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 public meeting was held on Jan. 26 in the National club, Berry street, Belfast, under the auspices of the Belfast divisional committee of the United Irish league. There was a very large attendance. On the platform were: Joseph Devlin, M. P.; William McKillop, M. P.; Richard McGhee, ex M. P.; Bailie John Ferguson, Patrick Dempsey, Philip Jordon, Thomas Maguire, solicitor, vice president divisional executive, U. I. L.; James McMahon, John Rooney, U. I. L. executive; W. J. Moore, architect; E. W. White, solicitor; Joseph Donnelly, solicitor; J. J. Magee, Matthew McCusker, Patrick S. Brady, solicitor; James Millar, Thomas Duffy, Divis street; Thomas McGuigan, U. I. L. executive; John T. Donovan, James Watters, secretary U. I. L. executive; Henry Scullion, Joseph McGinley and others. Speeches were delivered by the members of parliament and other prominent Nationalists.

ARMAGH.—A meeting of the Cullyhanna branch of the United Irish league was held in the league room, Cullyhanna, on Jan. 24, Mr. P. Caraher presiding. Among those present were: B. Caraher, V. P., P. McVerry, secretary; E. Sheridan, H. Kelly, J. Garvey, C. Carty, F. Toner, P. Loyle, H. Connell, O Rooney, P. Caraher, M. Rooney, P. O'Hanlon, P. Cordon, P. Hughes, J. Caraher, J. McCarroll and others. Discussion took place with reference to the reorganization of the branch, which it was decided should take place at an early date.

CAVAN.—Mr. Patrick Watters of Watters & Smyth was elected chairman of the Keady urban council at the annual meeting of the council held on Jan. 23. The newly elected chairman is a good Nationalist.

DERRY.—The annual meeting of the Deserttegney branch of the United Irish league was held Jan. 17, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bernard McGrory, president; E. McLaughlin, vice president; H. Sweeney, deputy vice president; J. Bradley, treasurer; James McLaughlin, secretary; Bernard Duffy, assistant secretary. These have acted as officers for years. Also the election of delegates to represent the people at the division executive meetings: James Hogarty, Bernard Duffy, William Bradley, P. O'Donnell, Charles McLaughlin, Charles Doherty.

Mr. E. H. O'Doherty and Miss Rose McCormick were married in St. Eugene's cathedral, Derry, Jan. 19. The ceremony was performed by Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, bishop of Derry, uncle of the bridegroom, assisted by Very Rev. Canon Fricker, Rathmines, Dublin, and Rev. Lawrence Hegarty, the cathedral. Nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Lawrence Hegarty. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. William V. McCormick, Culduff.

The funeral of late Mr. William Gallagher, Bishop street, Derry, took place Jan. 24. The interment took place in the cemetery, and the funeral procession extended along the greater part of the main road leading thereto. The local Catholic clergy walked at the head of the procession, and Father Hugh Boyle officiated at the interment.

DONEGAL.—In the diocese of Raphoe these changes were made recently: Rev. D. V. Stephens, Adm., Letterkenny, to be P. P. Ardara; Rev. Daniel Sweeney, Adm., Letterkenny; Rev. J. C. Cannon, C. C., Letterkenny; Rev. John Kennedy, Adm., Glenswilly; Rev. James Brennan, C. C., Churchill; Rev. J. Dunlevy, C. C., Drumkeen Raphoe; Rev. J. McAteer, C. C., Anagry, Lower Rosses; Rev. James Toner, C. C., Drimoghill, St. Johnston; Rev. J. Byrne, C. C., Dungloe, and Rev. Edward O'Doherty, lately ordained, C. C., Arranmore, Lower Rosses.

On Jan. 21 the remains of Mr. John Melly, Glenties, were interred in St. Connel's cemetery, Glenties.

Mr. James Boyle, clerk of Dunfanaghy union, was married to Miss Mary Maginness, principal of Carrowcannon Female National school, Falcarragh, in St. Finan's church, Falcarragh, on Jan. 22. Father Joseph Sheridan officiated.

FERMANAGH.—Mrs. Catherine Lindsay of Green House, Hilltown, died Jan. 22, deeply regretted.

Mrs. Henry Cassidy of the Green, Enniskillen, died Jan. 24 at the early age of twenty years, deeply regretted. The remains were removed to Ballyshannon and interred in the ancient cemetery of Assaroe.

MONAGHAN.—The death at the age of eighty-four years of Mr. Edward Maguire, Annaveagh, Scotshouse, father of Very Rev. Bernard Maguire, rector Irish college, Salamanca, Spain, occurred Jan. 16. Mr. Maguire was a member of one of the oldest and most esteemed families in County Monaghan.

TYRONE.—The members of the Omagh urban council at annual meeting on Jan. 23 elected Mr. J. Anderson chairman for 1904. Mr. R. Adams was nominated also and was defeated only by the vote of Mr. Clements, who presided.

Mr. W. W. H. Montgomery Sinclair, British vice consul at Boston, U. S. A., has sold his Hollyhill estate to the occupying tenants for a fraction over twenty-six times the amount paid as yearly rent. The arrangement is satisfactory to seller and purchasers.

The death of Mr. John Carlin occurred at the Jewish hospital, Philadelphia, on Jan. 10. Deceased was son of the late Mr. John Carlin, many years connected with the Strabane gas works. He was only thirty years. Six weeks previous to his death he met with an accident by slipping on the frozen footway while going to his work and fractured his ankle.

Munster

CLARE.—At a meeting of the Newmarket-on-Fergus branch of the Gaelic league, Jan. 18, there were present Rev. M. J. O'Houlihan, vice president, in the chair; Mrs. Lynch, P. Frost, R. T. Molony, James Brennan. The branch was lately presented with O'Neill's "Music of Ireland," by Mr. Daniel Murphy of Chicago, late of Coradh Caitlin. The volume is superiorly brought out and contains 1,000 melodies, airs, jigs, reels, hornpipes, etc., edited by Captain Francis O'Neill, general superintendent of the Chicago police. On the fly leaf is written: "Presented to the Gaelic League of Newmarket-on-Fergus by an old associate with the fondest wishes for the revival of our ancient tongue, our royal tongue that saints and sages spoke. Daniel Murphy."

Mr. Thomas Rodgers of Liss, Feakle, died Jan. 17, aged sixty-two years, deeply regretted.

The quarterly meeting of the West Clare executive was held at the United Irish league hall, Kilrush, on Jan. 24 and was well attended. Rev. A. Clancy, president, presided. Rev. P. Glynn, Carrigaholt, and Rev. James Clancy, Kilkee, were present. The following delegates attended: Kilkee branch—W. Frost, D. Casey, Timothy Keane, Andrew Corry, T. Cassidy, P. Hastings. Lissycasey branch—M. J. O'Connor. Feagh branch—Patrick Kerry, Timothy Marrinan. Miltown Malbay branch—M. Killeen, M. McMahon, J. J. Burke, M. Fitzpatrick, Dr. O Brien. Ennistymon branch—C. Flanagan, J. Malone, M. Halliman. Lisdeen branch—J. Galligan, T. Crotty, M. [illegible] Clancy, Michael McGrath, M. [illegible]. Cree branch—M. Kelly, M. [illegible], J. Tubridy, J. O'Brien, M. [illegible] M. Gallagher [illegible] P. Lake, M. Crotty, W. Marrin [illegible] O'Shea, M. O'Meara, M. O'Dea [illegible] [illegible] J. Dewley [illegible] J. Doherty, M. McInerney [illegible] [illegible] Kilmurry McMahon [illegible] P. Kelly [illegible] John K[illegible] Sexton [illegible] M. [illegible] Killeen, Moneykey, G. Casey, [illegible] Michael Tubridy, Dan Keary, Timothy Kelly, W. Moloney. The reverend chairman delivered a good and practical address. The report as to the condition of the branches of the organization in the division was most satisfactory in character.

CORK.—While a son of Dr. Warren of Woodside, Ballyhooley, aged eleven years, was handling a loaded gun in the yard of the residence on Jan. 21 it went off, and the contents entered the eye of a help named Miss O'Sheehan, killing her instantly. The deceased was a native of Mitchelstown and aged twenty-three years.

Rev. Sister Pauline (Miss Mary McCarthy) died in the Fever hospital, Jan. 7, from fever taken while in the discharge of her duty. She was a true heroine. Her death was deeply and widely regretted.

On Jan. 23 a large and representative meeting of the tenants of Mr. R. Bence Jones, Lislevane, was held in the town hall, Clonakilty, to consider the terms they would offer the landlord for their holdings under the land purchase act. The Right Rev. Mgr. O'Leary presided. It was unanimously decided to offer Mr. Jones 18½ years' purchase in the cases of first term tenancies and 21½ years for second term, 20 years' purchase on the net rents payable in respect of town parks and leaseholders, the latter two to be calculated on the basis of 25 per cent reduction, which terms have been allowed them.

The lord mayor of Cork for 1904 is Mr. Augustine Roche. This is the third time he has been elected chief magistrate of the principal city in the south of Ireland.

The admirers of the Rev. Dr. Sheehan, P. P., of Doneraile, will be pleased to learn that the author of "My New Curate," "Luke Delmage," etc., has been elevated to the dignity of a canon of the cathedral chapter of Cloyne by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Cloyne. Canon Sheehan was born at Mallow on St. Patrick's day, 1852, and is in his fifty-second year.

A meeting of the people of Glenflesk was held on Jan. 24 for reorganization purposes. The addresses of Mr. John Murphy, M. P., and Mr. John Sweeny were listened to most attentively. At the close of the proceedings all present were practically enrolled as members of the United Irish league.

Rev. Brother De Sales O'Connor of the Presentation monastery, Milltown, died Jan. 21. He was born in the town of Listowel in 1848.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—CUNNINGHAM—At 35 Blarney street, D. Cunningham, formerly of Clonbannin.—SHEEHAN—On Jan. 26, at Inchlea, Aghina, Margaret Sheehan, aged fifty-six years.—DAUNT—On Jan. 25, Sara Christina (Chrissy) Daunt, Corbally, Riverstown.—WISEMAN—On Jan. 26, at Templemichael, upper Glanmire, Hanna Wiseman, late of Inchigeela.—BUCKLEY—On Jan. 24, at Derrynagasha, Margaret Buckley, aged fifty-nine years.—OWENS—On Jan. 24, at 3 Gill Abbey terrace, Susie Owens.—O'LEARY—At 150 Bandon road, on Jan. 25, Timothy O'Leary.—M'CARTHY—On Jan. 18, at St. Patrick's Incurable hospital, Dominick McCarthy, aged twenty-three years.—WALSH—On Jan. 2, at North infirmary, Richard Walsh, Monard.—GLAVIN—At New Inn, Glanmire, Jan. 3, John Glavin.—O'CONNOR—On Jan. 2, at Ballycotton, Margaret O'Connor, daughter of the late Patrick Sullivan, Crowbally.—M'CARTHY—At Mitchelstown, Jan. 7, Catherine Josephine McCarthy.—O'DRISCOLL—Jan. 8, at 23 St. Finbarr street, Denis O'Driscoll (Denzil), aged seventeen years.—O'SHEA—Jan. 20, at the South infirmary, John Francis O'Shea, aged twenty-three years, of 2 Monerea terrace, Cork.—LAWTON—Jan. 21, at North street, Skibbereen, Hannah Lawton, mother of Rev. Daniel Lawton of Ross.—DERIVAN—On Jan. 26, at Monkstown castle, Elsie Derivan, aged twenty-three.—DENNEHY—On Jan. 22, at Clodhoola, Mill street, John D. Dennehy, father of Rev. Gerald Dennehy.—[illegible] At Ballincollig, Castlelyons, John Cotter.—CONROY—On Jan. 22, [illegible] cottage, Richmond Hill, Margaret Conroy.—GEANEY—On Jan. 21, at [illegible], James Geaney.—HAYES—At [illegible], Jessie Hayes, [illegible] of Coolavota.—LEONARD—On Jan. 21, at Ross hill, Kilworth, Thomas Leonard.—DALY—At Coornagh, Ballymartle, Kyrle Daly, aged nineteen years.—DINAN—On Jan. 23, at Coolacullig, Coachford, Eliza Dinan, aged fifteen years.—LUCEY—On Jan. 23, at New street, Macroom, Mary Lucey.—O'SULLIVAN—On Jan. 23, at 3 Crane lane, Patrick O'Sullivan.—HENNESSY—On Jan. 27, at the parochial house, Aghina, Rev. Martin Hennessy, Aghina.—ATTRIDGE—On Jan. 10, at 17 South terrace, Cork, Jane Helena Attridge.—BARRETT—On Jan. 28, at the North infirmary, Henry Barrett.—M'SWEENEY—On Jan. 29, at 4 Russell's lane, Greenmount, Hannah McSweeney.

KERRY.—Mr. Thomas Slattery has been elected chairman of the Tralee urban council for the coming year.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the North Kerry teachers' association was held on Jan. 16. The following members attended: J. McCarthy, Chairman; Mrs. O'Shea, Miss O'Shea, Miss M. A. Walsh, J. Mahony, J. Buckley, J. McEnery, M. Lynch, R. O'Connor, P. O'Connor, M. Dillon, P. [illegible] R. O'Sullivan, J. Dore, P. [illegible] lor, M. [illegible] J. R. McCarthy, E. Walsh, P. Walsh, J. P. O'Connor, M. Keane, Thomas O'Connell and E. J. [illegible]. The following [illegible] [illegible] The chairman and secretary were re-elected for the coming year, and Mr. James O'Mahony was elected chairman.

LIMERICK.—The election of mayor for the city of Limerick for 1904 took place in the town hall, Jan. 23, and resulted in the election of Councillor Michael Donnelly by a majority of 21 votes to 11 for Mr. Michael Prendergast.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. J. Madigan, Shanagolden, took place on Jan. 26 to the ancient cemetery of Kilbradran. Deceased was only forty-one years of age.

TIPPERARY.—Alderman T. Morrissey, mayor of Clonmel, has been re-elected to office for this year.

At a meeting of the Clonmel corporation, Jan. 23, Alderman Thomas Morrissey presided. Present: Aldermen Geary and Skeahan, Councilors E. Murphy, J. W. Murphy, M. Ryan, J. Cahill, J. O'Connell, E. Connor, Thomas Phelan, W. F. Fayle, A. Fayle, W. Tuohy, M. McGrath, M. Keogh, Arnold Powers, S. S.; J. O'Donnell. Mr. Thomas Phelan proposed the re-election of Alderman Thomas Morrissey as mayor. Mr. J. O'Connell seconded the motion, which was passed.

On Jan. 26, in the town hall, Clonmel, the Rev. Father Mulcahy of Croagh, County Limerick, delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Clonmel Gaelic league on "The Destiny of Ireland and the Philosophy of Her History." The Rev. Dean McDonnell presided, and the attendance included the mayor, Alderman Thomas Morrissey; Rev. N. Walsh, president Clonmel Gaelic league; Rev. Father Mockler, diocesan inspector, Rev. J. J. Kelly, O. S. F.; Rev. Brother Weston, etc. The committee of the Clonmel Gaelic league gave active assistance in carrying out the details of the arrangements.

WATERFORD.—The death of Mrs. Alice Curran, widow of the late Mr. Michael Curran of Gurtalbuda, Ring, occurred on Jan. 24 at an advanced age.

On Jan. 16, at Mount Melleray abbey, by the Rev. T. Athanitius, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Dominic and Bruno, David Cullinan, Kilmacthomas, and Catherine Bridget Walsh, Stephen street, Waterford, were married.

The Waterford Star of Jan. 30 contained the following: "The Mixborough and Swinton Times announces the death of the resident Roman Catholic priest of Goldthorpe, the Rev. M. J. Curran."

Leinster

CARLOW.—Mr. Michael Molloy and Mr. Thomas Murphy were elected chairman and vice chairman of the Carlow urban council at the annual meeting held on Jan. 23.

On the Monk-Mason estate the following terms for purchase have been agreed upon by the tenants, represented by Rev. James Coyle, Leighlinbridge, and by Reeves, Merrion Square, Dublin, on the part of the owners: All judicial rents fixed before 1896 and nonjudicial rents to be reduced by 10 per cent and then all tenants on the estate to buy at twenty-three years' purchase, which will give them 25 per cent, or 5 shillings in the pound, abatement, the purchase money to include all arrears. At a meeting of the tenants and the representatives of the owners of the Vigors estate, held in Leighlinbridge on Jan. 21, at which Rev. James Coyle represented the tenants and Mr. Dickinson and Thorpe represented the landlords, the terms of sale were agreed upon. The tenants to receive a reduction of 6s. 6d. in the pound (twenty and three-quarters years' purchase) and all arrears added to the purchase money.

DUBLIN.—The lord mayor of Dublin for 1904 is Councilor Hutchinson, who was the United Irish league nominee. Also [illegible], the other candidate, made a good fight. Votes cast were: [illegible] the lord mayor thirty [illegible].

The death of Rev. George Salmon, D. D., provost of Trinity college, took place on Jan. 22 at the college.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—RYAN—At 20 [illegible] road, [illegible] Annie Ryan, Jan. 25.—SEXTON—Jan. 25, at 14 Carrick street, Mary Sexton.—BROADWAY—Jan. 25, at 11 Sarsfield street, Ellen Broadway.—DILLON—Jan. 24, at 22 Ellis' quay, Kathleen Dillon.—MONKS—Jan. 24, at 31 Sackville avenue, Ballybough road, James Monks.—MORGAN—Jan. 25, at 1 Mountain View, North Circular road, Mary Morgan, at an advanced age.—FITZPATRICK—Jan. 25, at Newton avenue, Blackrock, Dublin, Esther Fitzpatrick, daughter of the late Thomas Rawson, solicitor, Baltinglass, County Wicklow.—O'CONNOR—At 7 Henry street, Mary Kathleen Cassy, aged twenty years, only daughter of Joseph Patrick and Lizzie O'Connor of 4 Lower Ormond quay.—HUDSON—At Cabinteely, Matthew Hudson of Arklow.—LITTLE—Jan. 24, at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Bridget, widow of the late Patrick Little, for many years gardener at the Sacred Heart convent, 18 Lower Leeson street.—FAGAN—At the Royal Hospital for Incurables, [illegible]. [illegible]

WESTMEATH.—Mr. William Wier of [illegible]

On Jan. 21 the annual election of chairman [illegible] took place in the town hall, when there was a full attendance of members. The chair was occupied by the outgoing chairman, Mr. John Hunt. On the proposition of Mr. Denis O'Connell, seconded by Mr. R. W. Baile, M. A., Mr. James J. Coen was unanimously elected as chairman for the ensuing year.

KILDARE.—The marriage of Mr. W. Ashmore [illegible] and Miss Susan [illegible] daughter of the late Thomas Sleany, [illegible] County Carlow, took place recently. The officiating clergy were the Rev. John Trotter, incumbent of the parish, and the Rev. Paul Storey, brother of the bride.

On Jan. 28 a very serious accident occurred at the building nearing completion at Ballykelly, Monasterevan, by which three men named McGar, McDermott and Hyland were very seriously injured.

KILKENNY.—The Kilkenny People of Jan. 23 contained the following: "We are authorized to announce the marriage, which is expected to take place early in February, of Captain J. J. Laracy of the First Boer Irish brigade and Miss Annie M. Kenny of Castlecomer."

KING'S.—Mr. John Kelly, Killeary, Geashill, died Jan. 23, deeply regretted. The requiem services and the funeral were very numerously attended.

LONGFORD.—Mr. John Donlon of Clonker-Moydow died Jan. 26, widely regretted. The funeral cortege to the local cemetery was very numerously attended.

The election of chairman for the Longford urban council took place Jan. 23 in the council chamber of the courthouse. Mr. John Mathews, the outgoing chairman, presided. On the motion of Mr. Thomas Duffy, seconded by Mr. Thomas Stafford, Mr. M. P. Molloy was elected chairman, and on the motion of Mr. McGuiness, seconded by Mr. Shapley, Mr. Peter Igoe was re-elected vice chairman. Both chairmen are Nationalists and prominently identified with the United Irish league.

LOUTH.—The mayor of Drogheda for this year is Councilor P. Gorman.

Rev. Father Breaghy, pastor, Tullyallen, died Jan. 28 at the parochial house, deeply regretted.

The death of Mr. Nicholas Connor, Cushenstown, took place Jan. 24 after a tedious illness. The deceased had reached the age of eighty-five.

MEATH.—The annual meeting of the Dunshaughlin branch of the United Irish league was held Jan. 25 in the league rooms, Dunshaughlin. Mr. P. J. Mulvany, president, occupied the chair. The honorable secretary, Mr. Carolan, said a branch had been formed in Ratoath, and it was due to that organization that the tenants on the Corballis estate were able to purchase their holdings at seventeen years' purchase of their present rents.

A public banquet was given Jan. 27 in honor of Mr. James McCann, M. P., by the people of Navan in recognition of his services to the town within the past year in starting new industries, such as the bacon factory, the boat building and in throwing open the Boyne Valley canal as a free waterway to merchants and farmers for the conveyance of merchandise and farm produce. He has purchased several mills in the Boyne valley, which he will reopen.

QUEEN'S.—A memorable gathering took place on Jan. 17 at Knockaroo, the scene of many great gatherings since 1880. Mr. Michael Davitt first denounced the unjust eviction of Malachi Kelly and his family from the farm then named and since known as the Black farm. That historic gathering took place almost a quarter of a century ago, and since the Black farm had been derelict. Malachi Kelly is nigh twenty years in his grave, and the landlord who evicted him died six years ago. It is now many years since six priests stood on a political platform in Queen's county, and their presence at Sunday's demonstration had a wonderful effect in producing an atmosphere of unity among men long divided. The Rev. J. Dillon, Adm., presided [illegible] stated the case of the evicted tenant in a powerful but moderate speech. Mr. Davitt delivered a fine oration. On the platform were: Mr. Michael Davitt, Mr. Denis Kilbride, M. P., Mr. Delaney, M. P., Very Rev. Canon Brennan, D. D., Rathdowney; Rev. J. Brennan, Borris-in-Ossory; Rev. J. Madden, Rathdowney; Rev. E. Brennan, Camross; Rev. P. Comerford, Castletown; Rev. J. Larkin, Castletown; P. A. Meehan, chairman county council; L. T. Kelly, Michael Fitzpatrick, T. Lowry, M. Farrell, Borris-in-Ossory; P. J. Meehan, solicitor, Maryborough; Daniel Quigley, M. J. Phelan, Thomas Carroll, James Conroy, John Dowling, M. Shortall, William Dwyer, solicitor, Roscrea; J. Dwyer, J. P., chairman Roscrea No. 1 district council; D. Phelan, P. Kelly, Derryduff; Dr. E. F. Hogan, R. J. Campion, J. J. Shelly, P. Kerwin, M. Kelly, M. J. Codd, W. Keely, Maryborough; E. Collier, A. McMahon, Cuddagh; Martin Costigan, honorable secretary Ossory division executive, Mountrath; J. Cullen, Mountrath; J. Gorman, Mountrath; D. Gualera, Borris-in-Ossory; Delaney, J. Delaney, Ballyduff; J. Kavanagh, J. O'Brien, Castletown; F. P. Harckham, honorable secretary Leix division executive, Maryborough; D. Williams, Mountmellick; P. Kavanagh, Rosenallis; [illegible] J. Carroll, James Flynn, [illegible] J. J. Moore, Kreeck, [illegible] Carroll, [illegible] Patrick H[illegible], Rathdowney. The [illegible] were present: Mountrath [illegible]

WEXFORD.—Miss Bridget Scallan, matron of the workhouse, Wexford, died lately. She was a member of an old family in the barony of Forth. The sad event was deeply regretted. Her father was the first master of the Wexford workhouse.

The offices of the Echo in Abbey square, Enniscorthy, were entirely destroyed by fire on Jan. 24.

Rev. John Walsh, P. P., Ballymurn, has been appointed to the office of diocesan examiner in dogmatic theology, sacred Scripture, canon law and ecclesiastical history for the deanery of Enniscorthy.

The annual general meeting of the local branch of the Gaelic league was held in the town hall, Wexford, Jan. 20. Rev. T. Cloney, president, presiding. There was an extremely large attendance, over 150 members, including many ladies. The report of the committee presented shows that the progress of the branch and the study of the language in the schools of the town are highly satisfactory. The branch has added to its roll 100 new members during the past year. At its inception three years ago it could only muster a dozen members. At its first annual meeting it numbered eighty, the second year 180, and now it has 300. Those figures show that the branch has been worked on the right lines. Father Cleary was elected president, Mr. Walsh vice president, Rev. P. E. Kavanagh, Franciscan convent, elected honorary vice president, and Mr. Roche honorable treasurer. The following committee were appointed: Rev. J. Kennedy, Rev. Mark Byrne, J. Mythen, E. P. Foley, Thomas Furlong, Laurence McCarthy, Joseph Scallan, R. Brennan, W. Foley, E. Redmond and T. Cash.

A public meeting was held in the town hall, New Ross, Jan 22, for the purpose of establishing the new hosiery factory. At the close of the meeting, when the chairman called the list of shareholders, the sum subscribed was over $7,000. On the motion of Mr. J. B. Hearne and seconded by Mr. John O'Sullivan, the chair was taken by Very Rev. Canon Kavanagh. There were present Rev. T. Quigley, Rev. J. Prandy, Rev. A. McCormick, Surgeon General Cherry, Captain Patrick Farady, Captain E. Murphy, Messrs. H. R. Hamilton, A. J. Doyle, J. B. Hearne, P. N. O'Gorman, William Murphy, John M. Roche, George Moran, John O'Sullivan, Frank Roche, P. J. Roche, Michael Freaney, P. Hunt, P. Delaney, P. Dunphy, John Harrington, W. McCabe, W. H. Howard, John Murphy (South street), Joseph Roche, P. J. Byrne, Richard Zimber, Andrew Cullen, Luke Dwyer, John Cockrill, John Murphy (John street), W. Harrington, Bryan Hennessey, Peter Murphy, David Murphy, Michael Kelly, John Fanning (Irishtown), M. Murray, John Meade, Thomas Murray, James Reddy, W. Doyle, etc. Colonel Tottenham will support the enterprise as much as possible.

WICKLOW.—On Jan. 15 two families named McGuire and Quinn were evicted at Toor, about one and a half miles from Hollywood, owned by Mr. Richard Fenton, Balinclea, Glen of Imaal. The tenants owed two years' rent, and because of the bad harvest were unable to pay.

Mr. Daniel Curran, Rustigath, Arklow, died Jan. 8, aged seventy years. The funeral took place on Sunday, Jan. 10, to the family burial place at Ballycoogue and was followed by a large concourse of people.

Connaught

GALWAY.—The death of Rev. Brother Murphy of the Salthill industrial school occurred recently, deeply regretted.

Mr. McDonagh of Spanish parade, Galway City, the Gaelic league piper, died on Jan. 15 and was buried at Forthill cemetery.

Mr. James McDonnell has been unanimously re-elected for the sixth time chairman of the Tuam town commissioners.

The quarterly meeting of the Tuam teachers was held in the town hall on Jan. 23, Mr. R. Walsh, chairman, presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Lynch, Hession, Mangan, Hynes, O'Donnell, O'Connell, Cleary (new member), Curley; Mesdames Higgins, Conroy, Godwin, Lenehan and Miss Collins. The following nominations were made for central executive committee: Mr. John Nealon, president; Mr. John Moore, treasurer; Dr. Clarke, central secretary; Mr. Michael Doyle, Ballymote, representative for Connaught. Messrs. Curley and Mangan were unanimously elected to represent the association at the next congress. Messrs. Walsh and Curley were deputed to meet the delegates from the associations of the country in Athenry re County association.

Miss Winifred Molloy died Jan. 12 at Corofin, parish of Cummer, aged eighty-seven years, deeply and widely regretted. After requiem services the interment was in the local cemetery. Rev. Father Eagleton officiated. The funeral was very numerously attended.

Mrs. Quinn of the postoffice, Gort, died [illegible] aged eighty-one years. The funeral took place the following Tuesday [illegible] large and representative.

LEITRIM.—Mr. A. A. Algeo, Eden[illegible], has been appointed [illegible] justice of the peace for the county of Leitrim.

MAYO.—Mr. Austin Moran of Ardmore, Westport, died Jan. 23, aged twenty-[illegible] years, deeply regretted by his family and friends in Ireland and in the United States.

Mrs. Walter McEvilly of Roonath, Louisburgh, died Jan. 8 at the great age of ninety-five years. The deceased belonged to one of the most respectable families in West Mayo, being of the family of the O'Tooles of Innisturk.

ROSCOMMON.—One of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Strokestown passed away Jan. 21 in the person of Mrs. Bridget Whelan of Elphin street, who had attained the ripe old age of ninety-five years. She was the mother of Mr. John Whelan, contractor. The remains were conveyed to the Catholic church and solemn requiem mass was offered for the repose of her soul, after which the funeral, which was largely attended, took place to the family burial ground at Bumblin.

SLIGO.—At a special meeting of the Sligo town council held on Jan. 23, the mayor (Councilor P. Maguire) presiding, Alderman Thomas, on the motion of Councilor Collery, seconded by Alderman Connolly, was unanimously elected mayor for 1904.

In the Catholic church, Ballymote, by the Rev. Canon Loftus, Eugene M'Donagh, Carrowclooneen, Coolaney, and Annie Hayden, Forteland, Carrick-on-Shannon, were married.

Mr. Patrick McDonagh of Theur, Riverstown, died in Dublin, Jan. 18. He was on the Dublin police.

On Jan. 25 a public meeting called for the purpose of strengthening the Sligo borough branch of the U. I. L. was held in the town hall, Sligo. There was a large attendance. Alderman McHugh, M. P., president of the branch, occupied the chair. Among those present were: Messrs. William McKillop, M. P.; Alderman Flanagan, mayor of Sligo; T. McGuire, J. McQuade, Michael Keane, E. Connolly, B. Collery, H. Reilly, Thomas Kilfeather, P. J. McCarrick, J. Banks, J. Henry, William Howley, J. O'Rorke, J. Conway, B. McTernan, J. J. Harte, F. Gallagher, P. Hanney, P. Derrig, P. C. Rennick, J. Giblin, J. Clancy, T. Kelly, P. Cullen, B. McDonagh, T. Fox, Martin Waters, T. C.; T. Flanagan, J. Conway. Speeches were made by the chairman, Mr. Collery and Mr. Conroy. The following were appointed as subcommittees for the enrollment of members in the different wards: North ward—J. Jinks, T. Kilfeather, P. Devaney, J. Conway, M. Waters, J. F. O'Kelly. West ward—E. Connolly, Henry Reilly, J. Henry, J. Banks, J. F. O'Connor, M. Burns, T. Devaney. East ward—John McQuade, Alderman Keenan, P. J. McCarrick, Alderman T. Flanagan, Francis Mulrooney, Thomas Mulligan.

Mr. E. Hennigan presided at a recent meeting of the Drumcliffe branch of the United Irish league, at which the following were present: J. Hennigan, M. Cunningham, T. Logan, P. Scanlon, P. McGowan, B. Harte, P. Reddy, John McGowan, O. Scanlon, P. Shaw, J. G. Quilty, etc. The following were appointed to attend the next meeting of the executive: J. G. Quilty, P. McGowan, T. Logan, B. Harte, J. Hennigan, E. Hennigan, O. Scanlon and P. Shaw. Next meeting on the 7th prox. J. G. Quilty, secretary.