

NEWS FROM IRELAND

ALL THE HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

What is Being Done by the People at Home—Gossip From All the Counties of the Emerald Isle.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—The Donegal Independent of Nov. 27 had the following: "There has just died at the residence of Mr. James Brady, Killyfast, Toombriake, an old woman named Rose Keenan, who had attained the extraordinary age of 103 years. Up to four years ago she was in the habit of visiting from house to house in the locality."

A public meeting was held on Nov. 23 under the auspices of the Belfast National Literary society, in the National hall, Berry street, Belfast, in commemoration of the Manchester martyrs, Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. Mr. John T. Donovan, president of the society, presided. The hall was crowded with an appreciative audience, among whom were the following: David Sheehy, M. P.; Thomas Maguire, solicitor, vice president Belfast executive, United Irish league; John Rooney, vice president Belfast executive, United Irish league; James Waters, treasurer Belfast executive, United Irish league; and John F. McIlvenny, honorary secretary National Literary society.

Nov. 21 was a memorable day in the history of shipbuilding in Belfast. The occasion was the launching of the largest vessel in the world. The task of pulling the lever for the launching was entrusted to Miss Julia Nelson, the well known actress, and among the spectators were the Right Hon. W. J. Wolfe and Mrs. Pirrie, Mr. E. W. Wolff, M. P., and Mr. A. M. Carlisle, manager of the Queen's Island. Precisely at 11 o'clock the liner, already named the Baltic and built to the order of the White Star company, was launched, the actual ceremony occupying less than a minute. Her dimensions are as follows: Length, 725 feet 9 inches; breadth, 75 feet; depth, 49 feet. Her gross tonnage will be 24,000; her capacity for cargo about 28,000 tons, and the displacement at her load draft about 40,000 tons.

ARMAGH.—On Nov. 19 a representative meeting of tenants on the Cope estate was held in Hall's Turn schoolhouse. On the motion of Mr. Thomas Lindsay, Mr. Ephraim Allen took the chair. The chairman stated that they were met to consider a proposal received from Mr. Brooke, the agent of the estate, to sell to the tenants under the new land act and called on the secretary, Mr. Robert Winter, to announce the terms proposed by Mr. Brooke. These were to sell to second term judicial tenants at 3 shillings in the pound reduction and to first term judicial tenants at 5 shillings in the pound reduction, any tenants with an outstanding half year's rent to have it added to the purchase money, and all other arrears to be paid up before purchase, 3/4 per cent interest to be paid on the purchase money till the sale was completed. The terms were not accepted.

CAVAN.—A tenant in County Cavan, having inquired as to the average reduction of rents in his county on first term cases, was given the following for all Ulster: Antrim, 25.7 per cent; Armagh, 27; Cavan, 21.8; Donegal, 19.5; Down, 23.3; Fermanagh, 23.5; Londonderry, 19.6; Monaghan, 25.5; Tyrone, 19.3.

DERRY.—Most instructive lectures on "The Holy Eucharist," illustrated by a magnificent series of views, were delivered lately in St. Columba's hall by the Rev. W. Doherty, Adm., Long Tower. The assembly room was crowded on the two occasions with devout and appreciative audiences. The views were copies of best pictures in the continental galleries and were superb. The lantern was in charge of Messrs Archer and Coghlan.

Among the private audiences granted by Pope Pius X., that accorded on Nov. 14 to the rector of the Irish college in Rome has a special interest. On this occasion the rector presented to the holy father the Peter's Pence from the diocese of Derry, amounting to \$2,000.

DONEGAL.—The most enjoyable night's entertainment experienced for many years in Belleek was held recently in the form of a "Ceilidh." The attraction was Seumas Ward, Orlantheas prize winner of Irish step dancing. Irish dances and songs were the order of the evening, contributed by Seumas Ward, Miss Bonner, Miss Harly, Miss McGinty and Mr. Gallagher, Donegal. A good deal of local talent was well displayed, including Gaelic songs by Mr. Tunny, Tulloghan; D. Gilfedder, Drumanillar, and Miss Kate Dolan, who captured the house by her rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

The celebration of Emmet centenary in Ballyshannon on Nov. 22 was one of the largest demonstrations ever held in the town. At 3 o'clock the '98 band sallied out to meet the men from Kesh and Bundoran, headed by their new band. The parties met at Portman, and after a cordial greeting the two bands played a contingent of 1,000 men into the town. A similar compliment was paid the bands and contingent from Ballintra, Belleek, Garston and other places. Amid a scene of great enthusiasm the procession started from the '98 Memorial hall at 7 o'clock. Preceded by a large body of torchbearers, the '98 band led the Ballyshannon, Carrickboy, Belleek and Bundoran contingents. Next came the Kesh band, preceded by its torchbearers and followed by the men of North Leitrim. Following these came the Donegal, Carrickfergus and Carrick

shannon contingents. A meeting was held in the '98 Memorial hall, which was crowded in every part. On the motion of Mr. Myles Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Michael Tunny, Mr. Patrick Scott, chairman of the Ballyshannon board of guardians, presided. Several patriotic speeches were delivered. A few songs appropriate to the occasion were then given by D. Gilfedder, J. Feely and J. McManus, after which the proceedings closed with the singing of the national anthem, "God Save Ireland."

DOWN.—On Nov. 23 the Thomas Russell life and drum band, accompanied by a large crowd, paraded the streets of Downpatrick in commemoration of the Manchester martyrs.

A meeting was held in Ballydrain national school, Comber, of the tenants of the Admillan estate. Captain Craig, on his own and his brother's behalf, offered to sell under the land act on the following terms: (a) Twenty per cent reduction on second term rents (twenty-four and one-half years' purchase); (b) first term rents fixed or agreed on prior to 1890 reduced to second term rents, each case to be decided on its merits, the reduction given to neighboring tenants who have been through the court twice to act as a basis; (c) lease land subject to rent renewal, fines and fees to be considered as second term rents; (d) those who have never been in court to be specially considered; (e) interest on the purchase money from date of agreement for purchase until date of vesting order to be at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent; (f) all arrears and the proportion of rent due at the date of agreement for purchase to be paid prior to execution of such agreement. The tenants have not taken action in the matter yet.

FERMANAGH.—There is living at Wattlebridge, Newtonbutler, a man who has reached the remarkable age of 106 years. His name is James Godfrey, tailor by trade. During his early years he worked in Manchester. He made a suit of clothes for Daniel O'Connell. (Godfrey was born in Roskeel and recalls some stirring incidents associated with Ireland's history. He can walk two miles to a friend's house, where he talks most interestingly on the past.)

MONAGHAN.—Most Rev. Dr. Owens, bishop of Clogher, has made the following changes in the diocese. Rev. Patrick McQuade, C. C., Coolin, Brookboro, to be C. C. Irvinestown; Rev. Thomas Brennan, C. C., Irvinestown, to be C. C. Monaghan; Rev. Patrick McCarney, C. C., Newtownbutler, to be C. C. Coolin, Brookboro; Rev. Bernard Maguire, C. C., Kilskeer, to be C. C. Donaghmoyno; Rev. John McKenna, C. C., Donaghmoyno, to be C. C. Kilskeer; Rev. Patrick Mulligan, C. C., Iniskeen, to be C. C. Donaghmoyno; Rev. Terence Connolly, C. C., Donaghmoyno, to be C. C. Threemilehouse; Rev. James Daly, lately ordained, to be C. C. Iniskeen; Rev. Patrick McConner, C. C., Ballybay, to be C. C. Iniskeen; Rev. Peter Farman, C. C., Truagh, to be C. C. Ballybay; Rev. Thomas John Keenan, C. C., Threemilehouse, to be C. C. Newtownbutler; Rev. Thomas Connolly, lately ordained, to be C. C. Tempo; Rev. Francis McManus, lately ordained, to be C. C. Tyholland.

The death of Miss Teresa Dempsey of Glassihough street, Monaghan, occurred on Nov. 18 at the early age of eighteen years, deeply regretted. On one examination she secured the gold medal for proficiency in the Irish language.

TYRONE.—A singular occurrence recently occurred at Dromore Road Station. An aged farmer, Mr. Andrew Fleming, had been ailing for a considerable time past and died Nov. 23 at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. McConnell. This lady had also been in delicate health and latterly she fretted lest her father would not be happy if she died before he did. On hearing that her father had died she expressed herself happy, asked for a drink, after taking which she quietly expired. Both were interred together on the same day and at the same time.

On Nov. 24 the month's mind of the late Father Denis Morris of Castleberg took place. As on the day of the funeral ceremonies the sacred edifice was crowded with an immense congregation, clerical and lay.

Munster

CLARE.—Mr. Patrick Comyns, Henry street, Kilmish, died Nov. 24, aged seventy-five years. The deceased was uncle to Mr. J. P. Clancy and the Misses Clancy, Henry street, and the funeral, which was of large dimensions, took place from the church to the family burial ground at the Kiltmannog cemetery.

Under the superintendence of Mr. O'Lea, National schoolteacher, the Irish language revival movement in Kilmannog is going ahead. On Nov. 22, after mass, a large crowd assembled at the school gate. Gray haired men, sturdy young men and boys, blooming young damsels and rosy cheeked maidens, one and all buckled to the standard of the Gaelic league. Lessons began, and then it would do any Irishman good to see what zeal and attention prevailed—from all corners sounded the melodious language of the fatherland spoken with Irish tongues and from Irish hearts. When class was over Mr. Patrick McTigue gave Irish airs on the flute, and Messrs. Hanrahan, Talty, Power and McNamara specimens of Irish dances, followed by Irish songs from Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Meskall.

CORK.—The City of Cork Steam Packet company's ship Glengariffe, from Liverpool for Cork, struck the Hawke rock, Poor Head, Cork, Nov. 22 and was beached. Her passengers were landed in the ship's boats at Crosshaven.

On Nov. 21, the feast of the order, the ceremony of profession took place at the South Presentation convent, Cork, when Most Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan bishop of Cork, received the solemn vows of Sister M. Benignus, daughter of Mr. Hurley, Aghadown, Skibbereen, and of Sister M. Ita, granddaughter of the late Mr. William O'Connell, George's street, Cork.

The memory of the Manchester martyrs was honored in Macroom on Nov. 22 by a splendid demonstration through the streets and a public meeting subsequently, which was addressed by prominent Nationalists.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—DONOVAN—On Nov. 27, George Donovan, compositor; funeral from 8 Grattan street for New cemetery.—**THOMPSON**—On Nov. 26, Richard William Thompson of 16 Marina terrace, aged nineteen.—**MAHONY**—At Carrigrohane, Patrick Mahony.—**O'KEEFE**—At Patrick street, Fermoy, Bridget O'Keefe; funeral for Kilmurphy Nov. 28.—**CROWLEY**—On Nov. 25, John Crowley, Millstreet.—**BARRETT**—On Nov. 25, at the Cork hospital, Raymond Barrett, late of Goggin's Hill.—**BUCKLEY**—On Nov. 26, at the North infirmary, Patrick Buckley of 125 Horgan's buildings, aged twenty-five.—**MERCER**—Sept. 23, in steamship Finabury, supposed lost on the Japanese coast in a typhoon, Richard Joseph Mercer, chief engineer, son of the late Richard Mercer of Clonmel and Cork.—**DILLON**—At Ballydonohue House, Tarbert, on Sunday, Nov. 22, Ellen Dillon aged forty-five years, wife of Dr. Dillon.—**LAWLERS**—On Nov. 25, John Lawless.—**O'MAHONY**—On Nov. 25, at Knockshanave, Farnham, John O'Mahony, late of Crookstown.—**O'CONNELL**—On Nov. 24, at Summerdale, Buxton Hill, Kate O'Connell.—**BARRETT**—On Nov. 24, at 7 Dublin hill, Blackpool, Eliza Barrett.—**O'HANLON**—On Nov. 24, at 109 Old Youghal road, Helena O'Hanlon.—**O'CALLAGHAN**—On Nov. 24, at Castle Eyre, Union Hall, Mrs. Ellen O'Callaghan of Castle Eyre, widow of the late Michael O'Callaghan and mother of the Rev. Michael O'Callaghan, Kilmee.—**KEARNEY**—On Nov. 22, at Brookbridge, Riverstown, Hannah Kearney.—**FITZGERALD**—At Donnybrook, Dublin, on Nov. 22, Monica Fitzgerald of Eglinton place, Western road, Cork, aged eighteen years.—**DOWNEY**—On Nov. 21, at 3 Eldred terrace, Douglas road, Michael Downey.—**SUNAN**—On Nov. 22, at Ballylough House, Ballyfeard, Mrs. Mary Nunan.—**MULLANE**—On Nov. 23, at Moore street, Hannah Mullane.—**MAGNER**—On Nov. 22, at Ballygriffin Mary Magner, Kilmurry, aged ninety-two years.—**TOBIN**—On Nov. 22, at Durrus, Mary Tobin, aged sixty-nine years.—**WHITE**—On Nov. 3, at the Square, Clonakilly, Jane White, in her seventy-seventh year.

KERRY.—The death of Mr. Michael Murphy, merchant, Brossa, occurred Nov. 26, deeply regretted. Deceased, who was father-in-law of Mr. P. M. Quinlan, secretary to the Kerry county council, was well known and widely respected throughout his native county.

The chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Castletownbere, presented a beautiful scene on Nov. 17, when Sister Mary Stanislaus Joseph made her final vows as Sister of Mercy. The young lady is fourth daughter of the late Mr. William Ferriss, Rattoo. Very Rev. Canon McDonnell, Castletownbere, officiated and said mass.

The tenants on the Herbert estate, near Brossa, have appealed to the government for an extension of time in the payment of the rents because of the bad harvest, failure of the crops and the general agricultural depression.

LIMERICK.—The death of Mr. William Blennerhasset of Shannon Lawn, Glin, took place on Nov. 20. The deceased, who had attained the ripe age of ninety-nine years, was grand-uncle to the present knight of Glin and brother to the late Mr. Gerald Blennerhasset, Riddelstown castle. He was in early life an officer in the Irish constabulary.

Following the solemn consecration of the Redemptorist church at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick City, by the bishop of Limerick, there took place in that city, Nov. 22, the celebration of the golden jubilee of the Redemptorist order in Limerick. The streets were gayly decorated with bunting, and the entire Catholic population did honor to the sons of St. Alphonsus. The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, preached an eloquent sermon.

TIPPERARY.—Mr. M. Brennan, secretary of the Tipperary county Gaelic board, was lately presented by the members of that body with a gold medal in recognition of his services to the Irish language revival movement.

Gaelic concerts were held in the town hall, Carrick, on Nov. 23, 24 and 25. The hall was crowded each night. The music, singing and dancing were excellent.

On Nov. 23 a meeting of the committee of the Drom road branch of the United Irish league was held for the purpose of electing officers. The following were elected: John Burke, president; W. Dooly, vice president; W. Ryan, treasurer; J. J. Hossett, secretary, and J. Russell, assistant secretary.

Mrs. Doocy of Kilmakill, near Thurles, died recently at the extraordinary age of 103 years. Deceased preserved her mental faculties to the last and two days before her death had been engaged in caring for one of her great-grandchildren. She was fifty-nine years of age when the battle of Waterloo was fought and had a recollection of the sensation caused throughout Ireland when the news was spread of the surrender of "Boney" and his subsequent imprisonment on St. Helena.

The escapades of the famous Tipperary highwayman, Jeremiah Grant, she remembered well and was a witness of his execution at Clonmel in the earlier thirties of the last century. She attended monster meetings of the "Liberator" and saluted Smith O'Brien on the day he was arrested at Thurles railway station. The "burying of the

tithe" and the Fenian rising of 1867 she regarded as very recent history.

On Nov. 23 a meeting was held at Lisoriagh, near Clonmel, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Gaelic league. Mr. W. Barry, organizer, attended and in an interesting address explained the objects of the league, pointing out the need for reviving our language if our identity as a nation was to exist. A branch of the Gaelic league was then formed. Rev. T. Hanington was elected president.

The annual procession to St. John's cemetery, Tipperary, to commemorate the murder of the three Irish patriots by the British in Manchester, started from the Forester's hall on Nov. 22. The members of the branch marched wearing sashes. The C. J. Kieckham Brass band rendered music, as did the Sarsfield Pipe and Drum band. The first annual procession in this town took place twenty-nine years ago, and it had the noteworthy distinction of hearing an address from the famous C. J. Kieckham, "poet, novelist and patriot." It is expected that the next monument to be unveiled in Tipperary will be dedicated to the memory of the martyrs. For this purpose a considerable sum has been collected.

WATERFORD.—Rev. Thomas Power, the universally esteemed assistant in the parish of Trinity Without, Ballybricken, Waterford city, has been appointed to the pastorate of the important district of Clashmore.

The anniversary of the Manchester martyrs was fittingly celebrated in the city of Waterford. Two bands turned out, and, headed by torchlight procession, paraded the principal streets, playing national airs.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Waterford branch of the Gaelic league was held on Nov. 23 in the city grand jury room, Waterford city. The Rev. T. F. Furlong, administrator, cathedral, president, occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The report was most satisfactory.

On Nov. 24 the golden jubilee of Mother Mary Joseph Bernard Hackett was celebrated at the Ursuline convent, Waterford. Mother Bernard, who has labored for half a century for religion and education in Waterford, is daughter of the late Mr. John Hackett, mayor of Clonmel, and sister of the late Mr. O'Connell Hackett, mayor of Clonmel, and Alderman E. Hackett, J. P. The religious ceremonies commenced in the convent chapel with solemn high mass coram pontifice, at which the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of the diocese, presided.

LEINSTER

CARLOW.—The marriage of Mr. Michael Kavanagh of Ballinashareen and Bridget O'Gorman of Achlure, Myshall, was solemnized in the Myshall church Nov. 19. Rev. Father Hughes officiated.

On Nov. 25 a debate on the fiscal question was held in the Young Men's hall, Burrin street, Carlow. On the motion of Dr. Farmer, seconded by Dr. Barry, the chair was taken by Very Rev. Dean Finlay, who called upon Mr. Kavanagh of Borriss to open the debate. He proposed the following resolution: "That the proposed change in the tariff system will be a benefit to this country." Very Rev. Dr. Barry spoke in the negative. Mr. Shackleton spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was indorsed by the people.

A meeting of the different departments of the Irish People staff was held on Nov. 10, and Mr. Thomas O'Dwyer proposed the following resolution: "That we, the members of the staff of the Irish People, representing all the departments, express in the fullest and most earnest manner our deep devotion to our late employer, Mr. William O'Brien, our high appreciation of his abilities, patriotism and unselfish love for Ireland and of the services which he has rendered to his country, and while joining in the nation's hope that his incomparable talents will soon be once again at the disposal of the people who love him and whom he had toiled for so long we wish to place on record our own warm appreciation of his kindness as an employer during his connection with the Irish People and our heartfelt gratitude for the magnificent generosity toward us at the hour of parting—a parting which we regret beyond measure and which we hope will not be permanent." Mr. P. Walton seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

DUBLIN.—The ceremony of the opening of the new organ in the church of St. Kevin, Harrington street, Dublin, Nov. 25, brought together a large assemblage of the parishioners.

On Nov. 23 the Dunleary branch of the Gaelic league gave its annual concert before a crowded audience. The programme was well selected, and the artists acquitted themselves capably. The Boys' band from Carrigan discoursed sweet music during the evening, and some of the little fellows danced reels in excellent style.

The Dublin chamber of commerce Nov. 23 discussed the fiscal question. Mr. F. J. Usher moved a resolution expressing the belief that the time had arrived for an arrangement of the fiscal relations between Great Britain and her colonies on the basis of preferential rates within the empire. He pointed out that under free trade the population of Ireland had fallen from over 8,000,000 to under 4,000,000 and that corn and flour mills, paper and woolen mills, cabinet manufactories, tanneries and various other industries had been ruined. Mr. W. D. Goulding, chairman of the Great Southern and Western railway, seconded the resolution. He said that his manufactures had been killed all over the country, their industries swept away and their laborers had to go in large numbers from their native land or starve at home. He firmly believed in Mr. Chamberlain's

proposals. Mr. James Mahoney moved an amendment to the effect that a necessity existed for holding a full and impartial inquiry into the whole question. The amendment was carried.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—COONAN—Nov. 22, at Our Lady's Hospice For the Dying, Haroldcross, Mrs. Elizabeth Coonan of 45 Raymond street, Dublin, aged seventy-three years.—**FORD**—Nov. 22, at Rush, Dickie Ford.—**GILLMAN**—Nov. 28, Agnes Gillman, aged forty-four years.—**KEARNS**—Nov. 26, at 138 Lower Baggot street, John Kearns, late of London.—**STAPLETON**—Nov. 24, at 76 Middle Abbey street, Denis Stapleton, Clontarf.—**WALSH**—Nov. 24, at Tymon, North Tallait, Peter Walsh.—**HORAN**—Nov. 20, at 14 Henrietta street, James Horan, late porter at Benburb street dispensary.—**NEILSON**—Nov. 26, at Glendalough, Mount Eden road, Donnybrook, Dublin, Dora Ann Neilson.—**O'LEARY**—Nov. 27, at 2 Mary street, Mrs. M. B. O'Leary.—**M'BRIDE**—Nov. 22, at 3 Summer hill, Michael M'Brade.—**MAGUIRE**—Nov. 22, at 9 Fish street, Mrs. Catherine Maguire.—**RUSSELL**—Nov. 22, at 25 Brathwaite street, Mrs. Mary Russell, Gurthaura, Templemore.—**WOODS**—Nov. 28, at the Drumcondra hospital, Margaret Frances Woods of 57 Carlingford road, Dublin, aged thirty years.—**KEEGAN**—Nov. 21, at Our Lady's Hospice For the Dying, Haroldcross, Elizabeth Keegan, Cabra.—**FITZGERALD**—Nov. 22, at 3 Victoria avenue, Donnybrook, Monica Fitzgerald, aged eighteen years, formerly of Cork.—**FARRELL**—Nov. 25, at 15 Coombe, Mary Anne Farrell, sister of the late Patrick Kavanagh, cooper, late of 140 James street.—**O'TOOLE**—Nov. 26, at 4 Millmount cottages, Dolphin's Barn lane, Catherine O'Toole.

KILDARE.—Julia Cassidy, who had care of the Shell house in Carton during the past sixteen years, was found drowned in Carton lake, Maynooth, Nov. 18.

The death of Miss K. A. Sheil, daughter of the late Mr. James Sheil, Rathcoole House, County Dublin, took place at the residence of her sister, Mrs. O'Grady, Bickardstown, Newbridge, on Nov. 17. Office and high mass were celebrated in St. Conleth's church, Newbridge, on Thursday, and the funeral took place afterward to Baldiboy.

KILKENNY.—Sir Charles Cuffe has informed Rev. E. O'Keefe, adm., of Tullarvan, that he will allow 15 per cent off the rents now payable on account of the very unfavorable season.

The death of Mr. Michael Fitzgerald of Frankford occurred Nov. 23. On Wednesday following the remains were conveyed to the church at Windgap, where an office and high mass for the repose of his soul were celebrated.

KING'S.—The secretary of the tenants' committee on the King's county estate of Mr. Stanley V. Coote has received an amended offer from the landlord. He states that he could not accept the tenants' offer to purchase at a reduction of 7 shillings in the pound, but that he would meet them half way. If the tenants agreed to purchase the holdings at a reduction of 5 shillings in the pound he would allow 50 per cent off the last half year's rent, due in May last. On signing the agreement he would indemnify them against interest on the purchase money until March, 1904. He offered concessions as to the arrears.

The death of Mr. John Dea, eldest son of the late Mr. Matthew Dea, took place at Derries, Ballywilliam, Birr, on Nov. 10. The funeral was the largest and most representative witnessed for many years. The cortege extended over a mile of the road to English churchyard, where he several generations of this family.

LOUTH.—Mrs. Brophy, wife of Mr. Gerald Brophy, Commercial hotel, Ardee, died Nov. 23, deeply regretted. The requiem services and the funeral to Ballyjosta were attended by a great number of relatives and friends.

MEATH.—In St. Patrick's church, Trim, Nov. 9, were married Mr. Matthew Regan of Manorland House, Trim, and Miss Rosanna King of Newtown, Trim. Rev. Father Keane officiated.

On Nov. 24 a solemn high mass, Te Deum and benediction were celebrated in St. Mary's church, Navan, in honor of the Convent of Mercy, Navan, having just attained its fiftieth year of existence.

QUEEN'S.—The Rev. Patrick Walsh, pastor, Ballinacolia, received a letter from Mr. M. H. Frans, adm., for Mrs. Grattan Bellow, in reply to an offer of the tenants to purchase and their request for an abatement on the rents due. It stated: (1) She is not prepared to enter into any arrangement for the sale of her estate and (2) declines to make any allowance on the rents now due. She is willing to grant reasonable extension of time to make up the rent. It is interesting to note that this estate was purchased by the people of Ireland and presented as a gift to Mr. Henry Grattan.

WESTMEATH.—At a meeting of the Castleblown and Finnea branch of the United Irish league on Nov. 22 the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That, as the majority of the landlords are trying to obtain exorbitant prices for their estates, we call on the farmers to act with unity and caution and show they are determined not to plunge their posterity into unknown misery from which there would be no possible redress and that we also wish to express our best thanks to the Weekly Freeman for the splendid manner in which it has shown by facts and figures the position of the tenants as regards sales."

WEXFORD.—Father Cloney, C. C., has been transferred from Ferns to Coughbawn, where he will be the administrator. His departure from Ferns was much regretted. During the past nine years he has been in Ferns.

A meeting of the inhabitants of New Ross was held in the town hall lately

to consider the establishing of a local industry. Father Dowling of the Visitation order, Cork, widely known for his zealous efforts to revive Irish industries, attended. It was unanimously decided to establish a boot factory. It was understood that the department will pay half the expenses of an expert teacher for eighteen months to train the workers. A committee consisting of Colonel Tottenham, Surgeon General Cherry and other gentlemen was formed for the purpose of carrying out the project.

Mr. Patrick Kavanaugh, father of Mr. Kavanaugh, Cathedral street, Ennis, died Nov. 21, aged ninety years. High mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in the cathedral on Nov. 23. The funeral, which was very large and representative, took place to Templeshambo cemetery.

Mr. Grogan, Gaelic league organizer for the Gorey district of Loc Garmal, attended at Kilmerrin lately and held a successful meeting in the national school with the object of forming a branch. Mr. Grogan, the organizer, addressed the meeting in Irish and afterward in English as follows: "The soul of a country is its language. In the words of Thomas Davis: 'A nation should guard its language more than its territories. It is a surer barrier and more important frontier than fortress or river.'"

The memory of the three heroic young Irishmen who gave up their lives for their country on an English scaffold thirty-six years ago was fittingly honored in Ennis in the procession. Hundreds of people thronged the streets and marched in the procession. The procession was headed by a hearse containing a coffin and followed by torchbearers.

WICKLOW.—Miss Bridget M. Kahos, daughter of Mr. Denis Kehoe, Balinglass, died Nov. 23, deeply and widely regretted. The interment took place on Nov. 25.

CONNAUGHT

GALWAY.—John Burke, aged twenty-six years, of Kenmore cottages, Galway, was killed by a train at Kenmore Bridge Nov. 27.

Mrs. Catherine Fahy of Dublin road, Tuam, died Nov. 23 at the fine old age of eighty-five years, deeply regretted. Until two days before she died she attended the mission that was held in the town.

The death of the Rev. Brother O'Brien of the Patrician Brothers, Galway, took place in hospital in Dublin lately. The deceased, who was a Galway man, had been for thirty years a member of the Order of St. Patrick.

One of the most enthusiastic and best attended meetings held in Killeenacoma took place on Nov. 23. It was held convenient to the chapel and was presided over by the parish priest, the Rev. B. M. Bowes. Mr. Peter Kelly read a series of resolutions pledging allegiance to the United Irish league, greeting the resignation of Mr. W. O'Brien and promising support to the Irish parliamentary party, which were passed with enthusiasm.

LEITRIM.—A mining expert will soon visit the districts of Leitrim county where minerals of various kinds are supposed to lie and make a report as to the extent in which they exist.

Mr. W. J. Francis of Douglas Park, Carrigallen, died Nov. 12, aged sixty-seven years. The deceased held the position of petty sessions clerk in Carrigallen for forty-two years. He was one of the good old school. Owing to his excellent traits of character he was a universal favorite.

MAYO.—The tenants in Mayo are keeping watch on the movements of the landlords in their attempt to extract more than a just sum for their estates and will not be caught in their traps. The tillers know the value of their lands and will give no more for them.

Father N. M. Browne, born in Coolinacra, Ballyshannon, in 1856 and who was a member of the Order of St. Augustine, died at Lydenburg, South Africa, Oct. 26 last, deeply regretted. During his priesthood he was stationed in New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Torres Strait, Buenos Ayres and in the United States.

ROSCOMMON.—On Nov. 26 an explosion took place at the establishment of Mr. F. Tomkins, Main street, Boyle, owing to a lighted candle coming in contact with gunpowder. The roof of the store was swept away, and an apprentice named McMaster was buried in the debris and had a miraculous escape from being killed.

A public meeting of the members of the Arigna branch of the United Irish league, North Roscommon, was held on Nov. 15 to reorganize the branch and to make arrangements and devise the best means of availing of the land act. Mr. J. Keaveney explained the advantages of purchasing, provided they got reasonable terms.

SLIGO.—The Hon. John M. Higgins, Richmond, Va., lately visited his native place, Curry, and called in to see the men who run the Nationalist organ, the Sligo Champion. Mr. Higgins and his daughter are returning from Rome, where Miss Higgins had been to finish her education. The ancient abbey of Banada was founded in part by the family of Higgins.

On Nov. 22 a memorable public demonstration was held at Castleblown, in the parish of Ballyrush. The meeting was convened under the auspices of the Ballyrush branch of the United Irish league. The gathering was one of the most notable ever held in south Sligo. Every district for fifteen miles around was represented. Several of the landlord class, including relatives of Sir Jocelyn Gore-Booth, were among the audience and were impressed with the determination and enthusiasm displayed by the people. Rev. Father Gordon presided.