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 nuns of the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy of the Most Holy Name, Tuam, are working zealously and continuously these days to relieve the people around them who are suffering from an epidemic of influenza. The demands made on them have exhausted their resources and they are, therefore, compelled to appeal for general assistance. Dnoations will be received and thankfully acknowledged by Sister Mary McDonnell.

Mr. C. R. Devlin, M. P., expects to leave for Canada in July. Before his departure he will address meetings in Galway City, Bushy Park and Barna. His election for Galway has pleased his fellow workers of Canada, who propose tendering him a reception on his arrival. St. Patrick's Society of Montreal cabled to him congratulations on St. Patrick's day.

LEITRIM—Mr. B. F. O'Beirne, Anghamore House, Ruskey, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County Leitrim.

A meeting of the Manorhamilton Catholic Young Men's Society was held April 19. The Rev. P. McLoughlin, president of the society, occupied the chair. Present: P. Wilson, secretary; J. P. McGuinness, J. M. Dolan; treasurer; P. Gaffney, J. Lee, J. Loughlin, J. Killoran, B. Rooney, R. Sweeney, E. Kivlin. Reverend chair spoke with reference to the flourishing state of the society, and upon the great advantages to be gained by young men becoming members. The treasurer was directed to pay off all the outstanding accounts, and the rooms were ordered to be closed for the season. tV .....L hrdiu' mfwypnp unuunn A committee was appointed to fix the date of the society's annual excursion, which is expected to take place the beginning of June.

The Catholic Church og St. Bridget, at Drumkeeran, was on April 20, the scene of an interesting ceremony on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. J. McGoldrick, N. T., Drumkeeran, to Miss Katie A. Lyons, second eldest daughter of Mr. Michael Lyons, Corduff, Drumkeeran. Mr. McManus, N. T., acted as best man, and Miss B. Lyons, sister of the bride, and Miss May Stakim, cousin, as bridesmaids. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. J. Dolan, assisted by the Rev. T. C. Connolly, and was witnessed by a number of friends and acquaintances of bride and groom.

MAYO—On April 22, a sensation was created in Ballaghaderreen when it became known that a blacksmith named John Grady had been found dead in his forge. He had been last seen about six o'clock on the same evening, and then appeared to be in his usual health and spirits, and up to that time working. On Friday an inquest was held by Mr. Burke, coroner and after medical evidence was heard, a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

The death of Mrs. ernan, Banada, occurred on Easter Sunday at the age of 69 years, deeply mourned. Solemn mass was offered up for the happy repose of her soul in the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen, on Tuesday.

The Mayo Feis opened in Ballyhaunis on April 15. Success attended the untiring efforts of those responsible for its organization. No such splendid gathering has ever come together in Mayo. It was an assembly of intelligence and patriotism to inspire the most indifferent Irishman with home and pride. Nor can its effects or the impression it has left be of a transitory character. The lessons of the Feis must trickle down to every hamlet in the county and spread throughout Connacht. The nuns and Father Canning have left the Feis committee under obligations in placing the magnificent schools at the disposal of the organizers.

ROSCOMMON—Mr. Killelea, of Knockarush, Boyle, bought at an auction held lately by Mr. Michael Cunningham, the farm held by the late Mr. B. McDonagh for £190, the rent being £11 10s a year. This represents seventeen years for the tenant's interest. Mr. Illelea is a prominent member of Mr. O'Brien's United Irish League.

Great regret was occasioned in Boyle by the death of Mr. H. Mahon, Jr., which took place on April 23, at the residence of his father in Church street, Boyle. Deceased had been in a delicate state of health. He had nearly attained the age of 27 years. The funeral took place at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon and was attended by a great number of the citizens.

The new church in honor of Our Lord's Sacred Heart, in Roscommon, will be dedicated for Divine service on June 10 next. The building is finished in every part, a crowd of artists are engaged in giving the final touches to the interior decorations. The main entrance, by a simple arrangement ing features of a building that will be surely regarded as among the very finest and the most attractive churches in the land. On the rising ground leading from the entrance gate is formed as if out of the natural rock, by aid of old, fantastically-shaped stones gathered in the surrounding fields, a beautifully designed grotto, to the rear of the structure there is a representation, in fine naturally colored statuary, of the last tragic scene on Calvary. The Centurion, Longinus, is in the act of forcing the spear into the side of the dead Saviour and piercing the Sacred Heart. The background of the picture will be a panoramic view of Jerusalem. The grand composition over the front door is a historic representation. Our Lord of the Sacred Heart is seen sitting enthroned with His right hand raised in the attitude of blessing. On either side of Him, standing and interceding with Him, are St. Coman, the first priest known to have spiritual charge of the parish of Roscommon (the place is called after him); at Our Lord's feet are seen kneeling the past and the present bishops of the diocese. Dr Gillooly is represented holding a map of the diocese in his hand; Dr. Clancy is seen holding up in view of Our Lord a model of the new church which he will have the privilege of dedicating to God's service on June 19 next. Dr. Gillooly solemnly dedicated the diocese to the Sacred Heart in 1883, hence the appropriateness of his holding up for Our Lord's acceptance the map of the diocese. Over the door leading to the north aisle St. Patrick is represented in the act of consecrating St. Assicus as first Bishop of Elphin. We are of opinion there is nothing of this style of church decoration to be seen in any other similar edifice in Ireland, yet in many places on the Continent mosaic work on the exterior of buildings in Ireland, at all events, very rare. The effect of such work is simply delightful. It will form the most beautiful feature in a most beautiful church. There is a heavy debt due on the church and the Rev. Father Loughlin, pastor, will thankfully acknowledge any donations to assist in clearing it off.

SLIGO—On Easter Tuesday, in the chapel of the Convent of the Sisters of Charity, at Banada Abbey, Rev. Michael Connolly received the sacred office of ordination to priesthood from the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry. The following priest took part in the ceremonial: Rev. James O'Connor, administrator, master of ceremonies; Rev. Father Breen, administrator; Rev. James Spelman, Rev. M. Doyle, Rev. Father Doherty, and Rev. Father Durcan. Father Connolly, who has received the sacred office, has been a student of the College of Maynooth, and is now a professor at the Diocesan Seminary, St. Nathy's, at Ballaghaderrean.

Right Rev. Dr. Lyster, Bishop of Achonry, paid a visit to the new church in Ballmarron on April 19 and assisted at mass. His lordship expressed the satisfaction he felt at the prospect of a lasting peace now dawning on the horizon after so many years of turmoil and suffering, and hoped that the sanguine expectations entertained by the people of Ireland may be fully realized. Hhe then spoke to the people of the proposed new church and announced to them the glad tidings that the Hon. Bourke Cockran, in whom the people of the parish of Kilvarnet pride so much, has recovered from his severe illness and will honor his native parish by a visit on Sunday May 17, when the foundation will be blessed by his lordship the bishop, and subsequently a brilliant oration will be delivered by this distinguished and illustrious Irishman (Mr. Cockran) who has worked his way with such marked success and earned for himself, by his extraordinary ability and serviceable career, the respect and esteem of everybody.

Munster

CLARE—The emigration from Clare is appalling. Within the past few weeks forty young men and women have left one parish alone in the western portion of the country, and about a dozen more to follow. In numerous other districts the same sad story is told.

CORK—The death of Mr. Daniel Daly, Cape Clear, took place April 15. Mr. Daly was very popular and was elected, unopposed, for the Cape Clear division of the Skibbereen Union.

On April 17 Mgr. Keller, Youghal, distributed prizes to the pupils of the National schools at Gurtroe. The prizes were awarded by the Youghal branch of the Gaelic League as the result of an examination some weeks ago by a committee consisting of representatives of the Midleton, Castlemartyr and Youghal branches. This examination was conducted after the method known as the "Gortrua system," the principle of which is that children themselves vote the name of the boy or girl who, according to their knowledge, spoke the most Irish, not necessarily the best Irish, during the year.

Recent Deaths in Cork—McGRATH—On April 21, at 68 Patrick street, Margaret McGrath. HURLEY—April 20, at Mercy Home, Cork, Jeremiah Joseph Hurley, late of Lynchburg, Virginia, U. S. A. TERRY—At 10 St. Catherine's place, Jeremiah Terry, late engine driver G. S. W. R. ROCHE—On April 20, at Ballyglass-Grenagh, Richard Roche, national teacher, aged 63 years. DONOVAN—April 21, at the South Infirmary, Daniel Donovan, late employe Cork Harbor Commissioners. DONOVAN—On April 20, Nora Donovan, Farnalough, Newcestown. BOLSTER—On April 20, at Kilgubbin, Ballyclough, Louisa Lowe, Granard, Liscarroll, and relict of the late William Bolster, Henry street, Cork. MACCARTHY—At Duquesne Heights, Pittsburg, Pa., on Holy Thursday, Minnie MacCarthy, Sunday' Well, daughter of the late Denis Buckley and Elen Buckley, Kilcully, Cork. O SULLIVAN—On April 20, at Ballincurrig, Douglas road, Michael Joseph O'Sullivan. HARLEY—On April 23, James William Harley, of Cork City, at Altadore, County Wicklow, in his 46th year. MURPHY—April 23, Cornelius Murphy, Prosperity Square. RYAN—On April 23, at Castledodd, Charleville, Mrs. Ryan.

KERRY—A grand concert was held in the Market hall, Cahirciveen, April 13, under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League. A large and appreciative audience attended. All the items on the program were Irish.

Mrs. Timothy Sugrue, Sur., Tralee, died April 14. The funeral took place on Thursday at O'Brennan cemetery and was the largest that has ever been witnessed at this ancient burial ground there being present members and representatives of many of the prinicpal families round Tralee, Castleisland, Ardfert, Abbeydorney, Listowel, Knocknagoshel, and the surrounding country.

LIMERICK—Mrs. Margaret Weeks, of Knockfennell Grange, died recently at the residence of her daughter in Ennis. The funeral to Grange on April 18 was very numerously attended.

On April 1, in Cappenahan, near Ballingarry, the death occurred of Mr. Jeremiah Clifford, who had attained the age of 107 years. He was the owner of a farm where last harvest he cut down the yellow corn and stacked it with his own hands, and during the present season he prepared the ground and sowed the seed.

TIPPERARY—Miss Rose Skally, of Sluiceville, Marlfield, Clonmel, was professed a member of the Order of Mercy in the Convent at Dunmore, County Waterford, April 10. Present: James Skally, Clonmel, and Bernard Skally, St. John's College, Waterford (brothers); Miss M. M, M. E. and J. Skally (sisters) and others.

A young lad named Donovan, aged 11 years, son of a farmer residing at Woodroofe, three miles outside Clonmel, on the road to Cahir, was sent April 14, by his father to fetch home a donkey. The lad mounted the animal and was riding homeward when a motor car came suddenly upon him The animal because restive, and the boy was thrown on the road on his head and killed.

The funeral obsequies of the late Mr. W. P. Hackett, Military Hotel, Clogheen, took place on April 23. High mass was celebrated Rev. W. Ormond celebrant; Rev. J. Everard, Cahir, deacon, and Rev. P. Byrne, Ballyporeen, sub-deacon.

WATERFORD—On April 21 and 22 an entertainment was given in the schools of the Convent, Kilmacthomas. Some of the items were Irish.

A beautiful stained glass window has been erected in the Church in Lismore as a memorial to the Very Rev. Archdeacon Sheehy, Dungarvan. The deceased clergyman was in Lismore as curate for twenty-three years.

The following is a detailed description of the window: It is essentially Irish, the system of paneling and the ornamental setting being celtic. There are three scenes, the centre and largest representing the argument between St. Patrick and the Archdruid LLuchru. King Diarmuid, with his queen and followers, have come out to meet St. Patrick, who is standing with his monks and young benignus, who carried the books. St. Patrick is in the robes of a bishop, with staff and mitre, his right hand holding the shamrock as he demonstrates the Trinity. The king is seated, his arm resting on his shield. Luchru stands behind, a fine figure in his Archdruid's dress, his angry gesture indicating defeat. The figure of the queen is beautiful, her face filled with wonder as she listens to the words of the saint. Behind her are the soldiers and followers of the king, the background the hills and forts of Tara. In the lower panel is a representation of the landing of St. Columbkille at Iona. The boat, with slackened sail, is nearing the shore, on which is standing a group of armed men. St. Columbkille, in his monk's dress, with bare head and tonsure, is standing in the bow of the boat steadying himself by the forestay with one hand, while in the other he holds aloft the cross as if he were addressing the group on shore. Behind him stands another monk with a hook, while others are busy with the boat. The upper scene is that of St. Brigid at Kildare. The saint is seated under the oak surrounded by girls, while she explains to them the mysteries of her religion. In this, as in the other scenes the chief point of insistence is the Irish character. All the figures are Irish strangely dressed according to our modern ideas, but the spectator feels as he gazes that the people there are his own people.

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CARLOW—The impressive ceremony of ordination was held in Carlow Cathedral lately by Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, when these students were advanced to the priesthood: Rev. John Killian, Kildare and Leighlin; Rev. Peter McGivney, Kilmore; Rev. Michael Cooney, Kilmore. To deaconship: wd.. ygw shrdlu mfwypnu pnuapnp Rev. Timothy Creed, Christchurch; Rev. James O'Connor, Pittsburg; Rev. Morgan O'Flaherty, Alton. To subdeaconship: Rev. Jeremiah Reidy, Perth; Rev. James Bourke, Wichita; Rev. Charles McCarthy, Newfoundland. The bishop was assisted by Rev. L. Brophy, Senior Dean, St. Patrick's college, Carlow. Father Killiar will be C C. at Carlow, vice Father O'Brien, who has been appointed C. C. at Graiguenamannagh.

The death of Annie J. Byrne, of Duiroe, Bagnalstown, occurred, April 26, aged 22 years, deeply regretted. The remains, on arrival at Ballingkillen, were removed to the church, where Rev. T. Byrne, Clonaslee, brother to the deceased, celebrated mass, after which the remains were conveyed to the grave where the celebrant was assisted by the Rev. Paul Murphy, Gagnalstown, and Rev. T. Byrne, suncroft.

DUBLIN—The remains of Mr. O'Toole, whose death occurred on April 15, were removed from the Church of St. Audeon's High street, Dublin, on Friday morning after ten o'clock mass, for interment in Glasnevin cemetery.

A joint meeting of the two committees appointed by the Irish Industrial Conference for the purpose of drafting a scheme for the establishment of an Institute of Commerce and Industry, and to take the steps necessary for the organization of an International Exhibition in Dublin, was held in the Oak Room of the Mansion House, Dublin, April 22, at Lord Mayor presiding The honorary treasurers appointed included the Lord Mayor of Cork. A sub-committee was formed to draft a scheme for the formation of an Institute of Commerce and Industry, and another to suggest that steps should be taken to enable the holding of an international exhibition in Dublin Among those appointed on the latter were: Sir John Scott, Mr. Martin Mahony and Mr. A E. Shaw.

On April 20, the new romantic Irish play "The Sword of Dermot," was performed in the large hall, Stephen's Green, Dublin, under the auspices of the National Literary Society. There was a large attendance. The play, which is by Mr. Seumas O'Cuisin, has already been spoken of It, therefore, remains but to add that the favorite promise was amply fulfilled. The story is interesting and sustains its charm to the end, and the text is particularly graceful and eloquent Miss M. T. Quinn appeared as Una, daughter of Bryan, son of Dermott, Mr. J. Dudley Diggs, as Owen MacCostello; Mr T. J Nesbitt, as Bryan; Mr P J Kelly, as Cahill Oge, son of Bryan; and Mr. C. Caulfield, as the foster brother to Owen. Mrs Gillespie Cousins, Mus. Bac., played the pianoforte during the intervals.

Recent Deaths in Dublin—VICKERS April 22, at the Convent of the Holy Faith, Glasnevin, Bridget Frances in religion, Sister Mary Vincent daughter of Peter and Margaret Vickers, Blackchurch, Hazelbatch, in the 29th year of her age, and 13th of her religious profession. WALL—April 22, at 38 Summer Hill, Agnes Wall, daughter of the late Michael McGrane, Richmond road. MULVANY—April 20, at Jervis Street Hospital, Edward Mulvany, 25 Upper Ormond quay. SCALLY—April 16, at 2 Arran quay, Bridget Scally, formerly of Prospect terrac, Glasnevin. GUTHRIE—April 15, at 12 Courtney place, Ballybouith road, Dora Guthrie. CLIFTON—April 22, at 30 Main street, Bray, Richard Clifton, aged 65 years. KAVANAGH—April 18, at Wharf Tavern, William Kavanagh KEEGAN—April 18, at the Hospital for Incurables Donnybrook, Louise Keegan, of Priesthouse, Stillorgan road and Chatham street, Dublin. COATES—April 24, at 48 Haddington road, Catherine Coates. FAGAN—April 24, at Stagob, Clonsilla, Simon Fagan, aged 17 years. KAVANAGH—April 18, at 35 Stoneybatter, Bernard Kavanagh, aged 80 years, for 43 years on Great Southern & Western railway (Goods staff). MILLIKIN—April 23, at 175 Lower Church street, Dublin, Theresa Millikin, Kings town. O'TOOLEApril 21, at 30 Manor street, Elizabeth Mary (Lizzie) O'Toole. ATKINSON—April 20, at 28 Forest terrace, Ballybough road, Mrs. Kate Atkinson. McNULTY—April 23, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Maria (Myra) McNulty, of 4 Little Mary street. BERGIN—April 20, at BBroomfield House, Cabra, Jane Frances Bergin, North King street. BOLGER—April 20, at Cork Street Hospital, Madeline Bolger, aged 21, 45 Pimlico. D'ARCY—April 22 at 6 Geraldine terrace, Inchicore, Laurence M. D'Arcy. GEOGHEGAN—April 21, at 31 Lower Stephen's street, Charles Geoghegan.

KILDARE—The remains of John Kennedy, aged 35 years, of Robertstown, were found in the canal at Adamstown, near Lucan, April 22. Deceased was a boatman.

Mr. John Collen, of the firm of army contractors, Collen Bros., at the Curragh, was ridingn a motor cycle through Kilcullen down a step decline with a sharp turn at the bottom, and in goinng round the turn two carts were approaching. In trying to avoid one he dashed into the other and was thrown to the ground. His under lip was torn, three teeth knocked out, and he sustained sundry bruises.

KILKENNY—The deputation appointed by the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, Castlecomer, to present Father Doyle with an address from the members journeyed to Ballyhale in delightful weather for the purpose of making the presentation. The deputation consisted of Thomas Collins, Edward Doyle, John Carroll, Patrick Kelly and the secretary, John Ryan. The deputation arrived at Father Doyle's at about 2.30 p. m., and was welcomed. The deputation was joined at dinner by the Rev. Thomas Brennan, Ballyhale; Mrs. and Miss O'Donnell, of Graiguenamanagh; Mr. Fitzpatrick and many others. Dinner over the address was produced and read by Mr. Ryan.

KINGS—Rev. J. Bergin, pastor of Philipstown, attended the meeting of the clerical managers of schools in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, held in Kildare town.

LONGFORD—Mr. Eugene Doherty, relieving officer of the Granard Union during forty three years, died rather suddenly on April 4, aged 74 years. The funeral to Granard Kill was very numerously attended.

LOUTH—The County Louth Gaelic Feis will be held in Castlebellingham on August 15 next, and will be one of the most important and most interesting of its kind to be held in Ireland this year.

On April 20, Dundalk lost is centenarian, when Mr. George Woods, pawnbroker, Clanbrassil street, passed away at the patriarchal age of 103 years. Up to a few weeks ago Mr. Woods was in the full possession of bodily and mental faculties.

Mr. Peter Carroll Greene, of Drogheda, died April 22, deeply regretted. At the time of the invasion of the Papal States, in 1860, he volunteered with Major O'Reilly in the Irish brigade, in which he secured a lieutenancy. He saw much of the hardships of the campaign, and distinguished himself at the seige of Ancona. On Thursday the remains were borne to St. Peter's church, West street, the boys of the Catholic brigade marching with their colors draped. The captains of the companies, as a guard of honor to a soldier of the faith, marched on either side of the hearse. The procession was an imposing one, the citizens attending in large numbers.

MEATH—The first ties in the County Meath hurling and football championships were played off on April 19 at Kells on the grounds of the St. Columbkille Hurling club. The contesting teams were Navan Hibernians vs. Kells St. Columbkilles in hurling, and Castletown vs. Kells Campaigners in football. Results—Hibernians 3 goals 6 points; St. Columbkilles 1 goal 2 points. Castletown 1 town 15 points to 1 point for Kells. Mr. Brown, Walterstown gave entire satisfaction as referee.

QUEENS—Edward Nolan, farmer of Boley, died in the Aathy Hospital on April 22, the result of injuries sustained through falling from a load of hay. Deceased had been trying to bring the hay through the gateway of Mr. Sherlock, Duke street. Falling in his attempt, he got on to the load to remove some, and while doing so overreached himself and fell on to the street, sustaining fracture of the skull. Deceased was attended by Rev. Father O'Sullivan, O. P.

By the death of the Rev. T. Moloney, P. P., Clonaslee, the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin has lost a useful and zealous priest, and the people of his parish a beloved pastor. For some years Father Moloney had been in failing health. About a month ago he got an attack of influenza, which, resulting in heart failure brought about his end.

WESTMEATH—Addressing the Grand Jury at the Quarter Sessions for Westmeath, April 20, Judge J. Adye Curran, congratulated them on the peaceful condition of the country. There were only three cases of no importance to be tried.

Ann Glynn, Thomastown, Killucan, died lately at the extraordinary age of 111 years. She enjoyed excellent health until a few weeks before she died. Four centenarians have died in Westmeath within past few months.

WEXFORD—The deaths of these well known residents in the county happened as follows: Mrs. James O'Neil, of Arthurstown, on April 17, interment in Dunbrody; Mrs. Mary C. Bolger, of Ballorley, interment in Boolavogue; Mr. Henry Hall, Ballylarkin, interment in Castletown; Mr. Michael Johdan, Tomgarrow, interment in Castledockrell.

WICKLOW—The death of Mrs. Maria Rickerby, of Baltinglass, occurred recently, at Victoria terrac, Clontarf, aged 72 years, deeply regretted by her relatives and friends in Ireland, United States, Australia and New Zealand.

After mass, April 19, an interesting and highly impressive function took place Castletown seven miles from Arklow, an important portion of the parish of Arklow, of which the Very Rev. James Dunphy is pastor. The place is a small village, but there was an air of animation about it on Sunday that showed that some important celebration was to take place. It was the celebration of the silver jubilee of its parish priest. The presentation consisted of a splendid illmuniated address and a solid silver tea and coffee service, from the people of the district to Father Dunphy. He holds the distinction of being the last parish priest appointed by late Cardinal. Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin, and has been in the sacred ministry forty-six years, twenty-five of them as pastor of Arklow.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—On Friday evening, April 17, a concert was given in St. Mary's School, Portglenone. Miss McAuley, in the interests of the school fund, organized the concert. Miss Fox presided at the piano. The following contributed popular and patriotic songs: Miss Campbell, Miss Bradley, Miss Daisy Higman, Miss O'Neill, Miss McCormick, Mr. Doherty, Mr. McAuley and Mr. O'Connell. Miss Daisy Higman acquitted herself with ability. At the close of the first part of the program the prize drawing took place, and Mr. Joseph O'Kane, Belfast, was the winner of the prize presented by Miss McAuley. Rev. F. Laverty thanked the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

ARMAGH.—The Armagh branch of the United Irish League met on April 19 in the Foresters' Hall, Market street, Mr. John McGlone, president, in the chair. The delegates who represented the branch at the convention—B. Downey, P. McKenna and P. Hughes—gave a report of the proceedings, after which there was accorded a vote of thanks. Mr. P. Mcenna proposed and Mr. James Kearney seconded, the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: "That we condemn the action of owners of house property in Armagh who have ceased to pay rates on the £4 valuations, leaving their tenants liable to have their property seized, and being deprived of the franchise That we call on those tenants to join the United Irish League, and by united action seek redress of grievances."

CAVAN.—A special meeting of the Kildallon branch of the United Irish League was held after last mass lately. Mr. P. Fitzpatrick was moved to the chair and suitably opened the proceedings. Mr. P. Fay proposed and Mr. Peter Fitzpatrick seconded the following resolution: "That we regret that the government has not embodied the recommendations of the Irish Land Conference in their land bill." Mr. Fagan, organizer, addressed the meeting, and dwelt upon the importance of united action. He referred at length to the present political situation; within the past few months great strides had been made toward a solution of the land question. Its report facilitated the task of the Government and showed the English people that all sections of the Irish people were unanimous in declaring that dual ownership should be substituted by the tiller being the owner.

Rev. Charles O'Reilly, pastor of Laragh, Stradone, died April 2, in his 67th year. His studies commenced in the Old College, Cavan and from there he was sent to the Irish college in Rome, and was ordained in 1862. The parish of Drumreilly was the first field of his labors.

DERRY.—Mrs. Andrew Moore, widow of Andrew Moore, of Derry, was awarded seven hundred and fifty dollars as compensation for the death of her husband, who fell from a building while at work for the firm of oJseph Ballantine & Co., Derry.

The assembly room of St. Columb's hall, Derry, was thronged on April 23, to hear a lecture under the auspices of the Sacred Heart Sodality, delivered by Count Arthur Moore, on "The Holy Land; its Shrines, Scenery and People." The discourse proved interesting and instructive, and was much appreciated by the audience. Rev. William Doherty, administrator, Long Tower, in introducing the lecturer, thanked him for responding to the invitation to address them.

DOWN—A young farmer named Weir died in Dromore Cottage Hospital on April 8 under very peculiar circumstances. The deceased and a companion named Martin were larking in a barn, and in a fencing bout with pieces of stick Weir was struck on the head. Soon afterward he was attacked with headache, and after admission to the hospital he developed insanity, and died raving.

FERMANAGH—A meeting of the Maguiresbridge branch of the United Irish League was held on April 19, the vice chairman in the chair. It was agreed to keep the books open until June 1 in order that all outstanding members may come forward with their subscriptions. This was the first meeting for the vice chairman to attend since his appointment, and he returned thanks for electing him to the honorable post. It was agreed to sent ten per cent. on all membership to Father Eugene McMahon, Arney treasurer South Fermanagh Divisional Executive United Irish League, as soon as possible.—Daniel McManus, secretary.

MONAGHAN—Rev. J. L. O'Kieran of Monaghan, delivered a learned lecture on the "Principles of the Gaelic League" at the concert held in the Assembly hall, Omagh, Tyrone, April 21, under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League.

TYRONE—With great regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Francis Mc Menamin, editor and proprietor of the Strabane Chronicle, which happened April 23, at Barrack street, in that town. The sad event was widely and deeply regretted. Pneumonia caused death. Solemn office and high mass were held in the church of the Immaculate Conception, and were very largely attended by priests and people. The funeral cortege to Melmont was the largest seen for years.