and Mr. T. Morrissey.

Recent Deaths in Dublin—BYRNE—April 5, at Richmond road, Bridget Mary Byrne, aged 18 years. BYRNE—April 4, 47 Francis street, Mrs. Mary Byrne. CUFFEY—April 9, at 65 Cabra road, Elizabeth Mary Cuffey, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. MacDonogh, of Ranelagh, aged 93 years. CUNNINGHAM—April 8, Mrs. Eliza Cunningham, law of 99 Lower Clanbrassil street. GUNNAN—April 8, 4 Victoria terrace, Terenure road, Thomas Gunnan, aged 76. BYRNE—April 5, at 20 North Circular road, John Byrne, son of the late Michael Byrne, Askinstown, County Wexford. SLATTERY—April 7, at 1 Halket terrace, Kingsdown, Kate Mary Slattery. GUY—April 4, at Arranmore avenue, North Circular road, Ellen Guy. KIERGAN—On Good Friday April 10 at 123 Upper Rathmines, Mary Josephine Kiergan (May). DALY—April 8, at 21 George's place, Dorset street, Mrs. Dalry widow of the late William Dalry, formerly of Finglas Bridge. FLOOD—April 6, at the Hospital, Clonskeagh, Mary Flood of Killeullen and the Curragh, aged 26 years. SUTTON—April 12 Prince of Wales terrace, Bray, Robert Sutton of Dundrum, for 24 years in the County Club, Bray. FITZ—Good Friday at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldcross, Joseph Fitz, formerly of Great Brunswick. MURRAY—On Good Friday, April 10, at Raggot Street Hospital, Laurence Murray, Ballynerrin and Delgany. WALSH—April 8, suddenly, Captain Joseph Walsh, marine superintendent, Messrs. Palgrave, Murphy & Co., 65 years. SMYTH—April 6, at the Hospice, Haroldcross, Anne Smyth, late of 155 Thomas street. BOYLAN—April 8, at 8 Ashbrook terrace, S. C. road, Henry Boylan, cooper. McCABE—April 6, at the Hospital, Donnybrook, Christopher McCabe, of Manor street, Hill, March 30, coming home from the Riviera on board steamship Cheshire, John G. Hill, son of the late John Hill, journalist, Dublin, and Miss Hill, 16 Main street, and 1 Carbery place, Blackrock. KENNY—April 9, at 2 Poplar place, Dolphin's Barn, Julia Kenny, aged 62 years. DONLEVY—April 8 at Hospice, Haroldcross, William Donlevy, member of Dublin Typographical Society, aged 46. MORONEY—April 7, at 12 Synnott place, William A. Moroney. MURTAGH—On Good Friday, at Elm Grove, Ranelagh, Elizabeth Murtagh, aged 60 years. DOYLE—April 7, at 15 Chamber street, George Doyle.

KILDARE—At Grangeclars, on April 7, occurred the death of Edward C. Murphy, deeply regretted.

Probate of the will, dated Nov. 6, 1898, of Mr. Thomas Cooke Trench, of Millitree, Naas, Kildare, who died on Nov. 25 last has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Cooke Trench, and his nephew, Mr. William Trench Kirkpatrick, of Donacomper, Celbridge, to the latter of whom the testator whose personal estate has been valued at £8,347 6s., including £1,514 7s. 6d. in England, bequeathed £100; and he left the residue of his property to Mrs. Trench.

KILKENNY—The will of the late Mr. Patrick Wall, draper, High street, Kilkenny, has been made public, and from it the value of his estate is estimated to be at two hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

close on six weeks since Mr. Patrick Shorah, of Clough was last in his home, though it is said a few persons in and around Clough saw him the day following the great storm. Great fears are entertained of his death, but no trace of him can be found. His relatives have been in communication with people in all the surrounding towns, but no one answering to his description has been seen.

KINGS—A meeting of Banagher United Irish League was held on April 5. Mr. O. Coghlan, chairman, presiding. The principal business was the selection of delegates to the National Convention, and the following were chosen: O. Coghlan, Edward Cusco and John Ryan. It was also decided to hold open the collection of the Irish Parliamentary Fund for another week to give an opportunity to every person in the parish to send in his subscription.

A Stocking fatality occurred at Charleville road, near Tuillamore, April 3, when Michael Malone lost his life under distressing circumstances. A young fellow named McCann was sent by P. and H. Egan, to Blueball, with a coffin. He met deceased, whom he asked to go with him. On the return journey, when on the Charleville road, near the entrance gate to Lady Howard Barry's demesne, Malone asked for a smoke. McCann turned round and handed out his tobacco pouch. Just then the horse got off the course, dragged one of the wheels across a bank of road cleanings, and the tray was overturned, bringing the horse down. McCann succeeded in getting clear, but his companion was

covered by the dray and was dead when taken out.

LONGFORD.—The parishioners of Warwick gave a great send-off to Rev. Michael Potter on his departure for Rome and a visit to his native place in Longford. Father Potter is a member of a respected family of County Longford, and is a brother of Mr. Patrick Potter, teacher in Clontagh, N. S., Newtowncashel. Warwick is near Brisbane, Australia.

The funeral of the late Miss Winifred McKennedy, of Ballymahon, to Shrule Cemetery, took place April 2. The clergy in attendance were: Rev. Father Cahill, Adm., and Rev. Father O'Dwyer. In the chapel of Ballymahon the funeral service was held and a vast assemblage congregated in the church. Solemn Office of the Dead was followed by High Mass. Most Rev. Dr. Hoare presided. The following were some of the clergy present: Very Rev. Dean Monaghan, Carrick-edmond; Rev. Father McIlvenna, Carrick-edmond; Rev. Father Killian, Tanc; Rev. Father Cahill, Ballymahon; Rev. W. O'Dwyer, Ballymahon. There were twenty priests in the choir.

LOUTH.—At a meeting of the Drogheda Free Library Committee held April 3, the Right Rev. Monsignor Seagrave, St. Peter's presiding, the committee had before them the report of Mr. Wm. Byrne, architect, Dublin, on the plans submitted in the competition for the Free Library plan. The committee decided, in accordance with Mr. Byrne's award, to adopt the plan of Mr. Finian Tallon, Drogheda, author for the library, and to award the second prize of £10 to Mr. J. J. Hazlett, Dublin ("Dim Print") for the second best plan.

MEATH.—The death of Mr. Richard O'Reilly, Robinsonstown Town House, Kilslyre, occurred March 17, aged 72 years, deeply regretted. The deceased took a prominent part in every popular movement for the last fifty years, and during the stormy times of the Land and National Leagues he helped the cause by purse and voice. The last time he appeared in public was as chairman of a meeting held in Crossakiel a few years ago to establish a branch of the United Irish League. He was a member of the United Irish League Board until the passing of the L. G. Act, when he retired to let his son into the breach, and during his long term at the board the old ascendancy party had no more determined or independent foe, nor the people a more fearless advocate. Generous, he was looked up to and revered by all his neighbors, while those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance were always impressed by the sound judgment and thorough grasp of the questions of the day under such an unassuming personality. His demise is a distinct loss to the cause of religion and nationality in Meath and in the surrounding counties. On Friday evening his remains arrived in Kells from Maynooth, and were met at the railway station by a very large and representative gathering. Accompanying the remains were Mr. Richard O'Reilly, J. J. O.; Dr. Canning, son-in-law, and Mrs. Canning, Mr. James McGrath, son-in-law, and Rev. Father Kinsella, Edenderry. The De Profundis was recited by the Right Rev. Mgr. Gaughran, Kells, assisted by Father Kinsella. The cortege, composed of fifty vehicles, started for Kilslyre, where the remains were placed before the high altar in the church over night. On Saturday a solemn office and requiem mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the deceased, and the interment took place immediately afterward in the ancient burial ground of St. Skyre. The cortege was one of the largest ever seen in that locality, every creed and class being represented.

QUEENS—A meeting of the Ossory Divisional Executive of the United Irish League was held at Rathdowny, on April 5. The business was routine, but a very interesting discussion took place in reference to the provisions of the new land bill. The delegates present were: Castletown, Arthur McMahon, C. Cuddagh, M. J. Codd, E. B. Collier, John O'Brien and M. J. Phelan, Mountmellick, W. P. Delaney, M. P.; Edward Burke and J. Deegan, Camross, Messrs. T. Phelan, Michael Dunphy and Patrick Kelly, Aghaboe, Mr. John Dunphy, Kyle, Joseph Moloney, D. Egan, T. Brennan, Patrick Grady, Daniel Phelan and T. Delaney, Mountmellick, John Dowling, M. Costigan, honorable secretary; Owen Reilly, Joseph Loughnane, P. Gorman and James Cullen, Borris-in-Ossory, L. T. Kelly, T. Lowry and P. Kirwan, Rosennallis, M. P. Conlon, Rathdowny and Grogan, Rev. M. Brennan, T. Carroll, D. Quigley, R. Holland, R. J. Campbell, P. J. Murphy and Michael Barber, Raheen, J. L. Fitzpatrick, James Kavanagh, John Coogan and William Phelan. On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Lowry, the chair was taken by Rev. M. Brennan. On the motion of Mr. Delaney, M. P., seconded by Mr. Lowry it was unanimously resolved that Father Brennan be president of the executive committee in room of Father Kane.

WESTMEATH—Mrs. Anne McCormack, Demagars, died March 31, deeply mourned.

Very ev. Dr. Langan, administrator of St. Mary's parish, Athlone, has received from Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, bishop of Aradagh and Connamoisc, a notification to the effect that he has been appointed parish priest of Abbeylara in Longford. The news was