

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—Galway was visited May 31 by a very large excursion of Gaelic Leaguers principally from Dublin, Athlone, Mullingar and other towns. There traveled about two thousand. They were met at the station by the Forester Street (Galway) Flute Band, subsequently joined by the Galway Independent Brass Band. Thence they marched to Salthill where a couple of hours' amusement was afforded in dancing, etc. A large crowd also took their way along Lough Corrib—some by boat and others walking along the shores—to Menlo Castle, where a pleasant time was spent. The day kept fine. The return was made at 7 o'clock, the excursionists left well satisfied with their day's sojourn in the City of the Tribes.

On June 3 Clifden was the scene of a demonstration of Catholic faith that will remain in the memory of those who witnessed it. The occasion was the first visit of the Archbishop of Tuam, Most Rev. Dr. Healey, to the capital of Connemara. When the date of his first visit to Clifden as Archbishop was fixed, the priests and people set about making preparations for extending to him a welcome commensurate with their feelings for him. The priests and the people acquitted themselves well. Clifden presented an appearance it has not worn for many a day.

LEITRIM—At a meeting of the Gaelic Leaguers on May 31, a resolution was passed expressing regret at the death of Mr. John Reynolds, M.P., one of the staunchest Nationalists in South Leitrim.

MAYO—Miss Winifred Hynes, Railway Hotel, Castlebar, died May 31. On Monday evening the remains were conveyed to the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, where high mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning. The Rev. Father O'Malley, celebrant.

Mrs. Owen McLoughlin, of Carroneagh, Claremorris, died May 19, deeply regretted. The deceased belonged to an old and respectable family, being third daughter of the late Mr. Barry Fennar, Carrick-on-Shannon, and sister to the late Father Matthew Barrett, P. P. Headfort, the Rev. P. Barrett, S. J., Dublin, and Rev. J. Gately, S. J., and mother of Sister Dymona, Convent of St. Louis, Carrickmacross. The remains were followed to the family burial place in Killoolman on Holy Thursday by the largest cortege of mourners that ever passed that way.

A lamentable accident occurred lately near Ballina, by which Dr. M. Lavin, medical officer of the Belmont workhouse and dispensary district, lost his life. It appears that he was attending the Ballina races on Thursday and his horse and trap, accompanied by his help, named Talley. When three miles outside the town of Crossmolina the horse took fright and the driver lost control, with the result that the trap was overturned and its two occupants smashed against a wall. Dr. Lavin sustained very severe injuries about the head, and the driver got his collarbone broken. Soon after the accident they were removed to a neighboring house, where they were attended by Dr. Macaulay, Ballina; Dr. Macbale, Crossmolina, and Dr. Cleary, Ballycroy. From the commencement no hope of his recovery was entertained, and it being found that his skull was smashed. The driver is making satisfactory progress.

ROSCOMMON—On Sunday, May 31, the collection for the Irish parliamentary fund was taken up at the chapel gate, Arigna, and a handsome amount realized.

A meeting of the Elphin Branch of the United Irish League was held May 31, J. Dolan and P. Durr, Elphin, were co-opted members of the committee. The following were also appointed in their districts: J. Beirne (Coen), Caldra; J. Mullany, Ballyroan; M. Cannon, Kilmacumsey; P. Nolan and J. Carney, Carratogher.

Mr. John McDermott Cleaneesh, Cooteshill, died May 29, aged 87 years, deeply regretted. The funeral to Killylukin was largely attended.

SLIGO—Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., of the Sligo Champion, was given a great reception by those present at the great United Irish League convention, held lately in City Hall, Liverpool. He was elected vice-president of the United Irish League organization in Great Britain.

The members of the Conway's Cross branch of the United Irish League, at a meeting held May 31, passed a resolution expressing regret at the departure of the Rev. M. Keane, who had been president of the branch for years. Present: Deputy Chairman, chairman, Mulligan, treasurer, J. Sheridan, P. O'Sullivan, J. O'Sullivan, Owen, M. P.

Gowan, P. Conlon, R. Millmoor, B. McMorror, J. Murphy, J. Kerins, O. Hylan, J. Boles, J. Dinheep, O. Wynne, J. Noone, M. Boyd, M. McGoldrick, J. Conlon, J. Ebbeheny, P. Fowley, J. Conlon and J. Tahaney.

Munster

CLARE—Mrs. McDonnell, Killy House, Tomgrancy, died May 24 at the fine old age of 80 years, deeply mourned. She was not able to leave her bed during the past twelve years. She was an exemplary Catholic and one of those grand Irish mothers, full of faith and piety, who have given so many religious to the church, and very properly consider it their joy and their crown to give up their children to the service of God. Two of Mrs. McDonnell's children have been long consecrated to the religious state, viz.: Sister Mary St. Agatha, Good Shepherd Convent, Cork, and Mother Alacque, Convent of Mercy, Kilkenny. On Sunday evening the remains were brought to Tomgrancy church, and on Monday a solemn high mass was celebrated by Dean White.

CORK—Mahon Collins, aged sixty-seven years, of Ballyvizard, near Goleen, was killed, June 2, by a wheel of his car rolling over him when going home from Schull. A shaft of the vehicle broke, and the horse ran away. Deceased, in an endeavor to stop the animal, was knocked down and fatally injured.

Active measures are being taken to organize industries in Bandon. Many are in favor of the resuscitation of the weaving industry that once was so flourishing that Bandon was known as the "Manchester of Ireland." Recently the idea of starting a co-operative creamery was mooted and a meeting was held when the project was endorsed by the many farmers. Already 500 shares have been taken in it, a committee appointed, a site selected, and arrangements made to have the creamery working with the least possible delay. This example has had a very good and practical effect. The Bandon River will supply ample motive power for any manufactory organized. There is a large mill with the latest machinery lying idle on the Annot estate. Sir John Annot is to be approached with a view of giving a lease of it to a company composed of townspeople for the purpose of starting an industry there. Mr. Coppithorne, of Bantry, is anxious to start a weaving factory in Bandon if he could secure suitable premises and the cooperation of the townspeople. Mr. Cleve, of Limerick, is willing to start a bacon curing factory in the town. These and other offers are now engaging the attention of the leading citizens such as the Earl of Bandon, Mr. M. C. Hickey, Mr. R. W. Doherty, Mr. P. J. McCarthy, solicitor, etc.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—**WALSH**—On May 27, at Ballinacross, Patrick Walsh, of Pouladown, aged 68 years. **O'CALLAGHAN**—On May 27, at Coolbane, Fremont, John O'Callaghan, late of Kinsale, aged 81 years. **FOLEY**—May 27, at Ballard, Clonmilt, John Foley. **WALSH**—May 28, at The Neck, Ballycough, Mallow Dr. T. Burke Walsh. **FORDE**—May 28, at Lovers' Walk, Montenotte, Margaret Forde. **SINGLETON**—On May 24, at 38 Corbett's Lane, Catherine Singleton. **O'CONNOR**—At Cookkerragh, Ballybunion, on May 21, Cornelius O'Connor. **CRONIN**—On May 30, at Wellington Square, late of the 13 Great George's street, Timothy Cronin, merchant tailor, aged 37 years. **MORRISSEY**—On the Feast of Pentecost, at Beach, Queenstown, Miss Margaret Morrissey. **LONG**—On May 30, at Peake, Coachford, Julia Long. **McDONNELL**—On May 30, at Hill Terrace, Bandon, Helena Marguerite McDonnell. **LUCY**—June 5, at 32 Dublin street, Blackpool, Mary Lucy, aged 36 years, daughter of the late Wm. Fitzgibbon, late of Woodstock, Carrigrohilly. **DUALE**—On June 5, at 122 Patrick street, Dorah Dale, aged 80 years. **CASEY**—On June 4, Denis Casey, late Parade Market. **ODRISCOLL**—On June 4, at The Glen, Kinsale, Patrick O'Driscoll. **GOOLD**—June 5, Richard Goold, Droumlogh. **JOYCE**—At the North Infirmary, June 4, Martin Joyce, coach builder. **O'KEEFE**—At Glenville, Co. Wick, O'Keefe, blacksmith. **COTTER**—On June 4, at 11 South View, Ballinlough road, Bartholomew Cotter, aged 17 years. **CASHMAN**—On June 4, at Ballymadog, Daniel Cashman. **INCOLN**—On Friday, June 5, at Royal Hotel, Charleville, John Lincoln. **CORKEY**—On June 5, at the District Hospital, James Corkey, tailor. **LAWTON**—On May 31, William Lawton, Woodstock, Carrigtwohill. **KENT**—On May 30, at Roman St., Elizabeth Kent. **CRONIN**—On May 31, at Elton, Limerick, Mary Cronin. **DONOVAN**—On May 31, at 1 Evergreen Buildings, John Donovan. **O'SULLIVAN**—On June 4, at the North Infirmary, Cornelius O'Sullivan, of 105 Old Youghal Road. **SCRIVEN**—On June 3, at Inchmahon, Kilmartyra, Edmond Scriven, aged 88 years. **ODRISCOLL**—On June 4, at The Glen, Kinsale, Patrick O'Driscoll. **CURTIN**—On June 4, at Crossbarry, Upton, Norah (Nonia) Curtin. **O'SHEA**—On June 2, Mary Margaret (May) O'Shea, Ballintemple. **BARRY**—On June 2, at Main St., Midleton, Ellie Barry. **MURPHY**—On June 1, at Haulbowline, Michael Murphy.

Right Rev. Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, lately administered the sacrament of confirmation to a great number of children in Lixnaw. He complimented priests, teachers and people on the conditions he found existing in the parish.

Mrs. T. McEnery, of Roch street, Tralee, died June 2, deeply regretted. The remains were conveyed to St. John's church on Wednesday evening, and on following day, after solemn requiem mass, the funeral left for Killeigh cemetery, in Lixnaw, great numbers attending the funeral.

A fatal accident occurred lately near Caherilly. Edmond Heelan was assisting in placing a portion of the trunk of a tree on a car. The men were unequal to the task of placing the timber on the car, which, rolling off, fell on Heelan, crushing him beneath and killing him instantly. The others escaped unharmed. The deceased was 65 years of age.

Mrs. Lenihan, of Limerick City, widow of Mr. Maurice Lenihan, author of the "History of Limerick," died June 3. Mr. Lenihan was mayor of Limerick in the eighties, and owned the Limerick Reporter until his death, nine years ago.

The Limerick Leader of June 5 contained this item on emigration. During the past three months a very great number of young men and women left East Limerick for the United States. At Emily and Knocklong railway stations the platforms were crowded bi-weekly since the middle of March, up to last week. As many as twenty-five and thirty young men and women left single parishes. Nineteenth of those who have sought an exile home were encouraged by their friends in America to quit the old land, though numerous warnings were given time and again against the evils of emigration, yet this year has been a record one.

Rev. Eugene Sheehy, pastor of Bruce and Rockhill, was given a hearty welcome home from the United States on June 4. He had been in the United States nine years collecting funds for the erection of a new church in the parish. Addresses were presented by the United Irish League and the priests and people of the district. People were present from the surrounding parishes.

The death of Mr. Patrick Liston, of Park, Shanagolden, occurred May 24. He was over 80 years of age. The funeral to Glin was very largely attended.

TIPPERARY—The wedding of Mr. Jerome Molonghney, of Ballyknockans, and Miss Anastasia Dwyer, Irishtown, Clonmel, took place June 2, in St. Mary's church, Irishtown, at which Very Rev. Canon Flavin officiated. A man named Michael Ryan died recently in Clonmel hospital, aged 90 years, and the event recalls a dramatic and historic event in the middle of the last century. Ryan was a member of the Royal Irish constabulary in the troubled days of '48, when special commissions were held in Limerick, Ennis and Clonmel. In that year Ryan, then stationed at Killeash, on the slope of Slievenamon, arrested Harry Coady, who, with his brother, was tried at Clonmel Assizes for alleged murder; both were found guilty. On the day of execution a terrible scene was enacted in front of the old all of Clonmel. When Coady and his brother came out upon the scaffold, just as the executioner was about to put the rope around the necks of the prisoners, the elder, who was a very powerful man, recognized in the hangman a former associate, the man who had "informed" on them and led to their arrest. The elder Coady seized the hangman, and though he was plucked, was in the act of throwing him down on the bayonets of the police and soldiers underneath, when he was caught by the late Bishop Powers, then Father Powers, a curate at Clonmel, who had ministered to the spiritual wants of the prisoners. Several warders and police came to his assistance, and Coady was taken into a room, whence he was brought back handcuffed, and he and his brother were shortly afterward executed. Ryan enjoyed a pension from the government and from the Clonmel board of guardians, by whom he was employed as gate porter for twenty years.

WATERFORD—Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lismore, when administering the sacrament of confirmation in Dungarven recently, requested every person of influence to use that influence to discourage people from emigrating. He said it would be deplorable to have the natives now leave when industries of all kinds, as well as the great industry, agriculture, were going ahead, and thus leave the benefits to be derived therefrom to Englishmen, Scotchmen and others.

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ARMAGH—Sunday, May 31, an interesting hurling match was played on the Keady Recreation grounds between the Michael Dwyers and the Owen Roe 1st. When the final whistle sounded the Dwyers were the winners. M. P. J. Conroy referee the match.

CAVAN—The Killesandra Leaguers and the Castletarra Sarsfields played a good game of football on the grounds of the former May 31. Four hundred persons witnessed the contest. The Leaguers were victors. M. Fitzpatrick, Lower Drumlane, referee. Tuams: Leaguers—T. Eilly, P. Hart, J. Reilly, H. Reilly, J. Reilly, J. Phair, J. Crofty, J. Plunkett, J. McGahern, P. Gilroyan, T. Farley, F. McCabe, W. McClean, J. Donohoe, P. Gilligan, M. Brady, J. Magee. Sarsfields—John Brady, E. Brady, P. Brady, John Brady, John Conaty, Thomas Conaty, P. Fitzpatrick, Francis Fitzpatrick, James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Fitzpatrick, P. Donohoe, P. O'Haire, J. Kelly, E. Kelly, Bernard McCabe, P. Brogan, Peter Smith.

DERRY—Mrs. Matilda McNulty, of 2 Henry street, Derry, May 31, deeply regretted. The funeral to the City Cemetery was numerously attended.

On June 1 passed away at his mother's residence, Mayagall Lower Derry, the Rev. Anthony Innes, late of Maynooth College, after a lingering illness as a student and a priest. Father Innes was of great promise, and his career was marred by an illness even as the severe trial of his long sickness was attended by him with exemplary submission to the will of God. He died, surrounded by his sorrowing relations, after having received the last sacraments from the Rev. Peter O'Kane. On Wednesday his remains were laid to rest in Lavey Churchyard, after solemn requiem mass and office in St. Mary's church.

DONEGAL—Miss Mary Anne Flood, of the Heineys, near Donegal, died May 30, aged 30 years. She came of one of the oldest and most respected stocks of people living in Inverness, on the other, Mr. Francis Flood, succeeded his father as a member of the old board of guardians, having resigned only a few months ago through failing health. Her nephew, Mr. Christopher Sturdy is the master of the Donegal workhouse.

Among the Fintown notes in the Derry People, June 1, was the following good and patriotic comment: "The British redcoats are in Fintown now. They have a tent erected in a field between the station and Ballynamore, on the lookout for recruits to do the dirty work. In the vain effort to decoy the Irish youth of the district they actually are flying the Irish flag on their canvas den. Through here for a considerable time, they have got only one victim, and he does not belong to the district. The young men of Fintown are too sensible and patriotic to sell themselves and their country for the bloodstained Saxon shilling. May they continue to be so. May they continue to shun the British tent as they shun the charnel house, for a charnel house it is in very truth."

DOWN—A semi-final contest in the County Down championship for hurling, under the rules of the Gaelic Athletic Association, was played at Drumroe, Killybeg, recently, before a great number of spectators. The teams were the Lamb Dears and the Hearts of Down. It was a great contest. The Lamb Dears team won. Mr. Breen, Killybeg, was referee.

FERMAGH—The Jonesboro and Dromintree branch of the U. I. L. met May 24 in Dernaun, and among those who attended were James McGuill, president; M. McQuade, treasurer; O. McEntegart, B. Morgan, Tom Flanagan, J. Kelly, J. McNally, O. McShane, H. Dunn, J. Jordan, J. White and J. O'Hare, honorable secretary.

MONAGHAN—The result of the second year's annual examinations at the King's Inns were published lately. The first prize in the senior year was awarded to Mr. James Murraghan, son of Mr. Murraghan, M. P.

Mrs. Philip Kiernan, Menaghish, died May 30. The funeral was very largely attended. The chief mourners were: Philip Kiernan, Michael Kiernan and Andrew Kiernan, sons of deceased; Owen McEntee and Edward McMeel, sons-in-law, and Miss Alice Kiernan, Mrs. McEntee and Mrs. McMeel, daughters.

TYRONE—A concert was held in the M'Neese Memorial Hall, Stewartstown, May 29, in support of the Stewartstown Co-operative and Industrial Society under the presidency of the Rev. P. Quinn. The hall was recently erected, at the cost of several hundred pounds, and was granted for the occasion by the Rev. John Scott, B. A. The concert was one of the most successful ever held in the town.

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ARMAGH—Sunday, May 31, an interesting hurling match was played on the Keady Recreation grounds between the Michael Dwyers and the Owen Roe 1st. When the final whistle sounded the Dwyers were the winners. M. P. J. Conroy referee the match.

CAVAN—The Killesandra Leaguers and the Castletarra Sarsfields played a good game of football on the grounds of the former May 31. Four hundred persons witnessed the contest. The Leaguers were victors. M. Fitzpatrick, Lower Drumlane, referee. Tuams: Leaguers—T. Eilly, P. Hart, J. Reilly, H. Reilly, J. Reilly, J. Phair, J. Crofty, J. Plunkett, J. McGahern, P. Gilroyan, T. Farley, F. McCabe, W. McClean, J. Donohoe, P. Gilligan, M. Brady, J. Magee. Sarsfields—John Brady, E. Brady, P. Brady, John Brady, John Conaty, Thomas Conaty, P. Fitzpatrick, Francis Fitzpatrick, James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Fitzpatrick, P. Donohoe, P. O'Haire, J. Kelly, E. Kelly, Bernard McCabe, P. Brogan, Peter Smith.

DERRY—Mrs. Matilda McNulty, of 2 Henry street, Derry, May 31, deeply regretted. The funeral to the City Cemetery was numerously attended.

On June 1 passed away at his mother's residence, Mayagall Lower Derry, the Rev. Anthony Innes, late of Maynooth College, after a lingering illness as a student and a priest. Father Innes was of great promise, and his career was marred by an illness even as the severe trial of his long sickness was attended by him with exemplary submission to the will of God. He died, surrounded by his sorrowing relations, after having received the last sacraments from the Rev. Peter O'Kane. On Wednesday his remains were laid to rest in Lavey Churchyard, after solemn requiem mass and office in St. Mary's church.