

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 reports about the crops from all parts of the county are of the gloomiest kind. From the middle of July up to the middle of September of a century the crops have not been in so critical a condition.

The annual bazaar for the convent of Mercy, Clarendon, took place in the convent grounds on Aug. 31. In the afternoon a concert which was well attended, was held in the school room.

LEITRIM.—A great demonstration was held in Leitrim on the 29th inst., the rain fell in torrents continuously, and the wind storms were disastrous in their fury.

MAYO.—Farmers and others engaged in agricultural pursuits in Mayo never since the year of the famine had more reason to consider themselves living under a cloud of suspense and anxiety bordering on the disastrous than they do at the present moment.

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The Premier of New Zealand has introduced a bill for the prevention of monopolies in New Zealand. It proposes to establish a monopolies court with power of a supreme court, to investigate all complaints regarding the enhancing of prices by the formation of trusts, and prescribes heavy penalties for offenders.

Leinster

LEINSTER.

CARLOW.—Miss B. Nolan, daughter of Mr. Michael Nolan, Bohernmore, died Aug. 21 at the home of her father. She was aged 14 years.

DUBLIN.—Lord Talbot de Malahide, who owns a great estate in County Dublin, has offered to sell the property to the tenants now on the lands.

Rev. R. Carbery, of the Society of Jesus, died at Mount Park, Dublin, Sept. 5, aged 74 years. Father Carbery was a native of Youghal, County Cork.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—RYAN.—Aug. 28, at Moortown, Oldtown, Joseph Ryan. TARPEY.—Aug. 27, at 9 Palmerston Park, Jane Tarpey, 7 Nassau street. O'DRISCOLL.—Aug. 27, at 25 Pleasant street, Dora O'Driscoll, formerly of Anglesa, street. REYNOLDS.—Aug. 30, at Hilton Lodge, Ballinteer, Julia Reynolds. GIBNEY.—Aug. 29, at Montpellier, Arthur Hill, Dublin, Catherine Mary Gibney. GRAY.—Aug. 30, at Queensville House, Bloomfield avenue, S. C. R. Dublin, Julia Margaret Gray, of Shean, Maryborough, Queen's county. DOMICAN.—Sept. 1, at 19 Chamber street, Joseph Domican, employee of the Phoenix Brewery Co. REILLY.—Sept. 2, at Margaret place, North Circular road, Mrs. M. Reilly. KEARNS.—Aug. 29, at the Sisters of Charity Convent, Baldoyle, Kate (in religion Sister Mary Stanislaus Leo), daughter of the late James Kearns, and sister of Theresa O'Brien, 7 North Great George's street, Dublin, and 6 Marine Terrace, Bray, in the 57th year of her age and the 39th of her religious life. LAWLESS.—Sept. 3, at 46 Upper Gardner street, Dublin, Marcella L. Lawless, daughter of the late Barry E. Lawless of Harcourt street, Dublin. MONKS.—Sept. 2, at Rush, Catherine Monks. NOLAN.—Sept. 3, at 22 Fisher's Quay, Jas. Nolan, aged 86 years, late of Donamon. REDMOND.—Sept. 3, at 2 Wentworth Terrace, Wentworth place, Anne Redmond, aged 58. KEARNEY.—Aug. 31, at 24 Brown street, South, Mrs. Margaret Kearney, aged 62 years. COONEY.—Aug. 31, Thomas Cooney, 41 Westland Row, aged 35 years. GILL.—Sept. 2, Bridget Gill, Baldoyle college, Baldoyle. COLGAN.—Aug. 30, at Meath hospital, Bernard Colgan, Hynesstown, Naul, aged 60 years. WALL.—Aug. 31, at 11 Donnybrook, Kate Wall. DOYLE.—Aug. 31, at Kilmurray, Catherine Doyle. HYNES.—Sept. 1, at the Mater Hospital, John Hynes (late of Nagle's, North Earl street), eldest son of Andrew Hynes, Castleiney, Templemore.

KILDARE.—On Aug. 20 the Earl and Countess of Drogheda gave an entertainment to the parents and children of St. John's parish, Monasterevan. The grounds at the front of the mansion were fitted up in a style suitable for the occasion.

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KILKENNY.—The funeral of late Mr. Luke Hally to Clerihan, was largely attended. He was aged 56 years. During his life he was a prominent leader in the local National movement.

The death of Mr. Matthew Murphy, son of the late John Murphy, occurred at Lower Grange, Goresbridge, and occasioned the deepest grief among his relatives and friends. The requiem office and high mass for the repose of his soul were sung at the parish church, Goresbridge on August 29. The funeral took place immediately after and was attended by great numbers.

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Mr. Patrick M. O'Rafferty, of Hoboken, New Jersey, who has been staying in Arklow, accompanied by his daughter, was given a hearty send-off on Friday evening, Aug. 29, on his return to the United States. He is an Irish-American who takes a deep interest in Irish affairs, and was the means of sending to Arklow substantial contributions for the erection of the Father Murphy monument, at the unveiling of which he assisted. Forty years ago he left Ireland for the United States.

LONGFORD.—Mrs. William Howard, of Earl street, Longford, died Sept. 1, deeply regretted. The funeral was largely attended. Present were: P. E. Fitzgerald, F. McGinnis, T. Fitzgerald, Alex. O'Neill, P. Stafford, P. Igoe, J. P. Farrell, M. P. B. N. Moore, John Quinn, R. Montgomery, B. Molloy, J. Egan, L. Murray, Kelly, A. Percival, Minard, A. Jones, John Cox, A. McKeenle, John Belton, J. H. Conlon, Peter Kelly, P. Maher, E. Ross, T. Dann and others.

By his will of April 4, 1903, Mr. Patrick Lyons, of Clonrose, Longford, farmer, who died on May 17 last, left personal estate of the value of \$61,000. He appointed an executor and executor his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lyons and Rev. Christopher Casey, of Dysart, Westmeath, and the testator bequeathed to Mrs. Lyons \$15,000 and the residue of his property to his children.

LOUTH.—Richard McCarthy, who was a gardener in the employ of Mr. William Cairns, Stamen, Drogheda, during eight years, was killed August 31 by a train on the Great Northern railway at a place an equal distance from Scarva and Poyntpass. A meeting of the collectors for the Parliamentary Fund of the Irish party was held in Drogheda Sept. 1, Mr. C. Tighe, treasurer, in the chair. Present, Michael A. Casey, Patrick McQuill, P. J. Callan, T. S., and P. O'Neill. Mr. Callan handed the treasurer a check for £15 10s, balance of the amount collected in the West street district. Mr. Tighe said the amount he had in hands amounted to £63 16s. It was decided to send £50 to the trustees of the fund as a first instalment and to ask P. Lynch and P. McCullough to collect the Laurence street district.

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Greenlane for the purpose of clearing a road connection with a retreat in the parish, when the bellyband of the harness gave way, and the trap being back, he was thrown on the road. His face was badly cut and bruised, and he was severely shaken. Surgeon McArdle and Dr. Taylor, Rathrum, attended to him. Last report stated that he was doing well.

Munster

CLARE.—The first stone of the Kilrush Memorial to the Manchester Martyrs was laid in the Market Square in that town by Father Clancy, Kilkee, on Sunday, Aug. 30. Great numbers came from Limerick, Kilkee, Ennis, Lahinch, Kildysart, Knock, Cappagh, etc. A special steamer came from Limerick, the splendid equipped steamship Shannon (Captain Hanrahan) with the Mayor of Limerick, the Boherbuoy No. 1 band, and a large contingent. Among those present were: The Mayor of Limerick, Mr. Michael Donnelly, Patrick Fitzgerald, Greenfield, President East Limerick executive, Robert Nix, D. C.; John McNamara, John McMahon, Michael Hayes, John Crowe, John Hynes, etc. From Dublin came Messrs. J. P. O'Brien (Old Guard Union) and J. Pender, etc. From Limerick came Mr. Kelly, Martin Casey, Thomas Cooney, Mat P. Kelly, Martin Quinn, R. Montgomery, B. Molloy, J. Egan, L. Murray, Kelly, A. Percival, Minard, A. Jones, John Cox, A. McKeenle, John Belton, J. H. Conlon, Peter Kelly, P. Maher, E. Ross, T. Dann and others.

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Aug. 31, at South Infirmary, Margaret Buckley, 11 Hogan's Buildings, HAR. TFIN—On Aug. 27, at Denman's street, Liverpool, John Hartin, ex-coast guard. LAHERTY.—On Sept. 1, at the South Infirmary, Timothy O'Flaherty, Ballinajough, Blackrock and late G. P. O. KEARNS.—On Sept. 1, at 9 Lower Panorama terrace, Patrick Kearns. VAUGHAN.—On Sept. 1, at Knockanmore, Mrs. Vaughan, wife of John Vaughan, N. T. Owens.

KERRY.—A public meeting was held in Cloughane after mass, Aug. 30. Mr. Houlihan took the chair. The secretary of the local branch of the United Irish League, Mr. Murphy, gave an account of the branch since the start which shows that under his guidance the membership, now... is the largest of any branch in Kerry. Mr. McCallum, G. L., organizer, delivered an able speech in Irish. Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, M. P., said he was glad to congratulate his native parish on the unity and National spirit shown since the establishment of the United Irish League.

LIMERICK.—Miss Hannah Dunworth, of Adare, was professed in the Convent of Maria Reparatrice, Rome, on the Feast of the Assumption, taking in religion the name Sister M. St. Finbar. She is the third of the family who are members of the same order.

A successful open-air entertainment was held in Kilmallock, Aug. 30, under the auspices of the Gaelic League of the town. It was held in the new athletic grounds. On the platform were: The Very Rev. P. Meehan, D. D. Kilmallock; Rev. John O'Donnell, Kilmallock; Rev. Father Lee, Limerick; Rev. Father Riordan, Limerick, and many others. The gathering comprised 4,000 people. The Youghal man stood, as one of the streamers across the platform said, "shoulder to shoulder" with his brother in Ennis. Corkmen, Kerry men and Clare men were conspicuous by their presence. The representatives of East Limerick in Parliament, and a learned Irish speaker, Mr. William Landon, M. P., were present. The Very Rev. Dr. Meehan welcomed the people to his parish. The proceedings were opened by the Rev. Father O'Donnell with an address in Irish, and subsequently in English. Rev. Father Lee gave an able and eloquent address on the language movement. It was a great success, and proved that the revival of the Irish language is now almost accomplished.

TIPPERARY.—After Mass, Aug. 30, the ceremony of blessing the new "Calvary" in the parish church, Cashel, took place in the presence of a very large congregation. It is a beautiful representation of Our Saviour, with the figures of the saints kneeling at the foot of the cross. Its erections adds more beauty to the magnificent church. Great numbers have approached the new "Calvary" and recited the necessary prayers.

A postman named Patrick Healy dropped dead on the road near Sunberrin on Aug. 17. He was a letter carrier between Roscrea and Moneygall, and was cycling back in company with another man when he fell off his machine and expired. Deceased was forty years of age. He lived with his wife and three children at Grove street, Roscrea.

In the parish church, Nenagh, Aug. 29, Mr. J. M. Heffernan, superintendent of the Tipperary branch of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland, was married to Miss Josephine Wheally, of Rathaleen, Nenagh, daughter of the late Mr. Wheally, Rathaleen. Mr. Heffernan is the eldest son of Mr. Wm. Heffernan, builder and contractor, Grattan street, Tipperary. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Hogan, in the presence of a large number of friends.

WATERFORD.—Mr. Thomas Sexton, ex-Nationalist member of parliament, and now managing editor of the Freeman's Journal, Dublin, won the \$250 prize at the recent bazaar of the Waterford Boat Club. Mr. Sexton is a native of Waterford.

Captain Curran, harbor master, Dungarvan, with praiseworthy enterprise has purchased some fishing craft and turned his yard on the quay into a kippers factory. Herrings and mackerel are gutted, dried and packed by "old hands" whose exhibition the other day proves them to be adepts in their trade. This is the way to revive Irish industries, and every true Irishman wishes it success.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—A Gaelic open-air entertainment was held on the grounds of St. Malachy's College, Belfast, August 29. The items on the program were all well rendered. Among the interesting auditions were Right Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, and many priests.

If there were any doubts as to the future success of a society founded in the present year on the lines of the old Belfast Young Ireland Society, they were dispelled by the enthusiasm and earnestness which characterized the preliminary meeting Aug. 29 of those interested in the National, Literary and Dramatic Society of Belfast, and the fact that numerous applications from young Nationalists to join the society were received. The meeting was held in the National hall, Kerry street, was presided over by Mr. J. T. Devine, and the honorary president, Mr. Joseph Devlin was also present, and delivered an address.

ARMAGH.—The body of Miss Margaret Murphy, of Ballintemple, was found in a bog hole near her home Sept. 2. The had been missed for two days previous to the finding of the remains.

CAVAN.—While the police of Bawnboy and surrounding districts were searching the mountains overlooking Ballyconnell for a man named Clarke, Constable Kennedy, Bawnboy, came across the dead body of a man in the townland of Aughrim. The had the body removed to the house of a man named Clarke, and an inquest was held before Mr. James McGauran coroner. The body was identified as that of a person named Drumm, of that locality, who left home on April 14 last. He had resided with his brother and told him when leaving that he was going to the fair in Swanlinbar for the purpose of hiring help, and he mentioned that in all probability he would go to England before he would return again. The deceased did not return and his friends believed that he had gone to England. However, he was seen on the Ballyconnell road some time in the month of July and was not since heard of. Statements have been made that deceased had £14 in his pockets when leaving, but nothing was found in the man's pockets when his body was found. Medical evidence went to show that deceased died from exposure and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

DERRY.—The Catholic church in Limavady was broken into on the night of August 29, by some evil disposed person or persons, but nothing is missed from the church.

On August 30 the Aileach Branch of the Irish National Foresters held an excursion to Buncrana. The morning was wet and stormy, but this was no hindrance to the members and friends who proceeded by three special trains to Lough Swilly. Accompanied by the St. Columba's T. A. Society's brass and reed band, the members marched from St. Colum's hall, Derry, to the railway terminus. On arrival in Buncrana they were met by the local drum and pipe band and by the Bishop Maginn Branch, who escorted them to the Atlantic Hotel. During the afternoon a meeting was held there, presided over by the Rev. H. McMenamin. The reverend chairman welcomed the Foresters and a resolution of similar purport was, on the motion of Brother Farren, Chief Ranger of the Bishop Maginn Branch, seconded by Brother John McLoughlin of the same branch, passed with cheers. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Michael O'Kane, Dr. P. McLaughlin, Brother Shields, C. R. Aileach Branch; Brother P. McGinley, Brother James McCann, Brother C. Gallagher, Brother H. J. O'Kane, sub-chief Ranger of the Bishop Maginn Branch and others. In the evening the members and bands assembled in front of Father McMenamin's house and by acclamation expressed their thanks to him. They then marched to the station, where the Derry Foresters were given a hearty send-off by their Buncrana friends.

DONEGAL.—Mr. Patrick Coyle, of Carrickshannon, Ballyshannon, died lately, deeply regretted. He was a brother to Rev. D. E. Coyle, Ballintra. Requiem services and funeral were attended by a great number of persons.

DOWN.—In connection with Newtownards Catholic choir an excursion took place on August 27. The party proceeded by brake to Bangor and thence to Crawfordsburn. Here an enjoyable time was spent in dancing until tea was ready, when all adjourned to the refreshment room, where this beverage and its accompaniments were partaken of. Shortly after the ballroom was taken advantage of, where the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent. Mrs. E. McCall, Jr., presided at the piano. Among the party were Fathers Edward Diamond, John Connolly and John Osburn. At 11 o'clock a start was made for home, which was reached in good time, all thoroughly pleased with the day's outing.

FERMANAGH.—While John McGovern and his sister Mary were on their way home from Lisnaskea Market, August 29, and when crossing the railway at Salagh, they were overtaken by the 5:40 passenger train. Observing the train only a short distance off, they leaped from the cart, leaving the donkey on the crossing. Donkey and cart were cut into pieces. Mary McGovern suffered so much from shock that Dr. Fitzgerald was called to attend her.

MONAGHAN.—Rev. Father Leghorn, of Creivies, Parish of Clones, is enjoying a few weeks' vacation at his old home. Father Leghorn's field of labor is in the diocese of Westminster, London, England, where he has won the admiration of all creeds.

TYRONE.—Not for many years was such tremendous floods seen in the district of Desmore as those which took place on August 30. Rain fell continuously in a heavy downpour from early on Saturday night up till three o'clock on Sunday. Flax in the steep was swept out of the dams in many places, and away along the large river slides toward the Lough direction much damage was done to crops of all kinds.