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 death of Mrs. Patrick Kearney, Lackagh, May 5, was deeply and widely mourned.

The death of Mrs. James Walsh, of Prospect Hill, Galway city, occurred April 30. Solemn office and high mass were held in St. Nicholas' church, May 1. The funeral to Forthill Cemetery, following day was very largely attended.

On April 27, in St. Patrick's church, Galway, with nuptial mass by Very Rev. P. Dooley, pastor, assisted by Rev. Rev. A. J. Nestor, Rev. M. Walsh and Rev. P. Davis, James, youngest son of the late James Redington, Prospect Hill, to Bridget M. (Bridgie) only child of James Leonard, merchant, St. Brendan's terrace, Galway city.

On May 1 Mrs. Williams was evicted on the estate of Colonal Bryan-Mahon of Belleville. The Rev. Father Curran made several attempts to settle the case with the agent, Mr. Wade of Ballinasloe, but without success. Mrs. Williams held five acres of land, and had a large family. Last Christmas two public meetings were held in connection with the case, and the government attempted to suppress them.

LEITRIM—Mrs. Flynn of Shannon View National School, died April 23, aged 38 years, deeply regretted. She attended school aught by her father, Mr. M. McGovern and in 1892 was appointed assistant in the school at Tullyclevan. Subsequently after training in Our Lady of Mercy Training College, Baggot street, Dublin, she succeeded in attaining the highest degree in her profession by qualifying in first division of first class, being the only female of that session who scored such a remarkably high percentage in all subjects. She also obtained certificates in drawing, music, as well as others under the Science and Art Department. She was married in '89 to Mr. Hugh Flynn, Shannon View, N. S., and was appointed assistant in his school same year. The funeral took place on Saturday, was the largest and most representative seen in the locality for years. The remains were borne from St. Brigid's Catholic church, where they had lain from the previous night, and conveyed to Aghalaghy cemetery. Very Rev. J. Dolan, who officiated at the grave paid a tribute to the excellent qualities of the deceased.

MAYO—The sermon on the Passion on Good Friday, in Ennistymon church, was preached in the Irish language by Father N. Fegan, Liscannon. Father Fegan is a grandson of Mr. Daniel Kelly, of Newport, a nephew of Mrs. F. Chambers, of that town, and cousin of Father Yorke of Oaklands, San Francisco.

The death of Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, Castlebar, took place on May 3, at the ripe old age of 83 years. She was relict of the late Mr. Patrick O'Connor, and was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families of Castlebar. The funeral was attended by all creeds and classes.

ROSCOMMON—On Tuesday last stated the Westmeath Independent, May 9, at large number of young boys and girls left Castlerea locality for the land of the Stars and Stripes. The train left Castlerea early in the morning, carrying a hundred emigrants from the surrounding districts. The air was filled with cries and lamentations of the poor exiles and their parents and other relatives.

A public meeting of the parishioners of Castlerea was held in the Market House on May 2 for the purpose of placing on a permanent basis the branch of the Gaelic League. The Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Right Rev. Chairman, Rev. M. Brennan, Dr. Donnelan, Mr. John Fitzbiggon, Rev. E. McHugh and the Gaelic League organizer, Mr. O'Malley. The latter addressed the meeting in Irish and English. Resolutions were passed pledging support to the language movement.

The Roscommon Herald of May 9 contained the following: "It is with sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mrs. Carney, wife of Mr. Thomas Carney, Cloonmahane, and mothers of Rev. Thomas J. Carney, professor, Sligo College. The deceased was beloved by all who knew her. The vast concourse of priests and people who attended her obsequies gave proof of the esteem in which she was held. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated at Killina church on May 1 for the repose of her soul.

SLIGO—Mr. Henry Benson, of Ballisodare, died May 1 deeply regretted. The funeral to Ballisodare Abbey was very numerously attended, Father Dillon officiated at the interment.

Munster

CLARE—On April 28, at St. Mary's Catholic church, Merthyr, Tydfil, Wales, the marriage was celebrated between John Torbitt-Bayley, son of the late John Torbitt-Bayley (Midland Railway traffic manager) of Manchester, and Miss Lizzie M. Curtin, daughter of Mr. C. Curtin, Miltown-Malbay.

In the Church of Loretto Convent, Rathfarnham, the impressive ceremony of profession and reception of a number of young ladies took place recently.

The death of Miss Maggie Dundon, daughter of Mr. Thomas Dundon, Kildysart, took place at her father's residence lately. The deceased was respected by all. The remains were interred in Kildysart. The funeral was largely attended.

CORK—On May 5, in the Town Hall, Dungarvan, a lecture was delivered on "Patriotism," by Very Rev. Father Kavanagh, O. S. F., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the erection of a memorial to Edmond Power, hanged in Dungarvan in 1799 for his sympathies with the men of 98. There was a very large attendance.

At the Kinsale Petty Sessions on May 1, tribute was paid to D. Collins, Nohoval, for his brave conduct in rescuing from death three of the crew of the Danish schooner August, wrecked near Nohoval, in January last. Collins was the only person to discover the dangerous position of the sailors, and at great risk succeeded in bringing them ashore, and he provided them with food and raiment in his cottage until they were handed over to the care of Lloyd's local agent, Mr. R. A. Williams. District Inspector Wansborough said he had received from the Danish government a valuable silver cup to be presented to Dennis Collins for his heroic services in saving the lives of the crew of this schooner, totally wrecked. The conduct of Collins was worthy of the highest praise. He brought out on his back three of the crew. They were naked, and he brought them home and gave them his own clothes and provided them with food, bed and other necessaries and kept them for several days. He had received £5 from the Shipping Mariners Society for his —heroic conduct on the occasion. The matter was placed before the Danish Government, with the result that they forwarded the valuable cup, which he now asked the chairman to present to Collins. The chairman, Capt. Stoyte, said it afforded him great pleasure, and he was proud of the opportunity of doing so, as the conduct of Collins was gallant and heroic, and there was not the slightest doubt that but for his action all would have lost their lives. He then handed the cup to Collins and asked him to send it to the Cork Exhibition, as he was sure a great many people would like to see it. Collins thanked Capt. Stoyte and Mr. Wansborough for their kind reference to his ward the sailors as he would have action, and said that he only acted todone had any member of his family been in the same danger There was a large number of people in court, who warmly applauded Collins when the presentation was made.

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Recent Deaths in Cork.—HICKEY—On May 6, at College square, College road, Margaret Hickey, daughter of Owen O'Neill, Ballinrea. CRONIN—On May 4, at 6Belgrave place, Dominic Cronin, son of the late Daniel Cronin, Park, Killarney. KIELY—On May 4, at 3 Rope Walk, William Kiely. COSTIGAN—April 15, at May street, Chicago, Hannah Costigan. CRONnN—At Assolas, Kanturk, Ellen Cronin. Funeral for Donoughmore on May 7. COLEMAN—On May 6, William Coleman, Killeagh, aged 60. MURPHY—On May 5, Timothy Murphy, of Boherard, Carragnaver. t MANAHAN—A the Cisctercian Abbey, Mount St. Joseph, North Tipperary, on May 5, aged 73, Thomas John Manahan, formerly of Ballyland ers, Countyt Limerick. Durin 50 years in religion. KENEALY—On May 6, at Mashanaglass, Janie (a child of Mary), aged 16 years, daughter of Edmond and Joanna Kenealy. DUNN—On May 6, at 3 West Beach, Queenstown, Maria Dunn, widow of the late Phillip Dunn. CULLEN £at 7 parliament street, on May 5, John Cullen. SULLIVAN—On May 2, at 10 Wellesley terrace, Southern road, John F. Sullivan, late of H. M. Custom. O'BIEN—On May 2, at his residence, Colleens, Charleville, Maurice M. O'Brien. COLEMAN—May 2, at 16 Roman street, Catherinel Coeman. HERRICK—On May 3,at Upper Glasheen, Catherine Herrick. HILL—On May 2, North street, Skibbereen, Margaret Mary Hill aged 18 years. AHERNE—On May 8, at Dungourney, Roger Ahern. COLLINS—On May 7, at Maryboro', Douglas Johanna Collins, aged 77 years. O'CALLAGHAN—On May 2, Mary Kate O'Callaghan. FITZGERALD—On May 8, at 15 James' square, William Fitzgerald, aged 60.

KERRY.—William Kelleher, Michael Foley, Thomas Gloster and Daniel Deady were presented with testimonials recently in Killarney for rescuing from certain death by drowning Patrick Clifford. He was driving from Fires to Ballyfinarie Creamery when the horse and cart were submerged at Curraghmore, on March 23 last, during the great floods.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of Kenneigh House, Cahirciveen, died lately at the age of seventy-nine. He was the selor magistrate for Kerry, having been appointed in February, 1850, succeeding his father while a minor. He, after attaining his majority, spent some time abroad with his sister, who was in bad health, but settled at Kenneigh in 1847. There he soon carried out improvements and reclamations, and for several years farmed extensively until increasing business as a land agent obliged him to cease farming. After becoming a magistrate Mr. Fitzgerald took an active part in local affairs as a justice of the peace and poor-law guardian, being for many years vice-chairman and chairman of the Cahirciveen Board of Guardians. About forty years ago, too, he took an active and successful part in opposing an attempt by the then Marquis of Lansdowne to prevent the local farmers taking seaweed off Murreigh Strand, near Waterville. Some years earlier he opened a store for the sale of breadstuffs in order to keep down the exorbitant charges—30 per cent. for six months credit—local dealers. Mr. Fitzgerald, for many years held large land agencies until age and ill-health caused him to retire. He married in 1858, Mary, daughter of Nicholas P. French, . M., by Elizabeth, third and youngest daughter of the Liberator. By her, who died in 1898, he had a numerous family, one of whom is a Benedictine monk and another a Sister of Mercy. Mr. Fitzgerald had been in bad health for some years, but his end came unexpectedly.

LIMERICK.—The meeting of the Uregare branch of the U.I. L. was held in the League Room, Gormanstown, May 3, Mr P. McNamara, V P., presiding. Present: Thos. Wallace, W. O'Brien, Denis Ryan, Michael Browne, Michael Dillane, Maurice Dillane, Thos J. Raleigh, James Ryan, Ballybeg; Thomas B. Ryan, James Garvey, D. Ryan, honorable secretary, etc. An article by Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, M. P. was received re the starting of libraries. The secretary handed in the following notice of motion: "I will move at the meetin to be held this day fortnight a resolution calling on the Kilmallock Rural District Council to adop the Rural Libraries Act."

TIPPERARY.— Very .Rev. .Canon Ryan, president St. Patrick's College, Thurles, was among the recent visitors in Rome.

Miss .Ellen .O'Caiaghan, Turnpike, Nenagh, died May 5. The remains were taken to the Church of St. Mary of the Rosary on Thursday morning, where Solemn Requiem High Mass was offered. Very Rev. Dean presided

On May 3 passed away in Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea, one of the foundersof the Abbey, who twenty-five years ago came from Mount Melleray to establish a house at Roscrea. The deceased Brother, Thomas, had been forty-eight years in religion, and during all that time he served the Lord witht fidelity in the various offices of his Order, in the humble capacity of Lay Brother. He belonged to a respectable County Limerick family which counts a host of priests and nuns among its members.

WATERFORR.—Mr. Andrew O'Neill Barronstrand streett, Watrford, died May 5. The remains were removed to the Cathedral and after High Mass, on Thursday, the interment took place in St. Mary's Ballygunner. The funeral cortege was a large and respectable one.

urther proceedings .in .connection with the Tallow conspiracy case took place at Tallow on April 21 The plaintiff, Mr. David O'Keefe, in accordance with the judgment obtained against the defendants, sold out all the property and was himself the purchaser at the sheriff's sales, which took place some months ago. Among other things he purchased the interest of Mr. John O'Brien in his residence, Main street, Tallow. Since then Mr. O'Brien was in possession of the house. But without previous warning, except the forty-eight hours' notice to the relieving officer; a baliff named Nash, assisted by a large force of police, took possession of the house. At the time Mr. O'Brien was absent and was unaware of what was being done. When he learned of the proceedings he refused to give us possession, and his furniture was thrown on the street. The bailiff, who stated that he had been instructed to proceed by Mr. Anthony Carroll, solicitor for the plaintiff, refused to allow the furniture to be removed, which at the time of the seizure was purchased by Mr. O'Brien's sister-in-law. After taking possession of Mr. O'Brien's house, the bailiffs executed a decree for possession of the lands of Mr. P. F. Walsh, about twelve acres, and also the lands of Mr. John McGrath. There were no disturbances in connection with the proceedings.

Leinster

CARLOW.—The death of Mr. Patrick Nolan, Bennekerry, occurred May 4, and was deeply regretted. He was a promising young Irishman and was in constant attendanceat the classes of the Gazette League in Carlow, despite the fact that he had to walk into town. There was Solemn Requiem Mass and Office for his soul in Bennekerry Church on Wednesday morning. Celebrant, Rev. P. Delaney, Tinryland.

The Feast .of .the Holy Cross has been for a long time a devotion in Killeshin, and year by year numbers of the faithful have visited a spot regarded as sacred ground—one of the seats of learning and piety in holy Ireland. Certainly there is something very beautiful about the outward profession of faith made by this pilgrimage to the old shrine of Killeshin, and it appeals to the hearts of the people. This year's procession was the largest seen for years. At 10:30 a. m., the procession started from the church, Carlow-Graigue, headed by the brass band of the Carlow Workmen's Club. Next came the members of the men's branch of theSacred Sodality from Graigue and Killeshin Parishes, followed by the boys and girls of the parish schools, wearingbadges and carrying banners. As the procession moved off the band played the Sacred Heart hymn. A verylarge number of people joined the processionists Arrived at Killeshin the band played round the church grounds and up to the front door of the church. They also performed after Mass. The music they provided added to the success of the celebration. The Rev. J. Kane, administrator, and Rev. P. Campion were zealous in seeing to the arrangements. Visitors to Killeshin were struck with the great improvements affected in the churchyard and grounds.

Recent Deaths in Dublin—GRAHAM May 4, at 126 North Strand road, Richard A. Graham, late of the Solicitor's Department, G. P. O. DONEGAN—May 5, at 125 Cork street, Michael Donegan, aged 55 years, eldest son of the late Owen Donegan, of 75 Marrowbone lane. INGHAM—May 4, at 6 Upper Mount street, Ellen Mary Ingham, daughter of the late George Thunder, Kingston Lodge, County Meath. SCULLY—May 5, at 5 Richmond place, Kate Soully. McGRATH—May 5, at 29 Londonbridge road, Sandymount, Maria McGrath, mother of Rev. J. McGrath, Rockwell College, McSWINEY—May 6, at St. Vincent's hospital, May McSwiney, 7 East James street. MURPHY—May 5 at 3 Vernon street, Dublin, Edward Murphy, aged 21 years, late student of Technical school, and formerly of Kyleballyhue, Carlow. WARD—May 5, at 77 Upper George's street, Kingston, James Ward ex-sergeant R. I. C, aged 63 years. KENNEDY—May 5, at 1 Upper Stephen street, Patrick Kennedy. MANLEY—May 4, at Lauler Lodge, Castleknock, aged 71 years. RUSSELL—May 2, Joseph Russell, aged 42, National Education office. GEOGHEGAN—May 2, John Geoghan, 5 Little Britain street, late Kinnegad, County Mead, aged 48 years. CARROLL—May 3, at Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Haroldscross, Mary Carroll, 16 Upper Gloucester street. CHANAHAN—At St. Margaret's, 124 Leinster road, Bathmines, Dublin, Margaret Shanahan of Ocean View, Doonbeg, County Clare, aged 62 years. CLARKE—May 6, at 2 St. Mary's terrace, Islandbridge, James Clarke. LAUNDERS—May 6, at 61 Gloucester street, Edward Launders, late of Thurles, County Tipperary. McGOURAN—May 2, at 1 Merrion place, Sousanna McGouran DIXON—May 2, at 30 Albert road, Kingstown, George Dixon, aged 74 years. MOYLAN—May 5, at 50 Heytesbury street, Dublin, James Moylan, late of Jenkinstown Park, Kilkenny. KELLY—May 7, at the Meath Hospital, Mary Kelly, 4b Bribe street, daughter of James Mason, Roundwood, County Wicklow. DEASY—May 3, at 17 Woodfield terrace, Inchicore, late of Drimoleague, County Cork, Maryanne Deasy. TOLAN—May 7, at Kitchenstown, Naul, Mrs. Tolan, aged 73 years. TREACY—May 8, at Brunswick Hospital, John Treacy, son of the late W. Treacy, and late of 30 Lower Liffey street. QUINN—May 8, at 158 James street, Margaret Quinn. HOLLIS—May 1, at Mercer's Hospital, Henry Hollis, Mitchelstown, aged 27.

KILDARE.—Mr. M. J. Minch, Nationalist member of Parliament for South Kildare Division, it is reported, has placed his resignation in the hands of Mr John Redmond, chairman of the Irish party. Ten years ago Mr. Minch came forward at the request of the Nationalists of South Kildare and has since given support to the United Irish Party. It is a matter of regret that he can not continue to represent the division. Mr. D. Kilbride, ex- M. P., will be requested to accept the seat.

KILKENNY.—The death of Alderman Edward Nowlan, of Parliament street, Kilkenny, happened May 2, to the deep regret of all who knew him. He was only 39 years of age. The remains were interred on Monday in St. John's cemetery. The funeral was a most striking proof of how deeply the event touched the hearts of the people and called forth their tenderest feelings of sorrow and sympathy. The cortege was of immense proportions and the multitude that accompanied the remains from the Cathedral to St. John's must have numbered several thousand persons. The remains were borne on the shoulders of the corporation employe to the hearse and conveyed to St. Mary's Cathedral, where the requiem office and high mass were celebrated in presence of a large number of mourners. The celebrant was Rev. William Cassin, adm., St. Mary's.

KINGS.—Mrs. E. J. Tynan, of William street, Tullamore, died May 6, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to Clonminch was attended by a great number of persons.

LONGFORD.—Miss Ellen Mary Sullivan, daughter of Owen Sullivan, died in Granard, May 8, deeply mourned. The funeral to Granard Kill cemetery, was very numerously attended.

LOUTH.—The Mayor of Drogheda, Alderman McGuinnes, presided at a meeting of the city branch of the United Irish League, held in the Mayoralty House, May 5. Among those present were: C. Tighe, Michael A. Casey, P. J. Callan, W. T. Skeffington, O. Fox, P. McQuail, T. Day, P. O'Neill, J. Ward.

MEATH.—Mr. Edward Higgins, of Athboy, died April 29, deeply regretted. He has held the office of relieving officer in Trim Union during the long period of 30 years.

QUEEN'S.—On May 2 the people of Maryborough learned with regret that Mr. John Kelly had passed away. But a few days ago he was well, but a bad attack of appendicitis cut short his career, notwithstanding all that medical skill could do. Drs. David B. Jacob and William Jacob were in constant attendance, and were assisted by a leading Dublin specialist. His end was peaceful, and he was fully resigned. Fortified by the rites of the holy church, of which he was a faithful member, he was comforted. For many years Mr. Kelly occupied a prominent place in Maryborough. He was treasurer og the St. Vincent de Paul society, and here his services will be missed. On Monday morning the remains were removed to the parish church where office for the dead and requiem high mass were sung. The Right. Rev. Monsignor Murphy presided in the choir; Rev. P. Gorry, Carlow, was the celebrant of the mass.

WESTMEATH.—At a special meeting of the Westmeath County Council held in Mullingar, May 2, Mr. R. J. Downes, vice chairman, presiding, and there being a large attendance, including Lord Castlemaine, H. M. L., the following resolution was proposed by Mr. John Casey, seconded by Mr. Peter Leetch and passed unanimously: "That we heartily congratulate Mr. Denis Kilbride on his liberation from prison, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him." An adjourned quarterly meeting of the Mullingar Rural District Council was also held May 2; Mr. Owen Wickham, J. P., presiding. Mr. Michael Ronan, vice chairman, proposed, before the business meeting was entered on, "That we, the District Council of Mullingar, at this our quarterly meeting heartily congratulate Mr. Denis Kilbride on his liberation from prison, and that we thank him for his services to the people of the county; and we trust that in the near future we may be in a position to show our appreciation of his worth." Mr. James Mullally seconded the resolution. The chairman: "I am happy to receive it. There is not one could object to it—not one in the whole County Westmeath." The resolution was unanimously adopted.

A few weeks ago Thomas Keegan, a pensioner from the police in the United States, arrived in Athlone, on his way to his native parish of Tubberclair, where he resided until he went to America, thirty-nine years ago. He was aged 60 years and in delicate health—indeed, so reduced from illness that he was obliged to suspend his homeward journey and take rooms in Mrs. Haire's hotel. Here he was attended by Dr. MacCormack, who found that he was in an advanced stage of consumption, and not likely to live very long. He grew gradually worse and died in a somewhat sudden manner on May 6, after receiving the last rites of the Catholic church. The friends of the deceased were communicated with, and the remains were conveyed for interment to Tubberclair.

WEXFORD.—The judge who attended in New Ross May 5 to hear cases at the quarter sessions for the Southern Division of County Wexford was presented with white gloves by the sheriff of the county, there not being a single criminal case to be tried.

Mr. Patrick Roche, Larkin's Mills, New Ross, died May 4, deeply regreted. The funeral took place on Wednesday, when a large cortege followed the remains to Rathimney cemetery. Office and high mass were celebrated in the parish church, New Ross, the Very Rev. Canon Kavanagh, D. D., presiding.

6While engaged making excavations for water pipes under the flooring of Mr. Morris' public house in Lower King street, Wexford, lately, the workingmen dug out two human skulls and some bones from under the shop floor at a depth of three feet from the surface. One of the skulls appeared to be that of a man, but the decayed condition of the remains rendered exactness impossible. The police did not interfere. The great length of time which elapsed since the remains were consigned to their strange grave stops all attempts to unravel the mystery. The gruesome relics had been the objects of much curiosity when the nature of the find was made known, but the workingmen had a small box procured, in which the remains were inclosed and reverently laid to rest in the same spot in which they had lain so long. Tradition has it that this portion of the town, which is included in the ancient parish of St. Dooloogs, had been a cemetery in those far-off days.

WICKLOW.—Mr. Kelly, National school teacher, Loughlinstown, has been appointed principal of Rathdrum school.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—The feast of St. Paul of the Cross was celebrated at Holy Cross, Ardoyne, on May 3 with solemnity. Solemn high mass was celebrated the celebrant being Very Rev. Father Basil, C. P.; deacon, Father Justin, C. P.; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Eugene C. P.; master of ceremonies, Very Rev. Father Pacificus, C. P. A panegyric of the saint was preached by Rev. Father Nichols, C. P., U. S. A.

A very exciting scene took place at Magheraboy, a short distance from Risharkin, on May 4. Sergeant Long of Rasharkin, with a number of his men and constables from Ballymoney police station were on special duty, dressed in plain clothes, when they came on one hundred people having a cock fight. The crowd recognized the police, and the latter were attacked. A most exciting scene ensued, and members of the constabulary were attacked three times. At length matters grew so serious that they drew their revolvers and fired, and people decamped, but not till Constables Ferguson, Crowley and Park had sustained injuries. The police succeeded in seizing three game cocks and in taking the names of several of those in the crowd.

The first meeting of the Glens of Antrim Coisde Ceanntair was held at Garron Tower on April 28. The object of the meeting was to make arrangements for the appointment of an Irish traveling teacher. The following extracts from a letter sent by Miss McNeill, Cushendun House, will give an idea of the public spirit which pervades all ranks and classes in the Glens: "I am very much disappointed at not being able to attend the meeting at Garron Tower. Please make it clear how very much I sympathize with the endeavors of the Gaelic League to revive Irish in these Glens, and how gladly I will help on this noble work. I shall have much pleasure in placing £10 at the disposal of the committee toward defraying the expenses of the traveling teacher, and I hope that others will do likewise. I will gladly serve on your committee when it be formed Slainte na h-Eireann, and that happier and better days may dawn for her is the fervent prayer of yours sincerely, Ida McNeill."

ARMAGH.—Cardinal Logue has arranged to dedicate the new church of St. Patrick, Cullyhanna, on Sunday, September 27. The sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. T. A. Finlay, S. J., Dublin.

CAVAN.—The death of Mrs. Ellen Sheridan, Cordowna, happened March 18, and the sad event was deeply and widely regretted The deceased lady was sister of the Most Rev. Dr. Gibney bishop of Perth, Western Australia, and of the Very Rev. Patrick Gibney, of same diocese. She was reared in a cradle of religion and nationality, and dier full of years and honors, beloved by all who knew her.

DERRY.—The Tir Na N-og branch of the Gaelic League in Derry has just lost one of its best members in the departure of Miss M. McCucker from the city, to take up business in Northampton. Miss McCuker was regular in attendance at the classes, and by her amiable disposition won the esteem of all, who were very sorry for her leaving. On the evening of May 1, at the conclusion of business, the president, on behalf of the committee gave her a presentation as a souvenir.

DONEGAL.—Mr. Edward Pinkerton of Main street, Dongela, passed away at the patriarchal age of over 100 years, May 1. He was in possession of all his faculties until his death. In fact, he was able to pay a visit to some of his near neighbors the day preceding his demise. He was a sterling Nationalist. He was remarkably fond of outdoor sports and took great delight in telling how, during his youth, he so much relished cock-fighting sports which used to be held on Easter Monday; how earnestly he looked forward for them, and in a pinch how he undertook to spur and hand a pair, and then when the sports were prohibited by the law the narrow escapes of himself and comrades from the grasp of the police. He liked to converse freely upon the memorable battle between Orangemen and Catholics in 1829 at Thrush Bank, near Donegal, in which he played a prominent part and graphically described his recollections of the event. Everybody at home and abroad who made his acquaintance will read of his death with regret.

DOWN.—On May 3, Most Rev. Dr. Henry, bishop of Down and Connor, in St. Patrick's Memorial church, Downpatrick, administered the sacrament of confirmation to 150 children belonging to the parish of down, which includes Ballykilbeg There was a very large congregation. After the last mass celebrated by the Rev. D McEvoy, the bishop delivered an eloquent sermon on "Faith," in which he referred to the religious education imparted in the schools of the Convent of Mercy and the Christian Brothers, Downpatrick, as being unsurpassed in Ireland. A total abstinence pledge was given until the recipients will have reached the age of 21 years. Among the clergy present were: Very Rev. P. O'Kane, the venerable and esteemed pastor of the parish; Rev. E. A. Keer and Rev. D. McEvoy. The choir was under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy.

FERMAGHAN.—On May 1, a general meeting of the National Teachers of County Monaghan was held in the Temperance Hotel, Monaghan, under the presidency of Mr. R. J. McCurdy, chairman of the Newbliss, N. T. Association. There were thirty teachers present.

The Land Commissioners sat in Carrickmacross Courthouse May 7 and heard cases from the shirley estate. The list, which embraces about one-quarter of the estate is a heavy one, numbering 319 cases. The number heard was 127 and over 100 decisions have been given, not up to the expectation of the tenants. Several appeals have been lodged on behalf of tenants. In four cases the rents have been increased. Mr. Baille, solicitor, Castlelayney, appeared for the landlord and Messrs. Murphy and Rafferty, solicitors, for the tenants.