

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 raffie commenced in America early in January last, to help clear off the debt incurred in starting the industries at Cort, has been postponed until December 18, next, as very few of the tickets have yet been returned. The Sister in charge earnestly asks the good Irish people who read this paper to whom tickets have been sent, to dispose of them, and return a list of buyers names as soon as possible. The prizes, which are all valuable and are sure to go to America, include a Gort frieze cloak, silk lined, a rich last source, linen and tweed dresses, two lovely lace handkerchiefs, a gentleman's tweed suit, and Irish crocheted collar, etc. Tickets are one shilling each, forwarded on application to Sister M. Philomena, Convent of Mercy, Cort, County Galway, Ireland. Mr. L. Burke, Toberree National school teacher, Tuam, died in Galway hospital, Sept. 23. His death was caused by a cold contracted six months ago. His remains were interred in Kilmilly cemetery. The attendance at the funeral was large. It was a touching sight to see the funeral standing for fifteen minutes opposite the school house, the scene of his labors, with the children who took part in the funeral for many miles along the road copiously shedding tears. A large number of the citizens of Galway availed of the excursion to Dublin on Sept. 20 to attend the Emmet Centenary celebrations in the metropolis. The brass band of the Nationalist Society of Dominick street, under the direction of the bandmaster, Mr. Brown; and the fife and drum band of St. Patrick's street, under Mr. Rabbit, accompanied the excursion. Mr. James Ryan, Cahernamuck, Loughrea, died Sept. 25. Deceased was a brother to the Rev. Michael Ryan, O. D. C., and nephew of the Very Rev. Father Edward Holland, O. D. C. He was also brother of Mr. Martin Ryan and Mr. Frank Ryan, of Gortymadden, and of Mrs. Staunton, Main street, Loughrea. The funeral on Sunday was a tribute to the memory of deceased and the esteem in which he was held, for seldom has a more enormous cortege been seen. Interment took place in the family burial ground at Bullfinch. LEITRIM—On Oct. 1, in the Court House, Drumkeeran, a convention called by the Directory of the United Irish League was held to select a Nationalist candidate in room of Alderman McHugh, who was disqualified by bankruptcy court proceedings. There was a large attendance. Mr. Peter McHugh, a night constable, father of the retiring member, Mr. P. A. McHugh, was unanimously selected.

The death of Mr. Patrick McGriskin, Killybegh, happened Sept. 17, to the great regret of his family and friends. The deceased was a member of the old and respectable family of McGriskin, who have dwelt in the town since its foundation, and carried on extensive trading there. He had been almost half a century in business. Solemn high mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul on Saturday at 11 o'clock. Among the chief mourners were Mrs. McGriskin, widow, J. McGriskin, Rev. P. McGriskin, Philip McGriskin, Joseph McGriskin, Bernard McGriskin, sons; John McGuinness, Manonahamilton, brother-in-law; Charles Bredin, Killybegh, William Garvin, Belleek; Patrick Timoney, Garrison, nephews. MAYO—Rev. Mother Mary Vincent Trenton, of the Convent of Mercy Castlebar, died Sept. 29, deeply mourned. She was the third daughter of Mr. Hubert Trenton. The cottage, Ballyshannin. Great numbers of clergy and laity attended the requiem services and the funeral. There passed away at Lethamstown, four miles from Castlebar, on Sept. 24, Michael Ryan, who had attained the age of 102 years. For the past twelve months he had been growing feeble, but was not confined to his bed up to a few days previous to death. He had all his faculties unimpaired.

Belaster

Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, conferred minor orders on Mr. Mark Walsh, Kildare; Mr. J. Creppin, Sandhurst, Australia; Mr. William Meany, Plymouth. The following Saturday (Quat Temp) he conferred deaconship on Rev. James CoCale, Kilmore; Rev. John K. O'Neill, Clontarf; Rev. Patrick Keany, Kingston. On the same day Rev. Mr. Walsh was promoted to the order of sub-deaconship. Rev. L. Brophy, senior dean, Carlow college, assisted the Bishop during the ceremony.

DUBLIN.—On Sept. 1 a concert in aid of the Parish Catholic church at Leixlip was held at Lucan Spa Hotel. The attendance was large. The following artists attended: Miss Mollie Byrne, Miss Alice Coggin, Miss Mary Durkan, Miss Agnes O'Higgins, Mr. Andrew M. Tyrrell, Mr. W. Ralph Goggin, Mr. C. Burton and Mr. Rupert L. Boykett. Solo pianist and accompanist, Miss A. Fitzsimmons. The Rev. Father Dooley, Leixlip, was pleased with the success, which was due to his parishioners, including Messrs. Maher Duane, Kinsella, Hewson and others.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—McLOUGHLIN—Sept. 23, at Portran Cottage, Donabate, Emily McLoughlin daughter of the late George Leacocke Gurteen, Castlecomer. RAVERTY—Sept. 23, at 12 Goldsmith Terrace Bray, James Raverty, M. D. RYAN—Sept. 22, at 19 Holles street, Dublin James Ryan, formerly of Killiney DOYE—Sept. 1, at 16 Middle Gardens street, Julia Doyle. BRADY—Sept. 23 at 22 Idrome Terrace, Blackrock, Terence T. Brady. OWENS—Sept. 22, at Ballybough road, Edward Owens, ex National School Teacher of Kilbride CULLEN—Sept. 21, at Newtown Park Villas, James Cullen, of Stillorgan aged 77. SMYTH—On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 9 Ranelagh avenue, John Smyth (chairman) presided, and the following were present: Dunalk—James McCourt, Henry Pearey, Patrick Callan Patrick Hughes, James Huges, O'Gorman, Darver—Matt Curtis, William Brennan, O'Leary, Thomas Moran Louth—Water Gernon, John Taaffe, J. P.; John Belton, Thomas Larney, Patrick Paul, Hugh Cassidy Knockbride Owen Fagan, R. Nugent, H. Casey, J. Hardy, Killiam McEntaggart, Killeurry—James Marmion, O'Kelly, P. Curtis Patrick Duffy, Matt Clarke, D. Shiels Lordship—J. H. McArdle, P. Rice, F. McGeown, Kilkenny—Matt Duffy Michael Magee, Thomas Smyth, John Murtagh, D. McArdle Kilmory—James McCartney, Patrick McDaniel, James Casey, B. Bryne, H. McMahon Omeath—Michael O'Meara, M. Hardy Droimiskin—Patrick Grimes, Thomas Kinsahan, Patrick Neary, Patrick Byrne Thomas Maginn, Patrick Gullynt. The following resolution was adopted unanimously: "That owing to the fall in the price of wheat, the reduction hitherto conceded to the farmers of County Louth, which was largely a wheat-growing district, have been and are insufficient, and we hereby call for a further reduction in order to bring the price of land here down to the level of that paid by our brother farmers in other parts of the country."

MEATH.—In Oldcastle at last mass on Sunday, Sept. 27, Rev. R. Barry announced that an exhibition of Home Industries would be held in the town on the end of October or beginning of November, similar to last year. He hoped that it would be a success as home influence was one of the principal factors in brightening rural life and a great means to stopping emigration. He hoped the people would cooperate with him and have a successful and practical exhibition. QUEENS.—On Sept. 25, a married man named Swann was fishing in the Deer River, outside Castlecomer, he noticed a dark object in the water at a faller tree across the river and on examining it found it was the body of a man. At it had been reported that Patrick Shortall was missing from his home in Clogh since the night of the great storm on Feb. 26, the friends were communicated with and identified the body as that of their lost brother who had been missing. On Sunday, Sept. 27, meetings of tenants were held at Killeen, Arless and Ballyinan for the purpose of considering their position under the Land Act, and the advisability of approaching their landlords with the view of ascertaining whether they are willing to sell, and on what terms. At Killeen the tenants met after 9:30 o'clock mass and were advised by Father Gorry to consult among themselves and determine as to their action. A committee consisting of P. Byrne, J. Byrne, E. Muldowney and others, was subsequently formed to approach the

landlord, Mr. Duckett and the Countess Karney, with the view of ascertaining whether they were willing to sell and on what terms. The tenants at Arless and Ballyinan got similar advice and formed local committees. The friends of Mrs. Lalor, of Tenakill, had of her late husband, Mr. Richard Lalor, formerly master of parliament for Queens county, heard with feelings of regret of the decease of that lady on Sept. 27. On Tuesday morning the remains were removed to the parish church, Raheen, where the office for the dead and solemn requiem mass was chanted. At the mass, the Rev. E. Brennan, Mountrath, presided; the celebrant was Rev. J. M. Kennedy, Raheen; deacon, Rev. J. Mooney, Ballyknally; subdeacon, Rev. J. Fogarty, Abbeylisk; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Farrell, Ballyroan; chanters, Rev. C. Coyne, Maryboro, and Rev. J. Byrne, Mountrath. The other clergymen who took part in the ceremonies were: Rev. D. Gilligan, Raheen, and Rev. J. Lalor, Abbeylisk. After the mass the interment took place in the adjoining cemetery. The chief mourners were: Richard L. Fitzpatrick and John Fitzpatrick, grandsons of the deceased lady; Bernard Cooke, Monasterevan, H. J. Harrison, R. D. C., Ballyroan, and Nicholas Harrison, Crowhill, Freshford cousins. WESTMEATH.—Rev. Mother Frances Kerrigan, of Loretto Convent, Mullingar, died Sept. 27, aged 87 years, deeply regretted. After office and high mass the funeral, numerous attended. A fine monument of white marble has been erected over the grave of the late Very Rev. P. Fagan, pastor of Rochford Bridge, by the people of Rochford Bridge, Milltownpass and Meedin. It represents an angel with outspread wings alighting to strew flowers on the grave. Figure, features and form are faultless. The grave is inclosed by a neat ornamental railing set in a granite kerbstone. The inscription on the pedestal is: "Erected by the people of the United Parishes of Rochford Bridge, Milltown and Meedin, to the memory of their late beloved pastor, Very Rev. Peter Fagan, P. P., V. F. His gentle, zealous, priestly life for 27 years endeared him to all. He died on October 13, 1902, in the 63d year of his sacred ministry. Aged 80 years. May he rest in peace."

WEXFORD.—A straw hat factory has been started in Wexford town by worthy and practical citizens, and it is doing well. It is giving employment to several. Now it rests with the Irish traders to support the young industry. The goods turned out are as good as any made in England or on the continent. A conference of the clergy of the deanery of Wexford was held in St. Peter's College, Wexford, lately. The Most Rev. Lord Bishop of Ferns presided, and the other clergy present were from all the parishes in the diocese. On Sept. 26 the death occurred at the Presentation Convent, Enniscorthy of Sister Mary Angelina Jordan, at the age of 72 years. The deceased was for 48 years a member of the Presentation Order. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Myles Jordan, formerly of Castle street, Enniscorthy, and aunt of Mr. Daniel Jordan, Market square. On Monday there were requiem office and high mass in the convent chapel at which assisted Rev. J. Dine, adm. Enniscorthy; Rev. J. Quigley, M. S. S.; Enniscorthy; Rev. J. Druhan, Glenbrien; Rev. Father Busher, M. S. S. Enniscorthy; Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Enniscorthy; Rev. J. Butler, Enniscorthy; Rev. E. Rartley, M. S. S., Enniscorthy; Rev. R. Fitzhenry, M. S. S., Enniscorthy; Rev. A. Leonard, Courtmacuddy etc. The prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. R. Fitzhenry. The chief mourners were Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, Wexford, brother-in-law Messrs. James E. O'Reilly, Wexford Daniel Jordan, Enniscorthy, and Edward Jordan, nephews; Jack Murphy Bushpark, Enniscorthy, grand nephew Michael Moran and Thomas Moran Enniscorthy, first cousins. WICKLOW.—The evicted tenants of the Coolgreany estate has requested the landlord, Sir George F. Brooke, to reinstate them in their farms and after wards sell to them under the new land act.

Munster

CLARE.—Mr. William H. Redmond M. P., recently made a tour of a great portion of County Clare and explained the New Land Purchase Act to the people. He visited Parteen, Clonlara Killaloe, Scariff, Bodyske, Tulla, Ballyvaughan, Killybegh, Lisdoonvarna

LUSSHER and Carrigan. In every district he was given an enthusiastic reception by priests and people. COCK.—Rev. J. D. Sexton, of Cove left that parish on Oct. 2, for Doneraile. Previous to his leaving, the following waited on him at Cathedral terrace and presented an address: Sir James Carroll, chairman of the Urban District Council; James Long, chairman of the Cork Harbor Board; Richard Swanton, Thomas Bransfield, Joseph Grogan, Maurice McDonnell, Richard Hennessy, James O'Leary, G. J. McCall, J. H. Campbell, Town Clerk. Recent Deaths in Cork.—MORLEY—On Sept. 21, at Wise's Hill Sunday Well, Katie Morely. O'KEEFE—On Sept. 20, at 141 Lower Glanmire Road Ellen O'Keefe. RUSSELL—On Sept. 20, at Rushbrooke, Edmond Russell shipwright, aged 58 years. O'CONNOR—On Sept. 20, at Frankfield, Hanori O'Connor. FINNEGAN—On Sept. 22 at Cork District Hospital, Dennis Finnegan, Leltrin street, aged 11 years. MURPHY—On Sept. 22, at Old Abbey Waterfall, Margaret Murphy, aged 41 years. CREECH—On Sept. 27, at Maltristreet, Kinsale, James Creech, pawn broker (formerly of Bandon) SHEEHAN—On Sept. 22, at 110 Mortimer Road, London, N. E., aged 46, Mary Ann Sheehan, late of Cork. DALY—On Sept. 27, at Douglas, Mary Daly, daughter of William Daly, Ballycurreen aged 7 1/2 years. ADDIS—On Sept. 28 at 82 York street, Blackpool, Danie. Addis. WHEELER—On Sept. 27, at Ballintemple, Lucy Jane Wheeler. YOUNG—On Sept. 28, at Denroche's Cross, Mary Margaret Young. GRIFFIN—On Sept. 29, at Redcliffe, West-end Road, Cork, George Griffin, Sr., aged 77 years. FOLEY—On Sept. 29, at Knocknasuff, Blarney, Cornelius Foley, Glenville. BARRY—On Sept. 28, at Killeagh, Hannah Barry. GREEN—On Aug. 28, at Boston, Mass. James Green, Sr., native of Queensstown. LEAHY—On Sept. 30 at Castleblayney, Ballyhooly, Mrs. Jane Leahy. MCCARTHY—On Sept. 30, at St. Patrick's Hospital, Sarah McCarthy (late of Annagbeg, Ballinacross). HORGAN—On Oct. 2, Michael Horgan, late of Magoola, Dripsey. CRONIN—On Sept. 30, at Convent of Notre Dame, St. Helen's, Lancashire, Elizabeth Mary (in religion Sister Augustine) fifth daughter of the late Thomas Coppinger Cronin, of Cork City.

KERRY.—Most Rev. Dr. Coffey, Bishop of Kerry, has promoted the Rev. J. Foran, C. C. Castleisland, to the pastorate of Prior County Kerry and has transferred the Rev. T. T. Trant, C. C. Castleisland to the curacy of Ballybunton. Both clergymen are being succeeded in Castleisland by the Rev. W. Behan, C. C. Currow, and the Rev. T. Harrington, C. C. Ballybunton. Mr. R. M. McCarthy, Castleisland House, Milltown has expressed his willingness to sell his land to the tenants around Castle Island. The tenants on the Ventry estate and on those of Captain Blennerhassett, Mr. Edward Murphy County Court Judge; Lord Headley Mr. Drummond of London; Lady Northcott, Mr. Cronin, Captain Chute Captain McGill and Colonel Deane are making arrangements to wait on their landlords with a view to purchase their farms. LIMERICK.—The girl missing from her home near Croom since Sunday, Sept. 13, was found on Sept. 20, near Ballybeg, Charleville. The tenants on the O'Grady estate, the terms of whose purchase proposal Mr. O'Grady would not accept, and who are threatened with evictions have removed their crops off the lands and are making preparations for the extreme measures contemplated against them. TIPPERARY.—The Nationalist of Clonmel, dated Sept. 26, contained this interesting item: "We are very pleased to learn that the chair factory started by Mr. Nicholas Kickham, in connection with his new saw mills in Millin alone, is succeeding beyond his most sanguine anticipations. He has greatly extended his premises and put in full equipment of machinery. Many hands are employed, but they can hardly keep pace with the orders. Mr. Kickham is able to procure sufficient suitable timber in the locality and has material for 10,000 chairs seasoning. The success of the venture may induce Mr. Kickham to extend operations to other branches of furniture manufacture. WATERFORD.—On Sept. 30, at the University Church, Stephen's Green Dublin, by the Rev. W. B. O'Donnell, Waterford City, officiated at the mass

of John Slattery, of Mary street, Waterford, to Maggie J. Tighe, daughter of the late James Tighe, C. E., and of Mrs. Tighe, Tivoli Terrace, Trillick, County Waterford. The people of the parishes of Grange and Ardmore, lately presented an address and a splendid five-year-old horse with a silver-mounted set of harness to their curate, the Rev. James Quail, at his residence in Ardmore, as a small token of their gratitude for the good work he has done while in their midst. Father James has been about four years in the parish and during that time he won the hearts of the people in a manner that found practical expression in the presentation. In the days of the Land League Father Quail was curate at Glendine, near Youghal, in the neighborhood of the Moore Smyth estate, and there he dis yeoman service in the case of the oppressed and rack-rented tenant farmers.

ANTRIM.—At Belfast on Sept. 29 while eight men and two boys were engaged in executing some structural alterations at the Falls Brewery of Fairbairn, Lawson Combes Barbour Ltd., a wall collapsed, burying them in the ruins. Rescuers came upon James Boyd, 53, of Mountreat street who was promptly transferred to Royal Victoria Hospital, where he was pronounced to be suffering from fracture of the skull and shock. Half an hour later John Brown, 22, of 4 Bracken street, was removed. One of his hands was crushed to a pulp. The foundry of Messrs. Fairbairn, Lawson Combes & Barbour is one of the largest establishments of its kind in the United Kingdom. The workmen named are not expected to recover from the injuries. The dead bodies of the following were found: Rodolf Murray, 11 years of age, apprentice engineer William Gray, 26 years of age, laborer James McCullough, 35 years of age laborer; W. Gunning, 45 years of age laborer; W. McIlroy. ARMAGH.—On Sept. 29 a fire occurred at the flour mills belonging to Messrs. Best, at Ballinshone, near Armagh, and resulted in the complete destruction of the buildings. How the fire originated no person can tell. A meeting of the Armagh Rural Education Committee, in connection with the Compulsory Education Act was held in the Armagh Courthouse, Sept. 29, under the presidency of Sir James Stronge, Bart. The meeting was convened for the appointment of a secretary and three school attendance officers. Mr. W. J. Willis, Armagh was elected secretary by six votes to two recorded for Mr. A. Costigan Killylea, and T. W. Hogg, Begginstown; John McMahon, Drumardjones and Thomas Gordon, Tynan, were elected school attendance officers for the division of Loughgall, Marketbill, and Keady, respectively. CAVAN.—Miss Mary Anne McEniff, daughter of late Mr. Michael McEniff merchant, Bridge street, Cavan, died at her home in that town on Sept. 21 aged 38 years, deeply and widely regretted. DERRY.—Among the deaths reported from Derry were the following: October 1, at 200 Bishop street, Derry, Daniel Duffy, coachmaker. Oct. 1, at 69 Argyll street, Derry, Elizabeth McKinney, aged 24; Sept. 30, at William street, Raphoe, Isabella McDaid; Sept. 30, at 64 Foxes Corner, Derry, Patrick McManus—R. I. P. DONEGAL.—The death occurred on Sept. 26, of Mr. David McBride, Ballyshannon. Deceased was an ardent Nationalist, being identified with the National movement since boyhood. He was a native of Monea, near Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, and had reached the ripe age of 71 years. The funeral, which took place on Monday was largely attended. Interment took place in Abbey Assaroo, the Rev. John McNulty officiating. The chief mourner was Patrick McBride, son. DOWN.—A woman's body, washed ashore lately near Killeel, has given rise to all sorts of surmises as to her identity. Some think it is either that of Miss Hickman or Miss Webster. But the generally accepted idea is that the remains are those of a Douglas teacher named Shimmins, lost from a Manx steamer, on a passage to Liverpool, twenty-eight days ago. FERMANAGH.—On Sept. 29, the marriage took place at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Omagh, of Mr. H. J. Duffy, booking clerk at the Great Northern Railway station, Enniskillen, and Miss Mary (Cissie) Kinnear Church street, Omagh. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. McGlade. MONAGHAN.—On Sept. 17, Mr. Bernard McCall, Mullycroghers, near Ballyhasse, was returning home from Clones on horseback, and when passing the workhouse, outside the town his horse took fright at a bullock and unseated him. He was severely injured, sustaining wounds on the head and face. TYRONE.—Miss Mary Kinnear Church street, Omagh, and Mr. H. J. Duffy, booking clerk at the Enniskillen station of the Great Northern Railway company, were married on Sept. 29, in the church of the Sacred Heart, Omagh, Father J. J. McGlade officiated.

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