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—Mr. James O'Halloran, Dublin Road, Tuam, died June 12, rather suddenly. For many years he had been caretaker of the club. He was in the Corpus Christi procession that went round the Cathedral on that festival. Father John McDermott officiated at the funeral.

A decree arrived from Rome on June 12 announcing that the Pope had appointed the Very Rev. Thomas O'Dea, D. D., vice president Maynooth College, Bishop of Clonfert, in succession to the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, translated to the Archdiocese of Tuam.

While workmen were pulling down portion of an old building on the property of Mr. Martin J. Hynes, at St. Augustine street, Galway, lately, they found built over an oaken crossbeam an unusual structure, and a carpenter named Clarke ripped up this structure, and to his great surprise found within a splendid sword of foreign manufacture and of very antiquated design. Mr. Hynes had the blade and hilt burnished, when it was found that the latter was of metal resembling gold. The blade is either Toledo or Damascus steel, and is as pliable as an ash plant. Mr Hynes would not part with it for any consideration. Several persons have called to see the sword, and all are of opinion that it must have been the property of some of the nobles of spain, who made Galway a center for their commercial enterprise and the old building in which it was found dates back many centuries, and was one of these old mansions occupied in those days by the merchants of Spain.

Dr. Conroy, the medical officer of the Spiddal district, died June 9, in Galway Fever hospital. He took typhus fever while in the discharge of his duty. In Galway city the greatest regret was manifested at so untimely a close of a life of much promise, and the circumstances of his death made the funeral one of the largest and most representative manifestations of grief witnessed in Galway. Large numbers of people came some fifty miles as a proof of the regard in which he was held. After high mass at the Pro-Cathedral the funeral procession started for Prospect Hill cemetery.

The annual general meeting of the City of Galway Technical Institute for the purpose of distributing prizes to pupils and giving a statement of work of the institution during the past twelve months was held at the institute, Dominick street, lately. The institute is worked by a committee, of which the Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack is chairman; J. O'Donohoe, vice chairman, and the comm tee includes Very Rev. J. Craddock, Very Rev. P. Dooley, Very Rev. J. Greaven, Rev. Dr. Clarke, J. Perry, C. E.; W. N. Binns, C. E.; R. F. Mullery, T. Murray, J. Kelly, J. Redington, T. Dennison and the following members of the Urban Council: M. Cunningham, M. J. Cooke, M. J. Crowley, J. Curran, J. Connolly, M. J. Duffy, J. Egan, W. Gardiner, N. Grealy, T. Grealy, F. Hardiman, W. Hurney, J. J. Kearns, F. Lydon, D. Lydon, B. Lydon, J. J. Laine, M. M. A. Murphy, M. McDonough, T. Walsh and M. Walsh.

LEITRIM—Sir Gilbert and Lady King gave an "at home" at their picturesque residence at Drumsna June 12. The grounds looked their best, being clothed with all and every beauty of the summer garb. Earl Dudley Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, drove over from Rockingham House, Boyle, and remained a long time.

MAYO—Office and high mass were held in St. Mary's church Ballyhaunis June 17, for the repose of the soul of Miss Mary E. Keane, of Upper Main street, Ballyhaunis, Rev. John Greally celebrant; Rev. J. Brady, O. S. A., deacon; Rev. E. T. Walsh, sub-deacon. The last prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. John Greally. The funeral to the new cemetery was large and representative.

ROSCOMMON—There has just been completed in Roscommon to the order of the Sisters of Mercy of the Convent a fine range of buildings, in which to give the pupils a practical training in technical subjects. The schools cost several thousand pounds and have taken four years to finish. The length is 183 feet and the height 75 feet. On each of the three floors there is a school room, the full length of the schools, divided in the centre by folding doors and in addition, there are a number of class rooms. The building is well lighted, there being 87 large windows. Artificial light is by electricity, and hot water pipes run through the apartments.

The solemn requiem service for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. Martin Nash, Kanespark, Frenchpark, church, May 28, in presence of a large congregation.

SLIGO—On June 10, in Clarendon street chapel, Dublin, by Rev. Canon Harte, adm. Sligo, were married Mai[illegible] Quinn, of Knox street, Sligo, and Winifred, eldest daughter of the late Michael McGoldrick, Sligo.

A practical speech was delivered in the House of Commons June 17 by Mr. John O'Dowd, M. P., for South Sligo. In supporting the amendment of Mr. Redmond he severely critised the nonpossumus attitude of the chief secretary, which, he said, would raise doubts in the minds of the Irish tenant farmers as to his sincerity in his expressed desire to settle the land question. The Irish members were anxious to bring the agrarian war to an end, and to devote their energies to social reform and industrial development of the country.—Sligo Champion.

The address presented to the Hon. Bourke Cockran by the people of his native place, Ballinacarron, is a splendid example of Celtic ornomentation. The design is modeled after the borders in the Book of Kells, in which birds and animals are nterwoven n a most ntricate manner.

Munster

CLARE.—Mr. Thomas McNamara Clonmoher, Bodyke, died June 6 aged 45 years, deeply regretted. During the Land League war he was a great fighter against landlord oppression In 1882 500 soldiers and 300 police were called out to evict him. His funeral, which took place on June 8, from the Bodyke Chapel to Kilnoe cemetery, was very large and representative and testified to the popularity of the deceased. The memory of men like McNamara and his brother, who died about two years ago, after a life spsnt in sacrifice and suffering for the cause of his country, will be remembered in Bodyke and Clare for ever.

CORK.—The first meeting of the delegates elected by the Clerical Managers' Association, in the dioceses of the Province of Munster, to form a Provincial Clerical Managers' Association, was held on June 17, at the Royal Hotel, Mallow.

The Cork Examiner, June 1, contained the following. "Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, the distinguished American singer, has accepted the invitation of the members of the Skibbereen St. Vincent de Paul Society, and will give a song recital in the Town Hall on ednesday next. Mr. O'Sullivan's father, the late Mr. C. D. O'Sullivan, of San Francisco, was a native of Castlehaven, Skibbereen, and during his lifetime he forwarded many substantial donations for the urpose of relieving the wants of the poor of his native district. His intelligence and business capacity helped him in amassing great wealth in his adopted home in San Francisco. His purse strings were always ope, and he subscribed liberally to the cause of charity in Skibbereen. It is with the object of perpetuating this link that his talented son, Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, comes to Skibbereen and lends his services in order that by his efforts he might assist the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in successfully carrying into effect the objects for which the society was formed."

SUNDAY, June 14, was the fiftieth year of the establishment of the Presentation Nuns in Mitchelstown, and was marked by a series of observances befitting the Golden Jubilee of the introduction of an order. The order was introduced fifty years ago by the Very Rev. Dean Morgan O'Brien, arish priest. It is interesting to note that the original founders of the community came from Doneraile, and of these one is alive, Mother Xavier, who has now reached a venerable ago. Another was Mother Tuite, who was the daughter of a Protestant clergyman in the West Indies and became a convert. The opening ceremony consisted of a procession of the Blessed Sacrament within the convent grounds. The music was rendered by the nuns of the convent choir. The sisters of the order, the children of the schools, the Children of Mary, and other sodalities in the parish participated, and the scene was one that will not be forgotten.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—MURPHY—On June 13, 168 Evergreen road, John (Joe) Murphy. BURKE—June 13, at Killemnee, Cahir, Samuel Burke, fourth son of the late Samuel Burke, aged 42 years. KELLY—On June 16, at Garryyard, Ballinhassig, Patrick Kelly. CORCORAN—On June 15, at Knockshanavee, Farnanes, Crookstown Jules Corcoran. DESMOND—At North Main street, Bandon, Patrick Desmond, late of Gurteen, at an advanced age. RUSSELL—At Whitegate, June 16, Michael Russell, aged 90 years. O'SULLIVAN—On June 17, at Berwick House, Blackpool, Cork, Denis O'Sullivan, car proprietor. DONOGHUE—On June 17, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Wellington road, Mary Ellen Donoghue, of 241 Blarney street. CURRAN—On June 11, at Ballincurrig Villa, Douglas road, Cork, William Henry Clery, of Ashton Grove. BUCKLEY—On June 11, at the Convent of Mercy, Killarney, in her 40th year, and twentieth of her religious life, Kate, in religion Sister Rose, daughter of Mr. P. Buckley, Carrigacooleen, Mill street. DALY—At 19 Adelaide street, June 12, Michael Daly, aged 50 years. Barry—June 14 at Rosscarberry, James Barry. HORGAN—Sunday, June 14, Denis Horgan Shanballyshane, Kilnamartyra. CANTILLON—On June 14, at 116 Evergreen street, Julia Cantillon. AHERN—At Droumatimore, Aghabullogue, on June 18, John Ahern, aged 76 years. KERRY—The obsequies of Sister Rose of the Mercy Convent, Killarney, who died on Corpus Christi, took place on June 13, amid every mark of profound sorrow The deceased lady, who was 40 years of age, was received into the order twenty years ago She was daughter of Mr Patrick Buckley, Carrigacoleen, Millstreet.

LIMERICK—Rev. J. A. Hartnett, of Mobert, Murroe, was received in audience lately by the Pope Father Hartnett is rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Baltimore, Maryland, and is a member of the Lazarist Order.

A procession of the members of the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception took place on June 11 from the church in Glin through the town, which was tastefully decorated. The Rev. Father Nicolls, conducting a seven days' retreat, headed the procession, the members of which recited the rosary and sang hymns. The boys and girls of the Glin District schools took part in the ceremonies, the band of the institution contributing sacred music The Blessed Sacrament, borne by Father Conway, passed the people uncovered and knelt down in the streets.

Mr. Charles O'Connor, Athlunkard, St. Limerick, died June 5, at the early age of 32 years, deeply mourned The remains were conveyed to St. Mary's church on Saturday evening, from where the funeral took place for Mount St. Lawrance's cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Thomas Ormond, carrier for Mr. Reilly, baker and flour merchant, of The Nire, Ballymacurbery, was returning June 9, from Clonmel, with a load of goods When passing a place called the Beehive, he met with an accident which resulted fatally. He was sitting on the load when a cask overbalanced the car. He made an attempt to right it, and in the act fell on the ground, and the wheel of the car passed over him He did not feel severely hurt, and continued on his way and delivered his goods Later on he began to suffer internallyMedical and spiritual aid were requested, and he died at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. An inquest was held on Monday, and a verdict of death resulting from injuries accidentally received was returned. The deceased was 28 years of age.

WATERFORD.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie will visit the city of Waterford some time in October, coming to lay the foundation stone of the new public library, to which he contributed $25,000.

On June 14 the annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place in the grounds attached to the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank, and was witnessed by a large number of the citizens. The processionists included the children of the schools, the pupils of the convent, and the members of the confraternities attached to the Chapel of Ease.

Leinster

CARLOW.—On the evenings of June 1 and 2 intelligent and appreciative audiences assembled in the Court house, Bagnalstown, to hear a lecture from the Very Rev. Father Thomas O S. F. C., president of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society, Cork and originator of the Father Mathew pavilion, Cork Exibhition, on the life of the Very Rev. Theobold Mathew, O S. F. C. The lecture was illustrated by a magnificent series of views, principally connected with the life of the Great Apostle of Temperance. The Very Rev. Monsignor Burke, presided.

The Irish Draper of recent date contained the following: "Recent industrial events in the pleasnt little centre on the Barrow would indicate that Carlow is about to sever itself from what is known as "the typical Irish town. In other words, it is fast departing from that evil system responsible for so many loungers in the village square and for the departure of crowds of our girls to swell the overcrowded human markets of America. In striking out for industrial work, Carlow is leaving unhealthy labor conditions behind. Realising the necessity for organised effort, the leading men of the town, representing all classes and creeds, formed some months ago an industrial committee. Particular mention should be made of the efforts in this direction of the Carlow Nationalist, in the person of its able editor, Mr. Conlan. In co-operation with this effort, the technical department sent down trade experts with the view of the establishing of industries. A hosiery factory, which gives employment to thirty girls has been started by Michael Molloy, a prominent merchant and member of the Urban District Council. A representative of the Irish Draper visited the factory, situated in Tullow street. Though only in operation since March, the visitor was shown excellent specimens of hose, of all grades and qualities, turned out by the girls at the knitting machines. In the knitting of underwear many girl students, at work under the experienced eye of a lady superintendent engaged from across the channel, was making rapid progress In conversation with the proprietor our representative was told that he contemplated the purchase of many more machines. Learning that a boot factory was being constructed in Castle street by Mr. Michael Governey, chairman of the Urban District Council, and a large manufacturer of mineral waters, the visitors departed on a fresh industrial quest. Mr. Governey, who believes in the policy of "thorough," has built new premises for his boot factory. The latest and most improved machinery is to be placed in position under the supervision of a competent manager. When our representative was told of the rush for a vacancy, even of the very humblest description, in the town, he grasped the importance of such projects as are now about to materialize under the capable hands of Mr. Governey. Later on, in conversation with Mr. N. Roche, a leading draper and bicycle agent of Dublin street, the visitor was made acquainted with the fact that he, Mr. Roche, had laid plans for the founding of a shirt factory. It is difficult to estimate the industrial possibilities which this initiative on the part of Carlow is likely to open up for many an Irish town in which the dry rot of commercial decay is at work. With the hum of machinery and the rising of smoke from factory chimneys there will come brighter and more modern conditions of toil into the midst of our rural centers."

DUBLIN—Lord Iveagh has offered $170,000 to the faculty of Trinity College, Dublin, to erect and equip new departments of experimental science on condition that a sum, which shall produce $10,000 per annum, to pay working expenses, be first obtained.

Recents Deaths in Dublin.—MESSITT—June 17, at 24 Moore street, James Messitt, formerly of Dundrum. MURPHY—June 17, at No. 8 Claddagh terrace, Bray, Jane Murphy, of Cuil-na-Greina, Merrion, widow of the late Patrick John Murphy, aged 72 years. RYAN—June 16, at 8 Queen street, Catherine Ryan. WHYTE—June 15, at Sutton, Robert Whyte, of 1 North Frederick street and Bloomfilla, Drumcondra. DONNELLY—June 16th, 58 Innisfallen Parade, Jane Donnelly, aged 30 years. FEELY—June 15, at 6 Gardiners row, Booterstown, Mrs. M. M. J. Feely. KENNA—June 17, at 2 School street, late of 50 Patrick st., Patrick Kenna, Kilkeen, Queen's county. PERRY—June 17, at Killininney, Tallaght, Myles Perry. STAUNTON—June 17, at 9 Old Kilmainham, Elizabeth Staunton. GREENE—June 15, at 11 Upper Gardiner street, Charlotte Greene. DALY—June 14, Mrs. Bridget Daly, relict of Mr. Patrick Daly, Collinstown, Westmeth. O'REILLY—June 15, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Garrett O'Reilly, late of Kingston. KEOGH—June 16, at Sir Patrick Dun's hospital, Margaret Keogh, daughter of the late Thomas Lawlor, Green Hills, Tallaght. BYRNE—June 18, at 44 Cuffe street, Edward Byrne, aged 29. BYRNE—June 15, at 47 Shelbourne road, Ballsbridge, Dudley James Byrne formerly of Kilmurray, County Wicklow. KELLY—June 16, at 18 Summer Hill, Anne Kelly, of Enniskerry, aged 84 years. McGRANE—June 15, at 78 Lower Gloucester street, Margaret McGrane. GIFFNEY—At White Hall Lodge, Rathfarnham, Patrick Giffney aged 33 years. MAHER—June 13, at No. 1 Hawthorn terrace, Tyrconnell road, Inchicore, Ester Maher. D'ARCY—June 18, at 19 Nottingham street, Martin D'Arcy.

KILDARE—Mr. Denis Kilbride M. P., for South Kildare, took his seat in the House of Commons June 15. He was received with cheers from the Irish party. When the Land Bill was being discussed he took part in it.

Miss Mary Cooney, daughter of the late Mr. Nicholas Cooney, Fontstown, died June 7. Deceased, who was only 19 years of age, died at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Ryan, Ballinadrum, Athy, after an illness of only three weeks' duration. On Tuesday the interment took place in Nurney, after an office in Kilmeade church.

KILKENNY—Miss Anne Prendergast, of Nicholastown, Piltown, died June 5, aged 56 years. The funeral to Carrick-on-Suir was very numerously attended.

The annual procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi was held in Urlingford, under the directions of Fathers Brennan and Bowe. The weather was beautifully fine and great numbers attended.

Mrs. James Freyne, Kilbride, near Glenmore, died June 15, aged 79 years. Her funeral to the local cemetery was very numerously attended. The office and high mass were held at Glenmore. The celebrant was Rev. F. Freyne (son) Clara, Kilkenny; deacon, Rev. P. Freyne (son) Ferrybank; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Mullins, Windgap; master of ceremonies, Rev. W. Walsh, Glenmore; Rev. Canon P. Phelan presided. The chanters were Rev. T. Ryan (Gowran) and Rev. J. Murphy (Mooncoin).

The funeral of the late Mr. Michael Brennan, Crosspatrick, Johnstown, took place May 21 to Urlingford, and was very largely attended. There were in the cortege representatives from three counties, and two hundred vehicles.

KING'S—Father Gilsenan gave a lecture in the Young Men's Society Hall, Tullamore, June 14, "On the Physical and Chemical Qualities of Air," to a very large and appreciative audience. The lecture was illustrated by experiments and lime-light views given by Father Fitzsimons, Tullamore

LONGFORD—The annual meeting of the Longford Rural District Council was held on June 6, and Mr. P. Murphy was unanimously re-elected chairman. Mr. T. Jennings re-elected vice-chairman, Mr. James O'Neill re-elected chairman, and Mr. Peter Igoe vice-chairman, and Mr. M. Kiernan, deputy vice chairman of the Lonkford Board of Guardians.

LOUTH—On the evening of June 15 one of the coppers in Macardle, Moore & Co.'s brewery, Dundalk, exploded, smashing the large four-story house to atoms. Eight or nine men were working at the time, but all escaped with slight injuries. The large copper, weighing three tons, which was filled with worts, was blown through the roof, carried over a chimney 120 feet and deposited 400 feet from the scene of the explosion. All the surrounding buildings were wrecked, and the extensive machinery of the copper house twisted and useless. Six men were treated in the Louth hospital for injuries received in the fall of the building, but only two were detained. Their names are J. Hodgenson and Patrick Byrne, and their wounds are mainly scalp lacerations

A most enjoyable ceilidh in connection with the Drogheda Branch of the Gaelic League took place in the Mayoralty rooms on June 7. The president, Rev. Father Finnegan, presided. Over one hundred Gaelic Leaguers were present When the cloth was removed the amusements began, commencing with Irish dancing to the music of Irish pipes by Mr. Patrick Ward. The program consisted of Irish dancink, which included an eight-hand reel by pupils of the Convent of Mercy; next came a hornpipe by Miss Eva Eustace, from the Presentation Convent School, Fair street; then a jig by Masters W. Brannigan and Hugh McNamara. Mr Lynch sang "Jimmy, 'mo mile astore." Recitations were given by Miss Eustace and Miss Nolan. Mr. Thomas Owens, of one of the Dublin branches, gave a specimen of traditional Irish dance.

MEATH—The annual meeting prescribed by statute for the election of chairman of the Council for the ensuing year was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Navan, June 15 Mr. J. Sweetman, chairman, presided. Also present: Messrs. W. Curry, J. Clarke, F. Gilsenan, P. Boyle, J. R. Drew, T. Malone, P. T. Steen, J. Tuite, J. McMahon, J. Martin, T. McIvor, E. Kelly, J. Spicer, L. Ward, P. J. Dunne, J. P.; C. McCormack, James Gibney, M. McGarry, James Gannon, E. Conlan, C. Geraghty, Michael McKenna, F. Gannon, Major Farrell. Mr. Sweetman was re-elected unanimously.

Mr. James O'Brien, aged 72 years, died suddenly from heart disease at his home in Caucestown, Athboy, County Meath, Ireland, June 2. He was of an old and highly respected family. He leaves five sons, Eugene, James and Michael, who live in their native county; John, who lives in New York city, and Patrick, in Holyoke, Mass. The funeral was held from St. James' church, Athboy, and was one of the largest seen in many years. It was attended by people from all over the county. Upward of 400 cars and larger numbers of people on foot followed the body to the grave.

QUEEN'S—Mrs. Costelloe, Orchard, died June 6, deeply regretted. The deceased was (with the exception of one brother, the late L. Redmond, Tralee) the only member of an old and respected Leighlin family who remained in the old country, the others having emigrated to the United States. The funeral took place to the family burial ground Ballinabrana, and was largely attended.

WESTMEATH—Mr. S. Wallis, for twenty-five years proprietor of the Westmeath Guardian, died June 14, at his residence, Earl street, Mullingar, aged 69 years.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Flood, Ballynacargy, took place to Templeoross cemetery and was very numerously attended. Fathers Duff and Gilsinan officiated at the interment. At a special meeting of the Ballynacargy Branch U. I. L., the following was unanimously adopted: "That we, the members of the Balynacargy Branch of the U. I. L. express our deepest sympathy with our esteemed and patriotic secretary, Mr. Daniel Flood, County C., in the heavy sorrow which has fallen on him in the death of his beloved wife, and we unite with all his other friends in praying that the same Providence who sent the burden may lighten its weight on him." That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Flood.

WEXFORD—Mrs. Michael Browne, of Clonroche, died June 4, aged 41 years, deeply regretted.

William Walsh, son of John Walsh, 116 Faythe, Wexford, died May 12, near Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

WICKLOW—Mr. William Davitt Kehoe, of Oldcourt, Blessington, died June 4, deeply regretted. In the Land League days he was the first to enter the field against lanlord aggression and with the result that the determination and grit he displayed averted extermination and established good relations between the Marquis of Downshire and his tenants. By the late agent, Mr. Arthur McClintock, Mr. Keogh was evicted, but the whole country assembled and erected a residence, and on the occasion he was unanimously re-christened Michael Davitt instead of Michael Keogh.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—Two boys, aged 8 and 6 years, children of Mr. William McNee, farmer, of Gortnee, near Dunluce Castle, in the Bushmills district, were killed Jun 6, by a tram car on the Giant's Causeway, Portrush and Bushmills line.

ARMAGH.—A fatality took place June 16, at Ballyherridan Hill, a short distance from Armagh. Two sisters Sarah and Cecilia Bennett, aged nineteen and twenty years and belonging to Belleek, were proceeding to the market They got a lift in a cart belonging to a farmer named Menary, of Armaghbrague, driven by Peter Rocks When coming down Ballyherridan Hill, Rocks, it appears was leading the horse and, from some cause unknown, the animal got frightened and bolted. Both girls were thrown out. The younger sister's head struck the ground with terrible force, and her skull was fractured She died soon afterward. The elder sister was dragged for a considerable distance by the runaway, but with the exception of a few bruises, sustained little injury The priest and doctor were sent for with all possible dispatch, and Rev Joseph Brady, Armagh, and Dr. Kerr, Armagh, were on the scene and rendered all the assistance they could

CAVAN.—A machine knitting industry has been established in Cavan. On July 9, the Breffin Co-operative Hosiery Factory, Limited, commenced business in fine premises on Main street, with ten machines.

DERRY.—The ceremony of blessing the granite cross to surmount the spire of St. Eugene's Cathedral, now nearing completion, took place June 9 There was a very large attendance and the fact that the blessing took place on the fest day of St. Columba made the event of great interest. The cross was temporarily erected at the eastern door of the church, where the blessing took place. A procession was formed from the sacristy, consisting of the bishop, in cope and mitre, the priests of St. Eugene's and acolytes and the ceremony was then gone through. The cross is of Newry granite, and will be one of the finest yet erected on an Irish ecclesiastical edifice The spire rises to the height of 256 feet, and this splendid cross will be the culminating triumph of a work which shall redound to the credit of the Catholics of Columba's city of this generation, and to a testimony of the zeal of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty bishop of Derry.

A discovery has just been made in a bog in the Claudy district. Men were digging in the bog in Lettermuck when they came upon the body of a man dressed in the clothing of seventy years ago—tall hat, yellow breeches, low shoes, and wearing one of the old-fashioned verge" watches. Even the gloves upon the hands were intact The body has been identified as that of an excise officer who disappeared in the district seventy years ago At that time paper manufacture was carried on at the mills on the banks of the River Faughan, now occupied by Messrs. Irwin & Son. The duty on paper was very high and the temptation of the manufacturers to smuggle paper out of the mill correspondingly great Two brothers named Matthewson, who carried on the paper mills, were considered by the British excise authorities to be experts in this work, and it was arranged that a double staff of two gaugers should be placed on duty at the Faughan Mills, one of whom was to be constantly on the premises. One afternoon the gauger off duty went for a walk, and from that date nothing was heard of him. The brothers Matthewson were arrested, and twice stood their trials for murder, but there was no conviction. The body now found was discovered six inches under the turf It has not yet been ascertained whether an expert examination of the remains can possibly show the cause of death.

DONEGAL—George McIntyre, of Carrickbreeny, near Bridgetown and Ballentra, was found drowned in the river near his home June 13. He was cutting down a tree at the place where he was found.

DOWN.—The Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland has organized a series of motor speed trials and hill-climbing competitions at Castlewellan. It is proposed by the authorities to draft 800 police from different parts of Ireland for duty on the occasion of the hill-climbing contest at Castlewellan, and it is contemplated that of this number 350 will be lodged in Downpatrick, and the remainder at Castlewellan, Dundrum, Annsborough and Clough.

FERMANAGH.—A Nationalist demonstration took place on June 12, at Derrylin, South Fermanagh, under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League. From the surrounding districts came large numbers, each group having its band.

MONAGHAN.—The United Irish League and Gaelic League, continue to increase their branches every week, and the county has given substantial assistance to both movements for the improvement of the people of Ireland.

TYRONE.—The scaffolding being now almost completed, the erection of the second spire, dedicated to St. Patrick, of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Omagh, will be proceeded with at once.

On June 14 Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, assisted by the Right Rev. Monsignor McNamee, and the Rev. J. J. McGlade, performed the solemn ceremony in connection with the opening of the Catholic portion of the new cemetery and the new chapel connected with it in Omagh.