

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.—A concert was given in St. Mary's hall, Belfast, Dec. 28, under the auspices of the Sacred Heart society in connection with the Holy Family church, Newington. The entertainment was a distinct success, and to the Rev. F. C. Henry, administrator, Holy Family, and to those who assisted him the very highest credit is due.

At a meeting of the general purposes committee of the Belfast corporation lately in the town hall Sir Otto Jaffes was unanimously chosen as lord mayor for 1904.

Most Rev. Dr. Henry, lord bishop of Down and Connor, in St. Malachy's college, Belfast, on Dec. 27, the Feast of St. Thomas, ordained Rev. Patrick Bradley, Rev. John Macaulay and Rev. Edward O'Doherty.

The funeral of the late Miss Annie J. Magan, Millquarter, to Moneyglass cemetery took place on Dec. 11 and was very numerously attended.

ARMAGH.—A young man named Dublin of Milford, when getting a gun to go fowling lately, shot himself in the hand. He was conveyed to the county infirmary, where the injured member was amputated.

A large meeting of the Nationalists of Armagh was held in the Foresters' hall on Dec. 20. Mr. John McGlone presided, and among those present were John Oliver, Bernard Downey, Patrick McKenna, George Loughran, William Hume, Francis Ryan, P. Hughes, J. Vallety and J. McMahon. The question of the collection in aid of the parliamentary fund was then taken up, and a very satisfactory return was received from Tuillycarren. After patriotic speeches delivered by some of the gentlemen present the singing of the Irish national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

On Dec. 28 the first public entertainment given by the pupils of the De La Salle order, which has been established in its magnificent premises in William street, Armagh, for over a year, was given in the Sacred Heart hall, Church place, the largest assembly room in Lurgan. The popularity of the brothers and the brilliant success they have achieved since their advent in Lurgan were attested by the attendance.

CAVAN.—A man named Dolan, aged twenty-five, of Ballymagauran, near Bawnboy, has been missing since Nov. 28.

The owners of the Geovagh estate in this county have refused to sell to the tenants on an average of twenty years' purchase of present rents.

Rev. Father Bernard Duffy, lately appointed to the important parish of Anghrim, County Wicklow, is brother to Rev. P. Duffy, president of St. Mary's college, Moyne, Arva. The parish is a most desirable one from many points of view. It has two splendid churches, two fine parochial residences and five well equipped schools. In a scenic sense it is one of the most picturesque in Ireland, being near the "Meeting of the Waters," made famous by Ireland's immortal poet. It also holds an interesting position in the history of the great national insurrection in '48. In the glen of Anghrim the patriot General Holt fought bravely against the British.

Very Rev. John O'Reilly of Virginia, parish priest and vicar general of the diocese of Kilmore, who died on July 22 last, appointed as executors of his will of Dec. 12, 1888, his nephew, Mr. Patrick O'Reilly of Glasleck, farmer, and the Very Rev. Patrick O'Connell of Cotehill, parish priest, who have valued his estate at £3,476 3s. 3d. The testator bequeathed £100 to the Poor Clares nuns of Ballyjamesduff, £100 for masses for the repose of his soul, £200 toward the completion of St. Matthew's church, Maghera; £30 for improvements to the chapel at Lurgan, £200 each to his nieces, Mary O'Reilly and Maggie Wilcock; £100 to Edward O'Reilly, and some other legacies. He left his residuary estate as to two-thirds for his said niece, Maggie Wilcock, and as to one-third for his said nephew, Patrick O'Reilly.

DERRY.—The funeral of late Mr. M. McElhinney, national schoolteacher, of Bridge House Park, took place on Dec. 17 to the Moneyhaughan cemetery. Deceased had only reached the age of twenty-three and previous to his appointment as principal of Moneyhaughan national school completed two years' training at Drumcondra college, Dublin. The cortege, the largest seen for years, included representatives of all creeds and classes.

DONEGAL.—Mrs. Bridget McFadden, wife of Mr. Manus McFadden, Bee-nough, died early on Dec. 29 at the age of sixty-eight. Deceased was endeared to the people of the district. She was the mother of Mr. Edward McFadden, solicitor, M. P. for East Donegal, and Mr. Bernard McFadden, solicitor, secretary Donegal county council.

DOWN.—On Sunday, Dec. 20, the remains of the late Cormac McKee were removed for interment in Cabra Catholic church from his late residence at Stang, near Hilltown. The cortege was one of the largest witnessed in the district for many years.

FERMANAGH.—A seizure was effected lately by officials under police protection on behalf of the loan fund authorities at Coa, near Ballinacorney. Three cows were taken and had been driven about half a mile from the place of seizure when a crowd assembled and rescued the animals. Constable Gallagher received severe

wounds in his head and was attended by Dr. Graham.

The funeral of late Mr. Hugh McDonnell, merchant, Lrvingstown, took place on Dec. 27 to Kilskeary cemetery. The cortege was composed of all creeds and classes. Rev. P. McQuade conducted the funeral ceremonies.

MONAGHAN.—Inquiries as to how the young man John Flannagan Clones, came by his death are being continued by the police in Clones. They have made one arrest, and it is rumored that they will soon make another. The dead body of Flannagan was found buried under a manure heap on the premises of a person who lives in the town. A sensational trial will take place at the county assizes in connection with this case.

TYRONE.—Mrs. Mary Anne Burns, widow of the late Mr. James Burns, died at her residence on Market street, Strabane, Nov. 28, deeply regretted.

Munster

CLARE.—Members of the O'Callaghan's mills branch of the United Irish League at its last meeting elected the following to office for the ensuing year. Rev. D. Cleary, president; Michael Vaughan, vice president; Denis McInerney, D. C. secretary; James McInerney, treasurer; Michael McInerney, John Sheehan, Patrick O'Meara, F. McNamara, Donat Cooney, John Murphy, John Slattery, and Edward Nelson.

Mr. Thomas Galvin, editor of the Clare Champion, died at his father's residence, Caherlanna, Dec. 27, aged thirty-one years. The funeral was attended by great numbers of priests and people.

Mrs. T. Quinlivan, Lisculane, Tulla, died Dec. 8, deeply and widely regretted. A long cortege accompanied her remains to the cemetery.

CORK.—The Cork Examiner of Jan. 2 contained the following: "The investigations of the police, as far as can be ascertained, have up to the present led to no definite clue as to the identity of the alleged murderers of the river O'Keefe, who lost his life in the river off Pope's quay on last Monday night, nor has any further trace been found of the stranger, who was stated to be on the ladder. A postmortem examination of the body has been made, and it is understood that no traces of violence were found, nor is there any truth whatever to the statement that a scarp wound was inflicted. The police are still actively investigating the affair and preparing further evidence to place before the adjourned inquest on next Tuesday."

On Dec. 30 an ideal Gerald Griffin night was enjoyed at the Christian Brothers' schools, Our Lady's Mount, Cork city, when Rev. Brother Burke delivered a lecture on late Brother Gerald Griffin to Cork United Trades association. Since the recent celebration of the Rev. Brother Griffin's centenary many lectures have been delivered and papers read on the life and writings of that great Irish Christian Brother, poet and novelist. Brother Burke has spent the greater portion of his years in the North monastary, where Brother Gerald Griffin, too, spent the closing moments of his life. He made Brother Gerald Griffin and his works a lifelong study and visited the scenes immortalized in those works. It was a most interesting and instructive literary treat.

In St. Vincent's hall, Sunday's Well, Dec. 28, Rev. P. J. Dowling, C. M., delivered an interesting lecture under the auspices of the Janemount Catholic club on the "Irish Monk—His Abbey Home; His Work." There was a large audience, who testified their appreciation of the subject and its treatment. The interest in the proceedings was enhanced by an excellent selection of lime light views illustrative of the lecture.

Mrs. Daniel Harrington of Cluin hotel, Allihies, died Dec. 17, aged fifty-two years.

One of the most enjoyable agoroid-hechts in the history of the Celt. Literary society was held at the rooms, 13 Great St. George's street, Cork, Dec. 27. Liam de Rolsteach presided, and there was a numerous attendance.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—JEFFERS—Dec. 21, at 16 Barneck street, Kathleen Jeffers.—HUMERSTON—On Dec. 22, at Beecher's street, Mallow, William Humerston, aged forty-seven years.—TWOMEY—On Dec. 21, at Coachford, Ellen, widow of the late Jeremiah Twomey, national teacher.—O'KEGAN—On Dec. 21, Ballodry, Begooly, Michael O'Kegan.—TWOHIG—On Dec. 20, Daniel Twohig, aged twenty years.—O'DONNELL—Dec. 21, at Deep Park, Lismore, John O'Donnell.—CANTILLON—On Dec. 21, at Rooves beg, Coachford, Ellen Cantillon.—HAROLD—On St. Stephen's day, Charles Harold, seventeen years, Rd Inghilla, Crookstown.—SUTTON—On Christmas morning, at 2 Empress place, Charles Sutton.—CALLAGHAN—At the North Fever hospital, on Dec. 27, Thomas Callaghan, Watercourse road, city, aged sixteen years.

FOREST—On Christmas eve, at 7 Lady's Well place, John Forrest.—O'GORMAN—Dec. 21, at Bridgetown, Castletownroche, Dr. M. B. O'Gorman, late of Camolin, County Wexford.—COTTER—On Christmas morning, at 12 Homeville place, Western road, Ellen Cotter.—M'HAHON—On Dec. 26, at 106 Friar street, Kathleen McMahon.—DOUGLAS—At St. Patrick's hospital, on Dec. 27, Elizabeth Barry Douglas.—ROCHE—On Christmas day, at Donerale, Eliza Roche.—O'SULLIVAN—On Dec. 27, at Laccanua, Donoughmore, Julia O'Sullivan.—O'LEARY—Dec. 27, at Strand street, Passage West, William O'Leary.—RICHARDSON—On Dec. 26, at Mately, Michael Richardson, at an advanced age.—M'CARTHON—On Dec. 28, at 73 Summer hill, Daniel McCarthy.—HARRIS—On Dec. 27, at Bal-204, Ballygarvan, W. Harris, aged sev-

enty.—TWOMEY—At Killblaffer House, Dripsey, John Twomey, aged sixty-four.—O'RYAN—Dec. 31, at Shanacool, Youghal, Edmund O'Ryan, M. D., aged seventy-eight years.—LONG—On Dec. 31, at 19 Clarence street, Mary Long.—HENNESSY—On Dec. 31, at 22 Harbor row, Queenstown, Anne Hennessy.—O'BRIEN—At Bayville hotel, Ballycotton, Francis Barry O'Brien.—O'BRIEN—At Ardenville House, Buttevant, Dec. 31, Patrick O'Brien.—BOLAND—Jan. 1, at Bank place, Mallow, James Boland, aged seventy-four years.—O'DONOGHUE—On Dec. 31, at Elmglen, Lisarda, Charlie Patrick O'Donoghue, aged eighteen years.—O'BRIEN—On Dec. 30, a Ballinacool, Timothy O'Brien.

KERRY.—Mrs. Kony died suddenly at her home in Miltown on Christmas night. The family of the deceased retired to rest, leaving her in the kitchen. The following morning they found her sitting in a chair dead. An inquest was considered unnecessary.

The death of Mr. Edward Sewell, Killarney, occurred in Liverpool, Eng. land, Dec. 22, while on his way from Australia.

LIMERICK.—Mr. Joseph O'Mara, the famous singer, a native of Limerick city, was Myles-na-Copaleen in the opera named "City of Killarney," played by the Moody-Manners Opera company in Dublin the last night of the new year. His part was a thorough success. Being a Limerick man, he entered fully into the meaning of the great author, Gerald Griffin, who wrote the "Colleen Bawn," on which is founded the opera. Mr. O'Mara also knows Owen's Gaven in Limerick city and a true interpreter of the character of Myles-na-Copaleen.

In St. Munchin's Catholic church, Limerick, Dec. 29, a marriage was celebrated between Mr. George R. Bower, Dollymount, Dublin, and Miss May Carmody, George street, Limerick. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. R. Shanahan, St. Mary's, assisted by the Rev. Dr. T. R. Shanahan, St. Munchin's, and Rev. J. M. Cregan, Adm. St. Michael's.

A genuine Irish entertainment was held in Feenagh, West Limerick, Dec. 27. The programme was creditable to those who arranged it—Father Liston, Father Wallace and Mr. Vaughn. The proceedings opened by the Newcastle West Orchestra band, which rendered the march "Liberty Bell." The Rev. J. J. Wallace sang "Irishmen, Remember!" Miss D. McDonnell, Rathkeale, sang in Gaelic "Savonnuen Teisteh." Mr. J. P. Murphy danced an Irish horn pipe; Mr. M. Murphy, Newcastle West, sang "Ireland," Miss C. Scullion sang "Ireland I Love You." Miss M. A. Ahern sang "Shille Aroon." There were many other real Irish items. This is the way to revive the Irish language. Father Liston made an address.

The death took place Dec. 31 at the residence of her brother, Mr. John Guineane, Queen street, Limerick, of Mrs. Frances Mary Shiel, late of Australia. The deceased, who spent thirty-three years in Australia, returned to her native land on Sunday previous, accompanied by her husband, Mr. P. J. Shiel, clerk of the court at Victoria.

A large meeting was held at Kilsallan on Dec. 27 for the purpose of enrolling members in the United Irish League and electing officers for the coming year. Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M. P., attended. Among those present were J. Hogan, P. M. Cullane, J. M. Donovan, J. Nolan, R. F. Mevey, M. McDonnell, D. Egan, P. Donovan, M. Flanagan, P. Histon, E. T. Donovan, M. Meade, J. O'Brien, D. Mulcahy, J. J. Donovan, T. Histon, M. Kennedy, J. Ward, M. Kearney, E. Finnell, P. Mullins, M. Kelly, J. Sheehan, M. Egan, J. Riordan, J. Ward, J. Egan, J. Carroll, T. Cullane, J. Green, J. Madigan, J. Daly, M. Somers, P. Harriman, etc. On the motion of Mr. J. Nolan, seconded by Mr. J. Hogan, Mr. J. M. Donovan presided; Mr. M. Donovan, Dr. Keane, J. Nolan and P. M. Cullane were appointed chairman, vice chairman, treasurer and secretary respectively.

TIPPERARY.—Rev. P. W. Ryan officiated at the funeral of the late Mr. Darrody, the Green, Cashel, who died Dec. 28, aged seventy years. The funeral to the parish cemetery was very numerously attended.

Mrs. Catherine Ryan, Silvermines, died Dec. 27, aged eighty-eight years, deeply mourned. She was wife of the late Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, who for years had been the local postmaster. The interment was in the ancient cemetery of Kilmore. Funeral was attended by a great number of persons, including Rev. D. Flannery and M. Langan.

The memorial to the patriots who died for fighting for independence in '48 is about to be erected in front of the town hall in Farm-hill street, Clonmel. The monument stands on a pedestal of Tipperary limestone ten feet high. The figure, which is six feet in height, is also of Tipperary limestone. It represents a pikeman, with weapon in hand, standing in defiant attitude. The monument will be completed in a short time.

The late Mr. William Power of Cashel, merchant, who had retired and lived in Italy, County Dublin, has left \$40,000 in charitable bequests, including his residence in Marine terrace, Bray, in trust for his housekeeper, Margaret Quirk, during her life, and on her death to be disposed of, the proceeds to be handed to the Sisters of Charity, Little Bray, for the poor of Bray, and should such bequest fail, that \$1,000 be given to the Sisters of Charity for the purpose mentioned; \$2,500 in trust for the poor of Cashel; \$5,000 to Our Lady's Hospital for the Dying, Haroldscross; \$2,500 to the maintenance of the Catholic priests of Bray; \$10,000 to the bishop of Canea, to be applied at his discretion to some charitable purpose in Ireland.

Rev. M. Davane, Emly, died Dec. 18, deeply and widely regretted. WATERFORD.—Five hundred dol-

lars has been contributed to the fund of the Irish parliamentary party by the Waterford city branch of the United Irish League.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Greene took place on Dec. 22 from the cathedral, Waterford city, where the remains were laid overnight for interment in Ballybricken.

The organizer for the Desi, Mr. Patrick O'Kieley, has started operations in Portlaw. He intends holding a concert to secure funds to obtain an Irish teacher for the district and afterward found a branch of the Gaelic League. He has secured a fine array of Irish talent for the concert. Mr. James O'Byrne, Feis winner at Waterford, will discourse pipe music, ably supported by Mr. John Henery (pipes) and Dr. Henery (fiddle). Willie Ryan, the renowned Welsh mountain dancer, will show Portlaw people how they dance in Iverk. Miss Plummer and Master Carley will add to the entertainment. Father Fielding's phonograph will discourse Irish music that was played in Chicago. The liquid tones of Ireland's native music will be heard from Masters Martin Draper and Patrick O'Neill, the singing boys from Ring. Dr. Henery will deliver an address in Irish on the Gaelic League and its objects. The historic lecture hall at Portlaw will be loaned for the occasion by Mr. William Malcomson.

Leinster

CARLOW.—The festival of the Christian year was honored with the usual solemn ceremonies in Carlow cathedral. Seven o'clock mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. Miss Daisy Bourke sang the "Adeste Fideles." A large number of the parishioners partook of holy communion. The Rev. P. Gorry was celebrant of the 9 o'clock mass, during which hymns were rendered by the children of the Presentation convent schools. At 11 o'clock there was solemn high mass, the attendant priest to the bishop being the Rev. Dean Brophy, Clogh college; the Rev. L. Keogh, Carlow college, celebrant; Rev. P. Kearney, dean; Rev. M. Barron, subdeacon; Rev. W. Byrne, master of ceremonies. The music of the mass was sweetly rendered by the cathedral choir, consisting of Miss J. Colgan, Mrs. Haan, Misses C. McDonald, E. Geoughan, Annie McWey, A. Colgan, D. Bourke and A. Heary, Messrs. E. Williams, W. Duggan, P. Bourke, T. F. Coyle and T. Heary. Father Kilian preached.

Mrs. Garrett Kehoe, Mountneil, died Dec. 24, aged eighty-four years. A great number of the people who reside in the surrounding district attended the funeral to Rathvilly cemetery.

KILDARE.—Mrs. Ellen Deering of Woodstock street, Athy, died on Dec. 26, at the fine old age of ninety years. The funeral to St. Michael's cemetery was very numerously attended.

On Dec. 29 the home of John Kenny, farmer, at Osberstown, near Naas, was burned to the ground. His daughter Kate, aged thirty, met death in the burning building, and Kenny himself received injuries from which he is not expected to recover.

The Callender Paper Manufacturing company, limited, just started at Callender, is a new Irish industry of considerable importance. It is utilizing peat for the manufacture of paper by a process interesting and ingenious.

DUBLIN.—The distribution of prizes on Dec. 24 to the students successful at the intermediate examinations was made the occasion of an entertainment in St. Mary's college, Rathmines. Varied by excellent recitations, gymnastic tableaux and other interesting items, the proceedings were enjoyable and afforded pleasure to the parents of the pupils and the friends of the college.

On Dec. 27 a man named John Byrne while walking beside the Grand canal basin saw a body in the water and reported the incident to Police Constable McMullan. The constable got a boat, and with Byrne brought the body ashore. It bore traces of having been in the water for a considerable time. Subsequently it was identified as the body of Mrs. B. Devereux, North King street, Dublin, missing for some weeks.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—MURTAGH—On Dec. 26, at the hospice, Haroldscross, Mary Kate Murtagh.—D'WYER—Dec. 23, at the Mater Misericordiae hospital, Joseph Dwyer, cooper, late of Guinness.—M'NALLA—Dec. 26, at 28 Marlborough road, Donnybrook, Aloysius M'Nally.—CHALFOUR—Dec. 26, at 5 Albert place, West, Rosanna Chalfour.—CLIFFE—At 33 Northumberland avenue, Kins-town, Captain Edward Cliffe, aged seventy-five years.—DUNNE—Dec. 27, at 14 Russell place, Bodelydda, Stand House, Curragh, County Kildare, in her sixty-eighth year.—SULLIVAN—Dec. 26, at Sallins, Annie Sullivan, daughter of the late George Lowe, Tallaght.—WATERS—Dec. 27, suddenly, at 14 London Bridge road, Sandymount, Jane Angela Waters.—GRANT—Dec. 25, Anne Grant, daughter of the late Thomas Grant.—BREEN—Dec. 25, at 9 Montague street, Mrs. Breen, widow of Francis Breen.—MORAN—Dec. 29, at Corporation markets, Patrick J. Moran.—MORAN—Dec. 29, at Ardara, Tivoli road, Kingstown, Mary Catherine Moran.—POWER—Dec. 29, at 9 Summerhill parade, Catherine Power.—SMULLEN—Dec. 28, at 40 Lower Sheriff street, William Joseph Smullen.—MAXWELL—Dec. 28, at Rathmore, Glenageary, Charles Joseph Maxwell.—KINSELLA—Dec. 28, at the Dominican convent, St. Mary's, Cape Town, South Africa, Mother M. Dymna Kinlessa. In the fifty-third year of her religious profession.

KILKENNY.—Mr. W. Hine, Callan, aged twenty-four years, died in Carrick-on-Suir on Christmas day. He was returning from the United States and arrived at Carrick the night before he died. It was stated that when on the voyage he took cold, and it developed

into bronchitis and asthma. When his mother, who is a widow, went to Carrick on St. Stephen's day to meet him she was prostrated by the news that he had died the day before.

KING'S.—The extensive printing and publishing concern of Mr. John Wright, proprietor of the King's County Chronicle, Birr, was totally destroyed by fire lately, along with the premises occupied by the Birr Young Men's Christian association.

In the Presentation convent, Kilkenny, on Dec. 12 the Feast of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin, by the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, bishop of Ossory, assisted by the Rev. Father Cassion, Adm., Miss Mary Elizabeth Byrne made her vows. In religion her name is Sister Mary Agatha. She is the daughter of Mr. Arthur Byrne, Ballymacrossan, Geashill, and niece of the late Rev. R. A. Byrne, Rathvilly, and the late Mother Mary Agatha, Tullow, County Carlow.

LONGFORD.—Mr. Edward Blake, member of parliament for the south division of Longford, has returned from Canada to London.

Mr. Patrick Farrell of Cloonmore, Whitehall, died Dec. 14 at the fine age of eighty years, and Mr. Michael Sullivan, Willsbrook House, Graunard, on Dec. 16, aged fifty years. Both are deeply regretted by their friends in Ireland and America.

MEATH.—Mrs. Bridget Flood of Moylough, Oldcastle, died Dec. 20, aged sixty-seven years. Miss Mary Kieran of Tynnoole Cottage, Balrath, died Dec. 27, and Margaret Leonard of Ballygarth died Dec. 15. All were deeply regretted by their relatives and friends in Ireland and America.

WESTMEATH.—Mr. Thomas Dunbar of Athroe died Dec. 28, deeply regretted. The funeral to Newcastle cemetery was one of the longest corteges seen in the district for years.

Mr. Philip O'Reilly, agent for the Talbot estate, Tulaghan, wrote to the tenants, offering on behalf of the landlord to sell at a rate which would give to first term and nonjudicial residents a reduction of 25 per cent, twenty-three years' purchase; to second term tenants, 15 per cent, twenty-six and a quarter years' purchase, rents to March last to be paid and September rents to be added to the purchase money, sporting rights to be reserved to the landlord, and pending completion of sale in interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent to be paid on purchase money. A meeting of the tenants was held, Mr. John P. Hayden, M. P., presiding by their request, and it was decided to submit the following offer. Seventeen years' purchase of first term and nonjudicial residents, all arrears to March last to be wiped out and September rents added to purchase money; all rights to bog and passways now pertaining to tenants to be included in the vesting order; sporting rights to be reserved to the tenants. A committee of five was appointed to carry on future negotiations through Mr. N. J. Downes, solicitor.

WEXFORD.—A young man named Kelly, from Priesthaggard, was drowned recently at the bridge of the new line of railway at the mouth of the river Barrow at Great Island. The night was stormy and dark when he was crossing the unfinished bridge, and he somehow missed his footing and fell through into the river.

In issue of the Freeman's Journal, Dublin, dated Dec. 11, appeared the following: "The death recorded in our obituary column of yesterday of Mr. George H. Lett of Millpark House, Enniscorthy, a member of an old and respected Wexford family, will recall one of the most conspicuous deeds of courage and heroism in the insurrection of '48, which has procured for the name of Lett an immortality in the annals of Irish patriotism. At the battle of New Ross, at a critical moment, when the Irish forces were hard pressed, one of the Letts, a boy in his thirteenth year, who had run away from his mother to join the patriots, snatched up an Irish flag, and a great body of pikemen followed him in a charge which broke the British line and all but turned the fortunes of the day in favor of the Irish cause. Young Lett had afterward a distinguished career at sea and in foreign service. Another boy who fought bravely in the Irish ranks on that glorious day was John Devereux of Taghmon, who rose to fame and fortune in the South American and became one of the most distinguished generals in the service of Bolivar."

WICKLOW.—Mrs. Ellen Galvin of Ticknock, Arklow, died Dec. 17, aged seventy-two years, deeply mourned by the southeast of Ireland. In past times, when wooling was a great industry in Ireland, the Galvin family carried on the mills at Ticknock, which afforded considerable employment to the people. Owing to the policy of free trade carried on toward the country, their work as well as a number of other mills, were knocked out. Mrs. Galvin had a numerous family, among them Rev. James Galvin, Adm., Westland row Dublin. The family descended from a very old stock in the County Wicklow.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Sister Mary Joseph Skerrett of the Convent of Mercy, Galway, died Dec. 14. She had held the position of revered mother of the convent during some years.

On the recommendation of the senior and district inspectors, Galway district, the commissioners of national education have presented the Carlisle and Blake premiums for 1902 to Mrs. Morrissey, principal teacher Caherlis tran girls' school, Tuam, for excellent reports in her school as to efficiency, moral tone, order, cleanliness, discipline, school accounts and observance of the board's rules. This is the second time this teacher has gained this distinction. An esteemed citizen of Tuam, Mr.

James Nolan, Shoh street, died Dec. 24, aged seventy-two years, deeply regretted. The funeral to the new cemetery was attended by great numbers.

On Dec. 20 a big meeting was held in Meenough for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Gaelic League. The parish priest, Father Colgan, presided and in an eloquent and argumentative speech urged the importance of the object that brought them together and that it was their bounden duty to aid the Gaelic League to revive and preserve their native language.

The representatives of the late Deans Butson, Clonfert, Eyrecoort, Ballinsloe, have sold to the tenants, seventy in number, their holdings at twenty-one years' purchase, including Clonfert island, a piece of meadow land 120 acres in extent, on the Shannon. The late Straty Eyre's estate, Kiltormer, has also been sold to the tenants. There are sixteen tenants on the property, and they hold small farms of poor land, and the representatives of the late Mr. S. Eyre offered to sell to them their holdings at sixteen years' purchase, but the tenants held out for the grass farm of 800 acres hitherto let on the eleven months system, and after long correspondence between Father Bowes, P. P., and the landlord a bargain was effected at twenty-one years' purchase, including the grass farm. Captain Garden of Eyrecoort has also sold to his tenants, eighty-four in number, their farms, which bring down their yearly payments from 22 shillings to 21s. 6d. in the pound. This arrangement has not been arrived at by number of years' purchase of existing rents, but by a comparison of what they paid before the land act of 1881 and what they will pay now. None of the tenants ever went into the land court, being satisfied with the reduction which the landlord allowed them, and are all now satisfied with the bargain they have made with their landlord.

By the death of Rev. P. Donagher, pastor of Ahasragh and Caltra, Dec. 21, the diocese of Elphin lost an excellent priest.

LEITRIM.—Stephen Morton of Canaboe, near Ballinamore, has been arrested on suspicion of having given poison to Mrs. Bridget Maher of Canaboe and causing her death. The case will be tried at the coming assizes.

On Dec. 26 a gatekeeper named Patrick Connor, on the railroad at Ballinamore, met with a serious accident as a result of a train to Drumshanbo coming into collision with the gate at the southern end of the town when he was in the act of opening the gate.

MAYO.—The Marquis of Sligo died in Westport House on Dec. 30, aged seventy-nine years.

The landlord of the well known Blake estate, Charles J. Blake, Towerhill, Ballinrobe, will sell property to the tenants and also divide a large grass farm among them, which will have the effect of doubling their holdings. The sale will be made through the congested districts board. Rev. P. McGillr, pastor of Ballindine, in which the estate is situated, conducted the negotiations on behalf of the tenants.

With regret we record the death of Mrs. Anne Henghan of Doon, Aighgower, Westport, which occurred on Christmas eve at the fine age of eighty-five years. Her death is deeply regretted by her numerous friends in the old land and in the United States.

On Dec. 26 two remarkable deaths occurred close to Castlerriff, at Rockfield, James Conway, a farmer, died at the extraordinary age of 113 years. A man named Cunningham died on the same day at Burren Bridge a few days before the century.

ROSCOMMON.—The negotiations for the sale of the Ballingard portion of the O'Conor Don's property has been broken off. Father Neary, Frenchpark, with the tenants, requested that the grass farms be divided and that the sale be to the estate commissioners. Both these conditions were rejected by the O'Conor Don.

SLIGO.—Mr. Furey of Tubberunane, Skreen, died Dec. 19, aged sixty-six years, deeply regretted.

Right Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, opened the bazaar for the Sisters of Charity on Dec. 20, in the town hall, Sligo. It continued for two days and was in every way a fine success. Among the stalls was one named "America," over which presided Miss Ticht, St. Joseph's villa, Albert road, Sligo.

On Dec. 27 a very largely attended meeting was held at Carhownagh Colney, attended by contingents from Colomey, Ballintocher, Skreen, Dromard and Teeling (our Miles), and the bands from those districts discoursed national airs during the day. The gathering was characterized by the old fighting days of the Land League. On Mr. McHugh's arrival from Sligo, accompanied by Alderman Flanagan, there was awaiting him an Irish reception, for which the people of the district are remarkable. Mr. John O'Dowd, M. P., had arrived before having driven twenty miles to the meeting. Mr. O'Dowd was in fighting form. On the motion of Mr. Francis Tighe, seconded by Mr. W. A. Mitchell, Mr. Peter Cawley, Company C, was moved to the chair. Spirited orations were delivered by Messrs. McHugh, O'Dowd, Cawley and other Nationalists.

A very large and representative meeting of the Conway's Cross branch of the United Irish League was held on Dec. 20. Mr. Bartley McDonagh occupied the chair. Mr. Andrew Colery was elected president, and the following were appointed on the committee: J. Mulligan, Bartley McDonagh, John Sheridan, P. Nephin, Bartley Millmo, Michael Conlon, Michael Dineen, P. Sweeney and John Conlon. A resolution was passed complimenting Mr. J. O'Dowd, M. P., on his victory over Dublin castle by making them remit the extra police tax. The resolution was proposed by Mr. P. McKeown, J. McHugh and J. Conlon secretaries.