

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.—In Glennamaddy Church Oct. 17, were married Mr. Patrick Garvey, Ballyard, and Margaret Flanagan, Belkenny, Claremorris, by Rev. W. Conway, assisted by Rev. M. Ronayne, uncle to the bride.

LEITRIM.—For the third time in succession the sub-sheriff of Leitrim (Mr. Vaughan) presented Judge Waters with white gloves, on Oct. 21, at Manorhamilton Quarter Session, there being no criminal business.

A meeting of the Corvagh Branch of the United Irish League was held Oct. 18. A large number were present. The following resolution was passed: "That we congratulate the South Meath constituency on their victory over factionalism; that we condemn the action of Mr. James Tully in going to South Meath trying to establish factionalism when he could not show his face in his own constituency." A resolution was proposed by Mr. Thos. Moran seconded by Mr. Michael Donnelly, calling on the landlords of the district to give a substantial reduction in this year's rent in view of the disastrous harvest, also the tenantry of every estate to go into a solid body and demand their rights.

MAYO.—A very interesting paper on the life of Archbishop McHale was read on Oct. 18 by the Rev. M. J. O'Doherty to the members of the Ballyshaderreen Gaelic League. There was a large attendance of members among whom were the Very Rev. J. Daly, D. D. and Rev. M. Connolly. Father O'Doherty gave with the notable events in the life of the great man, which showed the most notable ones among the great thinkers of his age he advocated Irish Ireland as a first essential in national progress.

ROSCOMMON.—The Rev. Dr. Clancy on Sunday, Oct. 18, unveiled the beautiful new altar erected in the Church of the Sacred Heart, in Roscommon. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bishop preached an eloquent sermon.

Ejectment decrees were obtained Oct. 23 by the County District Board against the following tenants on the Dillon estate, lately purchased by them: John Gray, sr., Ballyshaderreen; John Connolly and James McFadden, Ballyshaderreen; John Dugan, Hawksford; M. A. Marrieroe, Ballyshaderreen; M. J. Cassidy, Drummission; John Moran, Edward Moran and Bridget Moran, Ballyougher; Sarah Kils, and Thomas McCormack, Ballyshaderreen; Michael Cunningham, Killybegs.

A meeting of the Fookingham tenantry was held in the court house, Moyie, Oct. 19, to make arrangements as to the sale of the estate. It was agreed by all to purchase their holdings if the trustees of the property were reasonable in their terms.

SLIGO.—Miss Hester of Tubercurry, was married to Mr. Michael S. Bergin, solicitor, Belgrave Park, Rathmines, Dublin, Oct. 21, in the Church of the Oblate Fathers, Inchore, Dublin.

On Oct. 23, at her father's residence, Aughamore, Sligo, Miss Kate, beloved wife of Michael Keenan, late of Lynn's place, Sligo, deeply and deservedly regretted.

A public meeting was held on Oct. 18, at Derrylehan Cloney, for the purpose of asking Colonel Hippesley to sell to his tenants under the new Land Act. On the proposal of Mr. Patrick Chrystal, Mr. John Chrystal, Derrylehan was nominated as chair. Mr. Denis Swamy acted as secretary. The following resolutions were passed: "That we request that Colonel Hippesley inform us if he will sell the property held by him in Aberlilly and that his tenants, as we are prepared to meet him fairly, according to the terms of the act. A copy was directed to be sent to the landlord and a copy to the Sligo Champion.

Rev. J. Breen presided at a meeting of the members of the Tourist League Branch of the United Irish League on Oct. 11. After a discussion on the Land Bill it was decided that none of the tenants enter into negotiations with their landlords till after the public meeting in Kilmactigue, after which there would be a line of action laid down for the tenantry of the parish. A large number of the committee said that the tenants would not agree to any terms that would not secure them at least 8s in the £, as the greater portion of their land was reclaimed from bogs and mountains. The committee were surprised at the action of tenants who settled with their landlords without reduction, because he threatened to deprive them of turbary at the Land Commission Court in Tubercurry.

Leinster

CARLOW.—On Oct. 18, at the Agricultural Show Grounds, Carlow, was represented Leamy and Baginbun, in connection with the Carlow horse championship. The

proceeds was devoted to the Father John Murphy memorial, Tullow. There was no score in the first half, but after the interval, Leamy found little opposition in securing three majors, which was the final score. A hurling match between Bagnalstown and Carlow was abandoned, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Mr. M. Noud, referee.

DUBLIN.—A shocking occurrence took place Oct. 23 at a bazaar held in the sackville Hall, O'Connell street, in aid of the Abbey street Presbyterian church. One of the attractions was a shooting gallery in charge of a young man named Binney, and he was loading a small Winchester rifle. Mr. John H. Halse, general secretary of the Presbyterian Association in Dublin, got round near the target, when the rifle in Binney's hands was discharged. A small pellet struck Mr. Halse in the left side of the neck, severing a vein, and he died.

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An interesting function took place in the Aula Maxima of the South College lately, when the students of the college presented an address of congratulation to the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, Bishop of Clonfert. During Dr. O'Dea's vice-presidency of the college he won the affection of the hundreds of students who passed under his care. It was significant of the present position which the National League holds within synecdoche that the address to Dr. O'Dea was in Irish. It bore testimony to the solicitude with which Dr. O'Dea discharged the duties of the vice-presidency and to his interest on behalf of the college; and it also made appreciative reference to the services which he has already rendered to the National interests of Ireland since his elevation to the see of Clonfert. The Very Rev. Dr. Mearns, the newly-elected president of the college, expressed the pleasure which it afforded him to have any part in the presentation of an address to the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea. The address was the spontaneous expression of the students' good will, and was a unique compliment. Rev. Father O'Kelly then read the address. The Bishop made a suitable acknowledgment.

KILKENNY.—The tenants on Mr. Walter Kavanagh's Ballyragget estate have had several meetings to consider the question of purchase. Mr. Kavanagh asked twenty-five years' purchase, the tenants consider this too high. They have agreed to offer twenty years' purchase for first term holdings and twenty-two years for second term. They have further asked Mr. Kavanagh to receive a deputation, as the tenants believe that the matter can be arranged in a friendly way, good relations having existed between the tenants and the landlord.

Mrs. Dunne, of Inchroche, died Oct. 18, deeply and widely regretted. She had been married only two years. There was a large attendance at the funeral, testifying to the esteem and respect in which the family is held. Requiem office and high mass was celebrated at Gortnahoe, Father Burke Gortnahoe, celebrant. Also present Gathor Dowe, Urlingford; Father Brennan, Urlingford; Father McGrath, Urlingford.

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CORK.—When Mr. Carnegie arrived at Cove, Cork, on Oct. 21, after laying the foundation stones of the new libraries in Waterford, Limerick and Cork cities, he was the guest of Rt. Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, until the following day, when he sailed on the Cedric for New York. Before leaving he visited the grand Cathedral of St. Colman, in the diocese of Cloyne. He expressed admiration for the magnificent structure, to which he had given five thousand dollars for an organ. This is half the price of the instrument.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—**MURRAY.**—On Oct. 22, at Donaghry, Rev. Thomas Murray. **FLYNN.**—On Oct. 22 at 35 South Terrace, John Flynn. **MAHONY.**—On Oct. 22, at Carrigaline, George Mahony, ex-National teacher. **GRAINGER.**—On Oct. 21, at Belrose, Upton, Margaret Grainger, aged 55 years. **BUCKLEY.**—On Oct. 21, at Corbally, Lisgoold, Patrick Buckley, aged 68 years. **KELLY.**—On Oct. 21, at Railway Terrace, Midleton, Patrick Joseph Kelly, aged 19 years. **LARKIN.**—On Oct. 19, at North Infirmary, Daniel Larkin, late of Clyde Shipping Company, and formerly station master at Farbane, G. S. and W. R. I. P. **MCCARTHY.**—On Oct. 22, at Main street, Kanturk, Annie McCarthy. **COLE.**—On Oct. 22, at 48 Gardner's Hill, St. Luke's, Robert Cole. **O'FLYNN.**—On Oct. 23, at the North Infirmary, Cork, Bridget O'Flynn, Ardpryor, Buttevant. **O'MAHONY.**—At Macroom, Oct. 23 Denis O'Mahony, late National teacher. **MURRAY.**—On Oct. 19, at St. Patrick's hospital, John Murray (son) late of ason's Hill. **MURPHY.**—On Oct. 18, at Higher street, Kinsale Atlantic Murphy. **DESMOND.**—On Oct.

QUEENS.—A meeting of the Maryborough Teachers' Association was held on Saturday, Oct. 17, in Maryborough, N. S. The following were present: T. F. Bowman, W. Keys, C. Keegan, A. Kane, J. J. Curran, J. P. O'Sullivan, J. Lawlor and P. J. Byron, also Miss Whelan and Miss Ivory. Though the number present might be considered fair, yet there appears to be disinterestedness and apathy abroad when members who were in town at the science lectures could not find it convenient to attend. After the minutes of last meeting had been confirmed, the circulars received from the central secretary were read and discussed. Some of the suggestions for the changes required in the revised programme, now under revision to make it suitable to the needs of the country, were approved, others were regarded with disfavor. Increments had next turn. The present system of awarding them was condemned as be-

ing unsatisfactory. Those present were of opinion that all teachers who have not been censured should be awarded annual instead of triennial increments.

WESTMEATH.—A largely attended meeting of the tenantry of the Mill castle estate, of which Mrs. O'Reilly is the landlord, was held on Oct. 18, in St. Michael's Hall, Castlepollard, to consider what action to take as regards the purchase of their holdings. The tenants were fully represented. Among those who attended were: Very Rev. H. Farrelly, Bernard Daly, John Walsh, James Kiernan, Thomas Masterson, Joseph Masterson, Owen Sheridan, Thomas Weldon, Peter Fay, L. Hughes, Thomas McCormack, James Fagan, James Brady, Michael Fagan, Patrick Wade, John Daly, Philip Smyth, Patrick Brady, etc. On the motion of Mr. B. Farrelly, seconded by Mr. T. Masterson, the chair was taken by Very Rev. H. Farrelly. The chairman, in stating the objects of the meeting, said he thought that their first business should be to appoint a committee, who should have the support of a solicitor in the report of the meeting of Lord Bagnalstown's tenantry at Killycuan, Very Rev. Dr. Dooley made some wise remarks with which the speaker agreed. Those were that the landlord should be met in a fair spirit, and at the same time that the tenants should safeguard their interests. The chairman's suggestion was adopted and the following committee appointed to approach the landlord and deal with all preliminary matters: Rev. H. Farrelly, Rev. F. Kelly, B. Daly, T. Masterson, John Walsh, James Kiernan and Owen Sheridan. It was decided that the hon. sec., Rev. Father Kelly, communicate with the agent of the estate, Mr. E. F. Dwyer, Galway, Coole, and ask what terms would be asked.

WEXFORD.—Very Rev. Canon J. J. O'Connell, Rector of St. Peter's, died Oct. 18, at the result of an illness which had been long and painful. He was a native of the county of Wexford, and by profession a farmer. He was a member of the clergy for many years, and was highly respected by the people of his parish.

WICKLOW.—A short time ago a meeting of the estate tenants on the St. George's estate, who were disposed to enter a fierce struggle in the days of the Plan of Campaign was held at Athlow and a resolution adopted expressing the desire of the tenants for settlement with a view to a purchase of their late holdings under the provisions of the New Land Purchase Act. That resolution was forwarded to Sir George F. Brooke, the landlord, who is an extensive wine merchant in Dublin and a governor of the Bank of Ireland. He replied as follows: "Hammerton, Castleknock, County Dublin, Oct. 8, 1903. Sir: Any of my tenants who wish to talk about purchase had better communicate with Mr. Hamilton, Castleknock, County Wicklow. Absence from home has prevented an earlier reply. Yours faithfully, Geo. F. Brooke." "Mr. D. M. Dunne."

CLARE.—Miss Frances Duggan, of Ennis, was married to Mr. Timothy Ryan, C. E., of 725 George's street, Limerick, on Oct. 21, in St. Michael's church, Limerick, by Father Devaney of Ennis.

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