

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 Technical Institute of Galway city has offered for competition among the children attending the national schools forty technical scholarships.

Mrs. Comiskey, wife of the sergeant of the Galway town watchman, died at her home, Leete street, Galway, May 3. After office and high mass in St. Joseph's church the funeral left for the ancient cemetery at Rahoon. The funeral cortege was long.

The centenary of Clarence Mangan's birth was celebrated in the town hall, Tuam, on May 10, under the presidency of the Rev. John MacDermott, adm. A paper on "Mangan's Life and Works," prepared by Mr. J. A. Glynn, chairman Galway County Council, was read by Mr. J. Hamilton, hon. secretary of the Tuam Catholic Temperance Society, who illustrated the paper by the reading of "O'Hussey's Ode to Maguire," "Dark Rosaleen," "The Nameless One" and "A Vision of Connaught in the Thirteenth Century." John Burke, John Whyte, Martin Flynn and P. Hayes contributed respectively "Mairin Ni Chullennan," "The Flower of All Maidens," "The Ouilfionn" and "Caitlín Ni Houlihan." Miss Hamilton accompanied the songs on the piano and played selections of Irish airs.

The Galway Pilot of May 9, writing on the old-time custom of maying at Menlo is almost as ancient as the title of the Tribes. Of late, however, it has fallen off almost entirely. Twenty-five or thirty years ago thousands of people, not only from this city, but from the surrounding district, used to visit Menlo on May-Sunday-Sailing boats, rowing boats, turf boats, steam launches and all sorts of river craft were engaged all day taking passengers to and from Menlo. There were tents, refreshment tables, athletic contests and various kinds of games carried on and the assemblage on the grounds around the ancient and historic Castle of the Blakes was as large as any gathering now to be seen at the Galway races. There are Galway people in New York, Boston, Chicago, California, Canada, Australia and other parts of the world who know this and took part in those amusements. From various causes, however, the old custom has all but passed away with those who carried it on. Of course, the younger generation never saw it, and only know it from what they hear, and with the older it's but a memory of the past. Yet from year to year some semblance of the old custom is kept up and last Sunday the brass band of the National hall, Donk street, performed on the grounds and were entertained by Sir Valentine Blake.

LEITRIM.—Michael Croyan, of Carrigrohane house, Carrick-on-Shannon, died May 7, deeply regretted. The funeral was very largely attended.

MAYO.—Mr. Malachy Eaton, of Bevan, died recently. After office and high mass in Bekan church, the funeral was held, great numbers attending. Deceased was father of Rev. A. Eaton, St. Jarlath's college, Tuam.

Munster

CLARE.—Much regret was felt locally at the departure of Messrs. O'Flaherty and Moloney Ennis on May 13, for the United States. Both were popular. Mr. Flaherty, who was the manager of one of Mr. Peter McMahon's business houses, was the founder of the Ennis Commercial club, revived dancing, organized the Ennis Commercial Sports and was instrumental in re-establishing the once famous Ballycoore races.

On May 2 a hurling match was played between the Catholic students of the Queen's college, Galway, and the students of St. Flannan's college, Ennis, on the grounds of the latter. The home team won. The following represented Galway: W. Holmes (goal), G. Francis, M. Tierney, T. Walsh (captain), Bradley M. Glynn, J. Gannon, MacDonald, Holmes, R. Dowling, J. Costello, M. McDermott, F. O'Brien, P. Cusack, S. McCusland, Ennis was represented by M. Boland (goal), T. Culligan (captain), M. Cahir, T. McInerney, M. Delaney, M. McKenna, M. Fogarty, J. Murnane, M. Nunan, D. Flanagan, J. Flannery, P. Loughnane, T. McNamara, J. Crowe, T. Tuohy.

Mrs. Margaret Shanahan, of Ocean View, Doonbeg, died recently at 124 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin, aged 82 years, deeply regretted. The remains were conveyed by train from Dublin on May 12 and interred in Kilmurry Bricklane.

CORK.—In the diocesan competition for "novelty" speakers, at the Gaelic League Convention in Dublin, May 11, Messrs. D. O'Callaghan, Eason's Hill

Schools, Cork in addition to being awarded the special prize was complimented by Dr. Douglas Hyde as being the most intelligent speaker among the competitors.

The chapel attached to the Carmelite monastery of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Prigid's Piazza, Farnese, Rome, was the scene lately of a very imposing ceremonial. The occasion was the solemn profession of Miss Anne Woods, in religion Sister Mary Patrick of the Blessed Trinity, as a nun of the Carmelite Order. The young lady is a daughter of Mr. John Woods, White street, Cork. Mr. John F. Woods, brother of the new religious, was in Rome for the important event.

The obsequies of Rev. E. Conway, late chaplain Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, took place May 15, in Sts. Peter and Paul's church. The deceased was the son of Mr. J. Conway. He was ordained in 1897, by Cardinal Reard at San Sulpice, Paris. His health became impaired and on Christmas day last he was obliged to enter the Mercy Home, where he gradually grew worse and passed peacefully away on May 13. Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, presided. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. J. Russell, Glanmire.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—STEWART.—On May 8, at Main street, Doneraile, Mrs. Stewart, widow of the late Captain Spencer Stewart, Springfield Hall, Doneraile. **WATERS.**—On May 8, at Potchefstroom, South Africa, Thomas George Waters, Royal Intestilling Fusiliers, son of George Waters, Middleton, in his 21st year. **HART.**—On May 10, Hannah Hart, 1 Chapel Hill, Cork. Mrs. Hart, late of Rangraue. **O'SULLIVAN.**—On May 7, Mollie Sullivan, Smeem, County Kerry, aged 21 years. **McDONNELL.**—On May 9, at Crosshaven, Fanny McDonnell. **HARRISSEY.**—On May 8, at West street, Tallow, Norah Harssey, aged 62 years. **CROYAN.**—On May 7, at Carrigrohane House, Carrick-on-Shannon, Michael Croyan. **SCANNELL.**—On May 9, Thomas J. Scannell, of Boston, eldest son of David and Hannah T. Scannell, aged 17 years, who died at his uncle's residence, James McCarthy, of Britfieldstown. **O'SULLIVAN.**—On May 8, at 19 Dunbar street, Julia O'Sullivan. **BUTTIMER.**—On May 9, at Gurraneigh, Kilmichael, Kate Buttimer, aged 26 years. **CONWAY.**—May 13, at the Mercy Home, Cork, Rev. E. J. Conway, late chaplain Blackrock Convent. **SCANLAN.**—May 13, at 9 Coppley place, Maurice Scanlan, on May 11, at Balham, London, James Carey, son of the late Michael Carey, South Mall, Balham, London, James Carey, son of the late Michael Carey, South Mall, Cork. **MURPHY.**—On May 11, at Brighton, Mass., U. S. A., William Bowen Murphy, son of the late Daniel W. Murphy, of South Boston, and formerly of Mologhroo, Owens. **DEASY.**—On May 11, at Barraok Hill, Kinsale, Matthew Deasy. **FITZGERALD.**—On May 11, at Cork Road, Middleton, Mary Fitzgerald. **FITZGERALD.**—At the North Infirmary, Mary Fitzgerald. Funeral from Infirmary on May 16. **WALSH.**—At Abbey street, Fermoy, Bridget Walsh, of Bridgetown, Castletownroche. **O'KEEFE.**—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. O'Driscoll, Mary, relict of the late David O'Keefe, Church road, Blackrock. **KIELY.**—On May 15, at Kilkquane, Castletownroche, William Kiely. **MURPHY.**—May 15, at New castle, Blarney, Cornelius Murphy, aged 76 years.

KERRY.—Very Rev. Dean Slattery, of Newtown, Sydney, is visiting Ireland, after an absence of 39 years. The Very Rev. Dean Slattery was born in Gortduh, parish of O'Dorney, about 66 years ago. He received his early education in his native district. About the age of 20 he entered the Irish college at Paris, where he remained two years, when he returned to Ireland and entered Maynooth, where he studied until 1864, the year of his ordination and departure for Australia.

The funeral of the late John F. Fitzgerald, Kinnelagh, Cahirciveen, took place on May 7, from his residence, to Dromod Churchyard, the burial place of his family, and was representative of all classes, large numbers of the Cahirciveen residents attending it.

LIMERICK.—On May 7 Miss Mary Liston, in religion Sister Mary Gabriel daughter of Mr. Patrick T. Liston, solicitor, Rathkeale, was professed a Sister of the Mercy Order in the Convent chapel, Abbeyfeale. Monsignor Hallinan, D. D., Newcastle West, presided.

Limerick was well represented at the recent Oireachtas at Dublin. The Pipers' club sent forward their well-known eight-hand reel class, and though some disagreement occurred in regard to the judges' decision, the Limerick contingent acquitted themselves in a handsome manner and won the admiration of the assembly. Miss Olive Barry, a Limerick lady, won the competition for contralto singing. Her rendering of "Jimmy mo Mhile Stór" created a stirring impression. On the opening day the Pipers' club danced their competition. The chairman announced that the judges had disagreed and had not awarded the prize in that competition. The representatives of the Pipers' club, Limerick, would, however, give an exhibitio dance. The Limerick ladies and gentlemen then danced in magnificent style, the music

being supplied by John Wayland, who played on a set of Irish war pipes. The performance evoked great enthusiasm. The dancers are: Miss K. McSwiney, Miss M. White, Miss M. Bassett, Miss M. Cruise, Messrs. J. Halpin, F. Moore, M. Gribbin and J. Downey.

TIPPERARY.—On May 10 a deputation of the principal parishioners of Golden and Killeace, including James Hourigan, Thomas Dunphy, William Dalton, John Kelly, Michael Kelly, Michael Horan, William Walsh, James Horan, M. Ryan, William Downey, Thomas Fitzgerald, Patrick Lonergan, W. Fogarty, William O'Brien, T. Dwyer, proceeded to Cappawhite for the purpose of presenting their late curate, the Rev. E. O'Kane, with a very handsome illuminated address as a token of their esteem, and as a mark of their appreciation of his services among them. Mr. Michael Kelly said he felt honored in being asked to present the address to Father O'Kane, whom they all loved, and he could assure him that the address expressed but feebly the feelings of the people for him.

WATERFORD.—Brother Charles Boyle of the Christian Brothers, Brothers, Mount Sion, Waterford, died at the early age of 35 years, deeply regretted. He funeral to Saint Mary's cemetery, Ballygunner, was very numerous and attended.

At Turner's Cross, Cork, on May 10 the tussle for inter-county honors in hurling and football between representative teams from Kerry and Waterford was reached. After frequent interchanges the hour was reached, when the official score was: Kerry, 4 points; Waterford, 3 points. Teams: Kerry—T. Gorman (captain), J. Gorman, D. Curran, J. Sugrue, M. McCarthy, C. Ryan, J. Fitzgerald, C. Duggan, W. Lynch, W. Leoney, D. Kinsane, R. Fitzgerald, T. O'Keefe, T. Sullivan. Waterford—J. Healy (goal), R. Rockett, P. Kinsane, P. McGrath, M. Cody, T. Callaghan, C. Lovell, J. Tobin, J. Keane, D. Donovan, M. Lyons, R. C. O'Regan, J. Flynn, M. O'Brien, P. Murphy, W. Hogan, P. Phelan.

The annual procession of the members of the Sodality of Mary Immaculate connected with Mount Sion, Waterford, was held on Sunday, May 10. The procession, which was marshaled by the Rev. Brothers Hector and O'Neill, was headed by cross-bearer and acolytes, then came the boys attending the schools, next the members of the sodality, the rear being brought up by the guard of honor, four members of which carried a statue of the Blessed Mother. The sacred music was well rendered by the members of the Barrack street brass band. When the procession had completed its rounds an impressive sermon was preached from the temporary altar erected outside the main entrance by the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.

Leinster

CARLOW.—On May 11 a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Kildare, to express regret at the departure of Rev. John Delaney from the parish, being appointed pastor of Rathvilly.

Mr. James Doyle, Shamrock Hotel, Carlow, died May 11, after a short illness, deeply and widely regretted. On Wednesday the remains were removed from his late residence to the Cathedral, where office and high mass took place. Most Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, presided, assisted by the Rev. E. Nagle, S. T. L.

DUBLIN.—Lord Iveagh has signified his intention to make a donation of two hundred thousand dollars to Trinity college in connection with the building and equipment of scientific laboratories, conditional on a certain amount being forthcoming to supplement his contribution.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—BYRNE.—May 6, at 34 Rugby road, Patrick Byrne, aged 60 years. **LYNCH.**—May 3, at the Hospice for the Dying, Michael J. Lynch, for many years organist of SS. Augustine and John's church, Thomas street. **BAGGOT.**—May 3, at 37 Eccles street, Dublin, Agnes Baggot, Phoenix Park, Dublin. **O'CONNOR.**—May 9, Michael Joseph O'Connor, R. N. R. 7 Newbridge avenue, Sandymount, secretary to the local marine board, and superintendent mercantile marine office, Dublin. **ENNIS.**—May 12, at 39 Prussia street, Peter Ennis, aged 74 years. **FINNEY.**—At 1 Aughrim Villas, Aughrim street, Edward Finney, at an advanced age. **FITZGERALD.**—At 47 Aylesbury road, Richard A. Fitzgerald, inspector, National bank, aged 67 years. **FYANS.**—At 4 Cornmarket, John Fyans, for over 23 years in the employment of D'Arcy's brewery. **GHENEY.**—May 13, at 14 Gerald street, Kathleen Ghenev, aged 10 years. **WHELAN.**—May 15, at 6 Pembroke cottages, Bray, Ellen Whelan, aged 73 years. **WISSELY.**—May 15, John Wisely, at Sandy Hill, St. Margaret's, aged 78. **O'NEILL.**—May 12, at the Meath hospital, Patrick O'Neill, 83 Haroldcross Cottages, late of Cannon street, Kells Co., Meath. **MOLLOY.**—May 13, at 2 Margaret place, N. C. R., Maria Catherine Molloy. **MURPHY.**—May 13, at Glassivell, Helen Murphy, in the 17th year of her age. **MURRAY.**—May 12, at

St. Ann's, Thomas Murray. **MOLLOY.**—May 14, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldcross, Thomas Molloy. **FLOOD.**—At Church street, North Wall, Dublin, Patrick Flood, late of Headford, Co. Mayo, aged 84 years.

KILDARE.—On May 11th classes of the Gaelic League were held as usual and were well attended, there being over eighty pupils present. There are three classes, as well as a singing and dance class, the former conducted by Mr. D. Healy. The committee met afterwards and completed arrangements for the Gaelic Tournament and Aeridheacht. There were present: Mr. Paisley, chairman; E. Kelly, secretary; Mr. Fitzsimmons, J. Shiel, Dublin, etc. The Celbridge Hurling team will cross camans with the Confederates, Dublin, and the Dwyers will meet the Columbellies, Dublin; while champion teams will take part in a football contest.

KILKENNY.—Mrs. McCarthy, Bishops Hill, Kilkenny, died May 11, after a long illness, deeply and widely regretted. She was mother of Mr. J. McCarthy, member of the town council. The funeral to Saint Canices was very numerous and attended.

KING'S.—Mrs. Catherine Rouse died at William street, Tullamore, May 11, deeply regretted.

At a recent meeting of the Edenderry district council, Mr. T. F. McAuliffe, Hon. Secretary of the Edenderry N. T. Association, wrote forwarding the following resolution for consideration: "Resolved, That inasmuch as the enforcement of the compulsory clauses of the education act of 1892, to District 2 of the Edenderry Union has had most beneficial results, we request Councils No. 1 and No. 3 to imitate the example of No. 2 and apply the provisions of the said act to their areas." The chairman said they had this matter up on two or three occasions. The council decided on one occasion to apply the act to the Edenderry district, within two or three miles of the National schools. The commissioners of education wanted a lot of information from them, which they supplied, but since then the commissioners had not written to them.

LONGFORD.—A sample of how Irishmen who serve Britain in the army are served when John Bull has got out of them all that is of use to him. This is from "The Rosecommon Herald" of May 16 in the report of the Longford Union. The clerk read a communication from the Woolwich Union announcing the sending of William Russell to Longford Union.

Chairman—What is he?
Clerk—A pauper.
A guardian—Did he come?
Clerk—He did, and put his nose inside the Union and went away.
Chairman—Who is he?
Mr. W. T. Dann said he knew the man, and gave a biographical sketch of his career. It appears he was originally a "bird" that was hatched somewhere "about Ballymacormack, and reared up by a body known as the Parochial committee. He then enlisted, and from the army passed into an English poorhouse, and from thence was transplanted to his native Longford, this occasion being the second visit. As the man had left, and there being no likelihood of his "roosting" permanently in Longford workhouse, the matter was passed over without further comment.

LOUTH.—Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, paid his triennial visit to Saint Mary's parish, Drogheda, May 14. The ceremonies commenced with mass, followed by a sermon given by Rev. M. Larrigan, Stannullen. After the sermon the examination in Christian doctrine took place, conducted by the Rev. M. Woods, Trim, and the Rev. Robert Kelly, diocesan chaplain. After the examination in Christian doctrine the bishop entered, accompanied by the pastor, Very Rev. John Curry. Prayers for the dead prescribed for the visitation were recited by the bishop and joined in by the congregation. He then administered the Sacrament of confirmation to 228 children.

MEATH.—Mrs. Margaret O'Reilly, of Barconey, Oldcastle, died May 2, deeply regretted. The requiem services and the funeral to Castle Rahan cemetery were numerous and attended.

The funeral of Miss Mary Connor, daughter of Mr. John Connor, Kilkenny, Athoy, took place on May 10, to Crewinstown cemetery. The cortege was long. The chief mourners were: John Connor, father; Matthew, Patrick, John and Michael Connor, brothers; Rose, Kate and Bridget Connor, sisters. Deceased was only 24 years of age. She died in Dublin, where she was in business.

QUEEN'S.—The Irish drama "Robert Emmett," was acted in a successful way in the Town Hall, Maryborough, May 11, by the members of the Mountmellick Amateur Dramatic club.

The death of Mr. Michael Carey, ex-proprietor of the Leinster Express, Maryborough, occurred May 11, aged 84 years, deeply and widely regretted. The late Mr. Carey was a native of Athy, County Kildare. The funeral cortege was one of the longest seen in the district for many years. The Leinster Express remains under the efficient control of the son of the late Mr. Carey.

WESTMEATH.—Office and high mass were held in St. Mary's church, Athlone, May 5, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Shanny of Ballin-

also, after which the funeral left for Kibbigley cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. P. Kelly, Lowlown, on May 9, to Corralstown cemetery, was very numerous and attended. Deceased had lived to be 80 years of age, and during life was esteemed by his neighbors and friends.

WEXFORD.—On May 3 the Oulart sportsmen inaugurated the annual handball tournament. A big throng of spectators watched the sport. The fine weather contributed to complete the success of the initial fixture. Raheenduff third and Blackwater second teams were the first to appear in the ball court. Raheenduff were in great form, winning the first game before the Blackwater trio made their second ace. Somewhat chagrined at the idea of being so easily disposed of, Blackwater set their best forces into action, and after an exciting contest got game to thirteen for Raheenduff. The third match was equally hard fought, Blackwater eventually winning the rubber. J. Fox, D. Shell and J. Maguire played for Blackwater, and J. Cooney, J. R. Crean and B. Earle represented the losers. Most of the crowd who were present were here specially to witness the Oulart juveniles in conflict with the Raheenduff second team. After the fine exhibition which the third team from the latter had given, those whose sympathies lay with the plucky youths, could not feel anxious for their chances of victory. The juveniles were not unobserved, but took the floor full of confidence. They displayed a novel method of dodging the ball. In fact, their play was so unique and so foreign to anything their opponents had witnessed, that they had no trouble in winning the rubber. Dyer, Cooney and Sinnot represented the juveniles.

WICKLOW.—Miss Devlin, who taught in the Tourboy National school, Rathangan, for the past three years, has left to take up a school in County Louth. The new teacher is a Miss Calbeck, from Tullow. At present the school is in the hands of Miss Wynna.

THE WICKLOW HILLS.
(Georgetown College Journal.)
O, the Wicklow hills,
Sure, their grass is greener,
Their air is keener,
Their sky more blue,
Than lands they tell of,
And ports they spell of,
That lie away to the east o' you.

I know a place
Where my heart is hidden;
My mind, unbidden,
Is ever there;
A little nook, an'
A wimplin' brook, an'
A long black shade when the sun is fair.

A tiny corner,
Of earth the sweetest,
The fairest, neatest,
This little vale,
Where wild buds bloom, an'
Waste sweet perfume, an'
The wise winds whispers its wistful wall.

Ah, heart o' mine,
I have been a rover,
The wild world over,
In lands afar;
But you were true to
A spot we knew,
The little valley of Amacher,
In this fair land.

Where the sun is shining,
For the lit I'm pining
O' rippling rills,
When the dusk is falling,
'Tis then you're calling,
Oh, heart o' mine, for the Wicklow hills!

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.—On April 28 the remains of Mr. John McAraeve were removed from his residence, 62 Fernside street, Belfast, to interment in Milltown cemetery. Deceased was an exemplary and thorough Irishman. Every movement that aimed at the perpetuation of true national principles found in him an earnest worker. The Gaelic movement he sympathized with. A few years ago, when the national game of hurling was being revived in the North, he took a lively interest in founding the Peter O'Neill Crowley Hurling club, which holds a high place in the national game in Belfast. The decoration of the graves of the patriots—a national work in honor of the men who fell for freedom all over Ireland in the years 1788, 1848 and 1867—found in deceased a practical supporter. During the past seven years he took part in this laudable work. His death occasioned sorrow among his friends. As a deep mark of respect to the young patriot's memory his remains were carried by Gais to the cemetery.

ARMAGH.—On it becoming known, May 11, by the girl operatives employed by Clendinning & Co., handkerchief manufacturers, High street, Lurgan, that the chief mechanic named Mulholland had been discharged by the firm, work, to the number of 150, ceased they and left the premises. They absolutely refuse to return until Mulholland be reinstated. The latter was popular with all the hands. The Messrs. Clendinning as yet had under no circumstances will they take Mulholland back, and the operatives are firm in their resolution not to work again unless Mulholland be restored.

GAVAN.—The concert organized by

Ballingh Temperance League came off lately and was attended by a crowded audience. The Gavan Gaelic League choir contributed Irish choruses. Songs by Mr. P. Scollan, Gavan; Mr. B. Whelan, Gavan; Mr. P. J. Brady, Killeahandra, and Mr. McCulla were well rendered and appreciatively received. The solos by Miss Roche, and the duet by Mrs. Sheridan and Miss Boland, were much applauded. The Irish dancing by Miss McGill, Miss Fitzpatrick, Miss Maloney, Mr. C. A. O'Brien, Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Brady was excellent. The other items included violin duets by Misses Mulligan and Brady, and pianoforte contributions by Miss Fitzpatrick. An Irish chorus by the Gavan Gaelic class brought to a termination a most pleasant entertainment.

The death of Miss Bridget Brady, daughter of Mrs. Hugh Brady, Ardravarny, late of Drumalee, took place April 21, to the grief of her relatives and friends. Deceased, who was in her twenty-third year, had been for a number of years assistant in the millinery department of Mr. McDonald, Trapper, Gavan, but was obliged to relinquish duties some few months ago owing to ill health. The attendance at the funeral to the family burial place, Annageliff, was large and representative.

DERRY.—A concert in aid of funds of Dooratt Gaelic Class, Donemans, was held the 25th of April, in Rooratt, N. S. The programme, thoroughly Irish, lasted over four hours. The different artists acquitted themselves in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The dancing of Irish jigs by Messrs. Mulally, MacAnenney and MacFarlane, also the hornpipes and reels by Messrs. B. McCormack, J. McCormack, Smith, Kelly, Devine, were excellent. As regards the vocal items, the following ladies contributed songs: Miss McGovern, Miss Graham, Miss Doherty, Miss C. McCullagh, Miss M. McCullagh, Miss Mary Bradley, Miss Maggie Bradley; also the following gentlemen: Messrs. B. O'Keeney, Mulally, Kelly, Stone, MacFarlane and McCullagh. The greatest praise is due to Mr. Patrick McCullagh, Plumbridge, for the help he gave to the committee, as also to Dr. Evans, Plumbridge, who lent his phonograph for the occasion.

On May 13 the remains of the late Mr. James Doherty, Sunbeam Terrace, Bishop street Derry, were interred in the city cemetery.

DONEGAL.—Mr. Denis Glides, merchant, Donegal, died suddenly May 7, at the early age of 36 years, deeply and widely regretted.

Rev. P. Doherty, administrator of Caudonagh, attended the meeting of clerical managers of national schools in the province of Armagh, held in the Synod hall, Armagh, April 28.

On May 1 the death occurred of Mr. Edward Pilkington, of main street, Donegal, at the venerable age of a little over 100 years. The deceased retained all his faculties up to the last, and was able to go about conversing with neighbors upon events that took place in his youth until a couple of days before he died. He claimed to be the oldest inhabitant of the town and felt proud in stating that his great-grandfather, grandfather, his father and himself were brought up in the town of the Four Masters.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hyland, Gortin, took place on April 30. At 10 o'clock her remains were removed for interment at Rouskey. The procession accompanying the remains was the largest seen in the place for years.

DOWN.—Father John Lowry, pastor, presided at the meeting of the Leitrim branch of the United Irish League, held May 10, in the National hall. A great many attended and good work was done for the spread of the organization.

FERMANAGH.—To establish a branch of the United Irish League in Buttersbridge a meeting was held there on Sunday, May 3. Among those present were: J. Gilcrest, J. Fagan, organizer; J. Brady, hon. sec.; F. Boylan, M. McConnell, J. Teavan, P. P. Brady, J. Coffey, J. Reilly, B. B. Keelehan, B. Dane, F. Brady, P. Lidwith, A. Brady, F. Teenan, C. McCourt, etc. Dr. Drumlane Branch—Pat McConnell, J. McConnell, F. Flynn, P. Tully, J. McHugh, hon. sec. The president of the branch, Mr. J. Gilcrest, was moved to the chair, and he, in an interesting address, opened the meeting. Mr. Joseph Brady, hon. sec., proposed and Mr. Terence Smith seconded the following resolutions, which were approved of: (1) "That we regard the land bill before Parliament as the greatest attempt made by the English government to settle the land question. We hereby call upon our representatives in Parliament to use every means to have the bill so amended in committee that it will be accepted." (2) "That we are in accord with the findings of the national convention and regard the amendments to the land bill as covering every defect in the measure, and we call upon the Irish party to press forward with all their vigor to have those amendments embodied in the bill." (3) "That we desire once more to place on record our confidence in the Irish party and pledge ourselves to help on the Irish Parliamentary fund." Mr. James Fagan supported the resolutions in an eloquent speech.

MONAGHAN.—At a meeting of the Errigal-Truagh branch of the United Irish League, held in Dundion, May 10, Mr. John McDermott, presiding, a great number of new members were enrolled.

TYRONE.—Cardinal Logue visited Clonoe parish and administered the sacrament of confirmation to two hundred children.

The funeral of the late Francis O'Neill, of Anaghmore, Ardboe, to Moortown cemetery on May 8, was attended by a vast concourse of persons. He had attained the age of 94 years, and retained all his faculties to the end. The chief mourners were: John O'Neill, Felix O'Neill and James O'Neill (sons).