

# 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**—Fire destroyed the premises occupied by Messrs. Weir, shoe manufacturers, and those of Mr. Thompson, dry goods merchant, situated in Ballymena street, Ballymena, on Jan. 5.

From the quarries at Ballymagrehan, on Carragh mountain, two miles from the thriving town of Castlewellan, in view of the magnificent Mourne mountains and Dundrum bay, there has been erected in the Catholic churchyard, Larne, an exquisite granite monument to the memory of the late Right Rev. Eugene McCarty, Larne. The Larne monument takes the form of a Celtic cross fifteen feet in height.

**ARMAGH**—The business premises of Mr. John A. Maguire were destroyed by fire on the morning of New Year's day. There were great quantities of gunpowder, cartridges and other explosives on the premises, and several explosions occurred, but no person was injured.

Miss Catherine Hughes of Feydford, near Middletown, died recently at the extraordinary age of 118 years. She was one of a family of ten. Another member of the family, the youngest, named Elizabeth, died last March, aged ninety-seven years.

**CAVAN**—The Donegal Independent of Jan. 8 said: "Inquiries tend to confirm the suspicion that the young man Dolan, who disappeared from near Ballyconnell in December, has suffered death at the hands of an unknown assailant. He was last seen alive on Nov. 23."

**DERRY**—On Dec. 6 great sorrow was caused by the death of Mr. William McLaughlin of Killycree, Claudy. The solemn requiem service as well as the funeral to the Cumber-Claudy cemetery was very numerously attended. The deceased was father of James McLaughlin, Rev. Patrick McLaughlin and William McLaughlin.

The funeral of the late Miss Isabella McLaughlin, Letterbratt, Plumbridge, took place on Dec. 7 to the local cemetery, numerously attended. Deceased was only twenty-two years of age.

**DONEGAL**—On Dec. 20 died Mr. Patrick Gillespie, citizen of the United States and native of Askill, near Ballyshannon.

**DOWN**—The funeral of late Mrs. James Doyle, Lake View House, Clonsilla, Katesbridge, took place to the ancient burial ground in Dechmont, Drumongland, on Dec. 11. She was seventy-five years of age.

**FERMANAGH**—A policeman named Wilson, native of County Fermanagh, stationed in Saintfield, County Down, killed himself with a rifle in a field near the barracks in Saintfield Jan. 3. He had served thirteen years in the police force.

On Jan. 4 the St. Vincent de Paul bazaar in the town hall of Enniskillen was opened by the Very Rev. Mgr. Smollen in presence of a large gathering. The stall holders were: The Devonish stall, Mrs. Haurahan, Mrs. Wray and Mrs. McGovern, with assistants; the Enniskillen stall, Mrs. McNamee, Mrs. Dooley and Mrs. Keene, with assistants; the Fermanagh stall, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Crumley and Mrs. Donnelly, with assistants; the Erne stall, Mrs. Mulhern, Mrs. Coyle and Mrs. McDonnell, with assistants; the refreshment stall, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Reynolds, with assistants. It was an unqualified success.

**MONAGHAN**—Derry Journal of Jan. 6, giving an account of the Clones Flanagan murder mystery, says of the accused, named Fee, when being conveyed to jail to await result of the verdict of the coroner's jury: "Subsequently, when the prisoner was being conveyed to the train, he stepped on to the car with a jaunty air and coolly surveyed the crowd gathering in the square. Going down the main thoroughfare, he smilingly nodded to some women on the footpath. The day being pig fair day in Clones, large numbers of strangers were in town, and the prisoner going through the streets was recognized by many a man who had had transactions with him."

Mr. Edward Whelan of the Toll bar, Clones, died rather suddenly Dec. 28, aged fifty-eight years, deeply regretted.

**TYRONE**—Miss Cathers, assistant in the postoffice at Beragh, was found dead on the floor of that establishment Jan. 5.

On New Year's night a concert and dance was held in Cummins' granary, Woodend, Strabane. Mrs. Quinn sang "Killarney" and Mr. McCool "Come Back to Erin."

At Londonderry, on Jan. 5, Joseph Moan, an agricultural laborer, was executed for the alleged murder of Rose Ann McCann at Badenny, near Tillycree, in November, 1902. To the last moment of life he declared his innocence of the crime for which he died.

### Munster

**CLARE**—A meeting of the Doonbeg branch of the United Irish league was held on Sunday, Jan. 3. Mr. M. McNamara presided. The correspondence included a circular from the national directory regarding the evicted tenants, with forms to be filled up and sent to the estate commissioners. A resolution was received from the Cooraclare branch regarding the retirement of Dr. Carson from the chairmanship of the Clonlara and recommending Mr. T. Lillis for the office being a tried Nationalist.

The resolution was adopted. Mr. J. Downes is the honorary secretary of this active branch of the national organization.

Mr. Michael McDonagh of Ennis road, Milltown, draper, died Jan. 3, deeply mourned.

**CORK**—Dr. Edmund O'Ryan, Shanacoole, County Waterford, died Dec. 3, deeply and widely mourned. He was aged seventy-eight years and was son of the late Dr. John J. O'Ryan, Cork. One son and two daughters are in the religious life. The latter are in the Presentation convent, Youghal. During the troubled times of 1848 he was a member of the Young Ireland party and contributed to the Nation.

John Buckley, aged thirty years, suddenly disappeared from Monkstown on New Year's night. His wife states that at 12 that night her husband put on his best clothes and left the house. She followed him immediately, but could find no trace of him.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Mitchelstown branch of the Gaelic league was held in the town hall on New Year's night. In the unavoidable absence of the president the Rev. T. O'Donoghue, vice president, presided. Also present were Rev. F. Flannery, Messrs. James O'Donoghue, T. A. Glavin, E. Condon, J. Casey, W. Casey, P. O'Keane, J. Cahill, D. Walsh, P. O'Brien, J. Hannigan, W. Moloney, W. Finn, J. Condon, J. Skinner, E. Fox, T. McCarthy, W. Sheehan, J. Hennessy, D. O'Donoghue, C. Kieley, J. O'Donoghue, M. O'Brien, W. Evans, J. O'Hanrahan, etc.; Misses M. Noonan, B. O'Donovan, B. H. Carmody, A. J. Skidd, H. Daly, M. and J. Condon, A. Keys, E. Manahan, H. Mannix, M. O'Brien, M. O'Sullivan, M. and L. O'Connor, M. Evans, H. Noonan, etc. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted: President, Mr. Thomas Roche; vice presidents, Rev. T. O'Donoghue and Mr. James O'Donoghue; treasurer, T. A. Glavin; secretary, E. Condon; assistant secretary, J. O'Hanrahan; committee, Rev. F. Flannery, Messrs. J. Cahill, W. Casey, J. O'Brien, T. McCarthy, P. O'Keane, J. McGuth, J. Hannigan, Misses B. H. Carmody, M. Noonan, N. Condon and B. O'Donovan. A most enjoyable Spordidnacht was held.

On Dec. 27 a Gaelic concert was held in the hall of the United Irish league. Among those present were the Very Rev. Father Hurley, the Rev. Dr. Daly, Rev. Father English, Kilmeach, and Rev. Father O'Driscoll. The Kilmeach tyra fife and drum band was in attendance.

**Recent Deaths in Cork**—HEALY—On Jan. 7, at 3 Langford terrace, John Brian Healy, Glenbrook.—TREACY—On Jan. 6, Feast of the Epiphany, at 23 Hogan's buildings, Susan Treacy, sister of the late Mrs. P. Barry, Rev. John Treacy, Manchester, and Matthew Treacy, Cork, journalist.—CARROLL—On Jan. 6, at 2 Church street, John Carroll, caretaker Butter market and for fifty years the faithful servant of the Butter market trustees.—CROWLEY—On Jan. 7, at Carrigrohilly, Joseph Crowley, Barriscourt.—CRONIN—On Dec. 29, at 69 Beaconsfield street, Prince's avenue, Jeremiah J. Cronin, examining officer H. M. customs, aged forty-six years, son of Jerome Cronin, Kenle, Millstreet.—MCCARTHY—On Dec. 28, at 73 Summer hill, Daniel McCarthy.—CAMILL—On Dec. 20, at 54 Gerald Griffin street, Cork, Alice Cahill, daughter of the late Michael D. O'Sullivan, cattle and pig buyer, 26 Church street.—WALSH—On Dec. 20, at Deane street, Mrs. Martha Walsh.—HIBBERD—On Dec. 27, at the Wellington hotel, Cahir, Sydney Hibberd, aged fifty-four.—SHAW—On Dec. 29, at Hillernan buildings, Paul Shaw.—KAVANAGH—On Dec. 29, at Landscape villa, Sunday's Well, Henry Christian Kavanagh.—BARRITT—On Jan. 4, at the Cork District hospital, Ellen Barrett.—HENNESSY—On Jan. 5, at Inchera, Glanmire, David Hennessy, late attendant of the Eglinton asylum.—FENNELL—On Jan. 4, at Sovereign street, Clonakilly, Mary Fennell, late of Kyril's quay, Cork, daughter of Timothy Buns, Ballinacilly.—MAHONY—On Jan. 5, at 10 Claremont terrace, Margaret Mahony.—STACK—On Jan. 5, at Castle Hyde, Ellen Stack, aged ninety-three years.—BARRY—On Dec. 30, at 18 St. Patrick's place, Cork, James R. Barry, manager of the Munster and Leitner bank.—HEARTY—On Jan. 30, at 13 Charlesville row, Mrs. K. Hearty.—O'KEEFE—On Sunday's Well avenue, John P. O'Keefe.—O'BRIEN—On Dec. 30, at Ballinacilly, Timothy O'Brien.—O'SULLIVAN—On Dec. 29, at St. O'Sullivan, Charles O'Sullivan.—KINGSTON—On Dec. 29, at Gurtynan, Samuel Kingston; internment at Drimoleague.—CONNOLLY—On Jan. 5, at Police barracks, Kilworth, Sergeant Daniel Connolly.—WAIN—On Jan. 3, at Morning Side, Bradford, Thurza Spencer, daughter of John R. Wain and sister of Mrs. Frank Dillon, Dyke parade, Cork.—MURPHY—At the Cork District hospital, on Jan. 6, Kate Murphy.—CORCORAN—On Jan. 6, at Kilvoultra, Macroom, Michael Corcoran.

**KERRY**—During the Tralee coursing meeting, Dec. 26, Mr. Jeremiah Nolan of Newtownsandes, member of the Listowel rural council and brother to Mr. Michael J. Nolan, vice-chairman Kerry county council, was seized with an apoplectic fit. He was attended by Drs. Piers, Causeway and Keane, Anascaul, and had the ministrations of Rev. M. D. Sullivan, Kenmare. He only survived fifteen minutes.

It is reported in Kenmare, Jan. 6, that a farmer's daughter named Mary Lovett of Brackross had been found drowned in the pool near her home. It appears that the deceased resided with her parents on the island of Brackross, on the north shore of Kenmare river, and was sent for spring water in a bucket. In order to get to the well it was necessary to cross a bridge which

connects the island with the mainland. The deceased being absent a long time, a search was made and the bucket was found on the bridge. No trace of the girl could be seen, and it was not till several hours had elapsed that her dead body was found in the salt water from the bridge and fell in.

On Jan. 7 Dr. Denis J. Coffey, distinguished townsman of Tralee, delivered a lecture on the Irish language in the county courthouse, Tralee, to a large audience. The audience from start to finish evinced great interest in the lecture. On the proposition of Mr. Thomas Slattery, seconded by Mr. M. J. Flavin, M. P., the Very Rev. Dean Carmody presided. The following were among those present: Very Rev. Thomas Carmody, dean of Kerry; Rev. J. Crowley, Rev. M. P. Fitzgerald, Rev. T. D. O'Sullivan, Rev. J. Buckley, Rev. T. Griffin, Rev. J. H. Casey, O. P.; Ven. Archdeacon Orpen, Messrs. T. Slattery, P. M. Gallagher, supervisor inland revenue; T. O'Donnell, M. P.; M. J. Flavin, M. P.; W. O'Donnell, chairman Tralee; G. J. Rice, M. Kellier, J. P.; J. M. Slattery, J. Leonard, J. P.; T. Mangin, T. Kavanagh, J. A. Slattery, J. Baly, T. Lyons, J. Vaughan, G. Reid, D. Harrington, J. P. Stack, M. Crowley, I. Bernard, T. A. Casey, town clerk; R. O'Kelly, S. Scannell, T. McLoughlin, C. Crowley, D. Murphy, M. McDonnell, D. J. Harrington, J. Foley, L. McDermott, E. Moore, J. Browne, C. Murphy, T. O'Flaherty, J. O'Reilly, T. O'Mahony, J. McCarthy, D. Fitzgerald, W. O'Sullivan, F. McCoolin.

**LIMERICK**—Notwithstanding the ruinous effect of the harvest, some of the tenants on the Gool estate, Atheu, who have been negotiating for the purchase of their holdings have been processed for rent.

The death of Mrs. Bridget O'Connell, wife of Mr. Thomas O'Connell, 3 Treaty terrace, Thomondgate, Limerick, occurred on Jan. 3 at her residence. Deceased was a sister of the late Mrs. Goggin, Thomondgate, and was respected by a large number of relatives and friends in Limerick city and county.

**TIPPERARY**—The community at the Ransgarne (County Wexford) convent has sustained a loss by the death of Sister M. Buchmann, daughter of the late Mr. J. Moeckler, Redmondstown, and sister of Rev. R. Moeckler, Ballylobb, and the Rev. Father Moeckler, Waterford, and Mr. P. Moeckler, Redmondstown.

On Jan. 8 thirteen heifers, the property of Michael Quinn, Mullahen estate at Rossstown, were seized by bailiffs and police. Quinn, who is a prominent member of the United Irish league in Thurles, consented to purchase his holding at eighteen years and pending the acceptance of terms declined to pay rent. The landlady, Mrs. Brew-Mullahan, refused to accept the terms, and the seizure was made in respect of rent in arrears. The cattle were impounded in Templemore.

T. F. Kieley, Clarick-on-Suir, has challenged E. H. Clarke, all round champion of America, to an all round contest. Kieley sent the challenge through the Amateur Athletic Union of America and stipulated that the twenty-eight pound weight be one of the weight events and that the hop, step and jump should be put on the programme instead of the pole jump. Clarke did not agree to the changes, but will meet Kieley on the American programme of ten events. The contest will be held near Boston.

**WATERFORD**—Mr. Joseph Walsh, for twenty-nine years an officer in the employment of the Waterford civil council, died suddenly Jan. 3 at his residence, the Mall, Waterford, deeply mourned.

Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., chairman of the Irish Nationalist parliamentary party, delivered his annual address to his constituents in Waterford city Jan. 5. It consisted entirely of the two great questions of home rule and the establishing of an Irish university.

At St. Paul's convent, Selley Park, Birmingham, England, on Jan. 2, the ceremony of religious profession was conducted under the presidency of Bishop Foley of Birmingham, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Garnet, Wilkes, Begley, Hudson, Keating and O'Hanlon. The young lady who made her final vows is Miss Annie Cashin (Sister Mary Petronilla), daughter of Mr. Patrick Cashin, Russelsville.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Spratt took place Dec. 28 from his home in Cashin-road to the cemetery. As the cortege passed on to the town it was increased by hundreds of vehicles until nearing the town the funeral extended for a mile.

On the evening of the Twelfth Day a successful concert in the interests of the Gaelic league was held at Parturh. The lecture hall was filled long before commencement. Contingents of Gaelic helpers arrived from Rathkieran, Haristown, Waterford and Kilkibbin. Fathers Henbery and Fielding delivered addresses in Irish and in English.

### Leinster

**CARLOW**—The Carlow Workmen's club, under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Little, president, and Mr. Thomas Donnelly, secretary, gave a fine entertainment in the town hall on the evenings of Jan. 5 and 6. Many items on the programme were Irish, which is a hopeful sign of the future advancement of Irish sentiment in the country.

On New Year's night, in Tullow, was held a grand Gaelic concert under the auspices of the Eugene O'Curry branch of the Gaelic league; also an instructive and deeply interesting lecture on "Some of Ireland's Heroes" was delivered at the same time by Rev. Brother

Ambrose in the day school of the monastery.

Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Market square, Bagnalstown, died on New Year's day, deeply regretted. The funeral to Drumcree was attended by great numbers.

**DUBLIN**—A meeting to form a branch of the Gaelic league was held at 38 South Richmond street, Dublin, Jan. 3. Mr. O'Daly, general secretary of the Gaelic league, delivered a stirring address on that organization. The branch was named in honor of Philip Barron, who was the first Gaelic leaguer in Ireland. Messrs. Linchey and O'Toole were elected president and secretary respectively. Before separating Irish songs were sung by O'Daly, Jordan and Cahill.

A meeting of the general organizing committee of the Irish international exhibition, 1906, was held in Dublin Jan. 4 under the presidency of the Earl of Drogheda. A letter was received from Lord Plunkett, private secretary to the lord lieutenant, stating that the chief secretary would receive a deputation from the committee and that under the circumstances it was not necessary for the lord lieutenant to receive one, as Mr. Wynham knew and shared his excellency's views in the matter. The committee resolved to accept the terms of the proposed site offered by the Pembroke district council. It would be better to have the exhibition a purely Irish national one.

The remains of the late Mr. William P. Coyne, M. A., L.L.D., were conveyed for internment to Glasnevin cemetery Jan. 5. The death occurred at the residence of his sister-in-law, 10 Herbert place, Dublin.

**Recent Deaths in Dublin**—M'GOURN—Jan. 2, at 17 Killarney street, Elizabeth Mary (Lily) McGouran, aged twenty.—MASTERSON—Jan. 2, at Garristown, Jane Masterson, Irish-town, Ardath.—O'LEARY—Jan. 3, at 43 Lower Gloucester street, Thomas O'Leary.—O'NEILL—Jan. 2, Sarah O'Neill, funeral from 74 Upper Doninick street.—SPRATT—Jan. 2, at 85 Belvedere road, Edward J. Spratt, aged thirty-four years, late of telegraph department, G. P. O.—TROY—Jan. 3, at Enniskerry, Patrick Edward Troy, aged ten years.—DUNNE—Jan. 7, at Stevens hospital, Charles Dunne, late guard on G. S. and W. railway.—FLOOD—Jan. 7, at the Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Catherine Flood, at an advanced age.—HICKLEY—Jan. 8, at 14 Addison terrace, Glasgow, James H. Hickley, H. M. customs, London, aged twenty-five years.—LENEHAN—Jan. 7, at Charles town Enghis, Eliza Lenehan of 74 North Brunswick street, in her eightieth year.—REILLY—Jan. 4, at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, James Reilly, funeral from 88 St. Ignatius road.

SPENCE—Jan. 5, suddenly, at 15 Northbrook avenue, North Strand, John Collins Spence, aged sixty years; late of Messrs. Cahill & Co. and for many years employed on the Freeman's Journal.

SULLIVAN—Jan. 4, at the Mater Misericordiae hospital, Patrick Sullivan of Inagh, County Clare, in the eightieth year of his age.—HEFFERNAN—Jan. 3, at 60 Malborough street, Teresa Heffernan.—KAVANAGH—Jan. 2, at Wharf tavern, Wharf road, Patrick Kavanagh.

KINSELLA—Jan. 2, at 15 Basin view, Grand Canal harbor, Mrs. Ellen KinSELLA.—O'REILLY—Jan. 5, at St. Vincent's hospital, Robert B. of the O'Reilly Bros., 30 Townsend street and 1 and 2 Whitefriar street, Dublin.

DELANEY—Jan. 2, at 2 George's avenue, Blackrock, Thomas Delaney.—DOYLE—Jan. 3, at Marlborough street, Michael Doyle, late member of Bakers' association, 8 Upper Bridge street.—GIBSON—Jan. 3, at Ardaraun, Clontarf, Alderman Henry Gibson, aged eighty years.—MOORE—Jan. 5, at 15 Emerald street, Charlotte Moore, at an advanced age, relict of the late Peter Moore; internment Raheny churchyard.

MORAN—Jan. 6, at the Whitworth hospital, North Brunswick street, Charles Moran, aged 5 Lower Sackville street, aged fifty-six years.—O'BEIRNE—Jan. 7, at the Mater Misericordiae private hospital, 34 Eccles street, Rev. Martin O'Beirne, P. P., Kiltoran and Cam. diocese of Elphin, aged sixty-three years; internment in Glasnevin.

**KILDARE**—Mrs. E. Noud, The Square, Athy, died Dec. 19, deeply regretted. She was aged seventy-six years.

A social evening in connection with the Catholic Young Men's society in Athy was held in the rooms of the society on Dec. 28. The Rev. W. Duggan, vice president, presided. Present, Rev. Father Rowan, Rev. Father Nolan, Rev. Father Hickey, Messrs. Thomas Hickey, John Condon, Cahill, D. Walsh, J. B. Dogan, M. Murphy, M. L. Doyle, D. Carbery, A. Boyce, P. Carbery, Carlow; P. T. Lawler, Farnham; J. P. Byrne, P. J. Gannon, E. O'Brien, Harlan, P. C. O'Carroll, T. McHugh, S. McHugh, T. Maher, L. Cullen, J. May, J. Coleman, D. Harkin, E. Harkin, J. P. Glespen, P. P. Doyle, etc. Among the items on the programme were "The Memory of the Dead" and "The Croppy Boy," both sung by Mr. John P. Glespen. The proceedings closed with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

**KINGS**—The committee which initiated and undertook the celebration of the silver jubilee of the Presentation Brothers in Birr brought their labors to a successful conclusion on Dec. 31 with a presentation of a purse of sovereigns. The presentation took place in the residence of the brothers. On the motion of Mr. Daniel Powell, seconded by Rev. Father Donnellan, the chair was taken by Very Rev. Dr. Scannlan. The very reverend chairman called upon Mr. Cassion to make the presentation. Mr. Daniel Cassion said that in a very brief period after the introduction of the brothers by the late Very Rev. Dr. Bugler the Catholics of Birr became alive to the good work they were performing. As one of the first pupils, the members of the committee

had honored him by appointing him president. It was with feelings of gladness he engaged in the movement to celebrate their jubilee. The announcement of a desire on the part of the old pupils resident in Birr to do honor to the brothers met with an enthusiastic response not only in the town, but throughout the world, in whatever parts those who had attended the schools made their homes. The subscriptions were cheerfully given and had been received from bishops, members of the legislatures of other countries, members of the learned professions and those engaged in commercial and other pursuits.

**KILKENNY**—The members of the Castlecomer branch of the Gaelic league gave a fine entertainment on the evenings of Dec. 26 and 27. The drama was named "The Doctor." On each evening a fine selection of Irish songs, dances and instrumental music was given. Among the artists were Mr. Michael Deery, Miss Lizzie Carpenter, Miss Kate Dwyer, Miss Kate Murphy, Miss Mary Dunne, Mr. Murtagh Brennan, Mr. Jeremiah Kelly, Messrs. Joseph Quinn, John Deery and Cornelius Hogan and Rev. W. Delaney.

Mr. John Maher of Greenwood, Shankill, died Dec. 11, to the great sorrow of his family and friends. The funeral took place to Paulstown and was largely attended by all classes.

**LONGFORD**—A public meeting to reorganize the Dromard, Moyne and Legga branch of the U. I. L. was held at Legga on Jan. 6. The meeting was presided over by Very Rev. E. Mahon, Dromard. There was a very considerable gathering, and on the arrival of Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., who represents the division, he was loudly cheered. Resolutions in support of the Nationalist programme were unanimously adopted, and stirring speeches were delivered by the chairman, Mr. J. P. Farrell, M. P., and others.

One of the most successful concerts held in Granard for many years came off there on New Year's day in the town hall. The proceeds are for the renovation of St. Mary's church, Granard. The town and surrounding districts were represented, and from a financial point of view the promoters are proud of the results. Everything connected with the fixture was carried out in a businesslike way, which reflects great credit on Father Egan and Father Connolly.

**LOUTH**—Lord Roden has asked twenty-eight years' purchase and twenty-four years' purchase of the rental from the tenants on his estate near Dundalk, but they have not agreed to purchase.

**MEATH**—The new Temperance hall erected within the year 1903 at Kilmessan was opened with great enthusiasm Jan. 3 by the Very Rev. Father Nicholas, O. S. F. C., president of the Father Mathew Memorial hall, Dublin. Father Nicholas preached to crowded and appreciative congregations in the churches of Kilmessan and Dunsany, and in the evening, with the assistance of the two priests of the parishes, Fathers Morrissey and Kelly, and with the support of Professor Campbell, M. D., formally opened the new Temperance hall.

**QUEEN'S**—A successful concert and variety entertainment was given in Rathdowney Jan. 6 to assist the payment of the debt due on the parochial residence erected by the late pastor, Rev. Father Rockett. Rev. W. Brennan is now the pastor. Miss Hennessy, schoolteacher, was chief organizer and mistress of the affair.

**WESTMEATH**—The Prudential Assurance company, through its Mullingar agent, has offered a handsome and valuable cup to the Gaelic clubs of Westmeath, King's county, Roscommon, Longford, Cavan and Leitrim. The cup, which is of Irish manufacture and solid silver, will be competed for by the Gaelic clubs in the counties to which the gift has been presented and will be played for during five consecutive years. This valuable cup will be the property of the club that shall win it on three occasions out of five. The games will probably be played in Mullingar.

A shocking occurrence was reported from Monte Jan. 4. William Galvin was driving a bread van in the vicinity of the town for Messrs. Egan, when the horse ran away. In his efforts to control the animal Galvin was thrown from the van, and he was trampled on by the horse. Two men succeeded in stopping and securing the horse and discovered the driver lying on the road-side unconscious and bleeding from terrible wounds on the head. He was conveyed into Monte, where he was tended by Dr. Moorhead. Medical skill was of no avail, however, and the poor fellow died in a few hours.

**WEXFORD**—Miss Kate M. Flaherty of New Street, Enniscorthy, died Dec. 31 at the fine old age of eighty years, deeply and widely mourned.

The tenants on the estate of Sir Thomas Gratton Esmonde, M. P., have requested him to state on what conditions he would sell the holdings now in the possession of farmers, but he has not given an answer. He leaves the paying of their rents in the hands of the tenants and to their "sense of fair play."

On Dec. 30 occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Kelly in South Main street, Wexford, aged eighty-two years. Among old Wexfordians Mrs. Kelly's demise caused especial grief.

**WICKLOW**—On St. Stephen's night, at the Bridge hotel, Wicklow, an illuminated address in Irish and English was presented to Mr. Eugene Moriarty by his past pupils on the occasion of his retirement as principal teacher of the Wicklow male National school.

While excavating for the foundations of a house in Ferrybank, Arklow, near the historic bridge of the town, round which the battle between the English and the Irish patriots under Father Michael Murphy was hottest in 1798,

the workmen came upon a vast quantity of human remains. They were not a little below the surface. For many years past the place has been despoiled gradually of its covering, the surroundings being a vast sand hill, which was taken away for building purposes. Many theories are advanced to account for so many skeletons, and among them one, which is the most likely, that after the battle which took place in the town the remains of the patriots were taken out in cart loads and deposited in the most convenient and handy places and this would be one of them. Then, indeed, if this can be proved the people of Ireland should hold memorial services and have a national funeral of the remains.

### Gonnaught

**GALWAY**—A great meeting of the laity of the County Galway was held on Jan. 6 on the invitation of the chairman of the county council, Mr. Glynn, in the county hall, Galway, in reference to the Irish university question. The sheriff, Mr. Lewis, who had been asked to convene the meeting, declined to do so. Many Protestant gentlemen were present, and Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, bishop of Galway, with the local clergy, was at the meeting. It was a demonstration of the laity. On the motion of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Professor Pye, the chair was taken by Mr. Joseph A. Glynn, chairman of the county council. Present: The Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Captain Shawe-Taylor, Colonel W. Daly, Dundasdale; Messrs. H. Murphy, solicitor; E. P. O'Flanagan, solicitor; Sir James O'Donoghue, chairman Galway urban council; Professor Pye, M. D.; Very Rev. P. Dooley, J. C. McDonnell, Martin McDonough, W. Greaves, M. Crowley, P. J. Hannon, E. O'Brien, Rev. J. Carr, M. Kelly, J. Gallagher, John J. Donnellan, J. Hall, M. Burke, J. Young, S. Fuller, D. K. Lydon, Very Rev. Father Travers, prior, O. S. A.; T. Costello, Rev. F. Barry, O. P.; J. O'Malley, J. MacPhillin, Tuam; Rev. Father Greavin, D. Quinlan, Dr. Foley, etc.

A great National demonstration was held lately at Larab Hill. Large contingents attended from Craughwell and Cloostoken. The Craughwell fife and drum band arrived on a brake, at the front of which was a beautiful banner. The Cloostoken band also attended, and the local bands, Kiltulla and Killinore-daly, were present. On the motion of Mr. Martin Finerty, seconded by Mr. James Duffy, Mr. P. J. Carr, president of the estate committee, was moved to the chair and delivered a practical speech. Mr. Martin Halloran, Craughwell; Mr. P. Dempsey and Mr. M. Finerty addressed the meeting. A resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Finerty, expressing determination to again demand a reduction of 4 shillings in the pound and to stand by each other until the fight be won.

There is about to be erected a handsome high altar in Killinoreville church, Ballygulin. It is composed of Sicilian white marble. The center panel under the altar table is carved in bold relief with the Lamb carrying a cross. Each side of the center is carved with the passion flowers. The altar table is supported with four Irish marble pillars, two Connemara green and two red Cork, polished. On the table rests the tabernacle, supported by two Slenna marble pillars with molded bases and carved caps. There is a richly chased brass door with colored inlays. The reredos on each side of the tabernacle is carved. The canopy, forming a niche, is supported with two red Cork marble pillars, molded bases and carved caps and carved bosses. The altar stands thirteen feet high and nine feet six inches wide.

**LEITRIM**—A meeting of the members of the Gortietragh branch of the United Irish league was held on Jan. 3. Mr. M. Murray presiding. Present—P. Healin, treasurer; J. Blake, M. Torman, J. Browne, J. Canning, F. Crowe, J. Kellaher, P. Heslin, J. Dolan, J. McKenna, F. McCarty, J. Mahon, P. Reilly, J. Melton, J. H. Mulvey, C. Bohan, G. W. Carleton, J. Cunningham and T. F. Smith, secretary. Many subscriptions were handed in. A vote of thanks was passed to John Dillon, M. P., and Michael Davitt for forwarding to the secretary the sum of £11 to be distributed among the four evicted tenants.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Rodgers, Bunduff, took place at Finner, Dec. 29.

**MAYO**—At the patriarchal age of ninety-six years died Thomas Gorman of Bridge street, Westport, on New Year's day. Requiem services were held in the parish church. The funeral was very largely attended.

The undersecretary for Ireland, Sir A. MacDonnell, has disposed of his property at Slough to his tenants on the following terms: Twenty-one and a half years' purchase of second term tenants. But he has also limited a year's rent due, reducing the term to twenty and a half years, which is further reduced by the distribution of a bottom grazing tract of 200 acres equally among the occupiers, the distribution representing over two years' purchase. This, with the remission of rent, brings the term of purchase down to eighteen years' of second term rents.

**ROSCOMMON**—The death took place at the Convent of Mercy, Roscommon, on Jan. 6 of Sister Anastasia.

The death of Mr. Patrick Dowd, son of Mr. Joseph Dowd, took place at Elphin street, Boyle, Jan. 3.

**SLIGO**—The wedding of Alderman Elgins of Sligo and Miss Colery, daughter of Mr. Bernard Colery, took place in the Church of the Catholic university, Dublin, Jan. 7. Very Rev. Canon Harte, administrator, Sligo, officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. Finlay of the Society of Jesus. The presents were very numerous and very valuable.

Mrs. Susan Flanagan of Cloonagh, Soavey, died Dec. 26, aged seventy-eight years, deeply regretted.