

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.—Father O'Laughlin presided at a meeting held in Killreede June 24, when a good branch of the Gaelic League was founded. Mr. O'Hourihane, league organizer, delivered a stirring address in the native language.

LEITRIM.—On June 22 the Very Rev. Canon Donohue left the Presbytery, Mohill, to spend his annual holidays at Bray, in County Wicklow.

Johnston's Hotel, Ballinamore, was lately purchased at auction by Mr. James A. Kiernan, solicitor, of that town, for six thousand dollars.

AYO.—Rev. P. Lyons, canon of Castlebar, has left for a short holiday.

At a solemn closing ceremonies of the retreat given by Father Langley, O. P., in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar, on June 21, the spacious church was thronged to its limits. The closing sermon was most impressive, after which he expressed his pleasure at the edifying manner in which the people of Castlebar attended the retreat.

ROSCOMMON.—The death of Mr. Michael Hussey, Castlebar, took place lately at the early age of 55 years, deeply regretted. After solemn mass the interment took place in the local cemetery.

The remains of the late Mr. Samuel Cox Frenchpark, were taken to the parish church, June 22, where they reposed during the night. Next morning at nine o'clock mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Keane, in the presence of a large congregation. The remains were removed at 12:30 p. m. for interment in Cloonshanville Abbey, a representative cottage following.

Mr. Thomas Collins, Carrowwillikeen, Curry, died June 16, aged 70 years, deeply regretted. The funeral to Drumskilleen was very largely attended.

Munster

CLARE.—Right Rev. Dr. MacRonnald, Bishop of Killaloe, on Sunday, June 21 administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to three hundred children in the parish church of Killaloe. He expressed the hope that the priests in Killaloe, Bridgetown and Garrynboy would found branches of the Anti-Treating Society in their districts. The bishop had been Administrator of Killaloe parish for years.

The funeral of Mr. Edward Clancy, of Burton street, Kilrush, took place on June 23, after Office and High Mass in the parish church. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Clancy, mother; Messrs. Stephen and Michael Clancy, brothers. The clergymen present were: Very Rev. Dr. S. Malone, Rev. P. Hogan, Rev. J. Hannon, Rev. J. Ryan. Deceased was in Customs Department, and was home on holiday when he died.

CORK.—The largest and most complete working exhibit at present Cork Exhibition is that of Dennehy's in the Machinery Hall, where the process of the manufacture of felt hats from the raw material is shown. The manufacture of straw hats from straw imported from China and Japan is also carried on, as well as the manufacture of silk hats and caps. The firm of Dennehy & Sons was established thirty years ago by its present head, Mr. W. Dennehy, who is a practical worker, and who has caused the members of his family to take up the various branches of hat manufacture, so that the business is under the control of men who thoroughly understand every thing connected with it. To this, and to the strict attention given to the business may be attributed the great expansion of the firm. It has received many distinctions for their manufactures, including medals at the Cork and Dublin Exhibitions twenty years ago. The good are in great demand over Ireland, and are able to hold their own against foreign competition.

The death of Rev. T. M. O'Callaghan of Rathmore, which happened in Ballypotton June 25, caused great regret in County Cork. The remains were conveyed by road June 26 to Rathmore church, where they rested until following morning, when Office and High Mass were held for the repose of his soul, after which the interment took place in the cemetery attached to the church.

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The death of Sister M. De Ghanter occurred at the Mercy Convent, Ballenagade, Tralee, June 19. Deceased was daughter of the late Mr. T. O'Flaherty, Ardferret, had been scarcely six years attached to the community. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Very Rev. T. Carmody, dean of Kerry.

LIMERICK.—Potato gardens in West Limerick and the adjoining Kerry districts present the appearance of blight in consequence of severe frost to which they have been recently subjected. Some gardens escaped, but in most instances the stalks which had been flourishing a week ago are burnt and limp.

Mr. James Moloney, Edward street, Limerick, died June 24. His death was unexpected, and deeply regretted. He was a prominent member of the Gaelic League, and took pleasure in doing artistic work in Irish. Nearly all Irish lettering and scroll work in Limerick is from his hand, the title of the Gaelic League, Limerick Branch, seen in Carfield street, the name over Alderman Daly's shop in William street, the street name plates, etc. In the Gaelic League he was a strong advocate of the Industrial Revival and lost no opportunity of urging it upon others. His remains were taken to St. Michael's church and the funeral left for Mt. St. Lawrence cemetery June 26. Great numbers attended the interment.

The Cork Examiner of June 23 stated that "Quite a sensation has been caused in Croom during the past few weeks in consequence of the numerous accidents in the district. The first reported was a man who took some poisonous lotion in mistake for medicine. He was conveyed to the hospital, where treatment resulted in his recovery. The next case was that of a man who drank liniment in mistake for internal medicine. He was treated successfully at the Croom hospital. The next was a serious car accident, the victim being Dr. Norris Browning, Carraig Court, who was driving in a high trap to Bruere, when a donkey and cart upset his horse and himself, breaking some of his ribs. The next and most serious accident occurred on Sunday to a party consisting of Miss Mary Cavanagh, Croom, and her sister, Miss Bridget Cavanagh, and Miss O'Brien, and a young man named Farrell. They hired a car from Mr. McCarthy, Croom Hotel, and drove by Adare to Ballingarry, where, coming down a steep hill, a strap broke, and the horse took fright, with the result that all the occupants were pitched to the ground. They were conveyed to the residence of Father Ryan, where medical aid was summoned. Miss M. Cavanagh was dangerously cut over the eye and her face much bruised, while the driver, Farrell, was much crushed.

TIPPERARY.—The Hon. J. D. Ryan, of Newfoundland, is in Ireland just now, visiting his native place, Kedra. He dropped in to see the men who run the Nationalist in Clonmel, and had an old time chat with the "boys."

Rev. William Stewart of the Hotel, Cashel, was ordained priest in the College, Thurles, June 21.

Mr. Andrew O'Grady, Hotel, Cashel, was married to Miss Margaret Armstrong, of Ballagh, Good's Cross, Cashel, June 16, in the Church of Clonoulty. Rev. D. W. O'Brien, Pethard, uncle to the bride, officiated.

Among the deaths recently reported in Tipperary were these: Mr. Henry Banks, of Lahorna, aged 74 years, on June 22; Mrs. James Banks, of 1903, Hepokane, on June 20; Miss Helen Kennedy, of Striffield, on June 16, interment in the ancient cemetery of Tabrid.

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