

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

ANTHIM.—The members of the Munster Gaelic club, Belfast, held a "seance" in their hall, Crocus street, lately. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Mr. William J. Brannigan presided and announced the various items on the programme.

ARMAGH.—The Close estate will be sold to the tenants by the owner at a rental charge that will satisfy vendor and purchaser. The farmers in the Brootally district will pay for their holdings 10 shillings an acre until the same arrives when they will own them.

Considerable excitement was caused in Armagh Dec. 13 by the collapse of two unoccupied houses in Chapel lane, opposite St. Malachy's chapel. In falling they brought down the back portion of a bedroom of an adjoining house, occupied by a woman named Downey and her son, but no one was in the room at the time. The collapse took place just as hundreds of children were coming out from the Christian doctrine class in St. Malachy's chapel, and if the houses had fallen to the front children might have been killed or injured.

The death of the Rev. James Burns, formerly of Lromans, happened Dec. 23. Father Burns studied in the Irish college, Salamanca, and was ordained Dec. 21, 1882.

CAVAN.—James Reynolds, Belturbet, now living and in good health, has reached the extraordinary age of 102 years. His natal place is Carrigrohane, Roscommon.

Mr. P. J. McCaffrey presided at a recent meeting of the Bawnboy and Templeport branch of the United Irish League when the new land purchase act, Catholic university and home rule questions were discussed. This branch since it was founded has done excellent work for the national cause.

DERRY.—A meeting of the Lower Eadonny branch, United Irish League, was held at Ruskey on Nov. 30. Mr. Charles Clarke presided. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers. The following were unanimously elected: President, Mr. Charles Clarke; vice president, Mr. John McGowan; honorary secretary, Mr. Peter McCullough; treasurer, Mr. Hugh McCullough.

The following deaths have been reported: Dec. 15, at Gortietragh, Stranorlar, John McLaughlan, cattle dealer; Dec. 15, Arthur C. Adair, late county surveyor for County Derry; Dec. 15, at Beragh, Matthew Rodgers, Sr., aged ninety-eight years; Dec. 15, at Park Bridge, Michael McElhinney, N. T., Mondayhaughan, Dec. 14, at 200 Bishop street, Derry, Maria Fanning, mother of the late Rev. John Fanning, Draperstown, and Rev. F. Fanning, Ishlebane, and Sister Mary Winifride, Barmundsey, London.

DONEGAL.—Joseph Kavanagh of Meencuing, missing since Dec. 4, was found dead on the Gweedmore mountain. The man, who was of weak intellect, wandered on the mountain and succumbed to cold and hunger. No inquest was necessary.

On Dec. 15 a great Nationalist demonstration of the people of West Donegal was held in Glenties to consider the land question and the position of the tenants in reference to the new land purchase act. Mr. Swift MacNeill, M. P. for South Donegal, was met at the railway station by Very Rev. Canon McFadden, Glenties, and Mgr. McGlynn and others. The meeting was held in a field adjacent to the town. Previously the divisional executive of the United Irish League held a private meeting and considered a number of matters of importance. At the public meeting Very Rev. Canon McFadden presided. A resolution regretting the resignation of Mr. William O'Brien was passed, also one of thanks to the Freeman's Journal for its work in the interest of the tenants.

DOWN.—Dr. Heron, coroner, lately held an inquest on the body of Mr. Joseph Gordon, The Mall, Newry, undertaker, who was found drowned in the Newry canal. A laborer in the employ of Mr. McAffrey, Canal street, observed the deceased's cap lying on the quay. The jury returned an open verdict—"Found drowned"—and expressed their sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

FERMANAGH.—Very Rev. Francis Canon McKenna, parish priest of Bundoran, County Donegal, who died on Dec. 6 in the parochial house, Bundoran, was born in Errigal-Tragh, sixty-six years ago. He made his first studies for the sacred ministry in St. Macartin's seminary, Monaghan, and was ordained in Louvain. Right Rev. Dr. Owens, bishop of Clogher, presided at the solemn requiem services in St. Mary's Star of the Sea church. About eighty priests attended the high mass and office.

MONAGHAN.—Captain Richardson, Monaghan, has, it is stated, accepted the tenants' offer of twenty-two years' purchase.

Mr. John Gillespie, Monaghan, has been admitted a solicitor of the high court of justice in Ireland.

TYRONE.—Mr. James O'Hagan, Oole cottage, Coalisland, has been appointed justice of the peace for the Stewartstown district.

On Dec. 5, in Dungannon, the centenary of Robert Emmet was commemorated by a torchlight procession, headed by the Dungannon and Donaghadee bands. After making a circuit of the town the crowd, which numbered

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The funeral of late Mrs. Annie Carr, Market square, Stewartstown, took place Nov. 10 to St. Mary's cemetery. In that town. She was daughter of Mr. Thomas McKenna, Railway hotel. Requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. Peter Quin, assisted by Rev. P. A. McKee, Coalisland.

Munster

CLARE.—One of the historic campaigns on the Vandeleur estate, Mr. T. Dillon of Tullycrine, died Dec. 12, deeply and widely regretted. The funeral to the ancient burial place named Kilmurry was one of the greatest seen in the district for years.

There passed away at his sister's residence, Doolin, on Dec. 4, one of the oldest and most respected parish priests in Clare in the person of the late Father Furness, who was for over twenty years P. P. of Kilmurry in West Clare. The remains were removed to the Kilmurry church on Friday evening and interred after solemn requiem services on Saturday.

In the town of Ennis and surrounding districts an abnormal rainfall was experienced lately, with the result that the waters of the river Fergus have been enormously swollen, and the lower parts of the town, along the quay, the Lower Mill street, were flooded to a considerable depth. Another effect of the rainfall was experienced in Butter Market street, which opens into Lower Mill street, where water burst with great force through the upper part of the yard of Mrs. Meehan, whose licensed premises adjoin the butter market, and poured in an immense volume through the yard into the public thoroughfare. The water also burst up through the pathway and street and with the velocity of a rapid river swept into Lower Mill street, all of the houses in which were flooded. The current poured on into Parson's quay, where it discharged itself into the Fergus. Business was suspended.

CORK.—A fatality occurred at Lahrannally, near Skibbereen, in the parish of Aughadown. It appears that a young girl named Ellen Teresa O'Sullivan, a farmer's daughter, returned from Skibbereen on Dec. 15 and went into a friend's house at Aughadown, where she stayed for some time. She then left for home, but never reached it. A search was made, and a hat was found on Wednesday near Killoe castle, and on Thursday a boy named Long saw the body of the girl floating in Roaring Water bay. He communicated with her friends, who had the remains taken home.

Mr. Daniel McCabe, the veteran Nationalist of Duhallow, died Dec. 12, aged eighty-seven years. Deceased, who was widely known as the "old war horse" and "old battle ax" of Duhallow, was for sixty years a prominent figure in Irish politics.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—COLEMAN—On Dec. 17, at Glashaboy, Carrignavar, Mary Coleman.—DOODY—At Aharlik, Feenagh, Dec. 8, Bridget Doody, aged forty-one.—SEWELL—Dec. 15, at Liverpool, Edward J. Sewell, L. P. S. I., of Killyarney.—RING—Dec. 17, at Park House, Kanturk, Catherine Ring.—TAYLOR—Dec. 18, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, Kate Taylor, Glenville.—O'CONNELL—At Strand street, Kanturk, Juliana O'Connell, Kilocorney.—MURPHY—On Dec. 14, at St. Patrick's hospital, Alleen, in religion Sister M. Patricia, second daughter of William Murphy, Acres, Dripsey, aged nineteen years.—BURKE—On Dec. 13, at Sunnyside, Sunday's Well, Denis Burke, auctioneer.—HAYES—On Dec. 13, at Waterloo, Blarney, Patrick Hayes.—BARRY—On Dec. 14, at Cullen, Ballymarley, Patrick Barry.—MCABE—On Dec. 12, at Dromcummer, Daniel McCabe, aged eighty-seven years.—O'DONOGHUE—On Dec. 16, at Eason's Hill, Timothy O'Donoghue.—BATRIDGE—At Crosshaven, on Dec. 15, Thomas Batridge, aged seventy-five years.—LANE—On Dec. 15, at Meencanochy, Donoughmore, Ellen Lane, mother of the Revs. William and Michael Lane, at the advanced age of ninety-three.—MURPHY—On Dec. 15, at Rosemary buildings, Co. John Murphy.—LYNCH—On Dec. 4, at 7 Roman street, Laurence Lynch.—GEARY—On Dec. 4, at Fermoy, Mrs. Mary Geary of Lismore.—KAINSBURY—On Dec. 5, at Kilerenagh, Skegby, Notts, Kate Kainisbury, daughter of T. J. Prendergast, Homeville, Cork.—DAILY—On Dec. 4, at 6 Mardye street, Honor Daily.—KILLEHER—On Dec. 5, at 31 Sullivan's quay, Florence Killeher.—FORREST—On Dec. 6, at Holly Hill, Blarney road, Denis Forrest.—BURKE—On Dec. 5, at 72 Grand parade, Mary Burke.—COLLINS—On Dec. 6, at the North Infirmary, Timothy Collins, butter inspector, Cork.—HAYES—On Dec. 5, at St. Patrick's incurable hospital, Patrick Hayes of 7 Camden quay.—BRESNAN—At 19 Pope's quay, Gerald Christopher Bresnan, aged seventeen years.—O'LEARY—On Dec. 10, at Lettrim street, Dominick O'Leary.—FORD—At Convent road, Blackrock, on Dec. 21, Mary Ford.—GALLAGHER—On Dec. 11, at 2 Miller street, Michael Gallagher, Sr., late mason for the corporation.—HOGAN—On Dec. 9, at the South Infirmary, Mrs. Ellen Hogan.—O'KEEFE—On Dec. 10, at 6 King street, Fermoy, Patrick O'Keefe.—DONOVAN—On Dec. 11, at Foley's row, Watercourse road, Margaret Donovan.

KERRY.—On Dec. 6 the Rev. Fathers Maguire and Hayes of the Vincentian order brought to a close a mission at Coalisland. The reverend preachers exhorted the people to live up to their religious principles and to avoid every occasion calculated to lead them away from the path of virtue and Christian rectitude. Father Maguire got the con-

gregation to renew their baptismal vows and make a profession of faith, followed by benediction of the most blessed sacrament and the papal benediction. He also brought the congregation to become members of the Association of the Sacred Heart.

The death occurred at Ballydonoghue House, Tarbert, on Nov. 30, of Mrs. Dillon, wife of Dr. P. T. Dillon.

LIMERICK.—On Dec. 8 occurred the death of Mrs. J. Bennett, Ballingarry. She had attained a ripe old age, being the last surviving sister of the late Timothy Enright, Castlematrix, Rathkeale, and of Cornelius Enright, Skehana, Ardagh, and Thomas Enright, Newcastle West. The funeral, which was largely attended by persons from Newcastle West, Rathkeale, Croom, Ballingarry, etc., took place at the family burial ground, Kilmacow.

On Dec. 13 the centenary of the birth of Gerald Griffin, Christian Brother, prose writer and poet, was celebrated in the Theater Royal, Limerick city, when the Rev. Timothy Lee, Adm. St. John's, delivered a lecture on the life of that good old man.

TIPPERARY.—Recently died at Mullabrack, near Thurles, John Butler, the first person who entered the lists against landlordism in the days of the Land League. He kept up the fight for eleven years, until, under the auspices of the late Archbishop Croke and the direction of Father Cantwell, now pastor of Ballingarry, the first Land League huts in Tipperary were erected at Mullabrack. Eventually, through the exertions of the late Father Michael Ryan, Adm., and his own pluck, John Butler and the other tenants were not only restored to their holdings, but became the owners of their farms under the Ashbourne act.

Much regret was expressed in Clonmel Dec. 19 on the death in St. Mary's convent, Roehampton, London, of Miss Eileen Ryan (in religion Sister M. Brice), daughter of Mr. John Ryan, Grattan place, Clonmel. The deceased was only nineteen.

On Dec. 8 Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly visited Tipperary for the purpose of consecrating the new cross erected in the church enclosure of St. Michael's in the memory of the late Canon Cahill. The cross is erected on the site formerly occupied by the old mission cross, which stood for forty years and was blown down by the great storm of February, 1903. The figure of the Saviour on the new crucifix is of bronze and the height four and one-half feet. It is about the fourth cast from a new model, famous for its artistic beauty.

WATERFORD.—On his recall from the English mission to the chaplaincy of the lunatic asylum at Waterford city, the Rev. William Hickey received a very enthusiastic send-off from the parishioners of the church of St. Michael, West Derby road, Liverpool. Father Hickey was accompanied to Lime street by many friends, who wished him every success in his native diocese.

On Dec. 9 Mr. James Lynam, organizer of the United Irish League, visited Lismore and after a consultation with the leading Nationalists it was decided to hold a meeting for the purpose of starting a branch of the national organization and getting the people to take their proper place in the struggle carried on successfully in every other part of Ireland. About the hour of 2 o'clock a splendid crowd of old and earnest Nationalists came together, and the veteran Dr. Patrick R. Donnelly, secured a spacious room from Mr. Andrew Hickey for the meeting, which was attended by James Forrest, Patrick Ducey, Thomas Barry, John Meade, Patrick Wilkinson, William Meade, Alexander Heskin, John O'Donnell, Richard O'Donnell, William Walsh, Michael O'Gorman, Thomas Ducey, Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Florence McCarthy, James Brackett, Thomas Barry, Thomas Keane, Cappoquin; R. O'Brien, Robert Conway, and others. Mr. James Forrest was called upon to preside. Addresses were delivered by the leading men in the town and districts.

Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lismore, on Dec. 15 consecrated the new chapel in the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Waterford city. The church has five beautiful windows as memorials one to the late Mr. Daniel Heane, son of Mr. John Heane, contractor, Waterford city, who died in Australia; the second is erected by the community; the third is Mother Fortunatus by her sister, M. Kenne; the fourth erected by the community to Rev. Mother Magdalen Crilly of the convent; and the fifth is to the late Rev. T. J. Dooley of St. Patrick's church, Waterford.

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On Dec. 13 the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Frances Nolan, Carrigreen House, Ballyglass, who had reached an advanced age and who passed away Dec. 11. The deceased lady, who was relict of the late Mr. Joseph Nolan, belonged to an old and respected Kilkenny family, connected by marriage with the great liberator, Daniel O'Connell. The attendance at the funeral was very large and representative. The interment took place in the family burial ground, Ballyglass.

KILDARE.—A good meeting of the members of the Ticknock and Kiltegan branch of the United Irish League was held Dec. 13. Mr. William Murphy, president, occupied the chair. He said he hoped the people would subscribe generously to keep the national flag flying. A laborers' bill would be introduced in parliament at the next session. The laborers always stood by the farmers, and they should not forsake the laborer now. Mr. Joseph Byrne said notwithstanding that the laborers swelled the ranks of National organizations since 1870 and always stood by the National cause they had not derived any benefit as yet.

KILKENNY.—Mrs. Shelly, Green street, Callan, died at an advanced age on Dec. 6, deeply regretted. The deceased belonged to one of the most widely known and highly respected families in Kilkenny, her brother being the late Mr. James Power, Graigue. She was the widow of the late Mr. John Shelly and mother of the late deeply lamented clerk of the union, Mr. J. F. Shelly, and of Mr. T. A. Shelly, merchant, Callan. The funeral, which took place on Sunday, was attended by a large and representative concourse of mourners.

On Nov. 31 the medals won by pupils of Ferrybank national school, in the parish of Sheverna, at the Fels Portlaine, were presented by Very Rev. P. Canon Pheland. William Raffis got the silver medal for answering in the first four books of O'Growney and Peter Raffis a silver medal for his answering in the first two books.

KINGS.—Mr. Edward Cusack of Garry Castle, Banagher, died Dec. 8, deeply and widely mourned.

Mrs. Cullen of High street, Birr, was run over by a cart in Bridge street on Dec. 14 and seriously injured.

LONGFORD.—The Rev. Dr. Dooley presided at a recent meeting of Lord Longford's Kilmuckin tenants, when the latter agreed to accept the landlord's offer of twenty-three years' purchase.

Mr. John Prunty, aged seventeen years, son of Mr. William Prunty, Newtownforbes, died Dec. 16, deeply regretted. During several years past he had been an intern student of St. Mel's college.

LOUTH.—Hanoria Connell died in Balhothery lately at the fine old age of 102 years. She was a native of Drogheda.

On Dec. 6 teams representing Dublin and Louth met at Navan in the second round for the football championship of Leinster. Result: Dublin, 1 goal, 6 points; Louth, 2 points. The teams were composed as follows: Dublin—Dempsey (captain), Casey, Ashford, Cronley, Brady, Leggett, Luivey, Dunne, Sherry, Well (Emmetts), Lane, goal; P. McCann, Geraldines; Darcy, J. McCann, Isles; Brennan, Crean, Keatings; Darcy, Parnells. Louth—Cluskey, Dunne, Harrison, Ward, Goodman, Coleman, McKeever, Darcy, Matthews (2), Manning, Clarke, Markey (2), Donegan, Baldwin, McKenny.

The death of Mr. Philip Murphy of Shop street, Drogheda, took place Dec. 7. The deceased was for years man-

ager of Messrs. Verdon & Co.'s establishment in Shop street.

MEATH.—On Dec. 8 Kathleen, daughter of Mr. Peter Austin, Beaufort, Navan, was received into the Convent of Mercy, Trim. Rev. Father