

# 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**—Robert McDonald, station master of Moycullen, died June 16, aged 57 years, deeply regretted.

Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, dedicated the new Church of Saint Brendan, in Annaghdown, July 12. The edifice stands on an eminence on the eastern shore of Lough Corrib, close to the ruins of Saint Briga's Convent. Most Rev. Dr. Healy preached an eloquent sermon on the life and glorious labors of the great religious and navigator.

The Galway Pilot of July 1 stated that the old Irish convival gathering known as "pattens" was carried out in two places in Arran Islands this week. The weather was very fine; they had pipers from Galway. There was a great gathering of the islanders, Irish songs, Irish dances, recitations, stories and speeches in the native language were the order of the day, and the people greatly enjoyed the amusement.

Mrs. Marian Glynn died July 6, deeply and widely regretted. Solemn Requiem High Mass was solemnized on July 8. Celebrant Rev. Father Sweeney, Gort; deacon, Rev. Father Griffin, Gort; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Clune, Beagh; master of ceremonies, Father O'Farrell, Killecany. In the choir were Very Rev. Dr. Fahy, Rev. Father Newell, Rev. Father Barry, O. D. C., Rev. Father Francis, O. D. C., Louisa Fr. John J. Glynn, son; Patrick B. Kelly and William B. Kelly, brothers; T. Glynn, James P. Glynn and Joseph A. Glynn, solicitor, brothers-in-law; Mr. Michael Kelly, nephew; also John O'Neill, Donnellan, J. A. O'Flanagan, Edward P. O'Flanagan, solicitor; P. M. Ployst, solicitor, Tuam; M. Campbell, Galway; Joseph P. Hardiman, Robert Whigg, etc.

On June 28 a splendid Aerodrome was held in the school room, Killeenly. The parish priest, the Rev. M. Lavelle, presided, and the following members of the Tuam Branch attended: M. C. Shine, Patrick Flanagan, John Hamilton, John Hogan, J. R. and John P. Gannon, Tuam Herald. Dr. M. Ryan, of London, who is a native of the parish, was one of the delighted audience. The president as well as Dr. Ryan gave special prizes for singing. Fluent speeches in Irish were delivered by the chairman, Dr. Ryan and Mr. Hamilton. The contests were in Traditional Irish singing and Sean Dan. The first prize for Juniors was carried off by Ellen Burke, who sang delightfully, while at seniors, P. Lynch, first, T. Faragher, second, were listened to with much interest. Altogether it was a delightful affair, and its success was due to Rev. M. Lavelle, Laurence Burke, N. T. and other willing helpers in the good cause.

Mr. Peter Dempsey and his son, Thomas, died July 1. The father died in Jewel County, Kansas, and the son died in Montana. Mr. Peter Dempsey came to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1869, but in 1884 went to Jewel County, Kansas, where he settled down. He was a native of Ballymacward, County Galway, where he was born in December, 1839. His wife, four daughters and two sons mourn his loss.

LEITRIM—Mrs. J. Flood, wife of Mr. John J. Flood, Carrick-on-Shannon, died July 2, at an early age, deeply regretted. The funeral to Annaduff cemetery was very largely attended.

At the Assizes for County Leitrim, held in Carrick-on-Shannon, July 3, there was no criminal business, and Mr. Corcadden, High Sheriff, presented a pair of white gloves to Lord Justice Fitzgibbon.

MAYO—Rev. John William Vahey, who died in Elkhorn, Wis., June 26, was born near Castlebar in 1830. He came to the United States in 1848. In 1854 he was ordained by Right Rev. Dr. Mathias Loras, the first Bishop of Dubuque.

During the very violent thunderstorm which raged on July 9, Martin Higgins of Carris, proceeding to the railway station with a cartload of eggs, was struck by lightning and killed. He was only 23 years of age. When the lightning struck him he was knocked off the cart. When assistance had arrived it was found that life was extinct. A man named Curley, who was on the cart with deceased, was thrown off and rendered unconscious for a time.

The Feis so successfully organized by St. Muredach's (Ballina) Branch of the Gaelic League, which was opened by Most Rev. Dr. Conny, was brought to a close on July 9, and proved a success in every respect. On both days the town was filled with visitors from the surrounding towns and districts, and a few from distant parts of the province, and the great enthusiasm manifested in the proceedings gave proof of how wholeheartedly the people are in the Gaelic revival movement. It is now well founded and the hope of the promoters is that the Irish language will be revived in the Emerald Isle.

All who ever had the pleasure of acquaintance with Mrs. Robert Neils, Westport, will read with sorrow the announcement of her death. She passed away on July 5. The funeral to Oughavale was striking evidence of the esteem in which Mrs. Neils was held. All the people of Westport attended to pay her the last mournful tribute of their respect. As the funeral cortege passed through the streets all business was suspended. The chief mourners were B. Neils, husband; Hubert Neils, son, Aggie, Nellie, Kathleen and Lizzie, daughters; Thos. Navin, brother; Kate and Agnes Navin sisters; Mrs. T. Navin, Mrs. Katherine Navin, sisters-in-law; Hugh Neils, father-in-law; John Thomas, Charlie, Stephen and Patrick Neils, nephews; Tommie Navin, John, Jimmie, and William Navin, nephews; Mary Jane, Teresa, Ellie and Mary Kate Navin, nieces; Ellie Burke, cousin.

ROSCOMMON—Rev. Father Davis has been changed from Cootehall, to the great regret of the parishioners.

The people of Roscommon are going to make a presentation to Monsignor McLoughlin, for his services in having the fine new church erected. The church was dedicated to the Sacred Heart on June 18.

Right Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, laid the foundation stone of the new church in Crossna on July 5. He also delivered an eloquent sermon. The priests in attendance being the Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Boyle; Rev. Father Flanagan, Cootehill; Rev. Father Flynn, Boyle; Rev. Father Clyne, Boyle; Rev. Father Carney, Sligo; Rev. Father O'Beirne, Crossna, and the Rev. Father Martin, clerical inspector. Rev. T. Flanagan is the pastor.

The hurling teams of Strokestown and Longford played a fine game in Strokestown July 5, in presence of a great number of persons from both towns and the surrounding districts. When time was up the score stood: Strokestown, 2 goals and 5 points; Longford, 1 point. Longford was represented by P. Faulkner (goal), Boies, F. R. O'Sullivan, Moloney, M. Phillips, Clarke, McManus, P. Tully, MacGuinness, P. MacAvock, P. MacLoughlin, P. Donlon, P. Kiernan, P. Dennygan, J. Cullina, D. Conway, M. O'Neil. Strokestown by P. Brennan (goal), A. Henry, M. Beirne, J. Brennan, J. Higgins, H. Jones, P. Flynn, J. Connor, M. Duignan, P. Nolan, P. Gannon, John Henry and J. Murray. Mr. J. McCrann was referee.

SLIGO—Married—July 7, at the Cathedral, Sligo, by the Rev. Canon Harte, adm., Patrick Stokes, to Christina Margaret Devitt, of Liverpool, and niece of J. and P. Devitt, of Sligo.

Mrs. P. Shell, wife of Mr. P. H. Shell, National school teacher, Carnaleck, Jobbercurry, died on June 18. She had been teacher in the local school during twenty years. The funeral in Ballyland was very numerous and attended.

The house and lands, the property of Mr. Peter Cawley, of Coolaney, were sold by public auction by order of the Hon. Justice Boyd, July 4, Court of Chancery, Dublin, and on the application of Mr. William Russell Fenton, clerk of the Crown and Peace for Sligo. A verdict was procured in Belfast against Mr. Cawley for £300 and £168 costs, the action being for libel in connection with Mr. Hugh O'Connor's stone wall. Mr. Fenton made him a bankrupt, seizing his cattle and getting an order to sell his house and lands. Some previous attempts were made to sell off the goods and chattels of Peter Cawley on recent occasions, but they fell through. On Saturday the auctioneer dropped his hammer, and all the interest that Peter Cawley held in his home and lands were knocked down to William Russell Fenton for a small sum of money.

## Munster

CLARE—Rev. Father Clancy lately forwarded one hundred and eighty dollars to the trustees of the Irish Parliamentary Fund, which were subscribed by the nationalists in the district.

CORK—The County Council of Cork, the most important body in the county, unanimously decided that it would not present an address of welcome to King Edward on his visit to the county and to Cork City. This council is the local parliament for the entire population of Cork.

Recent Deaths in Cork—O'MAHONY—On July 6, at 22 Warren's place, John Patrick O'Mahony. RYAN—At Drimo leagu, July 7, Mrs. Ryan, wife of Mr. J. Ryan, National teacher, Dromore. DERIVAN—On July 6, at Monkstown Castle, Patrick Derivas, aged 19. WHELAN—On July 10, at 58 Fair Hill, James Whelan, aged 91. MAHONY—May 7, at Melbourne, Australia, John Bartholomew Mahony, Lisgoold, Middle ton. MAGUIRE—At 157 Barnoy street, Mrs. Mary Maguire. BUCKLEY—On July 9, at Oydun, Carrigrohilly, Johanna Buckley. O'LEARY—On July 9, Norah O'Leary, Killeedy, Crookstown, aged 42. RYAN—At 4 Nelson's Terrace, Lower road, James Ryan, formerly of Kildonoghue, Riverstown. COFFEY—On July 4, at Ballincollig, Patrick Coffey. MAGUIRE—At 157 Barnoy street, Mrs. Mary Maguire. O'BRIEN—At 38 Dublin street, Mary O'Brien, granddaughter of Alderman Terrence O'Connor. KERRY—Mr. Jeremiah Sheehy, farmer, Boanane, died suddenly July 4. He was sitting on a chair at the fire, when the end came without any previous illness.

On July 5, a representative meeting of the Brossa U. I. L. was held at the League rooms, Mr. J. O'Sullivan in the chair. Present: G. McAuffe, secretary; B. J. Murphy, M. J. Cotter, J. Leahy, W. Leahy, P. Daly, B. O'Rourke, D. O'Connor, M. Curtin, J. Shea, J. O'Connor, etc. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. M. J. Cotter and seconded by Mr. B. J. Murphy: Resolved, That we express our unswerving confidence in the Irish Parliamentary party and place on record our appreciation of the services it has rendered to the Irish cause.

LIMERICK—At the meeting of Patrickwell Branch of the U. I. L. on July 5, Mr. J. Dunlop presided. Present were J. O'Connor, C. Buckley, J. O'Brien, John McNamara, J. Mann, Jeremiah Doolan, James Tuohy, J. McGrath, M. Byrnes, P. Lynch secretary. A resolution was adopted from Uregare Branch on the new motor transit service. Mr. J. O'Brien proposed and Mr. John McNamara seconded, the following: "That we tender to the widow of the late John Buckley our sincere sympathy in the bereavement she sustained through the death of her husband, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Buckley."

TIPPERARY—Mr. Richard J. Walsh, formerly of Killeenale, died in San Francisco, California, June 10. He was brother to Very Rev. Joseph Walsh, C. M. Mill Hill, London, and uncle of Rev. Austin J. Walsh, Dubuque, U. S. A.

Mrs. Ryan, of Breakstown, Thurles, died July 7, aged 72 years. After office and high mass the funeral left for Killyvire cemetery, great number attending.

WATERFORD—The Irish language is being taught to 250 pupils by the Christian Brothers in Dungarvan. The representative of the executive of the Gaelic League found that at the recent fair held in the town the people transacted their business in the Irish language. The buyers from Waterford, Clonmel, Carrick and Lismore could not do so, and hence the people had to use the foreign language occasionally. Why not make these buyers learn Irish? The Irish speakers should find a buyer who speaks Irish and deal with him. This would make the others learn it in a short time.

## Leinster

CARLOW—At a meeting of the Carlow Branch of the Gaelic League, held on June 28, M. P. O'Duffy read a paper on the Gaelic League. He referred to the unsuccessful efforts made by Saxon rulers to suppress the Irish language, until the introduction of the National school system. Continuing, he said: "At this time the majority of the Irish people were Irish-speaking, and it is surprising that they who had offered invincible resistance to the attempts of the English to rob them of their faith and fatherland, allowed their language to be almost annihilated by the wily Saxon scheme."

DUBLIN—The Workmen's Club of the city of Dublin, in general meeting held in 41 York street, July 9, passed a resolution unanimously denouncing any attempt by members of the City Council to present an address of loyalty and welcome to King Edward.

The exhibition of Irish Art Industries to be held on the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge in conjunction with the great Irish horse show on August 25, 26, 27 and 28, will include lace making, embroidery, wood carving, metal work, leather work, artistic enameling, illuminating and designing, for which £1250 will be given in prizes. Every facility is afforded to those who desire to compete, there is not even an entrance fee payable. An important condition, however, is that exhibitors must live in Ireland.

Recent Deaths in Dublin—SCULLY—July 7, at Garristown, Mrs. Jane Scully. WINTERS—July 8, at 46 Bolton street, Lucy Winters, daughter of the late George Holloway, Baker's Hill, Upper Bridge street. CALLAN—July 5, at the Meath Hospital, Patrick Joseph Callan, 10 Brazazon street. ALPIN—July 6, Edward Alpin, late of 19 Ballybough road. BROWNE—July 8, at the Maternity Hospital, Holler street, Mary Browne, 27 Rathmines terrace. MCCARTHY—July 7, at 3 Parkgate street, late of 36 Parkgate street, Michael McCarthy. RAFFERTY—July 8, at 181 Phippsborough road, James Rafferty, for over forty years engine driver M. G. W. R. SNAPE—July 10, at 15 Old Camden street Frances Snape. GRIFFIN—July 5, at Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Rosanna Griffin. HEALY—July 6, at Whitworth row, of Seville place, Mary Healy. COUGHLAN—July 5, at 21 Upper Dorset street, Mary Coughlan. DOODY—June 6, at 24 Patrick street, Anne Doody. MOONEY—July 8, at Londonbridge road, Saadymount, Nori Mooney, aged 16 years. HOOPER—July 6, at 49 Rathdown road, N. C. R. Dublin, Mrs. Mary J. Hooper, widow of the late Alderman John Hooper formerly of Cork. KELLY—July 4, Michael Kelly, stonemason, late of Bonita. MCCARTHY—July 7, at 26 Parkgate street, late of 36 Parkgate street, Michael McCarthy. CANNON—July 6, at 54 Lower Gloucester street, Mrs. Cannon. GALLAGHER—July 7, at 11 Sackville lane, Mary Gallagher.

DOYLE—July 6, at Cork street hospital, James Doyle, late of Cork street hospital.

LONGFORD—On June 29, one of the best concerts ever held in Longford was held in St. Mel's hall. The concert was organized in aid of the fund for the repairing of the tower of St. Mel's Cathedral. It was the first Irish concert organized in Longford. Every item on the program spoke of the Irish Ireland movement and Irish Irelanders of Longford did a great deal in the way of booming the concert. It was boomed undoubtedly, and deservedly so, for of the many hundreds who attended, though they went there with some misgivings, yet of that vast assemblage not one but would go again and again to hear the same program. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. It is highly creditable to Longford that all the artists were local. Among those who sang, played on musical instruments and danced were Messrs. Falkner, P. Connaughton, I. H. Dunne, I. McGinness, M. McGuinness and Misses McHugh, Hanley, Keegan, Louth B. Louth, Kelly, Glynn. The stewards were Fathers Murray and Reynolds and Messrs. Wyse, Igoo, etc.

LOUTH—The beautiful memorial to late John Boyle O'Reilly, poet and patriot, erected in Dowth cemetery, was unveiled July 12 by Rev. James Anderson, of the Franciscan Order, a most dear friend of the deceased. The monument is a Celtic cross in shape, and in front of it a bust of the deceased in white marble, from Carrara. On either side is a figure of Arin and Columbia. The inscription is in Irish and in English. Large contingents were present from Dublin, Drogheda and other places. The mayor of Drogheda presided. Mr. Edmund Leamy delivered the oration.

MEATH—On July 5 the members of the An Craobh Columille and other branches of the Gaelic League, numbering 400 persons, traveled from Dublin by special train to Kilmessan station, where they detained, and proceeding to the Hill of Tara, two miles distant, they were joined by 500 people from Na Dunsshaughlin and other towns who had also traveled to take part in the annual reunion as the supporters of the Gaelic League. The weather was beautifully fine, and at the commencement of the proceedings Mr. Arthur Griffith, editor of the United Irishman, Dublin, delivered an address on the origin and history of the Celts and the city of Tara. After the lecture Miss Nugent recited the "Desolation of Tara," by William Rooney. Subsequently the excursionists organized athletic and other events. The An Craobh Branch treated the assembly to an exhibition of beautifully executed two and four-hand reels, followed by the Ruka Fadda.

Rev. Thomas Geraghty, of Our Lady's Church, Eldon place, Liverpool, England, died there July 6, aged 28 years. He was a son of the late Mr. John Geraghty, Killearty, Kilmessan. His demise is deeply regretted.

QUEEN'S—Viscount de Vescel died July 6, at Abbeyleix House, aged 59 years. He succeeded to the title and estates in 1875. He was the fourth of the title which was created in 1776, so that the average life of each since is only 31 years. The remains were interred in the "Old Church."

KILDARE—On July 5 a representative meeting was held in the reading-room, Ballymore-Eustace, to take steps to revive the industries of the town. The Rev. P. M. McCarthy presided. Present: A. Corrigan, Patrick Driver, John Keogh, James Coffey, P. O'Toole, Dick Hynes, Patrick McGrath, Grath, Joseph McBride, J. Berkeley, Arthur and Mrs. Doran, James Smith, Mrs. T. Purcell, Misses Hynes, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Dunne, Misses Dempsey, Miss L. Walsh, Miss Hegarty and Miss P. Reilly. The chairman impressed upon those present the necessity of reviving local industries and the importance of using articles of Irish manufacture. He hoped he would soon hear the hum of the wooden mill again in their town. Messrs. Lawler and Fitzgerald, of the Irish Industrial League, and Mr. A. Corrigan addressed the meeting. In the evening a public meeting was held on the Market place. There was a large attendance. The Wolfe Tone Brass Band played Irish airs. On the motion of Mr. P. Driver, seconded by Mr. Arthur Doran, the chair was taken by Mr. E. V. Finlan. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. Lawler, Fitzgerald, T. M. O'Reilly, J. Stiles, Gaelic League. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Keogh, and seconded by Mr. A. Doran: That a branch of the Irish Industrial League be established in Ballymore-Eustace, and that the following ladies and gentlemen form the committee: Rev. P. McCarthy, President; Rev. J. Geogh, Honorable Mrs. Tremayne, Miss Forde, Mrs. Norton, Miss Grace Miss Hynes, Mrs. T. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. Doran, Miss O'Reilly, Mrs. Byrne, Miss Hegarty, Mrs. Healy, Mrs. D. Murphy, Mrs. P. Murphy Rev. Mr. Bolter, and Rev. Fr. Kavanagh, Holly wood; Mrs. Bolter, Mrs. G. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and Mr. Corrigan. The chairman pointed out the necessity that existed for employment in the town. With the revival of the factory, property and renewed life would begin in Ballymore-Eustace. Mr. Lawler explained the aims and objects of the League. They had so far been most successful in their efforts toward reopening the factory. It

trusted that all the landed proprietors, the business people, and the working classes and particularly the latter, would take shares in the new factory. Mr. Lawler ended in an able address by proposing the establishment of a branch of the Irish Industrial League. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Keogh and unanimously adopted. Messrs. haen and Fitzgerald addressed the meeting. The latter called on all to pledge themselves to use home manufacture. Mr. T. M. O'Reilly pointed out that if the people of Kildare, such as Baron de Robeck, Colonel Creighton, Mr. George Wolfe and other patronized local manufacture, the success of the all-more industry would be assured. The ancient and important Irish industry of hammered iron work was being revived in their midst by Mr. Martin Hayden, who deserved every credit and patronage in his enterprise.

KILKENNY—Mrs. Moore, Smithstown, Castlecomer, died June 30, aged 52 years. Office and High Mass and the funeral were numerous attended. She was a native of Clough.

At a recent meeting of the Castlecomer Rural District Council, on the motion of Mr. E. J. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Katrick Farrell, chairman, a resolution was passed thanking Mr. Devlin for his work in the National Cause in America, and congratulating the United Irish League of Great Britain in securing his services as general secretary in succession to Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien, M. P.

KING'S—The Leinster Leader of recent date wrote as follows about the first-technical schools now in Sier Kieran's parish, under the practical care of the pastor, Father Phelan. Ireland is sorely in need of a great many Father Phelan Phelans now. "Looking out on the old Abbey ruins where 1,500 years ago stood the Monastery of St. Kieran, the building stands on ground hallowed by sacred footsteps. In sight of those venerable ruins to-day Father Phelan is helping to prepare the rising generation for an honored place in the life that is before them. He has arranged two classes daily, the first from five to seven o'clock, and the night class from seven to ten o'clock. The afternoon instruction is for schoolboys and the other for the children of an older growth. The parish is sparsely populated, and the difficulty of keeping up a good attendance where young men after their hard day's work have to walk three or four miles to attend the classes is apparent. Yet, out of 21 pupils on the rolls of the night class, there is an average attendance of 20, and 17 out of the total were not absent a single night. The schoolroom is arranged for technical instruction. It is equipped by the County Committee with benches, and the pupils are provided with tools and all things required. The instructions are on wood and carpentry work, but the object is not to make the pupils carpenters or 'handymen.' It has a higher and loftier aim than that. It is a course of training for hand and eye, and prepares the boys for any walk of life they may choose, be they farmers, mechanics or laborers or artisans. They are taught to be practical and up-to-date on lines that are found to be a success in Germany and France. Wood is chosen as the medium of instruction because metal or any other substance, not being so easily worked, would not yield the same amount of useful application to business afterward. As far as possible, the instructions are in practice. Two young lady students, one a monitor in the National school are drawing while the boys and men are at work, modeling and shaping. Mr. Smith and Father Phelan explained the links in the chain of instruction from the first lesson upward. The pupil is brought by easy stages from the first exercise of squaring and ruling off the plain wood, through the intricate and delicate work of fitting and joining, to the final graceful touches of the article. Thus we saw turned out by the pupils of Seir Kieran's hall-brackets, table book rests, soap boxes, inlaid key racks, towel rails, and other useful things in the furniture of a household. Each article was beautifully constructed and neatly finished. In Father Phelan's parish there will not be many passage tickets purchased during the emigration season. For such a happy state of things he attributes two causes—the one we have been dealing with, and the other, that through his exertions, 42 out of 180 householders in his parish have become peasant proprietors, and, he adds, as at present advised, they would not exchange for their chances under the new bill."

WESTMEATH—The two concerts held at Rahauey lately were of such a character as to reflect credit on those who had charge of the arrangements and to show not only that good musical programmes are appreciated in Westmeath, but that there is abundance of local talent with which to carry them out. On each occasion Rahauey Chapel, to the decoration of which the proceeds will be devoted, was well filled.

WEXFORD—A bazaar and fancy fair was held in the Ballagh on July 5 and 6 for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the debt incurred in carrying out parochial buildings and repairs. At 2 o'clock on Sunday the bazaar was formally opened by Very Rev. P. Kenny, pastor of Cahart, in presence of a large number of people and a number of priests, including Rev. L. E. Ballagh; Rev. Father Furlong, Screen; Rev. Father Howell, Rev. Father Forrestal; Rev. Owen Kehoe, Camolin, etc. The Rev. Father Kenny referred to the generosity of the Irish people on all occasions where faith and fatherland were concerned.

WICKLOW—Mrs. Anne Kehoe, of Silvecroft of Glonogue, died lately aged 73 years, deeply regretted by her family and her friends in the United States and in Australia. The funeral to Ballyfad Cemetery was numerous attended.

## Ulster

ANTRIM—Mr. James Neill, well known in Belfast, and for many years deeply interested in the milling industry, died June 29, at Groomsport, where he had been for the benefit of his health. The sad event was deeply regretted.

On the shores of historic Lough Neagh, at the nearest point to the famous Ram's Island, a class for teaching the Irish language is going on, and recently a branch of the Gaelic League was formed and affiliated. The priests of the parish have given every assistance to this grand national work, and the people have exhibited the same national spirit as has ever been characteristic of the district. As the Summer vacation is approaching the committee thought it advisable to hold a sgoruidheacht, and this was very successfully carried out. The president of the branch, Rev. M. O'Malley, occupied the chair, supported by Rev. J. Rooney and Rev. H. J. Murray, Lisburn. In the attendance which crowded the school house, a great number of Gaelic League branches were represented, among these being Killead and Camlin, Lisnagarvey, Seaghan an Diomais, St. Patrick (Portaferry), and Tulcha (Glenny).

ARMAGH—The Late Mr. Robert John MacGeough, of Silverbridge House, who died April 9 last, aged 65 years, left an estate valued at nine hundred and twelve thousand dollars. The annual conference under the auspices of the Catholic Truth Society, commenced July 6, at Liverpool, England, in St. George's hall. Cardinal James Gibney, Shanwell House, brother of the Rev. B. A. Comiskey, St. Benedict, Sydney, and Mr. P. Comiskey, to Anne Gillenan, Corolana House, Lisnacroghy, County Westmeath. On July 2, at Laragh church, by the Rev. B. Brady, Castlebar, brother of the groom, assisted by Very Rev. T. Clarke, James Brady, Cullies, to Rose Smith, Cottage View, Cormeen.

DERRY—Laurence McCann, son of Mr. Bernard McCann, Strand road, Derry, has passed the second grade at the examination held recently in Belfast under the Incorporated Society of Musicians. Master McCann was taught by Miss Annie May, L. R. A. M. He received eighty marks out of a possible hundred. Master McCann is only ten years old, and gives promise of a great future as a musician.

The members of the Lagan Catholic Temperance Society held their annual excursion on Sunday, July 5. The place selected was Rathmullan. The excursionists in and around St. John's church, numbering 250, met at the parish church (St. Balthasar's) for devotions at 8:45, when they proceeded to the railway station. The route was via Derry and across Lough Swilly. In Rathmullan contingents from Manorcunningham and Newtowncunningham, under Father Byrne and Father Ward respectively, met the party, all numbering 600, and visited the Blessed Sacrament and offered up devotions.

DONEGAL—Lord Leitrim has established a service of motor cars between Rosapenna Hotel and Strabane, via Kilmacranon.

A meeting of the farmer of the Parish of Kibbarron was held lately in the school house, Behey, to consider the advisability of forming in the district an auxiliary to the beleeek creamery.

FERMANAGH—Mrs. Margaret McElgin of Anne street, Enniskillen, died July 3, deeply regretted by her friends in Ireland and by those in the United States. Solemn Requiem Services were held in St. Michael's church, after which the funeral left for Convent cemetery; cortège long.

MONAGHAN—The Castleblayney Keady and Armagh railway bill passed its second reading in the Commons. The bill had been energetically opposed on behalf of their constituents by Mr. Joseph Nolan and Mr. McKean who desired to secure guarantees that the privilege would not be utilized by the Great Northern Company to his competition, but would be carried into effect soon. Mr. McKean and Mr. Nolan withdrew their opposition, having received assurance from the promoters that with the aid of the Great Northern Company, which had voted £300,000 for the purchase, they would proceed with the construction of the line immediately.

TYRONE—Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell Bishop of Raphoe, administered the sacrament of confirmation, June 28, to 208 children in the parish of Donaghmore and neighboring districts. Among the priests present were: The Very Rev. Canon McCarrian, Donaghmore; Rev. J. O'Neill, Donaghmore, and Rev. H. Teggart, Galbally. The following clergymen were present: Very Rev. Mgr. Deas Byrne, Donaghmore; Very Rev. Canon O'Brien, Loughall; Very Rev. Charles Canon Quinn, Camlough; Rev. Peter Slavin, Fermanagh; Rev. Peter Hughes, English; Rev. H. Mc Bride, Pomeroy; L. Donnellan, English; F. Donnelly, Carrickmore; J. E. O'Callaghan, Donaghmore; P. McNamee, Donaghmore; J. McLaughlin, Bally.