

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.—Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, preached at Gort on Saturday, June 13, the feast day of the patron of the parish, St. Korril.

The death of Mrs. Patrick Nohilly, occurred June 3, at Ballinacregg, at the age of 68 years. The deceased was admired for her many good qualities. A funeral cortege attended her remains to their last resting place in Cummer burial ground, high mass de requiem being celebrated at Cummer Parish chapel.

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Ballinasloe came off June 1, and some of the oldest inhabitants state that for the multitude and enthusiasm of the people assembled there was nothing to equal in the past fifty years. Early in the day the farmers began coming in with loads of turf and by seven o'clock, when the bonfire was lit on the green in front of the convent, a large pile of turf was erected. The Galway Industrial School band, under the charge of the Brother Superior, arrived by the midday train, and after playing in front of the convent, proceeded to the asylum, where for two hours they played for the patients. At 5 o'clock the presentation of addresses took place in the Industrial school, the everend Mother and eleven nuns being present. Among those present at the presentation were Rev. T. Joyce, M.A.; Father Kelly, Father Brennan, Father Flynn, Father Saunders, president of St. Joseph's college; Father O'Loughlin, Father Hurney, Father Madden, Brothers Kieran, Walsh and Keane, Galway; Prof. Guy, Dr. Kirwin, Dr. Ward, L. Conroy, chairman of the Urban Council; T. Byr, chairman of the district council; P. P. Golding, M. A. Hayden, R. J. Gill, J. Horne, G. Larkin, P. Rafferty, T. Foy, P. J. Bracken and P. Keogh. Several addresses were presented.

LEITRIM.—On June 6 the annual meeting of the Mohill District Council and board of guardians were held. The members were up to business and meetings occupied a short time. Mr. Charles Browne was unanimously re-elected chairman of the District Council, and Mr. Francis McKenna vice-chairman. For the position of chairman of the board of guardians there was a contest. Mr. P. Wallace was proposed in opposition to the former chairman, Mr. James Reynolds, and Mr. Wallace beat his opponent by a large majority.

MAYO.—The Connaught Telegraph of June 13, had the following: "A few weeks ago Miss McHale, an industrious milk woman, who lives about one mile from Castlebar, evidently determined to increase her business, wrote to his majesty the king requesting him to send a detachment of soldiers to Castlebar and pointing out what an advantage it would be to the town, as well as keeping the spacious barracks from going into dilapidation. After going the usual rounds her letter reached the adjutant-general, who replied on His Majesty's behalf that owing to the constant moving of troops they could not see their way to send a permanent regiment to Castlebar."

On June 7 one of the largest and most representative meetings ever witnessed in Ballyhaunis took place on the market square. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Town Tenants' and United Irish League amalgamated. Large contingents came from Claremorris, Knock, Bekan, Killybeg and Aughamore. Mr. William Field, chairman of the Town Tenants' League, accompanied by Mr. O'Donnell, M. P., Mr. Delany and Mr. Carney were present. On the proposition of Mr. James Caulfield, seconded by Mr. Carney, the chair was taken by Mr. John Delany. The following resolutions were adopted unanimously: "That this meeting renews its confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party and the National Organisation of the United Irish League. To fix maximum rents in case of money advanced to landlords to build houses for working men. To protect inhabitant householders and tenant occupiers from arbitrary and rent raising or capricious evictions. To amend conditions of advances and repayment under the Small Dwelling Acquisitions Act. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the prime minister and chief secretary of Ireland."

At the meeting of the Ballinrobe Rural district council June 6 the following resolution was adopted. Mr. Wilson dissenting: "Resolved, That we, the Ballinrobe district council, on behalf of the ratepayers of the town and county, associate ourselves absolutely from any address of welcome to the Lord Lieutenant as the time has not arrived when the people of Ireland would be satisfied in presenting the

representative of England's king with any address of welcome. We do not object to his excellency being accorded a respectful reception. On the contrary, he should be respectfully received; but until we get complete management of the affairs of our country no address should be presented to the representative of the British government."

ROSCOMMON.—Mr. John McDermott, Cleahen, Cootehall, died May 29, at the fine old age of eighty-seven years, deeply regretted. The funeral to Killukin cemetery was very numerously attended.

Mr. Michael Gavagan, merchant, Boyle, was married to Miss Mary Anne Rogers, daughter of Mr. P. Rogers of Ballymitte, on June 8. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Canon Loftus, P. P.

At the Fais held in Silgo lately, the Boyle Choral Union won first prize for chorus singing. In the pianoforte contest, Miss Robinson, daughter of Mr. W. J. Robinson, solicitor, Boyle, took fourth place, and in the violin playing Miss Hamilton, daughter of Dr. Hamilton, Boyle, took third prize.

Munster

CLARE.—Mr. T. Flanagan has been elected chairman of the Corofin District Council. The new chairman is a most practical man and a sincere patriot. The members of the Council acted wisely.

In the Parish Church, Barefield, a handsome monument has been erected to the memory of the late Father Thomas Kelly by his friends and parishioners. It consists of a white marble tablet in the wall of the church. It bears the usual inscription surrounded by a carved open book, on which rests the crown of Trona. The work reflects the utmost credit on the Messrs Sullivan and Corovoin. The details were carried out by a committee of the parishioners, of which Mr. Ryan was chairman, Mr. Thomas Conside, secretary and Mr. T. Hogan, treasurer.

CORK.—A daring robbery was perpetrated at the residence of Mrs. Sadler-Jackson, Ahanask, Midleton, June 10, when jewelry and diamonds worth \$15,000 were stolen. The railway stations and shipping company's premises in Cork City were kept under close surveillance, and though much activity was shown, no one answering the description of the suspected person came under observation. The police description was minute; it gave the age, height and particulars of clothing worn by the suspected person.

On June 10, in the chapel of the Midleton Presentation Convent, the ceremony of the profession of two nuns took place in the presence of the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne. The young ladies received are Sisters Mary Gertrude Murphy and Sister Mary Lelia Laune. The impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large number of the relatives and friends. Among the priests were: Very Rev. Canon Wm. Hutch, D. D., V. F., Midleton; Rev. C. S. O'Connor, Midleton; Rev. Francis Murphy, Midleton; Rev. J. Barry, Midleton; Rev. J. Dineen, D. D., Midleton; Rev. J. O'Keefe, Lisgoold; Rev. Father Barry, Ballylanders; Rev. J. Roche, Carrigtwohill; Rev. D. Foley, Aghada, etc. Subsequently the Bishop and others visited the new high school for young girls adjoining the convent, where his Lordship received an enthusiastic welcome. Afterward he visited the new Technical school established for the nuns, for the development of technical work by the young girls attending their schools. At the time of the visit the girls were working knitting machines in turning out stockings, guernseys and other things. The Bishop remained there for some time watching the dexterity and neatness with which the girls did their work.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—BAKER.—On June 9, Carrigbeg, Cork, Susanna Baker. NOONAN.—June 10, at Ross-lane, Kanturk, Thos. Noonan. COTTER.—On June 9, at Houla, Whitechurch, Lawrence Cotter, at an advanced age. HARTNETT.—On June 10, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington road, John Hartnett. BUCKLEY.—On June 10, at Harbour View, Queenstown, Kate Buckley. NOONAN.—June 10, at Ross-lane, Kanturk, Thos. Noonan. CLERY.—On June 11, at Ballincurig Villa, Douglas road, Cork, William Henry Cleary, last surviving son of the late Thomas John Cleary, of Ashton Grove. HASSETT.—June 10, at Foxhall, Charlesville, Anne Hassett. BAKER.—On June 9, at her residence, Carrigbeg, Cork, Susanna Baker. FISHER.—On June 8, Thomas Fisher, brother of Patrick Fisher, cattle dealer, Charlesville. HART.—At 79 Douglas street, Julia Hart, for many years teacher at St. Vincent's. COLLEMAN.—On June 9, Patrick Coleman. DAY.—On June 3, at 269 Old Youghal road, Mary Day. WALSH.—On May 27, Patrick Walsh, of Pouladown, aged 68 years. O'CALLAGHAN.—On May 27, at Coolbane, Freemount, John O'Callaghan, late of Kinsale, aged 81 years. FOLEY.—On May 27, at Ballard, Clonmult, John Foley, BUSTED.—On June 6, Mary Busted, 107 Barney street. O'SULLIVAN.—Ae 100 Lower road, on June 6, Daniel O'Sullivan. O'BRIEN.—On June 5, at Droimour, Kanturk, Denis O'Brien. FERGUSON.—On June 6, at Crossmanna,

House, Kanturk, Geraldine Ferguson, solicitor.

KERRY.—Mrs. O'Sullivan, Ballyfinane, Farranflore, died suddenly June 7, aged 80 years, deeply regretted. The funeral for Ardara was very largely attended. The chief mourners were: F. O'Sullivan, Lieutenant Colonel O'Sullivan, Belfast; Charlie O'Sullivan, Ballyfinane, sons; Mrs. Kelliher, daughter; John Kelliher, son-in-law; Bridget Kelliher and Mrs. P. Donovan, granddaughters; W. C. Daly, Park Killarney; John Daly, Knockane; Charles Daly, brothers. The officiating clergyman were: Canon O'Sullivan, Mill street, nephew, and Rev. P. Brosnan, Castlemaize.

LIMERICK.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie will be in Limerick City July 29, when the freedom of that ancient and most historic borough will be presented to him.

TIPPERARY.—A great meeting was held in the Town Hall, Colmell, June 8, to collect money for the parliamentary fund. The mayor, Alderman Thomas Murrisey, presided. A substantial amount was contributed. Alderman Thomas Condon, M. P., would have attended, but the Land Bill demanded his attention in the House of Commons.

WATERFORD.—Mr. John A. O'Sullivan, organizer of branches of the United Irish League in Ireland has written to Mr. Edmond Harney, Nationalist, Waterford, deploring the apocryphal position assumed by the public bodies of his native city by presenting addresses of loyalty and welcome to King Edward.

On June 4 there died at Mount Mellera Abbey Father Patrick Gregory, son of Patrick Power, Ballygarry, and brother to Sisters M. Bernard and M. Antonia, Presentation Convent, Fethard, County Tipperary, age 32 years.

Leinster

CARLOW.—Mr. John J. Dolan, 74 Barrow street, New York, sailed on the Campania, June 27, for a three-months' visit to his native place—Carlow town. We wish him bon voyage and a good time in the old land.

A meeting of the Father John Murphy memorial committee was held in the town hall, Tullow, June 7. Mr. Thomas Bolger, chairman, presiding. Present, James Murphy, vice-president, Gerald O'Toole and John Foley, treasurers, M. P. Maher, secretary; Joseph M. Murphy, T. Halligan, W. L. Maher, Patrick Kavanaugh, John O'Brien, Eugene Pappard, F. Bally, Denis Deering, J. O'Brien, J. Nolan, Patrick Dawson, J. O'Toole, Patrick Aughney. Mr. James Murphy handed in a letter from Mr. John Kelly, P. C. R. Dublin, enclosing £3 for the memorial. On the motion of Mr P. Dawson, the following members were appointed to attend the Arklow demonstration and to participate in the unveiling of the memorial to Father Michael Murphy: Thomas Bolger, James Murphy, J. Foley, Gerald O'Toole, M. P. Maher, Joseph M. Murphy, Terence Halligan, James Dempsey, J. O'Brien, Denis Deering, Patrick Aughney and Patrick Kavanaugh. Michael Governey, C. F. McNally and John G. Murphy were appointed to solicit subscriptions for the fund in Carlow. Mr. John Foley announced that the members of the Tullow Amateur Dramatic club had volunteered to give an entertainment in the town hall, the proceeds to go to the Memorial Fund.

DUBLIN.—On June 9 a person passing the drive, near the Pavilion, on Killiney Hill, thoughtlessly threw a lighted match among the furze, which took fire immediately and a considerable portion of the hill was injured. The man, having lighted a cigar, thought the match was extinguished and threw it away.

Keeper McNally, of the Zoological Gardens, Dublin, who had charge of the elephants' house for twenty-two years, was knocked down by one of these animals and trampled to death June 9. The animal was shot by the authorities of the Zoo.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—BOURKE.—June 10, at Parochial House, Portarlington, Rev. R. Bourke, aged 58 years. CARLIF.—June 10, Michael Cardiff, interment from 7 Henrietta place. LICKMAN.—At 31 Sygne street, Johanna Lickman. DOYLE.—June 10, at 9 Powder's lane off Clabassill street, Thomas Doyle of Williams place. MADDEN.—June 12, at 40 New street, Mary Teresa Madden. PLUNKETT.—June 12, at 108 Hollybank road, Drumcondra, Henry Gunning Plunkett, Roscommon, grand son of Major Plunkett, 88th Connaught Rangers, and great-grandson of General Sir John Gunning. KEEGAN.—June 9, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Matthew Keegan, for fifty years in the employ of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Co. KANE.—June 10, at Drumcondra Hospital, Thomas Kane, Sr., 1 Flinglas road, Glasnevin. BERRINGHAM.—At Mercer's Hospital, James Berringham, member of the Metropolitan House Painters. KELLY.—June 11, at Kingston, Mrs. Anne Kelly. O'CONNOR.—June 11, at Millmount House, Drumcondra, Jennie O'Connell. PHILLAN.—June 8, at Richmond road, Portlano, Michael Phelan, of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners. KINGSTON.—June 8, at Skerries, George Kingston, Killbally Owen, County Wicklow. KELLY.—June 9, at 8 Leslie Building, Fitzwilliam,

ough, Mary Kelly, late of Tuckmill, Ballinglass. DONNELLY.—June 9, at Rush, Ellen Donnelly. WOOLEY.—June 9, at Hospice, Haroldscross, Michael Woolley, late of 45 Marton street. CONWAY.—June 9, at 16 Liffey street, Inchicore, Mary Conway. FITZHENRY.—June 8, at the Town Hall, Kingston, Jane Mary Fitzhenry, aged 18 years. GRIFFIN.—On Saturday, June 6, at Liffey Junction, Dublin, Margaret Mary Griffin, aged 24. BOYLE.—June 6, at 25 Clonmore road, Ballybough road, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle.

KILDARE.—Mr. Andrew Dunne, of Lackagh, Monasterevan, died June 12, aged 77 years, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to the Yew Free Cemetery was very numerously attended.

KILKENNY.—A meeting of the members of the Kilmacow branch of the United Irish League was held June 7. Mr. Patrick French presiding. Also present: James Farrell, John Moore, Walter Walsh, Joseph Sullivan, Michael Dunphy, Thomas Cavanagh, M. J. O'Kelly. It was decided that in compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the South Kilkenny Executive, the annual collection for the Parliamentary Fund and other purposes—be held at the chapel gate. The following were appointed to act as collectors at both masses: James Farrell, John Moore, John Kinsella, Edmond Bove, William Rockett, Richard Roche, Walter Walsh, Michael Dunphy, Joseph Sullivan, Patrick French, Thomas Kavanagh, Thomas Grant, John Cooke, P. P. Kinsella, Michael Walsh, James O'Shea, John Hoynes, John O'Reilly, Jeremiah Cahill, Patrick Gahan, Patrick Deady, Patrick Doody, James Hogan, John Merry, M. J. O'Kelly.

KINGS.—On June 10, at the annual meeting of the King's Co. Council in Tullamore, the Secretary said the Local government had written in reference to the action of the Council in changing the name of the town of Frankford to that of Kilmacormac, because St. Cormac had a monastery there in the olden times. The latter was the original name, but a military colonel had changed it over a century ago. The Local Government Board pointed out that the Council had no right to make the change, that they had been advised to this effect, and that their opinion was the same as that of the officers of the Crown. The secretary pointed out that Judge Curran, at the Tullamore Quarter Sessions a few days before, stated the Council had a legal right to change the name. But all the Judges of Local Government BBoard in the world cannot prevent the people from calling their town Kilmacormac: all they have to do is to call it Kilmacormac, persist in naming it Kilmacormac, and it will soon be general. It would be a very singular thing if all the Irish people in Kilmacormac could not undo what it took only one foreigner to accomplish in the first instance the people were weak-minded to stand the change.

LONGFORD.—The Anglo-Celt of June 6 contained this very interesting item: "It may have been bad taste on our part to have acted without obtaining permission, but, letting that pass, the fact is that we procured and sent to the Cork exhibition of last year (together with specimens from other places) a sample of iron ore out of the abandoned iron mines at Smeara, which, although in Longford, are near Arva, County Cavan. The specimens did not attract more than a passing notice, yet it represented one of the richest deposits of the valuable ore in Great Britain or Ireland. The management of the Imperial Institute at South Kensington, London, then expressed willingness to put on show all such products from this country, and over the piece of ore went—to engage the attention of men who knew its value. It was not three days there until letters from English and German agents reached the Anglo-Celt office asking if we were 'open to put the ore on the market,' that they were 'ready to negotiate for the business,' if we were 'in a position to offer quantities over a period, to send particulars of analysis, maximum percentage of silica, phosphorus of metallic iron," requesting to be told 'the present price by coaster to Hamburg or Bremen or Eshden, as if one of the proper richness a regular trade could be arranged with large German foundries.' After some difficulty we ascertained the address of the mine owner, Mrs. Archdale, Clover Hill, Clondalkin, County Dublin to whom all particulars were sent; in the hope of having the abandoned works reopened, that profit might be brought to her and remunerative employment given the men of the district, the present time being most opportune for such a undertaking in view of the difficulties which have recently presented themselves in connection with the Swedish iron ore deposits at Kilruanevara and Luosavaara, about which there was so much written a few months back. It now seems that such obstacles have been thrown in the way of the German syndicate which offered £2,375,000 for the deposits that negotiations have gradually been broken off, which makes it all the more urgent that the iron in Ireland—and County Cavan abounds in it—should be brought prominently and at once to the notice of companies desirous of buying. What the outcome of the inquiries concerning the Smeara ore may be we cannot say, but from correspondence with Mrs. Archdale we know her to be an advocate of the

wealth of the country so there is reason for hoping that ere long we may have cheerful news to chronicle in this connection." LOUTH.—The Colleen Bawn, a new steamer for the company (now British) that runs the trade from Drogheda to Liverpool, was launched lately from the yard of Vickers & Sons, Barrow, England.

MEATH.—James O'Reilly, son of Mr. James O'Reilly, died on June 6, aged 17 years, deeply and widely regretted. On Monday last the remains were taken from St. Columbkille's Church for interment in St. Columbkille's Churchyard. The funeral cortege was of very large dimensions. The chief mourners were: Mr. James O'Reilly (father), John and Richard O'Reilly (brothers), Messrs. Patrick Traynor, Balbriggan; James Traynor, Carrickmacross, and Thomas Traynor, Dundalk (uncles); Richard Murray, Peter Murray, Michael Murray, William Higgins and John Nulty (cousins).

QUEEN'S.—Rev. Richard Burke, pastor of Partarlinton, died June 10, after a short period of sickness, deeply mourned by his people. WESTMEATH.—The Funeral Office and high mass for Mrs. Keane, mother of the Rev. C. Keane, Trim, took place June 5, in Moyvore Chapel. The deceased passed to her reward on June 3, surrounded by her family at her residence, Templepatrick, Mullingar. The large number in church at the funeral mass, and the large number who attended the funeral from Moyvore, Mullingar, and the surrounding parishes, attested the esteem in which the deceased and her family were held.

WEXFORD.—The annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place at the Feast of Corpus Christi in the grounds of the Church of the Assumption, Bride street, Wexford, after high mass, celebrated by Rev. T. Cloney, the deacon being Rev. J. Kennedy, sub-deacon, Rev. Mark Byrne and master of ceremonies, Rev. P. O'Connor, R. C. A., and at which Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, presided. The canopy was supported by the clerical students of St. Peter's college, the bishop carrying the Blessed Sacrament assisted by the Rev. J. Kennedy and the Rev. Mark Byrne. The parochial clergy as well as the Rev. J. F. Lynch, O. S. F., Very Rev. N. T. Sheridan, president S. P. C.; Rev. T. O'Connor, S. P. C.; Rev. W. Harpur, S. P. C.; Rev. J. King, S. P. C.; Rev. J. Donovan S. P. C., and Rev. W. Codd, D. D., S. P. C., also took part in the procession. The ceremonies were brought to a conclusion by the singing of the benediction in the church, followed by the "Litany of the Saints."

WICKLOW.—By the death lately of Mr. James Cullen, another of the band of patriots for which Ballyknockan and Ballymestockan were for years so distinguished, has been removed. The deceased who had reached the scriptural span as a patriot was more of the militant than of the constitutionalist type, inheriting, like thousands of Wicklowmen, all the fighting qualities of the men of 1793. His funeral proved the estimation in which he had been held during life.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—At the conclusion of the business of the Belfast custody court on June 4, James Lowry asked Mr. Nagle for assistance, in the shape of a warrant, to find the whereabouts of his daughter, Sarah Lowry, 16 years of age. He stated that about a year ago his daughter went to a house on the Newtonards oad, and in April the woman residing there undertook to get her a situation. From that day to the present time all trace of her has been lost. He advertised in the papers for information and asked the police to assist him, but he had been unable to learn anything about her. He wanted to know if he could get a summons against the woman to compel her to state where she had conned his daughter. Mr. Spiller remarked that it was a most extraordinary case. They could not do anything for the poor man unless they knew where the girl was confined. Mr. Nagle was sorry that the only thing he could do was to order the police to give him every facility in tracing his daughter, and he directed the sergeant to give him every assistance.

ARMAGH.—William Reid and John Jeffers, both aged about 18 years, were drowned June 11, by the upsetting of their boat on the River Bann, near Halfway-Rush.

CAVAN.—On June 11, feast of Corpus Christi, the village of Gowra was the scene of a grand ceremony. The laying of the foundation stone of the new church by the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, took place. High mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father J. J. Farrell. The following clergy were present: Rev. M. Corcoran, Gowra; Rev. James Sheridan, Kilmacool; Rev. J. Kieran, Rev. J. Mahon, Drumara; Rev. P. Duff, Dublin; Rev. L. J. Kelly, Richmond, United States, America; Rev. Phillip Duff, St. Mell's college; Rev. J. Quinn, Leighton; Rev. T. Langan, D. D., and Rev. T. Finlay, Dublin. The Rev. Father Finlay on ascending the pulpit, took as his text the third verse of the Sixth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His glory and all these things shall be added to you." The procession was formed after mass

and on arriving at the site of the new church, one hundred yards distant, the Bishop performed that ceremony of laying the foundation stone and delivered a brief address. He reminded them that for 400 years nothing so magnificent or so promising had been witnessed in that hall as the meeting assembled there that day. He was glad to learn from the parish priest that the parishioners had subscribed liberally. The ceremony was brought to a conclusion by the bestowal of the bishop's blessing on those present.

DERRY.—On June 5, the funeral of Mrs. QJames Mullan, Ballyshaskey, Derry, took place to Ardmore cemetery. The chief mourners were: Mr. James Mullan (husband), Alderman P. Maxwell, solicitor (brother); Mr. William Roddy, editor Derry Journal, and Mr. J. P. Coyle (cousins), and Mr. Thomas F. Mullan, Mr. John Kelly and Mr. Wm. Tracey (brothers-in-law); Mr. Andrew Cole, ock, Derry, and Mr. Fred Cole, Campsie. The following clergymen were present: Right Rev. Mgr. McFaul, Rev. Joseph McKeefry, Rev. D. Quigley, and Rev. QJ. McGettigan, St. Columbkille's, Derry, and Rev. Phillip O'Doherty, Cumber-Claudy. Solemn mass for the dead was celebrated by the Rev. Father McKeefry, and on the conclusion of the ceremonies in the church he paid a touching tribute to the memory of the deceased.

ODNEGAL.—On the death of Rev. Michael J. Corduke the Daily Telegraph of May, St. John's, N. B., thus wrote: "Rev. Michael J. Corduke, O. S. B., for the past four years rector of St. Peter's church, died about 1 o'clock on Saturday after a lingering and painful illness. Father Corduke was born at Ballyshannon, Donegal, on February 16, 1849, and came to America with his parents when he was 12 years of age. The family settled in New York City, where he received his education. He entered the College of the Order of edemptorists at Ilchester, near Baltimore, and there made his religious profession on Aug. 2, 1875. In 1879 he was ordained priest by Cardinal Gibbons, at the edemptorist Seminary at Ilchester. Before coming to St. John he was stationed at Annapolis, Md., Quebec, Toronto and Boston, and also was engaged in mission work. He was appointed rector of St. Peter's church in May, 1898, and was reappointed in 1901."

DOWN.—A conference of the clergy of the diocese of Down was held in the Downshire Arms Hotel, Newry street, Banbridge, on June 2. Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of the diocese, presided. The following clergy were present: Very Rev. John O'Brien, Banbridge; Rt. Rev. Monsignor McCartan, Dromore; Very Rev. Matthew Lynch, Restrevor; Very Rev. John Lowry, Upper Drumgoonland, Rev. Daniel Mallon, Warrenpoint, Rev. Michael B. MoConville, Lurgan, Rev. John Doyle, Ballynahinch, Rev. Andrew Loyal, Lower Drumgoonland, Rev. John Quill, Magheralin, Rev. Edward McCartan, Seagoe; Rev. Thomas Galtier, Drumgath; Rev. Joseph Kearns, Clonduff; Rev. Peter Paul Campbell, Tullylish; Rev. Felix Magennis, Green; Rev. Murtagh McPolin, Loughbrickland; Rev. Cornelius Woods, Annacore; Rev. John O'Hare, Dromara, Rev. James Carlin, administrator, Newry; Rev. John Rooney, Rev. Thomas McGrath, Rev. Daniel Grant, Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, chaplain convent, Newry; Rev. Father Quill, Ballynahinch; Rev. George McCorry, Rev. Daniel McAllister, Lurgan; Rev. William Maginn, Drumgath; Rev. James Byrne, Tullylish; Rev. John Savage, Mayo Bridge, Rev. Peter McAvoy, Rev. James Crangle, Hilltown, Rev. Edward McGivern, Restrevor; Rev. Hugh McAvoy, Warrenpoint; Rev. Francis O'Hare, Rev. Peter Fegan, Seagoe; Rev. John McKinney, Lower Drumgoonland; Rev. Eugene McPolin, Banbridge; Rev. John Lupton, Loughbrickland; Rev. R. Kieran, O. P., Dominican church, Newry; Rev. T. B. H. Hamersley, O. P., R. Rev. N. Collins, O. P. Newry.

FERMANAGH.—Tourists and visitors are arriving in Enniskillen in numbers this year. With the beautiful weather during the past fortnight there has been every opportunity for the visitors to enjoy the beauties of the district. Boating is the favorite pastime and one which the people of the town heartily join with the strangers. The Lady of the Lake made a few trips, but the regular afternoon and evening runs will soon be inaugurated.

MONAGHAN.—The funeral of the late Mr. Patrick McCormann, Drumary, Newbliss, took place to Killeevan cemetery on May 31 and was very numerously attended. The mother and sister of deceased died a few weeks before his own demise occurred. On Sunday, 31st, being the last in May, the ceremonial of the sodalities attached to St. Louis convent—the annual outdoor procession, through the convent grounds—took place, the entire month having been observed in the parish with great devotion to Blessed Virgin. The sun shone forth with delightful brilliancy as the procession left the convent and, headed by five young ladies carrying a banner, a well-marched band followed, chanting hymns. Then came the Sodality of the Children of Mary with banners and emblems. In the centre of the procession the brass band of the Foresters played sacred pieces. Following came the sodalities of the Infant Jesus and the sodality of the Holy Sacrament. These little girls were all beautifully attired, and their youthful voices and the joyous chorus of praise and love. The rear was brought up by the Sisters of St. Louis. Preceding by Castle street, the procession wended its way down the beautiful avenue of the convent grounds toward an altar in honor of Our Lady.

TYRONE.—A meeting was held in the Courthouse, Omagh, lately, to take into consideration the most practical means of supporting and spreading the Irish language movement in Omagh and the adjoining districts. The attendance was large and representa-