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.—A new steamer named Widgeon has been put on the trade route between GaGlway and Maam.

The death of Mr. James Collins, of Atlantic Terrace, Upper Salthill, Galway, occurred on Aug. 10, and rs. John Boyd, of Lower Salthill, died Aug. 8. Both are widely regretted

Mr. Patrick Kelly, of Abbey street, Loughrea, died recently at the early age of 119 years. The interment took place in the Abbey cemetery. The funeral, which was of enormous proportions, was rendered more solemn and impressive by the band of the Temperance society, of which deceased was a member, playing the "dead march." The band marched from the society rooms at the head of 120 members who walked three abreast. About two hundred members of the confraternity of the Brown Scapular, of which deceased was a member, wearing their scapulars, also walked in processional order.

LEITRIM.—A shock was given the residents of Carrick-on-Shannon, Aug 14, when the news spread that Dr Richard B. Thrutall had bled to death that morning from having the main artery of a leg severed. He left his bed and had a drink of water from a glass decanter when he slipped and fell to the floor, the decanter breaking under him in many pieces, and thus he received the fatal cut. Medical aid was at once summoned, and four doctors were immediately at the side of their colleague. However, all their efforts to stop the fierce flow of blood was futile, and the promising medical man bled to death. eH was fortified by the rites of the Catholic church, which were administered by the Rev. B. Geraghty.

The South Leitrim executive of the United Irish League held a meeting in Ballinamore, Aug. 2. Dr. Mulcahy, chairman, presiding. The branches represented were: Ballinamore, Dr. Mulcahy, P. McLoughlin, Hugh Reynolds, P. McGovern, Peter McCartan, John Gallogly, Dan McGoohan, Phil GaGffney; Drumreilly, Upper, Brian McEnroy, Owen Charles; Drumreilly, Lower, John McGee, P. Dolan; Aughnasbeelan, John Duigran, P. Mulvey, John Hoey, P. Dolan, M. McLoughlin; Mohill, J. M. Mulligan. Mr. R. A. Corx, organizer of the United Irish League, was also present and delivered a spirited and lengthy address. The following resolutions were put to the meeting and unanimously passed, proposed by Mr. P. McLoughlin, and seconded by Mr. J.J Duignan: "Tnat we deeply deplore the deaun of the Rev. James A. Anderson, O. S. A., who through life rendered some invaluable services to the national cause, and who in the early sixties, when it was not fashionable to be a nationalist, often endangered his liberty to shield and assist the men of '67." Proposed byDr. Mulcahy and seconded by Mr. P. Mulvey: "That we, in conjunction with the whole world, regret the death of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., and that we place on record the great loss which the Irish nation feels by the death of the venerable pontiff, who at all times showed friendship to Ireland and the Irish race."

MAYO.—The death of Mrs. E. Mc Cormack, Cloongonla, Ballinrobe, occurred Aug. 8, Aged 77 years, deeply regretted. Some few days prior to her death she removed to Lecanvy for the benefit of her health. On Sunday last her remains were conveyed from Westport to Ballinrobe, and on Monday after mass the remains were conveyed for interment to thef amily burial ground at the old Abbey. The funeral was one of the largest and most representative seen in Ballinrobe for years.

On August 12, the annual Mayo Industries Exhibition was opened in the Castlebar demeshe, lent by the Earl of Lucan. A notable feature of the exhibition, and one which attracted the general attention was the tent in which was displayed the Countess of Lucan's homespun tweed industry. One of the pieces of tweed displayed was a fac-simile of the piece presented by the Countess of Lucan to Queen Alexandra on the occasion of her visit to Leenane, and which her majesty said she would wear. The exhibits in every department were excellent, and the convents in the county played a prominent part in maitaiig the position gained by them at last year's exhibition, particularly Foxford, Kiltimagh and Castlebar.

On the historic mountain of Croagh Patrick, on Sunday, Aug. 16, was celebrated the holy sacrifice of the mass, by Rev. Father McDonald. The people of the county attended in great numbers. Achill, Castlebar and Ballinrobe sent large contingents. It was one of the most impressive sights ever witnessed in thec ounty. The following clergymen wer among htose present: Rev. Father O'Toole and Rev. Father Kelly, Kilmeena; Rev. Father [illegible] Carney and Rev. Father Hannan, Westport; Rev. Father Eaton, the college, Tuam; Rev. Father Curritt, the college, Sligo; Rev. Father O'Connor, Pittsburg; Rev. Father Higgins, C. C., Aughagowa; Rev. Father Ryland, C. C., Islandeady, and Rev. Father Nicholas, C. C., Claremorris. After mass Father McDonald spoke, expressing regret at the absence of the archbishop, and stating that he had a letter from him to the effect that an indulgenceh ad been graned by the Holy See to all who came to the pilgrimage that day to Croagh Patrick and on every future like occasion with proper dispositions. The Acts were read in Irish. Even after the religious ceremonies peoplec ontinued to climb the mountain, and it was late in the afternoon before the last of the visitors quitted thes ummit.

ROSCOMMON.—Right Rev. Mgr. McLoughlin, pastor of Roscommon, was presented with a purse of sovereigns and an illuminated address on August 9, to mark their appreciation of the great work accomplished in the erection. of. the. magnificent church which was dedicated to the Sacred Heart a short time ago. Dr. D. J. O'Malley read the address, and Mr. E. P. Murray made the presentation. Father McLoughlin made a touching and appropriate address.

The Month's Memory, Office and high mass for the repose of the soul of tht late Mr. James McLoughlin, was celebrated in St. Patrick's church, Castlerea. There was a very large congregation, besides the relations of deceased of devout worshippers. The solemn offic commned at 10:30 o'clock, Th Most Rev. D. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, presided. The celebrant of the high mass was the Rev. M. Brennan, Castlerea; deacon; Rev. M. O'Flanagan, the college, Sligo; subdeacon, Rev. J. McGoldrick, Loughglynl; master of ceremonies, Rev. P. Martin, the college, Sligo.

SLIGO.—The death of Mr. Dominick Gunning, of Lisbanagher, occurred recently, at the good old age of 87 years, deeply regretted by his relatives and friends in Ireland and the

On August 9 a large meeting was United States.

held at Mullinabreena for the twofold purpose of inaugurating a collection for the Irish Parliamentary Fund and of denouncing the imposition of the police tax on persons crimeless. Mr. John Gilmartin, organizer, was present, having driven from Ballymote. It was his first visit as organizer, and the reception he received showed their appreciation of him and of the cause he represents. On thn motion of Mr. Neil O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Peter O'Connell, the chair was taken by the Rev. B. Quinn. The reverend chair man said it was a pleasure to preside at that imposing meeting. ealed for the purpose of organizing a collection in aid of the Irish Parliamentary Fund and for denouncing ss iniquitous the imposition on their crimeless locality of an unjust oppressive police tax.

The Sligo Champion of August 15 contained this: "The Gaelic movement in the county is going ahead. Everywhere there are evidences of a great stir in the country, and it is manifest that the people of Sligo are doing their part in the establishing of an Irish Ireland. It is to the efforts of a few enthusiasts that the present admirable state of affairs is due, and we are sure that they are amply rewarded at seeing their work succees so ell. Father Hynes is working like a Trojan. On Sunday week, after his two masses in Sligo, he was in Cliffoney in time to catch the people going home after last mass, and to hold one of the most successful Gaelic League meetings we have ever been present at. Father Hynes brought with him from Sligo one who is just now making his name felt as a real Irish orator—Mr. Slike, of Messrs. McDonagh & Co. The Rev. Father Brennan, one of the most ardent Gaelic Leaguers we have met, and one who deserves great praise for the zealous manner in which he has pushed forward the movement in County Roscommon, also addressing the meeting.

Munster

CLARE.—Kilrush has just lost a veteran Nationalist by the death of Mr. John Egan, Henry street. For a long time he was identified with every Irish movement and placed his time and money atl ts service. In the great and historic parliamentary contest when the O'Gorman-Mahon was the National candidate.

CORK.—The new steamer Inniscarra, built in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, for the city of Cork Steam Packet company, came up the Lee, Aug 14. She was gayly decorated, which made her present a very attractive appearance. She resembles the steamship Innisfallen, but is larger. Like all the modern ships of the company, her lines are very fine, imparting a yacht-like appeaance to her hull. It is a great pity that all the money for the building of this ship went to England, while Ireland is in so dire a need for the assistance of home industries.

Recent Deaths in Cork—HORGAN—On Aug. 11, at the North Infirmary, Maggie Horgan, Mountmusic. BOLAND—On Aug. 11, at Bank Place, Mallow, Margaret Boland. CADIGAN—On Aug. 12, at Blackrock, road, John Cadigan. CARONIN—At Knocknavullig, Canovee, Michael Cronin, aged 75 years. O'REGAN—On Aug. 13, at 3 York terrace, Summer Hill, Mary E. O'Regan. TWOMEY—On Aug. 10, at Carrigaline, Catherine Twomey Saloon, Carrigaline, aged 101 years. BOLAND—On Aug. 11 at Bank Place, Mallow. Margaret Boland. WALSH—On Aug. 9, at Main street, Middleton, Catherine M. Walsh. DUGGAN—At 49 Sunday's Well, Henry Duggan. COGAN—On Aug. 9, at 2 St. Mary's Villas, Richmond Hill, Michael Cogan. DALY—On Aug. 9, at 59 Great Britain street, Daniel Daly, Ballinemple, Blackrock. McHUGH—On Aug. 8, at Glenarousk, Bridget McHugh of Castletownroche. HARTIGAN — On Aug. 8, at Fort House, Charleville, David Hartigan. DESMOND — On Augxv shrdul hrdlunmfwypn mfwnp Aug. 8, at Garryhesta, Farren, Thomas Desmond. MURPHY—On Aug. 14, at Killowen, Blarney, Richard Murphy. WOOD—On Aug. 13, at Tullig, Ballinhassig, John Wood, aged 71. ONEIL—On Aug. 13, Patrick O'Neil, aged 26, Clancool, Bandon. FINNEGAN—On Aug. 13, at the North Infirmary, Patrick Francis Finnegan. MURPHY—On Aug. 14, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Michael Murphy, Dungourney.

KERRY—John Flaherty, farmer, of Slievenavodogue, near the Spar, was found dead in his field on Aug 11. He left his house about two o'clock and was not afterward seen alive. Death was from natural cause. He was 8[illegible] years of age.

LIMERICK—At a joint meeting of the City and County Executive of the United Irish League, held in the Town Hall, Limerick, Aug. 8, Mr. M O'Shea presiding, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this joint executive meeting deem it advisable to hold a demonstration in in Limerick on or about November 1 subject to the convenience of the leading members of the Irish Party, and suggests a date be submitted by the secretaries of the different executives

TIPPERARY.—Fire lately destroyed the residence called Island Bawn near Nenagh. It was the property of Mr. T. R. Garvey.

Very Rev. James J. Ryan, rector of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, was second Conclavist to Cardinal Logue at the election of Pius X

WATERFORD.—The Gaelic Feis held in Dungarven, Aug 9, under the auspices of the local branch, was a great success. Among those present were Rev. Dr. Henebry and Dr Sheehan of Maynooth Rev Dr Henebry made a brilliant address

Leinster

CARLOW.—On Aug. 9 an excursion, organized by the Gaelic League, left Carlow for Cappoquin, via Waterford. The weather was delightful and a very large number availed themselves of the opportunity which the occasion afforded of visiting the famous Abey of Mount Melleray. The special train was timed to leave Carlow at 8:30 a. m, but it was a quarter of an hour later before all the passengers were boarded, immediately after which the engine puffed out on her long journey to the picturesque and "sunny south," to the accompaniment of the music of the Carlow Workingman's club brass band, and the hearty "beannachts leath" of the excursionists. At Bagnalstown the train was increased by another contingent It was a good and enjoyable day

DUBLIN.—Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, archbishop of Dublin, recently left Dublin for Rome

Mr. John Redmond, M. P., on August 19, unveiled in Glasnevin cemetery an Irish cross, erected as a memorial to the late Dr J E Kenny, who was a member of parliament for the College Green division of Dublin city

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—CONSIDINE—Aug 11, at Farmhill, Dundrum, Emmy Considine, of Dark county, Limerick, daughter of the late JoJhn Hyacinth Talbot, of Castle Talbot. CARROLL—At 75 Lower Mount street, Marienne, Carroll, Nonagh County, Tipperary. WILLIAMS—Aug 11, at 8 Washington street, S. C. road James Williams. SWAN—5 South Anne street, Ignatius Swan, Limerick aged 18 years. SHERIDAN—Aug. 10, at 27 John Dillon street, Maud Sheridan. HANLON—Aug. 10, at Red Cow Clondalkin, Christopher Hanlon, aged 22 years. CLARKE—Aug. 11, at Grosvenor Terrace, Newcourt, Bray, and of 83 North Frederick street, Dublin, Bridget Clarke, in her 43d year. ROCK—At 25 St. John Rogerson's quay, Mary Elizabeth Rock, aged 32 years. COLLINS—Aug. 11, at Atlantic Terrace, Sail Hill, Galway, James Collins SMYTH—Aug. 14, at 8 Addison Terrace, Glasnevin, Tilicia Brigid Smyth, Mary's. Abbey.. O'CARROLL—Aug 14, at Belgrave House, Monkstown, Surgeon P. J. O'Carroll, late in charge at Taranaki (N. Z.) hospital, aged 64 years. O'SHEA—Aug. 14, at Dean's Grange, Edward O'Shea. COURTNEY—Aug. 9, at Steevens' hospital Patrick Courtney, 4 McCarthy's terrace, Cabra road. GAFFNEY—Aug. 9, at 36 Bath avenue, Irishtown, Mr. Patrick Gaffney. QUANEY—Aug. 9, at 2 St. JJoseph's road, Aughrim street, Catherine Quaney, Grange, Queen's county, and mother of the late Rev W.W J. Quaney, O. S. A. MULPETRE—Aug. 9, at 16 Lincoln place, Patrick Mulpetre. MURPHY—Aug. 7, at 6 Marlborough street, Dublin, Mary Murphy. SHERIDAN—Aug. 10, at 27 John Dillon street, Maud Sheridan McCAFFREY—At 11 Whitefriar street, Edward Lyons McCaffrey, aged 28 years.

KILDARE.—Died, August 10, at Duke street, Athy, John Kelly. Funeral to Nourney numerously attended Aug. 8, at Brownstown House, Curragh Camp, Barbara Frances Beasley Funeral to Conenlimore cemetery was very numerously attended.

KILKENNY.—A deputation consisting of P. O'Brien, M. P. Devlin, M. P and O'Meara, M. P., has been fixed to wait on the chief secretary in reference to the opening of the Leinster coal fields by a line of railway. The deputation will urge the claims of iKlkenny to be made the terminus of the line.

KING'S.—Mrs. Mary Dunne, wife of Mr. Michael Dunne, Ballyteague, died Aug. 7, deeply regretted. Requiem services and funeral were atended by the people of the surrounding districts.

The member of the Kilcormack branch of the United Irish League forwarded recently to the central executive a substantial donation to the fund. Mr. Patrick Dooley made the remittance. The English invaders gave the name Frankford to this ancient Irish locality, but recently the county council has restored its ancient and honorable title—Kilcormack All letters to thatp lace so addressed will be delivered.

LONGFORD.—A special meeting of the County Longford Agricultural Society was held in the council chamber of the courthouse, Longford, Aug. 11 to decide on the objections to awards made after the recent show. The chair was occupied on the occasion by Mr Thomas Plunkett. All business was brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

LOUTH.—The new library in Drogheda will be erected in Fair street. It will cost $12,500.

When the news of the election of Cardinal Sarto as pope arrived in Drogheda it was anounced by the joyful pealing of the beisl of St. ePter's church. A special service of thanksgiving was celebrated in St. ePter's on Sunday and consisted of rosary sermon by Father Clarke, benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. During benediction a solemn Te Deum was chanted by a ful choir under the direction of Mr. Edward Lambe, who accompanied on the organ The boys brigade, carrying colors, sang appropriate hymns, including "Faith of Our Fathers," "A Song for the Pope," etc

MEATH.—Under the auspices of the Trim branch of the Gaelic League a mosts uccessful open air concert was held Aug. 9 in the ancient town The second open air Irish festival held in Trim since the start of the Gaelic movement, that on Sunday, showed in the attendance and enthusiasm displayed the deep hold which the movement obtained in the district, and following up the demonstration of last year, it demonstrates that the movement is not of an ephemeral character in Trim.

QUEEN'S.—Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, on Aug. 4 administered the sacrament of confirmation to one hundred children in Arles. He regreted that the young men and women of the country were still leaving Ireland, notwithstanding all the substantial reasons given why they ought to remain at home.

WESTMEATH.—The Mulligar town commissioners received an offer from Mr. A. Carnegie to contribute $6,250 toward the erection of a library in the town, provided they struck a rate of a penny in the pound for its maintenance and raised a sinking fund of £500, the iterest of which should supplement the rate. The last condition was too heavy to carry out in a town like Mullingar, and Mr Carnegie was asked to dispense with it, he being assured that the library would be maintained. At the monthly meeting, Mr T. J. Shaw, presiding, the following reply was received:

"Skibo Castle, Sutherland, July 21 1903.

"Dear Sir—Yours of the 18th received. Mr. Carnegie only agrees to erect library buildings in cases where an adequate income from an assured source is in sight. The amount specified is the least which will maintain a library properly and Mr. Carnegie can not waive his condition—which is insisted upon in all cases—and accept a general undertaking to maintain the library. Respectfully yours,

"JAMES BERTRAM,
"Secretary."

The chairman said he saw by the Freeman's Journal that Kinsdale and Portrush were also seeking a modification of a similar condition, which is a very onerous onef or towns in a poor country like this. The matter was adjourned.

WEXFORD.—The members of the New Ross Gaelic League had a fine excursion Aug. 9 to the holy and ancient place, Saint Mulins, on the River Barrow.

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Ferns, has appointed Father King C. C., Ramsgrange, to the curacy of Duncanon, vacant through the appointment of Father John Roche to the pastoral charge of Horsewood church. Father Isaac Scallon, Franciscan church Wexford, has been appointed curate of Ramsgrange, and Father Gaul, Wexford, has been appointed to the Franciscan church.

WICKLOW.—Mrs. Mary Whittle, of Morganstown Glen, Dunlavin, died Aug. 7, deeply regretted by her family and friends in Ireland and in the United States.

On August 11, while men were excavating in the vicinity of the Methodist church, Wicklow, a number of human skeletons were unearthed. In the cae of one, portions of the upper and lower jaws were in a state of good preservation, and indicated that the skeleton was that of ay oung male person. Local history relates that it was about there the battle of Kilmanton was fought, but the skeletons are believed o be those of victims of Sir Charles Coote when he was in Wicklow and put to death all the people who were assembled at mass at Melancholy lane. The remains were found a few feet below thes urface.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—The Nationalists of Belfast have contributed one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars to the Irish Parliamentary Party Fund and two hundred and fifty dollars to the National Defense Fund.

The crops in Balymena district are loking well and promise to give all round a beter yield than those of last year.

Free scholarships in St. Malachi's College, Belfast, for one year, have been awarded to Masters William Kearns, Jack McGarry, J. J. McDonnell, William Patrick Purcell, Charles Daly, Edward McHugh, Thomas Donegan, William Henry Allen, Frank McGarry and Peter Deegan.

A meeting of the members of the Samuel Neilson Centenary club was held at 52 Falls road, Belfast, Aug. 9, when the chair was taken by Mr. John Davey, vice-president. After the conference it was decided to give a subscription to the defense fund of the St. Joseph's band, and a resolution was passed congratulating the Father Murphy branch of the U. I. L. and the members of St. Joseph's band.

ARMAGH.—Cardinal Logue, accompanied by his secretary, the Rev. Canon Quin, left Rome, Aug. 11 on his return to Ireland. The Rev. Canon was first conclavist to His Eminence during the conclave which elected Cardinal Sarto pontiff. The Very Rev. James J. Ryan, rector of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, was also Conclavist to Cardinal Logue. The office is a very important one, and in olden times brought in its train notable emoluments and dignities.

CAVAN.—The members of Bailleborough branch of the United Irish League met on August 2 in League Hall, Bailieborough, T. M. Farrelly, president and divisional director, presiding. Others present P. Barry, V. P.; James Traynor, journalist; Laurence Sullivan, P. Brady, Peter Farrell, Thomas Carroll, Edward Cooke, J. Glennon, T. Larkin, T. Liggett, B. McCabe, M. Moore, B. Murtagh, J. Connell, Patrick McEntee, P. Lynch, J. Lynch, Thomas Soroghan, T. Clarke Nolagh) M. J. Lynch, J. Bird, James McManus and Patrick Cooney, etc. Mr. Patrick Cooney, secretary to the branch moved the following resolutions: "That we have heard of the death of Very Rev. Dr. John O'Reilly, D. D., of Virginia, uncle to our president, Mr. T. M. Farrelly, and that we tender to him and to his mother, Mrs. Ellen Farrelly, sister to the deceased, our profound regret in the great loss they have sustained and that the secretary be directed to forward a copy of the resolution to Mrs. Ellen Farrelly, Bailieborough, and to Mr. Patrick O'Reilly, Glassleck, and through them to the other reslatives." Also: "That we have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Pope Leo XIII., one of the most illustrious pontiffs who sat in the chair of St. Peter."

DERRY.—On August 12 the "Prentice Boys" of Derry, celebrated their 214th anniversary Contingents of Orange ruffians, representing the two factions, led by Sloan, M. P., and Rev. Trew, journeyed from Belfast to assist. Before the day was ended the two factions were tearing and beating each other in the streets of the city. A pleasing spectacle this for the honest and peaceful Irish Nationalists of Derry. Long may it continue.

DONEGAL—ThTe Redemptorist Fathers lately conducted a mission of three weeks' duration in St. Agatha's church, Clar. The missionaries were Father Power, Kilbride, and Cussen.

The interment of the late Rev. Hugh Gildea, Ardara, took place July 30, and was largely attended by the clergy and laity. The clergy, to the number of sixteen, with the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, surrounded the catafalque on which the remains reposed and chanted the office for the dead, which was followed by solemn mass in presence of a large and devout congregation.

DOWN.—The remains of the late Mr. James Starkey, Quoniamstown, Killough, says the Irish Weekly of August 15 were interred in the family burying ground, Legamaddy. The chief mourners were William Starkey, father; William Starkey, brother Robert Starkey and George Starkey uncles; Captain Starkey, Charles J. Starkey, Liverpool; Patrick Starkey, Robert C. Starkey, Bernard Starkey, Belfast; J. Starkey, Yougal; P. McMullan, Belfast; J. Brown, Liverpool; William Crawford and P. Crawford, cousins. The folowing were present at the interment: Rev. P. McShane, Killough; Rev. B. Murphy, Ballintoy; Charles A. Kelly, Killough; Richard McNabb, Clogher; John Hutton rick; John [illegible] Legamaddy; John Denvir, Downpatrick; John McNabb, Clogher; Charles Russell, solicitor, Downpatrick; John W. Bell, solicitor, Downpatrick; William Devlin, solicitor, Downpatrick; T. Laverty, medical student, Dublin; John Maguire, Downpatrick; W. Lavery, Ballynewport; John Woods, Dunsford; Jostph Russell. The Course, Rev. P. McShane officiated at the burial.

FERMANAGH—In County Fermanagh farmers expect a good harvest. Climatic conditions of unfavorable character prevented crops being sown in the usual time, in consequence of which they will not reach maturity until a later period. Farm servants were scarce this year., which was another drawback to the farmer. The hay crop is now saved, but much of it has been damaged owing to recent rains. Potatoes are plentiful. Turnips and mangel are a fair crop, and, of course, have a long season to develop. Corn was sown late, so that a late harvest will be the result.

MONAGHAN—The Earl of Dartry has an estate in this county of 17,345 acres, valued at $64,000.

Mrs. Anne Laverty, of Castleblaney, died August 11, deeply and widely regretted. Requiem services and the funeral were attended by great numbers of relatives and the public.

TYRONE—Dr. Ralph Stone, exmedical office of No. 1 Dispensary District, Omagh, died lately at his residence, Keenogue, Trillick, deeply and widely regretted.

The Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulbourn, Australia, native of Castlederg, was the guest lately of the Rev. James O'Kane, Cappagh. Dr Gallagher is a cousin to Father Droogan. In the course of an address at Knockmoyle Church on Sunday, Aug 9, the Bishop, who has made a tour round the world, gave an interesting account of the Catholic Church in America and in Europe Referring to his visit to Japan he said that at Tokio he met a young Omagh man, Mr. McCullagh of Bridge street. Mr. McCullogh was formerly connected with a Catholic newspaper in England and is now on the staff of a leading newspaper in Tokio He arranged a banquet to Dr. Gallagher and at it were present the prominent English-speaking Protestants as well as Catholic residents in Tokio.

The Ulster Herald of August 8 said: "A short distance from the village of Beragh and about twenty-five perches on the left of the road leading to Omagh, is a small sheet of water called Lough Patrick In days gone by, and even up to the present time, this little lake, as well as its surroundings, figured as one of the most interesting of the many places of pilgrimages in Ireland. Though there is no written record of historical proof of St. Patrick having visited the place, yet local tradition affirms that the great saint founded a monastery or church there, and hence the name of Lough Patrick. Up to the year 1815 large numbers flocked to the place where a course of devoted exercises were performed. However, about the period mentioned a party fight occurred between pilgrims and Orangemen, with the result that a man named Phillips was shot. This contributed to hasten the decline of the Lough Patrick Pilgrimage, especially as the Catholic ecclesiastical authorities, for the sake of peace, discouraged the visitations. At one time the Lough was a mile in circumference, but it was drained for the purpose of making it into a bleach green. Resulting from the attempt to confine the waters to a restricted area the ground around it became marshy and useless. There are now only three stations or mounds for prayer purposes, but it is said that there were a hundred in the ancient days. The old custom of devotion at Lough Patrick on the first and second Sunday of August and the Monday following the second Sunday is now carried out by people from a few districts, particularly from Cookstown, Kildress, Donaghmore, Pomeroy and Kileishil. The custom is not kept up by the people of the locality. Like all other districts visited by St. Patrick, there is a curious legend conected with the place It is related that at the time the saint was stopping here a wild animal which is named a 'pieste,' (a serpent) was in the waters of the lough, and a cause of great destruction to the crops of the people of the neighborhood. It is said that St. Patrick's horse drove the 'pieste' out of the lough, and killed it some distance away from the lake The spot where it was killed is still pointed out. The same horse is supposed to emerge from the lough every seven years, and to be visible. There is ac hurchyard at the place, and one of the gables of the old monastry, called the Church of the White Steed, was standing within living memory. A large sized stone in the yard with a cavity therein is described as the imprint of St. Patrick's knee. The water which lies in this cavity is used as a cure for warts and excrescences of a like nature. There are still numbers of persons who bring children and bathe them in the waters which are believed to have great curative powers. The old graveyard to this day is used for burial purposes, and the Omagh board of guardians have made improvements on the boundary wall which helps to kep the place in a state of preservation.