

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 members of the Munster Gaelic club, Belfast, held a "seance" in their hall, Crocus street, lately.

ARMAGH.—The Close estates will be sold to the tenants by the owner at a rental charge that will satisfy vendor and purchaser.

CLARE.—One of the historic campaigns on the Vandeleur estate, Mr. T. Dillon of Tullycrine, died Dec. 12, deeply and widely regretted.

CO. DOWN.—The death of the Rev. James Burns, formerly of Lromans, happened Dec. 21. Father Burns studied in the Irish College, Salamanca, and was ordained Dec. 21, 1892.

CO. DUBLIN.—James Reynolds, Belturbet, now living and in good health, has reached the extraordinary age of 102 years.

CO. DOWN.—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.

CO. DOWN.—A meeting of the Lower Edoney branch, United Irish League, was held at Ruskey on Nov. 30, Mr. Charles Clarke presiding.

CO. DOWN.—The following deaths have been reported: Dec. 15, at Gortietragh, Stranorlar, John McManaghan, 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, Islandbeg, and Sister Mary Winifride, Barmundsey, London.

CO. DOWN.—Joseph Kavanagh of Meenacuing, 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.

CO. DOWN.—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.

CO. 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. McCaffrey, 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.

CO. DOWN.—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-Trugh, 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.

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

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

CO. DOWN.—Mr. James O'Hagan, Coole cottage, Coalsland, has been appointed justice of the peace for the Stewartstown district.

CO. DOWN.—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 city the crowd, which numbered

2,000, were accompanied by Mr. Swift.

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 Quinn, assisted by Rev. P. A. McKee, Coalsland.

Munster

CLARE.—One of the historic campaigns on the Vandeleur estate, Mr. T. Dillon of Tullycrine, died Dec. 12, deeply and widely regretted.

CO. DOWN.—There passed away at his sister's residence, Dooanill, 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.

CO. DOWN.—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.

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

CO. DOWN.—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, 1908.

CO. DOWN.—A fatality occurred at Lahernannally, near Skibbereen, in the parish of Aughdown. 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 Aughdown, 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.

CO. DOWN.—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.

CO. DOWN.—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 Killarney.—RIND—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, Killooney.—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 Esalon's Hill, Timothy O'Donoghue.—BATRIDGE—At Crosshaven, on Dec. 15, Thomas Batridge, aged seventy-five years.—LANE—On Dec. 15, at Meenachoney, 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.—RAINSBURY—On Dec. 5, at Kilerenagh, Skegby, Notts, Kate Rainsbury, daughter of T. J. Prendergast, Homeville, Cork.—DALY—On Dec. 8, at 6 Mardyke street, Honor Daly.—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 Coalsland. 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, Croon, 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 hut 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.

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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 sendoff 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 B. 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.

Leinster

CARLOW.—Another impetus to the Irish industrial movement is the establishment in Castlehill, Carlow, of a new boot factory by Mr. Michael Governorney. The boot making industry was regarded as practicable when the industries committee was formed in Carlow. Mr. Governorney proceeded to carry his idea into effect, with the result that a fully equipped and spacious factory is now working in which eighty hands are employed and which will be capable of turning out 1,600 pairs of boots every week.

The monthly meeting of the Father John Murphy memorial committee was held in the town hall, Tullow, on Dec. 6. Mr. Thomas Bolger, chairman, presided. Also present: James Murphy, vice chairman; John Foley and Gerald O'Toole, treasurers; M. P. Maher, honorary secretary; James Dempsey, Terence Halligan, John Donohoe, Denis Deering, P. J. Kelly, The Grange; Patrick R. Kavanagh, J. Brophy, E. Dargan, P. Aughey, P. McCabe, Edward Doyle. The chairman proposed and Mr. G. O'Toole seconded a vote of sympathy and condolence with the relatives of the late Brother Patrick O'Brien, Monastery, Tullow, who was

a member of the committee. The resolution was carried in silence. Mr. P. J. Kelly handed in subscriptions, for which the committee desire to express their grateful acknowledgments, from Mr. Daniel Kavanagh, Rathedon, Baginbown; Mr. Charles Duncan, Snuggboro, Athy. The following resolution was, on motion of Mr. James Murphy, seconded by Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, adopted: "That the secretary summon a special meeting of the committee early in January to decide the site for the memorial and approve of the design to be erected."

"DUBLIN.—The forty-seventh anniversary of the death of the great apostle of temperance, Rev. Theobald Mathew, was celebrated in the Father Mathew Centenary Memorial hall, Church street, Dublin, Dec. 7. A lecture was delivered by Count Moore on "Temperance and the Work of Father Mathew."

On Dec. 15 Mr. Timothy McCarthy, late assistant editor of the Irish People, Dublin, was on his departure for London, where he has obtained a responsible position on a paper launched by Mr. Stead, entertained by a number of fellow journalists at the Gresham hotel, Dublin. Mr. McCarthy was no fair weather journalist, for when the country was stirred by the infamies perpetrated under the coercion act he did one man's part and was made one of Mr. Wyndham's victims. He survived the terrors of imprisonment and emerged from Kilmalham a more undaunted Irishman than before.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—COMERFORD—Dec. 6, at 6 Lower Dorset street, Catherine Comerford.—CUMMINS—Dec. 7, at Englas, Peter Cummins.—DOYLE—Dec. 9, at the Mater hospital, Christopher Doyle, gardener, 23 St. Mary's road, North Strand.—LAWLOR—Dec. 8 (feast of the Immaculate Conception), at 22 Carysfort avenue, Blackrock, James Lawlor.—MINTYRE—Dec. 16, at Inchicore, Dublin, the Very Rev. Daniel McIntyre, provincial of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.—O'REILLY—Dec. 17, at 41 North Strand road, James O'Reilly.—ROGERS—Dec. 7, at 11 Luke street, John Rogers, aged thirty-nine years.—FARLEY—Dec. 16, at 14 Ballybough road, Lizzie Farley, daughter of the late Patrick Hammond, Kingstown.—BYRNE—Dec. 8 (feast of Immaculate Conception), at St. Monica's House, Belvidere place, Mrs. Esther Byrne.—CAREY—Dec. 17, at Mater Misericordiae hospital, Jane Carey, late of Woodpark, Dunboyne.—CAREY—At 13 Lower Clanbrussel street, Elizabeth Carey.—GILFOYLE—Dec. 16, at 15 St. Alphonsus road, Drumcondra, Lethia Gilfoyle.—KEEGAN—Dec. 17, at 39 Main street, Blackrock, Catherine Keegan, Hooterstown.—DALY—Dec. 9, at Lower Wellington street, John Daly.—BOYAN—Dec. 5, at Rivertown, Killican, Gerald Boyan, aged fifty-three years.

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 1879 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. P. 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 Portlainege, 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 Garrary 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 Kiltinan 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 (Emmets), 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 Casey, Trim, celebrated mass in the convent chapel, assisted by Very Rev. Michael Woods. The following clergy were present: Father Keane, Trim; Father Egan, Mount Nugent; Father Skelly, Rathkenny; Father Hughes, Beaufort; Rev. Thomas Tynan, Kilskeer; Rev. T. O'Farrell, Johnstown; Rev. Joseph Fagan, Mullingar; Rev. Father Brady, Dunboyne; Rev. Thomas Casey, Dunberry; Rev. M. O'Connell; Father Daly, Rahon; Father Ryan, Beaufort, etc. The newly received took the name of Sister Mary Evangelist.

QUEEN'S.—Mrs. William O'Brien gave a Christmas donation of £125 to the evicted tenants in Luggacurren.

WESTMEATH.—Mr. James Scally of Kibbegan died Dec. 8, aged sixty-two years, deeply regretted.

Father Charles Fulham, one of the teachers at the Ottawa university, who was injured in the recent fire, died from the effects of his burns. He was thirty-three years of age and was born in Westmeath.

WEXFORD.—Lady Maurice Fitzgerald will not sell her estate in this county to the tenants under twenty-six years' purchase. When her husband was alive he offered to sell this property to the tenants at nineteen and twenty-one years' purchase, but the tenants did not accept.

Another interesting "Irish Night" which owe their inauguration to the Gaelic League, was given in the town hall, Wexford, lately. A most enjoyable programme of music, song and dance was provided, but the great event of the evening was the eloquent and instructive lecture delivered by Father P. F. Kavanagh, O. S. F., on "The Tongue of the Gael." The building was crowded. The president of Loch Garman branch of the Gaelic League, Father T. Cloney, presided.

Miss Mary M. Sutton of Hanev street, Enniscorthy, died at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. William Murphy, Court street, Enniscorthy, Dec. 12, aged fifty-three years. The funeral took place on Monday after high mass and office in the cathedral at 11 o'clock. A large and representative cortege followed the remains to their last resting place in Garrynisk graveyard.

WICKLOW.—Rev. Father Bernard Duffy, lately appointed pastor of Aughrim, has a fine parish. It is a lovely and picturesque country and a favorite resort of tourists from all parts of the world. There are in it two splendid churches, two elegant parochial residences and five schools. He is brother of Rev. P. Duffy, president of St. Mary's college, Moyne Arva, County Cavan.

On Dec. 13 the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Frances Nolan, Carrigeen 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.

Connaught

GALWAY.—The death of Mrs. Fineran, wife of Mr. Patrick Fineran, Kiltegan, occurred Nov. 1, after a lingering illness. Solemn high mass for the repose of the deceased was offered up in Taughmaconnell chapel on Wednesday, at the Rev. D. Coghlan, Aughrim, was celebrant; Rev. P. V. Kelly, Ballinasloe, dean; Rev. J. Harney, Fohen, subdeacon, and the Rev. P. O'Loughlin, Ballinasloe, master of ceremonies. The interment took place at the family burial ground at Taughmaconnell. The funeral cortege was very long.

A meeting of the tenants on the Baginbally estate was held on Dec. 13. All the estate was represented. Among those present were: Rev. R. Gearty, Dr. D. P. French and A. Kenny. Father Gearty was moved to the chair and explained the result of an interview with Mr. Holmes, the receiver of the estate. He informed Mr. Holmes that he was in the hands of the tenants and that they instructed him, as chairman of the estates committee, to inform Mr. Holmes that they would not purchase directly, but through the estates commissioners and the congested districts board and that a scheme of migration and enlargement of small holdings would be carried out as a first step in the sale. The tenants again unanimously agreed that this would be the way in which all on the estate would be benefited, and the sale of the estate to the estate commissioners is awaited.

At a recent meeting of Tuam board of guardians, Mr. Thomas Higgins presiding, the clerk submitted a return from the rate books showing the number of acres of land under grazing on each estate. It was shown that the valuation of 3,689 occupiers is below £9, while 189 graziers (including 26 non-resident graziers) are in possession of 81,261 acres at a valuation of £13,602 and that 146 landlords are in possession of 45,174 acres for grazing purposes in addition. The return showed in the union 191 occupiers, valuation £3 and under; 182, £4; 615, £5; 810, £6; 1,215, £7; 667, £8; total, 3,680. Leaving the landlords, say, 26,000 acres, there would be left 50,000 acres of the grazing land for distribution among the tenants, which would give each tenant an increase of fourteen acres.

The feast of St. Nicholas of Myra, patron saint of Galway, was celebrated with special devotion in the Pro Cathedral of St. Nicholas on Sunday, Dec. 6. Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, bishop of Galway, presided at high mass; Rev. Father Nestor, celebrant; Very Rev. Father Greaven, dean; Rev. Father Constable, subdeacon; Very Rev. Father Dooley, master of ceremonies. A very large congregation attended. After the first gospel the Very Rev. Father Dooley preached.

LETRIM.—Mrs. Bridget Maher of Canabeg died very suddenly Dec. 4. The police are making investigations. An inquest was ordered.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Carrick, has appealed to the charitable disposed in the town and district for donations. Never since the society was formed in Carrick has its resources been so taxed as at present. Owing to the continued inclemency of the weather the number applying for assistance is unusually large, and the society can no longer cope with the distress unless the public lend a helping hand. They earnestly hope that those whom God has blessed with means will help to provide the funds necessary to enable the society to carry on the holy work of relieving distress. Donations will be thankfully received by the Rev. Father McCabe, C. C. chaplain; Mr. Paul Devaney, president; Mr. John McAnabola, treasurer, and Mr. Timothy Murray, secretary.

MAYO.—Miss Mary Begley, Craggan, Balla, aged twenty-nine years, died Nov. 8, deeply regretted. The extent of the funeral cortege was notable and has never been equaled in this locality. Ballyhaunis, Balla Clara, Kiltimagh, Manulla, Belcarra, Mayo and Ballyglass were represented, and the line of vehicles extended a considerable distance. Chief mourners: Mrs. Begley, mother; Mr. John Begley, brother; Mr. John Cleary, Colosough, Ballyhaunis, sister; Thomas Connaught, Barmacora, uncle; James Connaught, co-sun; Michael Connaught, co-sun; Milla Dillon, co-sun; Mrs. None, co-sun; Sarah Connaught, co-sun; Patrick Begley, Joseph Begley, William Begley, James Begley, Patrick Grogan, Carracoon, co-sun; Rev. Denis O'Hara, Rev. Michael Murphy, Balla; John Dillon, Rockfield, Ennis Noone, etc.

At a meeting of the Westport branch of the United Irish League the parent branch of the national organization, Mr. John Walsh, chairman, presiding, the resolution of the Cork branch of the U. I. L. came on for consideration, and in regard thereto Mr. Edmund Barry, solicitor, Westport, proposed, and Mr. Thomas Keane seconded, the following resolution, which was passed unanimously: "Resolved, That, having seen that a meeting of the Cork branch of the United Irish League was specially summoned on Dec. 4 for the purpose of seeing how best to avert the retirement of Mr. William O'Brien from public life, we are fully in accord with the resolution that a national convention be called in January to give the Irish nation, through their representatives, the right to demand that it be made possible that Mr. William O'Brien return to national political life."

The MacAulay brothers of East Thirty-ninth street, New York city, have erected in the ancient cemetery of Kiltinan, Kiltala, a splendid monument to the memory of their parents. The monument is twelve feet high and cost \$1,500. It is composed of Italian white marble, crowned by a cross having an exquisite carved figure of the dead Redeemer. The memorial and ground surface of the vault are enclosed with low walls of the finest Wicklow limestone, finely chiseled.

ROSCOMMON.—On Dec. 10 the funeral of the late Mr. Michael Edwood of Armagh, near Stokesstown, took place and was very numerously attended. During his life Mr. Edwood was a true patriot.

The death of Mr. Patrick Farrell, Cloonmore, Tarmonbarry, occurred on Dec. 13 at his residence. Deceased had reached the patriarchal age of eighty-three years and was one of the most respected men of his neighborhood. Interment took place on Tuesday in the family burial ground at Kiltarry, the funeral being attended by people from the counties of Roscommon and Longford.

SILIGO.—On Dec. 17 the county secretary of Sligo, Mr. W. T. Vernon, received a letter from the Inspector-general of the police force in Ireland, conveying the satisfactory intelligence that the Lord Lieutenant resulted the extra police tax of \$11,115 which it was sought to levy on the County Sligo for extra police drafted during the years 1901 and 1902 under coercion laws for the purpose of overawing the people and sustaining and promoting grazing and grazing in the county.

The death of Mrs. Gillespie took place at the residence of her son, Mr. James Gillespie, Clontarf, on Dec. 11. Mrs. Gillespie attained the ripe old age of eighty-five years. The remains were conveyed on Dec. 13 to the family burying place, Court abey, and the extremely large cortege which followed the remains to their last resting place testified to the esteem in which the deceased was deservedly held.

The committee to consider Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$9,000 for the erection of a new free library in Sligo met in the council chamber, town hall, on Dec. 15. The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy occupied the chair. The other members present were: The Mayor of Sligo, Mr. P. McGuire; the chairman of the harbor commissioners, Mr. Arthur Jackson; Messrs. Dr. Kieley, Dr. Ardill and F. Ireland, Alderman Connolly, Messrs. E. J. Tighe, B. Colliery, T. Scanlan, M. Keane and T. McCarrick. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That we shall gratefully accept the generous donation promised by Mr. Carnegie and comply with the conditions laid down by him as regards the contribution under the public library acts, provided Mr. Carnegie sanctions our utilizing the sum of £1,500 which he promises to give in furnishing existing rooms with shelving and supplying them with books for the use of the public."