

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.—The Very Rev. J. Cunniff, Vicar Capitular of the diocese of Clonfert, has made the following clerical changes in the diocese: Rev. A. J. Flynn, professor Diocesan College, Ballinasloe, to be C. C., Killmore; Rev. Thomas Madden, C. C., to be C. C., Ballymacward; Rev. P. P. Clontusker, Ballinasloe, in place of the late Rev. J. McKerrin; Rev. H. Brennan, C. C., Ballinasloe, to be C. C., Woodford; Rev. P. J. O'Loughlin, C. C., Kiltroe, Loughrea, to be C. C., Ballinasloe.

Mr. John A. Freney, of 2612 North 13d street, Philadelphia, has recently been on a visit to his friends at Clonsilla, in Galway County. While in Galway he gave a call at the Herald office.

The Portumna branch of the United Irish League took the lead in response to the appeal from Ballinasloe in furtherance of the erection of a monument to the memory of Matt Harris. The Portumna branch of the League is making rapid headway in the national cause.

The death of Mr. Kieran Naughton took place lately at the residence of his son, Mr. Frank Naughton, Main street, Ballinasloe, at the age of 76 years. Deceased was a native of Clonsilla and is of an old and respected stock.

Solemn Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Galway, Aug. 4, by the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, Bishop of Galway, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Dooley; Rev. Father Nestor, Rev. Father Newell, Rev. Father Connolly, Rev. Father Carr, for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Leo XIII. In the choir were: Very Rev. Father Wear, B. J., rector of the Jesuits; Rev. Father Foley, S. J.; Rev. Father Murphy, O. P.; Rev. Father Barry, O. P.; Rev. Father O'Mahoney, O. P.; Very Rev. Father O'Connor, O. F. M.; Rev. Father Mullen, O. F. M. A very large congregation assisted at the Mass.

LEITRIM.—Mrs. Healy, postmistress of Drumma, died lately, deeply regretted. She had held the office for many years.

Sports of August 1, in "Notes of Gaelic Pastimes," says Sports were held for the first time at Mohill last Monday, and the arrangements do credit to the organizer. The proceedings opened with the boys' race, in which that promising youngster, J. J. Stafford, Longford, was successful in the 100-yard race, had several eliminating heats, but P. J. Cusack secured the final heat, with M. Moran and J. Mallon, two good athletes, dead heating for second place. Cusack had an easier time of it in the furlong, which he secured by two yards. G. Mills, Maryboro, being second, and M. Moran third. The quarter was a first-class race, and was won by P. J. Higgins, Blackrock College, off the limit, Cusack (24) falling to catch him in the straight, he high jump was won by O. Pentland after a long struggle, C. L. Smith and A. R. Morrow tying for second. Then Smith and Morrow contested for second place and Smith was fortunate.

MAYO.—On July 30, in St. James's Church, Charlestown, Solemn Requiem Mass was said for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. Rev. M. J. Devine, Charlestown, celebrant; Rev. John Humphries, Curry, deacon; Rev. James Spellman, Adm., Kilmacleteig, master of ceremonies. The chanters were Rev. M. J. Burke, Tubbercurry; Rev. W. E. Flynn, Kiltroevee. In the choir were Rev. John Green, Thurlestrane; Rev. Arthur Devine, Kiltasser; Rev. Michael Durcan, Convent of Sisters of Charity, Bandon. Business in every department was suspended in the town, all the establishments being shuttered.

At the meeting of the Mayo County Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee in the Reading Room, Claremorris, on Aug. 1, the Ven. Archdeacon Kilkenny, D. O., chairman, presiding, and a large attendance of members present, including parish priests and laymen, the following resolution was, on the proposition of Mr. William Doris, unanimously adopted: "That the Mayo County Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee suggest that our distinguished and illustrious Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, be asked to fill the position vacant on the Congested Districts Board, as we know no one who will give such valuable assistance as he. We know the wants of the people over which his see extends. We feel confident that his appointment would increase confidence in the board, and we trust that every effort will be made to secure the services of an able proponent of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, and Messrs. J. Dillon, Conor O'Kelly, J. O'Donnell, Dr. Ambrose and the four members of Parliament for the county."

WATERFORD.—The Rev. Dr. Galla-

gher, Bishop of Gouibourne, Australia, preached in the new church of Roscommon town on Aug. 2. He made a successful appeal for financial assistance to enable the Sisters of Mercy to continue their good works for the people of the town.

There is great improvement in the ancient Abbey of Boyle; the ivy and all vegetation having been removed, the ruin appears far more extensive and the beautiful outlines of the masonry and cut stone can be seen. This makes the monastery more picturesque than it was. Workmen are employed by the Antiquarian Society, cementing the loose stone and rubble masonry together, and securing the walls with concrete abutments, to prevent them toppling into the nave. It is hoped the Society will clear away the debris between the walls, bringing to view the monastic portion and the other parts of the grand edifice. Their appearance would add to its attractiveness, and it would then be visited more frequently and more admired by antiquarians.

SLIGO.—The excursion train of the Sligo National Foresters, containing two hundred and fifty passengers, when returning from Dublin, Sunday night, Aug. 4, collided at Ballygale with the night mail train from Sligo to Dublin. But few persons were injured.

The Highwood branch of the United Irish League at recent meeting passed a resolution of regret at the death of the Pope. Present: Mr. J. J. Devine, in the chair, Charles W. P. Cogan, secretary Barryrath Branch; P. McGearty, M. Mitchell, Peter Higgins, P. Dowd, M. Connaton, W. Balantine, J. McCormack, J. Ewing, M. Mitchell, C. M. Mattimore, C. Conlon, B. Conlon, B. Foley.

Munster

CLARE.—An important meeting of the Cree branch of the United Irish League was held in the chapel yard lately to hear two distinguished American citizens, Dr. J. J. Keane, and Mr. P. J. O'Brien, of St. Louis (Clare man by birth), who are in Ireland to request all who are interested to be represented at the great World's Fair to be held in St. Louis next year.

CORK.—Fireman Keating, of the Cork Brigade, has a successful life saving record. He has saved fourteen lives, the last being of an insane man who attempted to drown himself in the Lee, near the waterworks.

The death of the Venerable Archbishop Pope occurred Aug. 2 at the parochial house, Donoughmore. The deceased was parish priest of Donoughmore for thirty years. Prior to his being appointed priest he was stationed at Ahina. The remains were removed to Fomnought on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock and Solemn High Mass and Office were celebrated on Wednesday, the interment taking place immediately after.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—O'CONNELL—On Aug. 6, at Gardiner's Hill avenue, Daniel O'Connell, late of Murphy's Brewery.—MANSFIELD—Aug. 6, at Fisher street, Kinsale, Rosa Mansfield.—O'SULLIVAN—On Aug. 4, Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, merchant, Main street, Cahirciveen, aged 22 years.—PRENDERGAST—Aug. 6, at Tinahely, Andrew J. Prendergast, late manager at Murphy's, Tinahely, aged 29 years.—GALVIN—On July 7, at 11 Mary street, Mrs. Galvin.—WALSH—On July 7, Richard Walsh, of 22 St. Finbarr's Terrace, Greenmount.—O'SULLIVAN—On July 5, Geoffrey (Geoff) O'Sullivan, of Knock-Wha, Freemount, aged 80 years.—HILDRICK—At Youghal, Mary E. Hildrick, daughter of the late John Condon.—HURLEY—At 2 Wolfe Tone street, John Hurley, late of Rathkeal, Co. Limerick.—O'BRIEN—Aug. 2, at French's quay, Mary (Christie) O'BRIEN.—POPE—On Sunday, Aug. 2, at Parochial House, Donoughmore, the Venerable Archdeacon Pope, in his 85th year.—AHERN—At Glenmore House, Knockraha, Mary Ahern.—OLEARY—Aug. 2, at Kiltobane Cottage, Daniel O'Leary.—YOUNG—Aug. 1, at Mill Island, Fermoy, Henry Young.—NOONAN—On July 18, at Bandon Road, John Patrick Noonan, aged 19 years.—ONEILL—On July 18, at College View, Western road, Charles John O'Neill.—KEOGH—July 19, at 3 Dyke Parade, Grace Keogh.—CRONIN—On July 18, at Killintin, Glenville, Jeremiah Cronin.—O'BRIEN—Aug. 2, at French's quay, Mary O'Brien, of Whitechurch.—BARRY—On Aug. 1, at Meena choney, Donoughmore, Abina Barry, at an advanced age.—PIGOTT—On Aug. 1, at the South Infirmary, Nellie Pigott, Minehill.—GEARY—Aug. 3, at Killeena, Redmond Geary, aged 65.—O'GORMAN—On Aug. 3, at Bridgetown Upper, Castletownroche, Lizzie O'Gorman.—SULLIVAN—At 11 Ford, London Thomas Scully, Charles ville.—MARTIN—Aug. 3, at 86 Rathgar road, Martha Martin, Kiltorglin, Kerry, and daughter of the late John Hill, Tralee.

KERRY.—Mr. P. O'Donnell, member of the Tralee Football Club, was presented with a splendid and valuable gold medal by the members of the club as a souvenir on his going to South Africa a few weeks ago.

The Africa Branch of the United Irish League (the following being present: Mr. J. O'Donnell, chairman, presiding, J. O'Sullivan, M. Hartnett

treasurer; G. McQuinn, secretary, M. J. Cotter, J. Moriarty, D. Guiney, D. Leahy, D. Curtin, M. Curtin, P. O'Connor, T. T. O'Connor, D. Downey, P. Lally, D. O'Connor, D. Downey, P. Lally, D. O'Connor) passed a resolution expressing their deep regret at the death of Pope Leo XIII.

LIMERICK.—Sister Mary Alphonsa Black of the Presentation Order, Midleton, County Cork, died Aug. 1, deeply regretted. She was a daughter of the late Mr. James Black, of Limerick. She had spent fifty years as a religious.

Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, recently visited Abbeyfeale and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a great number of children, and at the same time he consecrated the new cemetery. The following priests were in attendance: In addition to Father Casey and Father Ambrose, Rev. Father Reeves, Tournafulla; Rev. Father Mulcahy, Killeedy; Rev. Father Quinn, Atha; Rev. Father Daly, Templeglantine; Rev. Father Reeves, Newcastle; Rev. Father P. Enright, Abbeyfeale.

The members of the Cumann na bPoblairí, Limerick, held their second annual open air concert on the Strand Line, Killeek, lately. The arrangements left nothing to be desired. The full complement of passengers allowed the steamer journeyed from Limerick and other centres to Killeek. Twelve thousand people were present who showed their appreciation of the self-sacrificing efforts of the club to provide the best Irish talent procurable in dancing, singing, recitation, etc. On the downward and upward journeys the monotony was relieved by the performances of Irish step dancing, singing, etc. It was a real and very rare treat to hear the fine singing of Miss Fleming Dunganvar, and Mr. Joss Kelleher, Inchigeela, who sang several songs in Irish.

TIPPERARY.—Much regret was felt in Nenagh when the news was received of the death, which took place lately, at the Mater Hospital, Dublin, of Brother C. Maguire. The deceased who was for over twelve years in Nenagh, had been ailing for some time, but no one expected that his complaint was so serious. Brother Maguire was a good teacher and many young men who were his pupils are in good positions as the result of the educational knowledge imparted by him.

The death of Mrs. James Walsh, Farranroy, happened Aug. 2, in the 80th year of her age, deeply and widely regretted. She was a sister of the late Rev. Father Rafter, Emly, and belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in the parish. The funeral was large and representative. Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated in the parish church, Very Rev. Canon Cantwell presiding; Rev. J. Lanigan, Ballingarry, celebrant; Rev. J. O'Donnell, U. S. A., deacon; Father O'Connor, Mullinahone, sub-deacon. In the choir, Rev. W. Cantwell, Mullinahone; Rev. J. Ryan, Drangan, and Rev. J. Maher, Ballingarry, master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Canon Cantwell officiated at the grave.

WATERFORD.—The residence of the Marquis of Waterford, Curragmore, took fire on the night of Aug. 6. The damage done is estimated at \$20,000. How the fire originated is not known. People hurried from Piltown, Portland and Mooncoin to assist in extinguishing the flames. The marquis was in the mansion at the time.

On August 2 the great excursion of the members of the Confraternities attached to the churches in the city of Waterford, organized by Very Rev. W. O'Donnell, Rev. T. Furlong, Adm., and Rev. P. Fitzgerald, Adm., took place to Cork and Queenstown. The excursionists numbering 1,100 left Waterford South Station at 8 a. m., and reached Cork before noon. The majority continued the journey to Queenstown, where they were afforded every opportunity of seeing the Cathedral of St. Colman, while others contented themselves by visiting the various places of interest with which the Rebel City abounds. The party left Cork on the return journey at 5 p. m. Very Rev. Canon Flynn, Fathers O'Donnell and Furlong accompanied the excursionists.

LONGFORD.—The members of the Granard branch of the United Irish League held their last meeting in Granardville, Mr. John Ledwith, president, in the chair. The first business was to appoint collectors to collect at the chapel gates for the Parliamentary Fund. The following were appointed: John Ledwith, president; C. Mulligan, P. Dermody, treasurer; T. Leonard, Richard Harte, Thomas Dawson, Thomas McGovern, and W. Walsh. The chairman proposed this resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard Harto, and passed in silence: "That we, the Granard branch of the United Irish League, express our sorrow at the demise of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, whose life was a devotion to practical Christianity; doing justly and loving mercy; pure in heart, ever working from his exalted position for peace on earth and good will among men; a world loss to Christian and Pagan."—John Reilly, secretary.

LOUTH.—The death of Mr. Thomas Carpenter, West street, Drogheda, happened on Aug. 3, in Dublin. A few months ago he sustained slight injuries to a leg by the bursting of a millstone in his mill. He regarded the matter lightly, and some days elapsed before he sought medical aid. After being treated locally Surgeon Lentaigne was called into consultation, and it was decided that it would be necessary to have the limb amputated. In order to have this done Mr. Carpenter was removed to a Dublin private hospital, and the operation performed. This was found ineffective to save his life, and he succumbed on Monday last, fortified by the rites of the Church. In early life he intended to take up the profession of civil engineering, but the death of his father and the necessity of superintending the family business, turned his thoughts from a professional career. In the Land League days Mr. Carpenter was a very prominent local figure, and as he was a fearless fighter and took a very active part in con-

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...CARLOW—A meeting of the Baginbally Branch of the United Irish League was held on Aug. 2. On motion of Mr. Patrick Fenton, seconded by Mr. Philip Bolger, the chair was taken by Mr. Michael Brennan. Present: Patrick Fenton, P. Bolger, Jas. Aughney J. Brophy, Michael Murphy, M. J. Kavanagh, Hon. Secretary, and the assistant secretary. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Philip Bolger and seconded by Mr. James Brophy: "That we request Mr. Hammond to ascertain the number of evicted tenants in the County Carlow and the present occupiers of the evicted farms with the view to have the information for discussion at quarterly meeting of the divisional executive." Proposed by Mr. James Brophy and seconded by Mr. James Aughney: "That we express our regret for the loss the Church has sustained by the death of Pope Leo XIII, and as a mark of respect we do adjourn our meeting." Passed in silence.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, archbishop of

Dublin, on Sunday, Aug. 8, dedicated the new church in the parish of Donabate, under the invocation of St. Patrick. The celebrant of the High Mass was Rev. Dr. O'Dougherty; deacon, Rev. A. Murphy; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Brennan; masters of ceremonies, Fathers Walsh and Manron. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Verdon of the Jesuit Order.

A painful sensation was caused in Dame street on August 1 by the sudden death of Mr. Henry Eason Hudson, printer and publisher of the Irish Whiskey Trade Review, who resides at Seatonville, Dollymount, was walking down Dame street, with his son, Mr. A. Hudson, when he fell and became unconscious upon the pavement and died.

A meeting of the members of the Kingstown branch of the United Irish League was held August 5. The secretary, Mr. T. Fanning, read correspondence, after which attention was called to the fact that the township flag was replaced during the King's visit by a Union Jack. The secretary was requested to communicate with the board about the matter. Attention was again called to the wholesale official objections, and instruction was given to the Hon. secretary to again call the attention of the Nationalist members of the Board to the action of their Town Clerk.

KILDARE.—On August 5 the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, after administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to 165 children in Crookstown Church, proceeded to Ballymount Church, in the parish of Narraghmore, and blessed a new bell. The blessing having been completed his grace received an address from the people. The Most Rev. Father Warren presided.

On August 1, at Derrymount, John Nolan met his death under strange circumstances. He and a young fellow named Quinn were sparring near Bolland's Cross, when both lost their temper. Hot words followed, a blow was struck by Quinn and Nolan fell to the ground. A crowd gathered and brought the man to his home. The priest and doctor were summoned from Monasterevan and did all that was possible, but Nolan never regained consciousness and died on Sunday morning. Mournful word was conveyed to the Monasterevan police and Constable Sheppard arrested Quinn.

KILKENNY.—Mr. Richard Scott, of Inchroche, died July 28. Over one hundred vehicles were in the funeral cortege. Requiem Office was celebrated at Gurnahoe Parish Church July 31, at which Father Burke was celebrant, assisted by Fathers Bove and McGrath, of Urlingford. Rev. Fathers Healy and Lowery, of Johnstown, and Father O'Sullivan, of Templecherry. After the office the remains were conveyed for interment to Moyne Cemetery. The chief mourners were Michael, David, Bryan and Richard Scott, sons; P. Cavanagh, Urlingford, brother-in-law; Mrs. Ellen Ryan, sister; Charles Cavanagh, Bawnaghna; E. Dunn, Inchroche, D. Cavanagh, Urlingford; J. Scott, cousins, and William Laffan, Gurnahoe, brother-in-law.

KING'S.—Patrick Bartley was, on Aug. 4, repairing Mr. Delalianty's house in Main street, Birr, when the ladder broke and he was precipitated to the ground. His head came against the pavement. Dr. Myles and Father O'Donovan were called in and attended to him.

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nection with that movement and the work of the Independent Club. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment being in the family burial ground at Slane. A long funeral cortege followed his remains to their last resting place. The priests who attended were the Right Rev. Mgr. Seagrave, St. Peter's; Rev. John Clarke, St. Peter's; Rev. M. Finnegan, St. Peter's; Rev. F. Carolan, St. Peter's; Very Rev. F. Boyd, O. P.; Rev. F. Kenny, O. P.; Very Rev. George Dogette, O. S. F.; Rev. F. Begg, O. S. F. The chief mourners were Mr. Thomas Fulham, nephew; Dr. Fulham and Mr. P. J. Fulham, cousins.

MEATH.—The funeral of the late William S. Boyle, of Grange, to Athlumney Cemetery, on Aug. 4, was attended by great numbers of persons. The deceased was aged 77 years.

The open air entertainment under the auspices of the members of the Trim branch of the Gaelic League, was held Aug. 9 in the magnificent grounds of King John's Castle. The president, Father Woods, is taking a practical interest in the movement for the revival of the Irish language, music (vocal and instrumental), legends and dances. It was a most successful concert.

QUEEN'S.—The exhibition and sale organized by the Queen's County Home Industries' Association took place at Granston Manor Aug. 15. A large number of entries were received. A jig dancing competition was held. The Pipers of the Queen's County Militia played Miss Walsh, Ballykiltavan, Stradbally, was honorary secretary to the exhibition.

In Queen's County harvest prospects are better than the recent state of the weather would warrant. Barley promises average yield. The area under barley is less than that of last year. The oat crop is excellent as to yield and also straw. Potatoes are looking well, but the early ones show blight. Mangolds and turnips are thriving. As regards hay, the wet weather has inflicted great damage, and only a fraction of the crop can be saved. Turf, the "fuel crop," has been unfavorably affected by the weather and domestic supplies will be short this winter.

WESTMEATH.—Rev. Father P. Briody, pastor of Kilkenny West, who died July 23 in the Mater Hospital, Dublin, of congestion of the lungs, was interred in Glasnevin. His many friends in the United States regretted his demise.

WEXFORD.—Most Rev. Dr. Bowne, Bishop of Ferns, paid his triennial visit to Oulart on Aug. 4, for the purpose of administering Confirmation to one hundred children of that parish.

WICKLOW.—The series of lectures and demonstrations in Rathdrum given under the auspices of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction were brought to a successful close on July 24. Never was there in Rathdrum such public interest or a more united spirit than during the time. Numbers were present each night at the demonstration, anxious for the common good, and that all should avail of the opportunity of learning a better means of turning out butter entirely acceptable to the taste, and that would command a higher price. The instructress is Miss O'Neill, from Kiltiere, daughter of the late Dr. J. T. O'Neill, Athy.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—A seanchus of Henry Joy McCracken Branch of the Gaelic League was held in the Foresters' Hall, Mill street, Belfast, on Aug. 2, the president, Mr. O'Rourke, in the chair. The attendance was very large. It is one of the best signs to see the younger generation taking keen interest in the Irish language revival, and it is proof of the popularity of this branch to see its seanchas patronized. Mr. Pat Lalor rendered, "The Harp That Once" in Gaelic in fine style, and the "Risin' of the Moon," also in Gaelic. Dance, eight part reel. Mr. McCullagh sang "The Croppy Boy." Exhibition hornpipe by Mr. McNally, Lisnaveene Branch. Dance, Rinnee Fada. Mr. O'Reilly sang "The Men of '98." Dance, round jig. Mr. Gilmore sang "Kathleen." Mr. O'Rafferty, "The West's Asleep." Dance, four part reel. Mr. O'Toole sang, "Ireland Far Over the Sea." Messrs. Quinn, Rooney and Kearney supplied the music. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of "A Nation Once Again," in which the audience joined.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, the Henry Joy McCracken Band, of Greenacres, accompanied by five hundred, held their excursion to Toomebridge. A special train was provided at Whitehouse, and the procession started from Greenacres Chapel gate at 8 o'clock a. m., headed by the band, wearing green and white uniforms. Several banners and flags were borne by the processionists, and before leaving a new green silk flag, having appropriate mottoes, etc., done in oils was unfurled by the Rev. J. J. McKinley, Whitehouse. The bandsmen and many of the excursionists wore crepe on their arms and the banners and flags were draped as a tribute to the memory of the dead Pope Leo XIII. After an hour and a quarter's run Toome was reached, and many friends were there to welcome

bloody Catholics of Greenacres. **ARMAGH.**—A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Leo XIII. was celebrated August 2 in St. Malachy's Church, Armagh, in the presence of a large congregation. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. M. Quinn, Adm. Armagh; the Rev. Francis Devine, Keady, deacon; the Rev. Peter Sheerin, Armagh being sub-deacon, and the Rev. Joseph Dunne, Armagh, being master of ceremonies. Among the clergy present were Very Rev. L. Canon Byrne Portadown; Very Rev. M. Canon O'Brien, Louisa; Very Rev. M. Canon Voyce Keady; Rev. P. Moriarty, Middlestown; Rev. Bernard Lavery, Tanagee; Rev. J. W. Brady, Armagh; Rev. Patrick Loughran, E. I. Armagh; Rev. Patrick Vallely, Keady; Rev. J. McDonald, Keady; Rev. P. McFarland, Middletown; Rev. J. Clarke, Poyntzpass, Rev. S. Brown, Markothill; Rev. J. McDonnell, Loughgall; Rev. J. O'Connell, C. M., Armagh. After the Mass, Absolution at the catafalque was given by the celebrant, the Rev. M. Quinn. The music of the Mass was rendered by the children of the National and Christian Schools, Armagh, under the leadership of Mr. N. Hession, organist.

CAVAN.—On July 21 the Right Rev. J. Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh, presided at the closing exercises in St. Mary's Seminary, and distributed prizes to the pupils. Previous to the distribution the energetic Superior, the Rev. Philip Duffy, submitted the annual report, which confirms the high reputation this historic school has acquired. He stated that for ten years—during which he has had charge of the school—over 100 pupils, or ten per cent, have entered ecclesiastical colleges, at home and abroad, and have completed or are prosecuting their studies for the priesthood, while many other devoted their attention to the legal and medical profession. This is proof of the practical and substantial work being accomplished within the walls of St. Mary's. The Bishop congratulated the Superior and pupils on the successful working of the school.

The funeral of late Very Rev. Dr. John O'Reilly, pastor of Virginia, took place July 24. Great numbers attended. At the Requiem Office and High Mass Rev. Hugh Brady was celebrant. Rev. Peter McGivney, Ballyjamesduff, deacon, Rev. B. Brady, Castleraghan, sub-deacon, and Rev. Father McKiernan, Virginia, master of ceremonies. Chanters—Rev. Hugh Brady, Knockbridge and Rev. P. Reilly, Laragh.

DERRY.—A sad accident took place at the limestone quarries of the late Mr. Patrick Devlin, lime merchant, Moneymore, on Aug. 1, whereby James Wood and Bernard Devlin, laborers sustained injuries. The two and Michael McGuckin were raising limestone by blasting, when a charge which had failed to explode subsequently went off. The three men were knocked down, young Woods' right hand being blown to pieces, while Devlin received very serious injuries to the face and eyes. McGuckin escaped without injury. The injured men were conveyed to the surgery of Dr. Melver, who did all possible to alleviate their suffering. Woods was afterwards taken to the infirmary at Magherafelt, where his hand was amputated.

DONEGAL.—Miss Keiso, of the Thorne, Letterkenny, died in Australia, lately. She had gone there for the benefit of her health.

The Donegal Independent of August 7 contained this item: "The population of the Diocese of Clogher has decreased by one-third or 50,000 souls in thirty years. In sixty years more if this drain continues, there will be no need for clergy or churches. The fact should open the eyes of those who are backing graziers for public positions."

DOWN.—A meeting of the members of the John Martin branch of the United Irish League in Shinn and Sheeptown was held Aug. 2. Mr. John McCarthy, president, in the chair. The chairman gave a summary of the proceedings at the meeting of the Executive at Newcastle. He said: "Since last we met great loss has fallen upon the Catholic world in the death of Pope Leo XIII, in respect of which I move the following resolution. 'That we desire to place on record our profound sense of the loss which the world has sustained in the death of the Sovereign Pontiff, recognizing that his great gifts as a churchman have guided his flock unerringly in times of difficulty; that his statesmanship has raised the power of the church and has made for peace in the world; that his abilities as a scholar, and his broad sympathies, have earned the admiration of all good men, kings and people, and that his saintly and self-sacrificing life has shed a lustre on all his works; and history will hand down his name as one of the greatest and best in the line of the successors of St. Peter.' This having been seconded by Mr. Patrick Morgan, was passed in silence, all standing uncovered. The secretary then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. John McAllinden, and passed unanimously: 'That we also desire to record our sincere sorrow at the death of Father Anderson, O. S. A., who was not only a distinguished and pious type of our own dear Irish sogaarth aron, but also an uncompromising patriot.'