

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.—Mr. Joseph Devlin, M. P., general secretary for the United Irish League of Great Britain, was principal speaker at an Irish demonstration at St. Helens, England, Dec. 1. He asserted that the Irish parliamentary party had been faithful in every hour of trial and had not lowered the banner of "The Land for the People and National Self Government."

The death of Mr. R. A. Carnaghan occurred at Market place, Carrickfergus, on Nov. 22. The deceased was long connected with the town and its trade and was much respected by all classes.

ARMAGH.—A successful entertainment was held in the town hall, Lurgan, lately to provide funds for the creation of a memorial window in St. Peter's church to the late Rev. James O'Hara, who had been pastor for many years.

A meeting of the Armagh Catholic local board of education was held in Armagh, Dec. 3, under the presidency of Cardinal Logue. Present: Very Rev. Canon McGeeney, Crossmaglen; Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Keady; William Kerr, M. D.; H. J. McKee, and P. Laverty, solicitor, honorable secretary. The annual report up to Aug. 1, 1903, was submitted and passed by the board. Very Rev. Canon Coyne was appointed commissioner of education for 1904.

The annual public general meeting of the Armagh Nursing association was held in Armagh courthouse, Dec. 3, under the presidency of Cardinal Logue. There was a representative attendance. Cardinal Logue said the association has proved a great blessing to the poor of the city and surrounding localities.

CAVAN.—A meeting of the members of the Mullabawn United Irish League branch was held Nov. 28 in the league hall, Mr. James McCoy presiding. A good sum was handed in by the collectors for the Irish parliamentary fund.

DERRY.—The negotiations between the tenants and the owner of the Ballybeg estate, Major Montgomery, Benavard, with a view to purchase of the holdings have been concluded. Major Montgomery accepted twenty-five and a half years' purchase. Subject to the tenants' rights under the ground game act, the landlord reserves to himself the rights of sporting. The tenants are to pay interest on the purchase money at 3 1/2 per cent from Nov. 1, 1903, until date of signing the agreements. The results will mean a reduction in their rents of 3s. 6d. in the pound. Almost all the rents on the estate are second term.

The funeral of the late Mr. Patrick Gribben, Magherafelt, took place on Nov. 10 and was attended by a great number of persons. On the day he died he attended mass in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Magherafelt. Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated in the church at Mitton by the Rev. J. Beck, who paid a tribute to excellent virtues possessed by deceased.

DONEGAL.—On Nov. 25, Mr. Daniel Callaghan, an ex-national school teacher, died very suddenly at his residence in Glencolumbkille, near Mountcharles. He was seventy years of age. Death, although sudden, was not unexpected, for his medical adviser had intimated the danger.

A meeting of the tenants on the estate of Sir James Musgrave, in Glencolumbkille, was held at Carrick lately. Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, chairman Glenties rural district council, presiding. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That we request Sir James Musgrave, Bart., Drumglass House, Belfast, to grant substantial reduction on this year's rent for the following reasons: (1) The crops are a failure; (2) the bad harvest destroyed the hay crop and rendered it unfit for feeding purposes; (3) the price for stock is very low; (4) the flannel industry, on which we depended, is no longer a source of income, as the price per yard is down to a shilling—a short time ago it was selling at 2s. 6d. per yard; (5) the fishing industry is a total failure this year."

DOWN.—A fatal accident occurred at the Damolly granite quarries, near Newry, Nov. 21. John and Patrick Keenan of Banagh, father and son, were lifting a block of granite weighing two tons by means of a crane, when it became jammed. They decided to lower it on another piece of stone for the purpose of throwing it in the direction they wished. The young man, Patrick, was placing the piece of stone in position when the granite slipped from the "gogs" and fell, crushing him. He died on the way to his home.

There recently died in the County Down a centenarian in the person of Mrs. Catherine McAfee of Carneany, near Rathfriland. The old lady, who had reached the extraordinary age of 115 years, outlived five sovereigns and remembered the battle of Waterloo and other historical events.

FERMANAGH.—Mr. Andrew Fleming of Drumskilly died Nov. 21 at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. McConnell, at the extraordinary age of 110 years. He was born in Clabby, where he was a farmer and corn miller.

MONAGHAN.—John Cornick of Coney died lately at the great age of 115 years. He retained possession of his mental faculties until death. Rev.

Father James McNulty attended to his spiritual necessities.

Mr. Francis McGuinness of Milltown Mills died Nov. 23, deeply regretted. The funeral was attended by great numbers.

The tenants on the Hope estate in this county asked the landlord and the trustees if they would sell to the tenants and on what terms. No reply was received, but the tenants were served with a notice that the half year's rent due on Nov. 1 should be paid forthwith. In the past the November rent was not called for until the following March.

TYRONE.—The new Church of the Sacred Heart, Omagh, is now completed. A beautiful cross has just been placed in the apex. The total height of the second spire is seventy-five feet, forming a beautiful contrast to the other spire, which rises to a height of 200 feet. The four turrets which adorn the base of the new spire, named St. Patrick's spire, are completed.

Munster

CLARE.—Five years ago Mr. John Kelly of Kilkerrin was evicted, and since that event kept on fighting for his restoration. He never for an instant thought of striking his colors to the landlord. It was a long and a hard battle, but victory crowned his efforts, and recently he was reinstated. To the credit of the people of West Clare no grabber dared to seize the farm. His entry into the old homestead was a most remarkable event. There was a grand torchlight procession from Lasheda to the home, in which P. Curry, Michael Casey, John King, Richard Farrell, Daniel Maloney, Daniel McNamara and P. O'Neill took the lead. The address of congratulation and welcome was presented to Mr. John Kelly. It was a great event. Mrs. I. B. Kelly of St. Paul is a sister of Mr. Kelly.

The funeral of Mr. Michael Hassett, who was the oldest inhabitant of Kilkerrin, having reached his hundredth year, was fixed for Nov. 27 in the island of Scattery, but through the remains were borne to the Cappa pier at 10 o'clock in the morning and put aboard a boat, yet in consequence of the heavy sea a start could not be made for Inisheela cemetery until a late hour. An eccentricity of the deceased was out of the common. He had his tombstone made and inscribed for a number of years before he died. He kept it on the premises. It was a reminder of the world to come which many would not care to have in their homes.

On Nov. 27 the sale of Major O'Grady's property at Buboo, Doon, to his tenants was completed, the terms being twenty and one-quarter years' purchase and an abatement of 30 per cent on the half year's rent now payable, also wiping out all arrears, amounting to two years.

CORK.—Regret was felt throughout the diocese of Cloyne at the death of Very Rev. Canon J. Murphy, P. P., Cloyne, which happened on Dec. 1 at the parochial residence. The deceased was aged seventy-five years. He was a priest of great piety and much culture and throughout his long career worked with the zeal and devotion in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the church.

A lecture and concert was held in the Kinsale Temperance hall on Nov. 22. The lecture on "Thomas Moore" was delivered by Mr. P. Gamble, N. T., Cork, and the concert in connection therewith was given by the Cork amateurs and local musicians.

Mrs. O'Callaghan, Castle Eyre, Union Hall, died Nov. 24. She was mother of Rev. Michael O'Callaghan, Kilmeeen. High mass was celebrated in the Union Hall church.

The Nationalists of Malton celebrated the anniversary of the Manchester martyrs with great solemnity on Nov. 29. An immense crowd assembled at the bridge, Beecher street. A procession was formed, headed by the Davis O'Brien band. A large number of boys were marshaled in front, and several hundred men walked, four deep, to the strains of "Erin the Tear." At the west end the procession was augmented. When the procession had arrived at Ballydaheen seven torches in the shape of harps and shamrocks were lighted. The procession was reformed and marched to William O'Brien street to the strains of "The Harp That Once," "O'Donnell Aboo," "God Save Ireland," "Who Feels to Speak of '87" and other national marches. A halt was made at the rooms of the United Irish League and Land and Labor associations, outside which the immense concourse assembled to hear the oration delivered by Edward Fitzgerald.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—MURPHY—Dec. 1, at Cloyne, Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P. P., Cloyne.—MORLEY—Nov. 30, at 10 Victoria terrace, Glenbrook, Catherine Mary Morley, daughter of Robert and Mary Harding, Ferry point, Passage west.—O'NEILL—At the Square, Castletown Berehaven, on Nov. 29, 1903, Mrs. Johanna O'Neill.—O'LEARY—At Castletownroche, Nov. 28, Denis O'Leary, aged thirteen years.—M'CULLAGH—On Dec. 1, at 2 Windsor place, St. Luke's, in his eighty-fourth year, William McCullagh.—O'SULLIVAN—At 42 Sovereign street, Clonakilly, John H. O'Sullivan.—AMBROSE—Mary, eldest daughter of the late Jeremiah Ambrose, 105 Barack street.—DRISCOLL—On Nov. 30, Mary Driscoll of Besborough.—BARRY—Dec. 1, at District hospital, James Barry, shoemaker.—MULLANE—On Dec. 1, Julia Mary Mullane.—RIORDAN—On Dec. 1, at Rovesbeg, Coachford, M. Riordan.—MAHONEY—Dec. 2, at Clarence street, Catherine Mahoney (nee Sullivan).—QUANE—At Deepark, Galbally, Edmund Quane.—DESMOND—At New castle, on Nov. 29, Humphrey Desmond.—ROGERS—On Nov. 29, at Inishlin, Dr. Dripsey, John Rogers.—KEANE—At Garrincoona, Charleville, Johanna

Keane.—CURTIN—On Nov. 29, Hannah Curtin, Halfway House, Rathduff, aged fifteen years.—O'KEEFE—At 1 Patrick street, Fermoy, Bridget O'Keefe.

KERRY.—The tenants on the Rowland Bateman, in this county, numbering thirty-five, have agreed to purchase their farms under the new land act.

Mr. Michael Dwan, principal teacher in Ballinskelligs national school, died Nov. 27 in Mr. Fitzgerald's hotel, Caherdiveen.

Mr. Cornelius Moynihan, national school teacher, died at his home in Coolick, Killarney, Nov. 12. During thirty years he had taught school. The remains were conveyed to the parish chapel at Killeummin, after which the funeral started for Killyquane, Headford.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Dillon, wife of Dr. P. T. Dillon, Ballydonoghue House, Tarbert, took place on Nov. 24.

LIMERICK.—Father J. Reeves of Tournafulla, having a position of male assistant teacher to fill in his parish, received fifty-one applications for it.

Miss Annie O'Flaherty of Donoman castle, Adare, died on Nov. 25. The event caused widespread regret in the west of the county. She was daughter of the late Mr. Matthew O'Flaherty, for years chairman of the Limerick Farmers' club and chairman of the Crom board of guardians.

On Nov. 22 Limerick celebrated the golden jubilee of the Redemptorist fathers in a manner worthy of the citizens and of an event which will rank high in the historical annals of our old Catholic city.

The annual pilgrimage of the citizens of Limerick to the memorial cross in the new cemetery erected to Manchester martyrs was this year a mighty demonstration. The mayor presided at the meeting.

In connection with the regrettable revolver accident which occurred on Nov. 18 in Grangacurra, Ballingarry, by which the life of Mrs. Hartigan continues in a perilous condition, caused by the bullet entering the lady's breast and traveling in an oblique direction and lodging in the region of the lungs, Mr. William McEnery, residing in the locality, and with whom the scuffle took place in the conveying of hay over certain lands through which each claims to have the right of way, was arrested. On the following day Hon. John French constituted a special court at the injured lady's residence at Grangacurra for the purpose of completing the business. The deposition of Mrs. Hartigan was taken in addition to the medical testimony of Dr. Henry G. Molony and that of Thomas Healy, John Bennett and J. Madden, with the result that McEnery has been returned for trial to the Limerick assizes, bail being accepted in the personal amount of £200 and two securities of £100.

TIPPERARY.—The county council for north riding of Tipperary has handed over the Nenagh jail premises to the nuns in the town for school purposes. The same could be done in many other towns in Ireland, there being an entire absence of crime all over the country.

The Catholics of Barnsley, England, met lately to present their late curate, Rev. William Hayes, on being transferred to St. Marie's, Sheffield, with an address and a silver chalice, richly inlaid with jewels. Father Hayes is a native of Kilkennault.

The community of St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Limerick, received on Nov. 29 an addition to its numbers, when Miss Mollie Heelan of Enly, Tipperary, and Miss Ryan of Thurles made their vows. Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer officiated. Miss Heelan is the fourth member of her family in religious life, having two sisters nuns and a brother a member of the congregation of the Holy Ghost, Rockwell college. Miss Ryan has an elder sister also in the cloister.

On a recent fair day of Carrick forty judicial tenants on the Cregg estate waited on the agents, Mr. Peare and Captain de la Poer, and asked for a reduction of 25 per cent on account of the bad season. They were told to pay within thirty minutes or leave the room and then take the consequences. The tenants did not pay, and in a few days six of the principal tenants got letters from the estate solicitors, Kenny & Stephenson, threatening that writs would be issued if payments were not made at once.

The Nationalist, Clonmel, contained the following in issue of Nov. 21: A special meeting of the Ballingarry branch of the United Irish League was held on Sunday last after first mass. Mr. John J. Fenelly, president, in the chair. Present were: E. O'Sullivan, M. P., Fenelly, J. Hayes, J. Leahy, W. Norton, T. Walton, J. Marnell, W. Dunne, J. O'Connell, J. Tyne, T. Corcoran, J. Fenelly, M. Maher, R. Vaughan, W. Brett, D. Kealy, T. Croke, T. Bryan, P. Kennedy, J. J. Bryan and M. Broman, honorable secretaries. All the members present agreed that Mr. O'Brien's retirement would be disastrous. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Norton: "That we regret the decision arrived at by Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., to retire from public life, and in deference to his expressed desire we only say how happy we and the Irish people would be were he to remain at his post. We were not surprised when we read the New York telegram to Mr. J. E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, which said: 'Hold O'Brien. Retirement disastrous effect.' Mr. Ford, that grand Irish-American, whose purse and great patriotic paper, the Irish World, have been always at the service of Ireland, put the true situation in one line. We renew our confidence in the parliamentary party and have faith in its chairman, whose tact and firmness have accomplished harder tasks than he will be likely to encounter in settling little differences of opinion that exist; that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. William O'Brien, M. P.; Mr. J. E. Red-

mond, M. P., and to the press." Mr. J. Hayes seconded, and it passed unanimously. Martin Brennan, honorable secretary.

WATERFORD.—Very Rev. Canon McGrath arrived in Ballyduff on Nov. 29 and after assisting at mass made an address to a large congregation.

Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lismore, on Nov. 30 administered the sacrament of confirmation to several hundred children of the cathedral parish, city of Waterford.

Right Rev. Mgr. Murphy, rector of the Irish college in Rome, on Nov. 27 presented to the pope Peter's Pence from the diocese of Waterford and a congratulatory address from the Waterford county council. His holiness was most gratified and gave his blessing to all who signed the address.

On Nov. 26 the hall of the Catholic Young Men's society in Waterford was packed with a representative audience attracted by the lecture to be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Henery on "The Irish Language Movement and Irish Music." A very enjoyable programme was arranged for the occasion.

Leinster

DUBLIN.—Rev. Anastatius Ryan, C. P., lately delivered a learned lecture on "The Divinity of Christ" in St. Paul's church, Mount Argus, Dublin.

Joseph Murphy, aged thirty-eight years, of Dock terrace, Bray, was killed by a train at the yard of the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford railway in Bray Nov. 28.

The members of the University College Literary and Historical society of Dublin held a general meeting Nov. 21. The subject for debate was, "Is Loyalty to the English Crown Not Incompatible With Irish Patriotism." It was discussed from every point of view.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—MGOWAN—Nov. 1, in Philadelphia, U. S. A., Lizzie McGowan, daughter of the late Charles McGowan of Quarry Vale House, Lucan, aged thirty-five.—NOLAN—Dec. 1, at Burhan, Queen's Park, Monkstown, John G. Nolan.—O'CONNOR—Dec. 1, accidentally drowned in river Liffey, George O'Connor, only son of Henry O'Connor, cabinetmaker, 27 Upper Liffey street.—O'REILLY—Dec. 1, at 69 Chancery street, Patrick O'Reilly, Sr., at an advanced age.—OWENS—Dec. 2, at the Hospice for the Dying, Haroldcross, Ellen Owens, late of Exchange street.—BYRNE—Oct. 22, at the Convent of Mercy, Nicholson street, Melbourne, Australia, Mary (Sister Scholastica), daughter of John Gerald Byrne, 26 Eccles street, Dublin.

COLLINS—Dec. 2, at 29 Great Charles street, William Collins.—COMERFORD—Dec. 1, at 28 Fitzgerald street, Haroldcross, James Comerford, aged sixty-one years.—DOYLE—Dec. 2, at Hardwicke hospital, Matthew Doyle of 8 Whitworth place, Drumcondra (date of M. G. W. railway), son of the late John Doyle, formerly of Knockfella, County Wicklow.

GARLAND.—Dec. 2, at Avalon, Foxrock, County Dublin, Gertrude Mary Garland.—GIBNEY—Dec. 1, at 9 Upper Dorset street, at an advanced age, Catherine Gibney, 2 Little Britain street.—GRAVES—Dec. 1, at 1 O'Connell Villa, O'Connell avenue, Bernard Graves.—GRIFFIN—Dec. 1, at 5 Fontenoy street, Dublin, Mary Griffin.—LAMB—Dec. 1, at 34 William street, Ellen Lamb.—LEONARD—Nov. 30, at Portrane, Donabate, Bridget Leonard.—KENNA—Dec. 1, at 10 Gardiner's lane, Mary Kenna.—BRENNAN—Nov. 29, at 40 Shelburne road, Daniel Brennan, ex-sergeant, R. I. C., late of Sonna Mullingar, aged eighty-one years.—BROPHY—At 20 Molles street, suddenly, Mary Brophy.—JESSOP—Nov. 28, at the Dispensary House, South Earl street, Emma Jessop.—SWEETMAN—Nov. 30, at the Grove, Ballybohil, Mary Sweetman.—DART—Dec. 1, at St. Vincent's hospital, Marion Dart, 24 Lombard street, east.—LOUGHRAN—Nov. 30, at 9 Granville street, Frank Loughran.—MCCARTHY—Nov. 30, at Danesville House, Prospect road, Glasnevin, Sarah McCarthy.—CARPENTER—Nov. 29, at 6 Breefa terrace, Dolphin's barn, James William Carpenter, late clerk land commission.—DEVON—Nov. 30, at 44 Lower Gloucester street, John Devoy, late D. M. P.—KEOGH—Nov. 30, at 223 Phibsborough road, John Keogh, aged eighty-five years.—O'DONOGHUE—Nov. 29, at 27 Parkgate street, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donoghue.—BEHAN—Nov. 21, at Brookfield, Cloutatkin, Christopher Joseph Behan.

KILDARE.—When returning from Kildare to Kildangan, Dec. 3, Mr. Henry Darby, a member of the Atty district council and cattle dealer, met with a serious accident. The horse he was driving fell. Mr. Darby was thrown to the road and had an arm broken.

KILKENNY.—The tenants on the Lyster estate held a meeting in Gortnaboe lately and signed agreements to purchase their holdings from the landlord—the judicial tenants at twenty years' purchase and nonjudicial tenants at twenty-three years' purchase.

The formal opening of the Kilkenny city technical schools took place in the theater Nov. 30. Mr. T. P. Gill, secretary of the Irish agricultural department, delivered the address.

KING'S.—Office and high mass were celebrated on Nov. 24 in the church of Tullamore for the repose of the soul of the late Mr. John Bagly of William street, after which the funeral left for the ancient cemetery at Durrow.

Rev. T. Lee, Adm. St. John's, Limerick, recently delivered an eloquent lecture in the courthouse, Tullamore, under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic league. The subject was "A Synopsis of Irish History." Rev. Father Fitzsimons, Tullamore, presided, and there was a large attendance.

LONGFORD.—The tenants on the Maconchy estate, County Longford,

lately received the following: "I have received communication on behalf of the tenants for eighteen years' purchase on first and twenty years' purchase on second term rents. I have no hesitation in declining to entertain such an offer."

At Killashee, near Longford, lately by Mr. M. McGann were shot two birds of value because of their extreme scarcity. They are known as snow geese—a genus of wild birds rarely found at a lower latitude than that which fringes on perpetual snow. A snow goose has not been seen in Ireland since the year 1871, when a pair of them were shot in the County Wexford.

LOUTH.—Rev. Frank Donnelly, C. C., Carrickmore, has been appointed parish priest of Ballinderry, County Derry. Father Donnelly labored among the people of Carrickmore for ten years, and his departure was much regretted. His successor is the Rev. C. Short, Droghda.

MEATH.—On Nov. 22 the remains of the late Mr. Daniel Langan of 29 Carleville avenue, Dublin, were conveyed to the burial ground in Ardcath.

The anniversary office and high mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Richard McDonnell, administrator, Kilkenny, west, were held in the Church of St. Columbkille, Kells. The Right Rev. Mgr. Archdeacon Gaughran, Kells, presided.

WESTMEATH.—Miss Minnie Kelly, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Kelly, Volunteer hotel, Kiltbeggan, died Nov. 30, deeply regretted.

WEXFORD.—George Jackson, in the employment of Mrs. Doyle, bakery establishment, George street, Enniscorthy, fell from his bread van on the road near "Coulgarrow Dec. 1 and received injuries from which he died the following morn.

In the town hall, Wexford, Dec. 3, Rev. P. Kavanagh, O. S. F., Wexford, delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Loc Garman branch of the Gaelic league on "The Tongue of the Gael." There was a very large and enthusiastic audience.

Mrs. Johnson Rathduff, Killanne, died Nov. 27. The funeral took place on Sunday to Rathnure and was the largest seen in the district for years.

On Nov. 25 in the church of Piltown, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Adelaide Maude Blackmore, daughter of Mr. Robert Blackmore, Garnareagh, Piltown, County Kilkenny, and granddaughter of the late Mr. Henry Kenny, Ballycanew, and niece to Mr. B. W. Furney, Ballycanew, to Mr. William Jackson, Racefield, Kilkenny, County Kildare, youngest son of Mr. James Jackson, Davidstown, Kilkenny.

WICKLOW.—These deaths have been recorded in county: At St. Vincent's home, Cabra William O'Brien of Ballinacra, County Wicklow; Nov. 23, Bridget Mary Kehoe, Baitinglass, office and high mass in St. Joseph's church, Baitinglass; Dec. 2, at Aughrim, Thomas Kavanagh.

The tenants of the estate of Sir W. Paul met the agent, Mr. A. C. Anderson, at the courthouse, Baitinglass, Nov. 30, with reference to their offer of twenty-two years' purchase. They had also requested that the year's rent due be added to the purchase money. The landlord's original offer was a reduction of 15 per cent, but the agent accepted the offer of the tenants. It was decided that those who only owed a half year's rent should have it added to the purchase money. It was agreed that payment be made at 3 1/2 per cent.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Mr. P. Tierney, merchant, Galway, died Nov. 26, deeply regretted.

Mr. M. F. Neary of Moate House, Creggs, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the county of Galway.

On Nov. 30 the solemn profession of Sister Mary Patrick Fallon of Galway took place in the Presentation convent, Droghda. The Right Rev. Mgr. Segrave, St. Peter's, officiated.

Nov. 28 at a meeting of the Tuam board of guardians Dr. Richard O'Reilly of Dunmore, after twenty-one years' service, handed in his resignation on being guaranteed a pension of £108 a year. Prior to his appointment to Dunmore he had served sixteen years in Lismore, County Waterford, and three years in Roscommon union.

On Nov. 21, in Mercy convent, Clifden, Miss D. Cussen, in religion Sister Teresa, and Miss M. Slattery, in religion Sister Colomba, made their religious professions. Most Rev. Dr. Healy officiated, assisted by Very Rev. Canon McAlpine and Rev. T. Brett.

On Nov. 29 a very interesting coronal took place at Athenry. It was the occasion of the blessing of a new bell for the church. Most Rev. Dr. Healy, archbishop of Tuam, officiated.

On Dec. 2 an eviction was carried out on the estate of Lord Ashdown, near Woodlawn railway station, County Galway. The victims are the Widow Cahill and two sons, who had been for years herding on a large grass farm for Lord Ashdown.

LEITRIM.—Mr. Sweet, brother-in-law to Sir Gilbert King, has arranged for the establishing of a sawmill in Drumina.

In the recent school examinations of the associated board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music the Misses Frances E. B. McAdoo and Mary F. McAdoo, pupils of Miss S. M. Gordon, Kingston villas, Ballinamore, passed in the elementary division for pianoforte music.

In response to a circular issued by the honorable secretary, Mr. Charles Dolan, a meeting of the McCann memorial committee, under the presidency of Mr. M. J. Barrett, J. P., was held lately in Carrick-on-Shannon, when it was decided that Mr. E. O'Neill Clarke, county surveyor, would go to Killybegs and have an interview with the contractor for the supply of the stone shaft column. The memorial to the late chairman of the Leitrim county council will take the form of a tower and a clock on the market square of the capital of Bredin.

MAYO.—John Size, aged twenty-two years, a native of Ardara, Ballina, was killed Nov. 25 in a new pit of the Horden colliery, near Fasleton, Durham, England.

The Rev. Denis O'Hara, the patriotic pastor of Kiltinagh, will hold a grand bazaar and drawing for prizes in Kiltinagh on Jan. 6 and 7 next. The money that will be obtained through the bazaar will be devoted to assist in the erection of the convent, a new church and to liquidate as far as possible the debt on the technical schools and classrooms in the parish.

Mrs. Mary Brannick, Scardara, died Nov. 19, deeply mourned.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Westport branch of the Gaelic league was held in Westport town hall. The spacious hall was well filled, and the interest with which the several speakers were followed showed that the people of Westport are waking up to the importance of reviving the Irish language and also Irish industries.

Among those present were: Rev. Father Faulkner, Islandeady; Rev. M. McDonald, adm., Westport; Rev. Brother Gallagher, Rev. Brother Kelly, C. brothers, Westport; Dr. C. L. Birmingham, Messrs. P. O'Donnell, Newport; M. Mulloy, Michael Cosack, Michael O'Boyle, Michael Grimes, Thomas Keane, P. Vesey, John Mulloy, H. C. E. J. Hearty, J. Conway, D. C.; Austin O'Malley, P. Hughes, N. T.; Islandeady; P. Kelly, N. T., Coganua; J. Keane, N. T., Coshlough; T. Reidy, N. T., Lankill; T. Walsh, N. T., Knockrooskey; J. Moran, N. T., Coganua; Thaddeus Walsh, P. O'Grady, J. J. McDermott, J. Brennan, T. W. Joyce, T. Joyce, O. O'Malley, William Horcan, Peter Teray, Joseph McBride, Westport Quay; John Gibbons, J. Griffin, D. O'Connor, Michael Joyce, P. O'Malley, Gaelic league organizer; C. Patten, M. Browne, J. Ryan, T. Duffy, P. J. Doris, Mayo News, etc.

ROSCOMMON.—The death of Constable Patrick Kelly caused regret among the inhabitants of his native place, Emol, and of the parish of Kiltinagh. The remains arrived at Roscommon station and were conveyed to the church of the Sacred Heart, from whence Nov. 29, followed by a large cortege, the funeral took place for the family burial ground at Kiltinagh.

On Dec. 2 a successful concert was given in the lecture hall of the Chapel of Ease, Boyle. The arrangements were in the hands of the Rev. Dr. Clarke. A special feature of the evening was the performance by the orchestra, the greatest musical treat given in Boyle. Rev. Father Sullivan sang a song in Irish, which was heartily received.

At a meeting of the county committee of the Roscommon agricultural and technical instruction committee on Dec. 1 Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, proposed that a sum of £600 be allotted to the carrying out of structural alterations in Roscommon old parish and church for the purposes of a technical and agricultural school. The resolution was passed.

Mrs. J. Callaghan, Greatmeadow, Boyle, died Nov. 18, aged fifty-six years, deeply mourned. She was the wife of Mr. James Callaghan, who was a member of the civic council in Boyle for several years. The attendance at the interment in Easternrow cemetery was in evidence of the great esteem in which the deceased was held.

SLIGO.—Rev. Father Michael Munnely was the recipient of a very handsome presentation from the people of Droonbeg, accompanied by an address. The presentation took the form of a splendid and costly gold watch, with guard. A deputation consisting of Dr. J. J. McNulty, medical officer of Skreen, Mr. William Conboy and Mr. William Flannelly went to Ballina to perform the pleasing duty on behalf of the parishioners.

At Galway assizes, Dec. 2, Thomas William Banks, customs official at Sligo, pleaded guilty to having in the past three years stolen £30,000, the property of the king. It was stated that the prisoner did not spend the money viciously, but gave it to charitable institutions and local industries. The prisoner had signed a deed to return £12,500. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

On Nov. 29 a magnificent meeting was held at Conways' Cross under the auspices of the local branch of the U. I. L. Among those present was Mr. Thomas Fallon, Killynure, an old suspect of Bucksfort. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fallon, Banners, bands and stirring national music enlivened the scene. Mr. John O'Dowd, M. P., was in excellent form and rose to the occasion. On the motion of Mr. B. McDonagh, D. C., seconded by Mr. J. Mulligan, Rev. Father O'Leary was moved to the chair and delivered a stirring address in the vernacular.

On Dec. 1 a meeting was held in the town hall, Sligo, for the purpose of starting a division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. On the motion of Mr. Henry Reilly the chair was taken by Father Conroy, who opened the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Reilly, delegated with full powers to open the division by Mr. Edward McAspurn, the general secretary, called upon the members to rise, and, having gone through the formula, declared the division duly opened and those present duly enrolled members of the Sligo district of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The following is a list of the officers of the division: President, Brother H. Reilly; vice president, Brother P. Kelly; treasurer, Brother M. McKeene; financial secretary, Brother F. Gallagher; recording secretary, Brother E. McFadden; trustees, Brothers E. Conolly, James Kivlehan and Peter J. Hart; committee, Brothers James Conway, Edward Harte and John O'Beirne; doorkeeper, Brother M. Melly.