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.—George F. Giles, C. E., Belfast harbor engineer, died very suddenly on Dec. 19 at his residence, Hillsea, Cultra, County Down, in his forty-ninth year.

The death of Randal O'Kane took place on Dec. 18 at his residence, 88 Donegal street, Belfast. His demise removes one of the older if not the oldest Catholic merchants of the city. Mr. O'Kane, who was an octogenarian, had been in failing health.

A fire broke out in Woodburn factory Dec. 23, owned by the County Down Weaving company and situated a mile from Carrickfergus. Considerable damage was done.

ARMAGH.—The Phelim Bradys and the Tir-na-n'ogs football teams met Dec. 24 in a friendly encounter. The game was hotly contested, but the Tir-na-n'ogs were victors.

A meeting of Cullyhanna branch of the United Irish league was held lately. Philip Caraher in the chair. Also present: G. Hughes, E. Hughes, P. O'Hanlon, F. McMahon, P. Macken, E. Quinn, P. Caraher, H. Keenan, T. McParland, F. McArdle, F. Caraher, P. Loy, P. McGarahan, C. Murphy, P. Meehan, H. Kelly and others. Many of the collectors sent in large sums of money for the parliamentary fund, and encouraging reports of how the collectors were getting on with the work were received from different parts of the parish.

CAVAN.—At Cavan, on Dec. 26, Thomas and William Bothwell, brothers, were remanded on the charge of having caused the death of Francis Tully, schoolmaster of Keelaght, found lying by the roadside near Ballyhuse.

The death of John Gillis, Aughnacreevy, Killeshandra, took place on Dec. 15.

The tenants on the property of Mr. Notley met the agent, Mr. Kerrigan, in Mrs. Balam's hotel, Arva, lately with the view of purchasing their holdings. The agent having stated the landlord's terms, which were amicably discussed at considerable length, resulted in both tenants and agent agreeing upon the following terms of purchase: Second term and town tenants, twenty-three years, with present year's rent added, arrears wiped out, 3½ per cent paid until sale is completed, and town tenants recommended by agent to Mr. Notley for special consideration.

DERRY.—On Dec. 21, after a lingering illness, the death took place of Robert Corscaden, high sheriff of the county of Londonderry.

An elderly couple named McKinney were on a visit from County Derry to their son and daughter in Caledonian road, Wishaw, Scotland, lately, and while the old lady, whose maiden name was O'Hara, was out at the back of her son's home she suddenly expired.

DONEGAL.—The Rev. Charles Boyce, son of the late Jerome Boyce, Donegal, and first chairman of the Donegal district council, has been appointed curate in Glenties. Father Boyce, who has been residing with his mother since his ordination six months ago, is, like his late respected father, a stanch Nationalist.

DOWN.—The little Catholic church of Barnmeen, so familiar to travelers on the way to Rathfriland from Newry, is at present being ornamented by a grand new high altar and two beautiful stained glass windows, all the gift of Francis McEvoy of Barnmeen.

On Dec. 11 the remains of the late Mrs. McMahon were removed from the residence of her husband, Francis McMahon, Crew, near Killough, for interment in the family burying ground at Legamaddy, parish of Bright. The funeral was large and representative, embracing the principal farmers in that part of Lecale, together with many others from Downpatrick, Ardglass, Killough and other centers

FERMANAGH.—The death of Maurice C. Maude took place at Lenaghan on Dec. 24.

A shooting accident, resulting in the death of Robert Masterson, son of Thomas Masterson, Mossfield, Ballinamallard, occurred at Thornhill on St. Stephen's day. It appears that the young man, who had only attained the age of twenty, was carrying a loaded gun, and while passing through an opening in a hedge he placed the butt in front of him, the muzzle being upward. Unfortunately the gun went off, and the contents lodged in the apex of the right lung.

MONAGHAN.—The final scene in one of the most remarkable tragedies in the annals of crime in Ireland was enacted in Armagh jail on Dec. 22, when the sentence of the law was carried out upon Joseph Fee, found guilty of the murder of a young man named John Flanagan, at Clones, on April 16, 1903.

TYRONE.—An old woman named Mary Campbell, who resided in the town land of Innevale, near Stewartstown, was interred lately in Donaghenry graveyard, having attained the patriarchal age of 102 years.

A fatal accident occurred in a scutch mill, the property of John Hadden of Mullaghmoreglebe, adjacent to Donaghmore, resulting in the death of a man named James McCaffrey, aged fifty, foreman scutcher, on Dec. 17.

Munster

CLARE.—The death of Mrs. James MacClancy, Sr., Miltown Malbay, aged ninety years, occurred recently.

CORK.—On Dec. 21, at South Presentation convent, Douglass street, Cork, Sister Mary Stanislaus Barry passed away. She was the daughter of the late James Edmond Barry, Belvue House, Fermoy, and relative of the late Father James Barry, Glountlaume Glanmire. She entered into religious life in 1873

Right Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, bishop of Cork, arrived in the city lately from Rome, where he had been attending the celebration of the jubilee of the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception In an interview with the lord mayor the bishop, after referring to the magnificent celebration at Rome, expressed the profound pleasure it had given him to learn that the great Catholic community of Cork had kept the great festival in a manner so entirely in keeping with its religious traditions.

On Dec. 30 the preliminary trial of John Foster for the murder of William Regan was begun at the Cork police office. The prisoner is a police pensioner and was stationed for many years in the city, and the man with whose murder he stands accused was an American army pensioner When some evidence had been given the accused was again remanded.

A very sad train accident occurred on Dec. 24 at Queenstown Junction to Mary Meany of Midleton, a widow, aged seventy-five years, which had a fatal termination in the Midleton Workhouse hospital.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—BYRNE—Dec. 15, at 13 Grand parade, Alicia Byrne of Newgrove, Glanworth. MANNING—On Dec. 21, Mary Manning, Lachtneel, Crookstown, aged fifty-eight years —LANE On Dec. 20, at Carrig, Glenville, Patrick Lane SHANAHAN—On Dec 20, at 8 Gardiner's Hill avenue, Maryanne Shanahan.— BERNARD At Dublin, Dec. 26, Very Rev. Father Bernard (Jennings), O. S. F. C., ex provincial.—GEARY—On Dec. 27, at 5 Pine street, John Geary.— ENRIGHT—On Christmas day, at Shanbally, Ellen Enright —MURPHY—On Dec. 26, at Ballinaraha, Blarney, Patrick Murphy, aged sixty-three years.—MOXLY On Dec 26, suddenly, at Carrigeen, Old Blackrock road, Cork, Joseph Moxley of South Main street, Bandon. MURNANE—On Dec 26, at Main street, Midleton, Hanora Murnane SMYTH—On Dec. 27, at Mercy hospital, Maggie Smyth, Whitegate, Aghada.—CRONIN—On Dec. 26, at Candromey, Ellen T. Cronin.—COTTER On Dec. 27, at Curragheshal, Killeah, James Cotter, aged thirty O'LEARY On Dec 22, at 57 Bandon road, Mary O'Leary —MOXLEY On Dec. 22, at Carrigrohane, at an advanced age, Ellen Moxley.—GRAHAM Dec 14, John Wallace Graham of the R. E. department, Curragh, second son of John and Elizabeth Graham, The Glebe, Killarney, aged twenty-four years.—CANTY Dec. 22, at Railway hotel, Bantry, Lizzie Canty—NASH On Dec. 21, at Salop, England, Samuel A Nash, son of the late Joseph Nash of Lake Lodge, Cork. LEO Dec. 21, Bridget Leo of Tullybrackey —CONNORS On Dec 22, at Gurtroe, Youghal, Margaret Connors.—BUCKLEY On Dec 22, at Shanagh, John Buckley, national teacher.—HURLEY On Dec 22, at Conoagh Mills, Leap, Katie Hurley, daughter of Denis McCarthy, Glandore castle, aged twenty eight years CROWLEY Dec 27, at 11 Mall, Queenstown, Catherine Crowley, aged twenty nine years.—O'FLYNN On Dec 30, at Glenville, Maurice J O'Flynn DUNBAR—Nov 17, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Cette, Belgium, Heloise Dunbar.

KERRY.—Miss E. Spillane, Miltown, has succeeded in passing the final examination for a teacher's certificate which qualifies her to take up a position as head or assistant teacher in any part of Ireland and of Great Britain

The death of the Rev. Father Michael O'Reilly, P. P., Dromod, occurred on Dec. 18. He was aged about eighty-five years.

LIMERICK.—The death of Patrick O'Reilly, P. P., Dromod, occurred on Dec. 25, aged eighty years.

TIPPERARY.—While driving to Clonmel from Killsheelan Dec. 28 the Rev. Father Burke, Powerstown, met with a serious accident. While passing Etonville, about a mile outside the town, the cars came against him, and, pulling his horse to one side, the wheel passed over a large heap of road scrapings. The car overturned, and Father Burke was thrown to the ground. The horse took fright, but was brought to a standstill by a jarvey named Leo, returning from a funeral. The reverend gentleman was at once conveyed to Mr. Harney's. Dr. O'Brien, Clonmel, who was soon in attendance, found that he had got a severe bruising and was suffering from shock.

The Rev. John O'Flaherty died at his residence, Redmondston, Dec. 28.

Since Dec. 14 Thomas J. Heney, brother of James Heney, Rockview, was missing from his home at Ballinahinch. It appears that on the date mentioned Mr. Heney left his brother and went shooting ducks, accompanied by Mr. Dalton of Athassel abbey. Having finished shooting, they visited Cashel and returned at about 6 p. m. and parted at Castlelake Cross, where Mr. Heney had to turn for home, having to cross the river Suir to get there. Nothing more was heard about him, but several days afterward his boat, a fishing cot, was found near Little Mantlehill, turned upward. A search was made for Mr. Heney's body by the Golden police, assisted by civilians, and the body was found in the Suir by D. Kelly of Golden.

The Cashel extension railway having opened for traffic Dec. 19, advantage was taken of the occasion to unveil the memorial fountain erected by the citizens to commemorate the great services of the Very Rev. Dean Kinane in connection with the Cashel railway project. The fountain has been erected by Patrick O'Brien, builder, Cashel. It is made of the best Tipperary limestone, taken from Mr O'Brien's quarries at St. Patrick's rock, on the Camas road, and the carving has been neatly executed by Mr O'Brien's own workmen Its total height including lamp is eighteen feet, while the height of stone work is ten feet six inches, and the square of the trough is eight feet. At the front are the initials of the Very Rev Dean, "T M K" intwined with shamrocks, and underneath is the following inscription Erected by the people of Cashel and some friends to commemorate the services of Very Rev Thomas M. Kinane, P P, V. G., dean of Cashel, in connection with the Cashel extension railway project, 1903." It is a fountain from which the citizens can obtain their supply of water. Great numbers attended the ceremony

The death of Rev. John Hickey, St Mary's, Clonmel, occurred on Dec. 27 at the Mater Misericordia hospital Dublin

WATERFORD.—The new shirt factory established in Waterford gives employment to more than fifty persons, and hopes are entertained that in the near future an increase will be possible.

P. Walsh, son of the late Walter Walsh, ironmonger, of Barronstrand street, Waterford, a long standing and dear friend of the late Edmund Leamy, M. P., has defrayed all the expenses of bringing the remains from Pau, France, and also given a subscription of $250 to the fund for Mrs. Leamy and children. The following are the treasurers for the fund: Rev. Father Furlong, administrator; J. J. Phelan, E. Egan, P. Walsh and Maurice Quinlan. Rev. Father O'Donnell and Joseph Hayden were appointed secretaries.

Leinster

CARLOW.—The tenants on A. More O'Ferrall's Ticknock estate, which includes the town lands of Ticknock, Tyneclash and Portrition, have arranged for the purchase of their holdings on the following terms: First, that present abated rent of all nonjudicial tenants form the basis of agreement (abated rent means a reduction of 10 per cent on Evans' valuation made twenty years since), second, that all nonjudicial tenants receive a further abatement of 10 per cent on reduced rent; third, that nonjudicial tenants purchase at twenty-three years of rent abated and second term tenants purchase at twenty-three years of present rent, fourth, that hanging gale i. e., gale from March 25, 1904, to Sept. 29, 1904 be wiped out; fifth, that tenants pay interest at 3½ per cent on purchase money from Oct. 1, 1904, till receipt of vesting order; sixth, with regard to arrears, that not more than one year's arrears be added to purchase, all other arrears to be wiped out, seventh, game vested in tenants. Rev John Delaney took a deep interest in the business for the tenants He is pastor in Rathvilly

On Dec. 23 the remains of Sister Mary Gabriel were interred in the convent cemetery immediately after the celebration of the solemn office and requiem high mass in the chapel of the Community of the Order of Mercy The deceased was the daughter of the late Robert J Kenny of New Garden House, Carlow

DUBLIN.—The death occurred at his residence, near Dublin, Dec 30, of Captain Nicholas Weddot, who conveyed in his boat from Ireland James Stephens, the head center of the Republican Brotherhood, after his escape from prison. Adverse winds compelled the boat, whose intended destination was a port in the north of France, to run for shelter to Belfast Lough, where she lay at anchor for three days. She afterward made for Ardrossan, where some friends met Stephens and accompanied him to the south of England, whence he proceeded to France

There was a splendid gathering of the young men of Dublin in the Gresham hotel, Dublin, Dec. 23, under the patronage of the Irish parliamentary party and John Redmond and under the auspices of the Young Ireland branch of the United Irish league, recently formed by Joseph Devlin, M. P. John Dillon, M. P.; Joseph Devlin, M. P.; William McKillop, M. P.; Denis Kilbride, M. P.; Conor O'Kelly, M. P.; John Roche, M. P; Joseph Nolan, M. P., and Michael McInerney, K. C., were present, and the attendance included some most distinguished ecclesiasts. The chair was occupied by the president of the branch, J. M. Kettle, who in the course of an interesting speech said that a branch like theirs was necessary to counteract the impression that had recently been gaining ground that the language and industrial movements were enough for the redemption of the nation. The time had come to show the necessity of an organization which devoted itself to the purely political side of affairs. Speeches were delivered by the members of parliament.

Very Rev. Dr. Mannix, president of Maynooth college, writing to the executive of the Gaelic league lately, stated: "Irish will be a subject at the entrance examination at the earliest possible time that circumstances permit. Moreover, the study of Irish has been made compulsory for all students during the first two years of their course in this college. For some years past the study of Irish has been voluntary. But in the changed conditions arising from our connection with the Royal university it has been found that Irish might be crushed out. I need not say that many of our pupils avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them of continuing the study of Irish during their whole course of seven years."

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—KEENA—Dec. 28, at Municipal buildings, Cork Hill, Dublin, John Keena.— LYNAM—Dec. 28, at 58 Clarendon street, Elizabeth (Lily) Lynam, aged twenty-four years.——MAHONY—Dec. 26, at Dalkey, Margaret Mahony, late of Clane County Kildare O'HANLON Dec 27 at Our Lady's hospital, Harcross James O'Hanlon 64 Seapoint Hill, Dublin SCANLON Dec 21 at Holdenstown House, Navan, Patrick Scanlon, late of Grove Cashel and Tipperary WALL Dec 22 at St Patrick's place, Inchicore, Mary Wall WOLAN Dec 21, at 3 Little Britain street Michael Wolan DONNELLY Dec 20 at Convent cottage Firhouse, employing Sara, aged nineteen, daughter of Patrick Donnelly 8 Lower Camden street Dublin DONNELLY On Christmas day Mrs Margaret Donnelly daughter of Jeremiah McCarthy, late of Broadstone DUNN Dec 20, at 51 Grantham street Teresa Dunn GRIMES Dec 19 at 55 Great Britain street, Dublin, Christopher Grimes, T. C.—MCABE Dec 19, at 85 Clonliffe road, Edward McCabe, late of Manor street McDERMOTT Dec 20, at 24 O'Connell avenue, Patrick McDermott, Knocktown Kilmessan, Meath, third eldest son of Alice and the late James McDermott —TAAFFE On Dec. 20, at 2 St Ignatius road, William Taaffe, late D M. P.—KENNEDY—Dec 20, at the Mater Misericordia hospital, Denis Kennedy, aged fifty-seven years, late cashier, Messrs. Ganly, Sons & Co. Usher's Quay.—BYRNE—Dec. 27 Alicia Byrne.——FAGAN—Dec. 26, John Fagan, sixth son of late William Fagan, Riverdale, Westmeath.—M'DERMOTT Christmas day, at Newtownvevay, Bray, John McDermott, aged fifty-seven years.—M'DONOUGH—Dec. 23, at Strand street, Skerries Catherine McDonough.——SKEFFINGTON—Dec. 23, John Skeffington, member of Coachmakers' society.—BYRNE—On Dec. 21, at the Hospice of the Dying, Haroldscross, Martin Byrne, son of the late John Byrne Knocktemple, Roundwood, County Wicklow.—DUNNE—Dec. 22, at the Bakery, Swords, Patrick Dunne, aged fifty-one.——GREENE—Dec. 24, at 7 Prince of Wales terrace, Bray, Lilly Greene.——LEONARD—Dec. 22, at St Margaret's, 218 Clonliffe road, Frances Anne Leonard.——M'DONALD—Dec 21, at the Christian Brothers' novitiate Baldoyle, John Joseph (in religion Brother Edward), eldest son of John McDonald, Dundalk, and grandson of the late Patrick McDonald, T. C., Monread, Naas and Watertown, Sallins County Kildare, aged nineteen.—KEELAN Dec. 22, at Dromin, Dunleer, John Keelan, aged seventy-five years.—KENDRICK—Dec. 20, at the Mater Misericordia hospital, Thomas Kendrick, Boley, Camolin, aged forty one years.—DEVLIN Dec 21, at 4 Killiney terrace, Kingstown, Elizabeth Devlin.—DEMPSEY Dec 23, at 41 Fontenoy street, Jane Dempsey.—CLEARY—At 54 Amiens street, Margaret Cleary, Swords, daughter of the late Thomas and Catherine Farmer Kilacrory, Killallon.

KILDARE.—By the death of Matthew McMahon Maynooth has lost its oldest trader and one of its most respected inhabitants Engaged in the cloth and tailoring trade, he provided for the clothing wants of presidents, professors, priests and students of St. Patrick's college for over sixty years

The funeral of the late Peter Gilligan of Thomastown, Johnstownbridge, took place on Dec 23 and was one of the largest seen in the district for years He was aged eighty four years.

KILKENNY.—The Butson estate has been sold to the tenants at twenty years' purchase. The tenants on Sir John Blunden's Kilkenny estate have purchased their holdings, and half the bonus, $3,000, goes to the tenants.

On Christmas day there sailed from Naples to open a monastery in Melbourne one of the most talented members of the Redemptorist order in the person of Rev. P. J. Lowhan. Father Lowhan is Australian born, but of Irish extraction, and is first cousin to Philip Purcell, Coon, chairman of Castlecomer district council and board of guardians, with whom he was recently on a visit. Father Lowhan came to Ireland at the age of eighteen years and spent his collegiate course in Cork and received ordination in Rome at the age of twenty-two and a half years.

KING'S.—The Birr branch of the United Irish league is a very active and a very strong one. Among its members are James Daly, D. Cassion, J. Feehan, J. Lambe, P. Fogarty, Captain Griffin, T. McDonnell, secretary U. I. L.; T. Carroll, T. Devoy, T. McCourt, J. Kelly, J. Hogan, B. Guinan, J. Brennan, J. Cleary, P. Cannon, M. Dalton, M. Dooley, Maurice Swords, Jeremiah Hogan, J. Coulihan, M. Mearn, P. Kelly, William Tanneran and others.

LONGFORD.—On Dec. 28 a wedding took place in St. John's church, Longford, when Fred Ormonde of the famous Ormonde family of musical and variety entertainers was united in matrimony to Miss Emily Dann, second daughter of W. T. Dann, editor and proprietor of the Longford Journal.

James Kelly, carpenter, Bohermore, near Ardagh, was found dead on the road leading from Edgeworthstown to his home on Dec. 23. He was found in an angle of the road near Cryan Ward's gate. Great sympathy is felt for his aged mother.

LOUTH.—A representative meeting was held lately in the town hall, Dundalk, to consider what steps should be taken to renovate the monument erected by the '98 centenary committee in the Market square of Dundalk. The monument was maliciously damaged by an explosion of blasting powder three years ago, and no persons were brought to justice for the outrage. It was decided to form a national memorial committee with the object of renovating the monument and undertaking other similar work commemorating memorable periods in Irish history.

MEATH.—The tenants on the estate of Thomas More P. Waterton, which comprises the town of Enfield and the district of Johnstown, bordering on the King's county, have completed arrangements for purchase on the following terms: The town tenants, twenty-two and a half years' purchase; those on the Johnstown property twenty one and a half years' purchase. The negotiations were conducted by Hely and Dermody, Tullamore, on behalf and T. O'K Walsh, Enniskerry, for the tenants

QUEEN'S.—John Connelan for many years compositor in the Leinster Express office, Maryborough died Dec 19 at the age of sixty six years deeply regretted.

The members of the St. Abbin's club, Ballylinan, lately gave a most enjoyable entertainment, presided over by the Rev J Dempsey, Arles. This club has only been recently formed, but the members are to be congratulated on the successful manner in which the programme was carried out. J. Cleary (violin, J Mulhall (violin, J Byrne (flute) and E Byrne (flute) contributed some very excellent Irish music. The school children, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Governey, sang Irish songs Rev. J Dempsey, after a few opening remarks explaining the objects of the club, etc., delivered a very instructive lecture on horticulture. The following is the programme: Lecture on "Horticulture," Rev. J. Dempsey; Irish song, W. Hickey; Irish dance, M. Morrin and J. Fleming; essay on "Emigration," J. Mulhall; Irish jig, J. Cleary; history of Ballylinan, J. Fleming; comic song, P. Lyons; Irish dance, P. Willis; essay on "The Potato," D. Moloney; song, Rev. J. Dempsey; essay on "Best Method to Reclaim Waste Land," J. Brennan; final, "God Save Ireland!"

WESTMEATH.—The monument erected to the memory of the late pastor, Rev. Owen Farrelly, by the people of Ballymore is complete. The monument is of white granite and the work of Mr. Kennedy, Ballyduff quarries, Tullamore, King's county. On the top is a magnificent cross, and in the center of the memorial is a black marble slab with the following inscription: "Rev. Owen Farrelly, P. P., pastor of Dysart, 1883-1890. Pastor of Ballymore 1890-1902. Died 12th December, 1902, aged sixty-five years. His remains are interred beneath. May his soul rest in peace. Amen"

The Hightown estate, six miles from Mullingar, has been sold after prolonged negotiations on the following terms: Twenty-one and one-half years' purchase of nonjudicial rents; half arrears (in most cases two years' rent) canceled and purchase to date from Nov. 1 last. Sporting rights go to tenants. Archibald Tuthill, 26 Eustace street, Dublin, one of the landlords, has acted for all the proprietorial interests in the negotiations, while Rev William Bracken, Kinnegad, interested himself deeply on behalf of the tenants.

WEXFORD.—The new marble pulpit presented to the parish church at New Ross is nearing the completing stages of its erection. The name of the donor is the late William Howlett, at one time foremost in the commercial life of New Ross.

Tobias Butler of Mary street died lately He attained the age of seventy years and was father of the Rev John Butler

WICKLOW.—A large quantity of hay belonging to a farmer named Matthew Hannan, residing at Mognacool, near Aughrim, was totally destroyed by fire Dec. 28. Compensation to the amount of $400 is being claimed.

The sale of the greater portion of the Earl of Wicklow's estate, near Arklow, was brought to a conclusion lately when M. J O'Connor, solicitor, Wexford, with the tenants, for whom he was acting, met the agent, Mr. Armstrong, at Shelton abbey, residence of the Earl of Wicklow, and had a long interview with him, the outcome of which was that a bargain was struck as regards the transfer of the low lying portion of the estate to the ownership of the occupiers or a rental of about £6,000 per annum out of £8,000.

Very general regret was felt in Wicklow, particularly by his colleagues on the Rathdrum district council and board of guardians, at the death of Maurice Mernagh. The sad event took place on Dec. 19 and was preceded by but a short illness.

Connaught

GALWAY.—A deputation of parishioners representing the Kilmacduagh branch of the United Irish league presented the Rev. Dr. Fahey after his arrival from Rome with an address, which was read by John Quinn, president of the branch, at the parochial house.

Right Rev. Dr. McCormack, bishop of Galway, arrived in Galway Dec. 17 from Rome and was accorded a most enthusiastic welcome. The town was illuminated, and addresses were presented to him by the public bodies and associations. He was met at the railway station by Very Rev. Father Dooley, Very Rev. Father Lally, Very Rev. Father Hughes, S. J.; Very Rev. Father Travers, O. S. A.; Rev. Father Keely, M. Hynes, Sir James O'Donohoe, B. Roche, H. M. A. Murphy, J. C. Conroy, D. K. Lydon, Rev. Brother Delaney, W. G. Fogarty, F. Hardiman, M. Kelly, S. Faller, Captain McNally, Connaught rangers; Dr. Sandys, J. Leech, J. Cremen, M. Bushe, J. N. Sleator, M. Crowley, Rev. Brother Kean, manager Boys' Industrial school; J. J. Connolly, P. J. B. Daly, solicitor; S. P. Redington, solicitor; M. Joyce and others.

Alderman Keenan of Sligo died Dec. 27. He had been in failing health, but on Christmas day managed to join the family circle at dinner.

LEITRIM.—A fire, resulting in damage estimated at $50,000, occurred at Carrick-on-Shannon Dec. 29. It originated in the kitchen of W. Finnegan, an extensive tea and general merchant, and spread rapidly. The supply of water was abundant, but unfortunately one of the two lines of hose was inadequate to stop the flames, which spread to the drapery establishment of John J. Flood adjoining.

A man named Bernard Cosgrove of Carrickallen, a returned American, was found lately wandering [illegible] in the district of Cloghan. He said he had walked from Maynooth, in County Kildare, and was going to Granard, in Longford. The police at Crazycorner arrested him as he made several incoherent statements Sergeant Roden who is in charge of the station, procured a car and took the man to Mullingar, where, before a special court consisting of Messrs. Shear and Tuite, he was committed to the lunatic asylum

MAYO.—On Oct. 17, at Moneen, Castlebar, died Richard Martin, aged twenty years, after a few days' illness, deeply regretted The funeral to Breaffy cemetery was well attended

John Finnerty, farmer and publican, residing in Ballintubber, between Castlebar and Ballinrobe, died on Dec. 26 It appears a dispute arose in his house between a boy named Walsh and a man named Patrick Philbin, in his employment, and he went to make peace, was knocked down and died soon after. Philbin was arrested.

Foxford is now, thanks to the Sisters of Charity, a place of promise. In 1891 the sisters, with the aid of a loan of £1,000, opened the convent, got the control of the national schools, provided clothing and food for the children and then started a woolen factory. They were assisted, and the congested districts board, which contributed £1,500 and gave a loan of £7,000 while run at a loss, but this didn't daunt the sisters, who are incumbered with annual interest on loans to the amount of £600. The people around are like a new race. They are alert, keen and clever workers, and their children crowd into the dairy, cookery, laundry, poultry rearing, domestic training, handicraft and other classes. The conditions of living in the surrounding district are altered. The needs of the sisters in their great and patriotic work are still pressing and financial assistance is needed.

The return from Rome of the Most Rev. Dr Lyster, bishop of Achonry, was made the occasion of a most enthusiastic celebration at Ballaghadereen His lordship arrived unexpectedly, but on the news getting abroad bonfires were lit and a torchlight procession organized. Bands turned out and the streets to The Abbey, his residence, presented a most animated spectacle, all the people of the district, clergy as well as laity, having turned out An address was read by J. Gordon on behalf of the parishioners

ROSCOMMON.—At Allhallows college lately Most Rev Dr Walsh, archbishop of Dublin, ordained to the order of priest the Rev. Martin Dowling, whose missionary labors will be located in Hobart, Tasmania. The Rev Father Dowling is a native of Cloonageera, in the parish of the Rev. B Donnellan, Kilrooskey, and received his first classic tuition in St. Coman's intermediate school, Roscommon, then under the Rev. Joseph O'Beirne, Elphin. Father Dowling has had an exceedingly brilliant collegiate course He celebrated his first mass in Ballagh chapel.

Mrs. B. Owens of Briarfield died Dec. 21 at the home of her son, John J. Owens, Boho lodge, Ballintubber, aged sixty years

On Dec. 22 the hall of the Boyle Catholic association was decorated for the reading of the addresses and the presentation to Canon Coyne The walls were overlaid with the papal flag, the diocesan arms, the green flag and the stars and stripes. The tables were laid for 130 guests and afforded striking testimony of the artistic taste of the ladies viz, Mrs. P. C. P. McDermott, Miss Cunningham, Miss Bealin, Miss Leyland and Miss McDonagh, who presided. During the repast H. Heran, violinist, discoursed national airs. Miss F. Heran accompanied him on the piano. After grace was said M. Cunningham read a beautifully illuminated address to the canon from his parishioners and afterward presented a beautiful car of polished walnut with lancewood shafts and two sets of wheels with rubber tires, made by Hutton & Son, Dublin. A silver mounted set of harness and a massive gold watch were also presented.

A meeting of the Kilmaryal branch of the United Irish league was held lately, J. Murray, president, presiding. Others present were C. Higgins, M. Kelly, P. Beirne, J. Brady, J. Roddy, O. Finan, E. Downer, M. Durr. A resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Very Rev. Canon Mannion, Elphin, for his efforts in bringing about a settlement on the Coote estate and thanking T. O'Rorke and J. Murray for aiding the tenants.

SLIGO.—On Dec. 17, in the cathedral, Sligo, by the Very Rev. Canon Harte, were married Thomas Frizzell of Rinbane, Templehouse, and Mary Josephus Scanlan, Clooncoose, Bunninadden.

Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, was the recipient of illuminated addresses on Christmas day from the Catholic laity of Sligo, the Total Abstinence league, the Irish National Foresters, the members of the Catholic institute and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the occasion being his return from Rome. The function took place in the town hall, the proceedings being presided over by the mayor of Sligo, Alderman T. Flanagan.

The annual meeting of the Enniscorthy branch of the Gaelic league was held recently. Rev. J. Dunne, administrator, presided. Present: Rev. P. Murphy, M. S. S.; Rev. M. Keating, M. S. S; Rev. W. Harpur, C. C.; Messrs P. Byrne, P. O'Brien, J. Sinnott, Thomas Nevin, P. Dillon, J. Rafter, A. J. Furlong, P. F. Keenan, J. Kehoe, Misses White, Furlong, O'Connor, Cody, Darcy, Walsh, Rourke and others.