

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.—On Dec. 31 the Belfast Street Tramways company gave a luncheon in the Grand Central hotel, Belfast, to a representative body of citizens, when Mr. Glenn, secretary, handed over the undertaking to Sir Samuel Black, town clerk, on behalf of the corporation. From Jan. 1 the tramways have been the property of the citizens and are being managed by the civil council.

The dead body of Hugh Orr McClure, auctioneer, who did business at 18 William street, South Arthur square, Belfast, was found in Belfast harbor New Year's day. How he got drowned is not known.

Mrs. Brennan of Dunlavy street, Falls road, Belfast, died Christmas eve. The deceased lady, who had reached the ripe age of seventy years, was the wife of James Brennan and came of an old and highly respected Catholic family, being a niece of the late Father Philip Freeman, parish priest of Cooterhill, in County Cavan.

ARMAGH.—John Johnston, who resided in Cullin street, Armagh, and who had reached the age of 100 years, was buried Dec. 28. Deceased, who was a stonecutter by trade, was in excellent health until a month previous to his demise.

On Dec. 20 the Most Rev. Dr. Hanlon, bishop of Uganda, Africa, on a visit to the Rev. M. B. Conville, Lurgan, paid a visit to St. Peter's national school, accompanied by the Rev. Daniel McAllister. He made a minute inspection of the school and its work and announced his pleasure at the high state of proficiency to which the scholars had attained.

CAVAN.—On Dec. 21 a farmer named Leonard, while out fowling near Scrubby, was accidentally shot. It appears he was carrying the gun under his arm by the muzzle when it went off, the contents lodging in his armpit. The deceased ran a length of a field before he fell. A young man who witnessed the occurrence went for a priest and the doctor. Rev. Father O'Farrell was on the scene in a short time and administered the last rites of the church to the dying man, who expired immediately afterward.

On Dec. 24 Bridget Reilly, aged eighty years, who resided in Corriarnna, near Ballyconnell, left her home to visit a neighbor named Magarvey, that she might get some sewing done. Not returning, her son Thomas went in quest of her, but failed to secure any trace. On Monday morning the search was again made, and her dead body was found in a bog adjacent. When returning from the public road she turned down a bylane leading to the bog, where she met her death.

The death of Mrs. O'Reilly, Tomassan, near Ballyconnell, occurred on Dec. 23 at the age of seventy years. Deceased was a sister of the late Rev. Charles O'Reilly, Carrigallen, whose remains were interred within the precincts of that chapel thirty years ago.

DERRY.—On Dec. 26 the remains of the late Mrs. Robert Duddy were removed from her residence, Hawkin street, Derry, for interment in the city cemetery.

John McFarland, J. P., of Aberfoyle, Derry, and Alwyn S. Craig, solicitor, shipyard street, Derry, were sworn in high sheriff and undersheriff respectively for the county of Derry for the ensuing year by George J. Scott, clerk of petty sessions at the guildhall.

On Jan. 2 John Lynch, aged fifty-six, a road surfaceman, died in Coleraine Union infirmary from injuries caused by being run over by an engine on the steam tramway Stewart on Dec. 31.

The first meeting of the provincial executive of the United Union of the Gaelic League was held Dec. 26 in St. Eugene's cathedral schools, Derry. The Rev. W. B. MacFieley, D. D., administrator, St. Eugene's, president Coláiste Ceannair, presided. Also present: Rev. Philip O'Doherty, Clumber Clancy; Rev. Daniel Sweeney, administrator, Letterkenny; Rev. M. O'Mullin, Killygordan; Rev. J. O'Doherty, St. Eugene's, Derry, treasurer Coláiste Ceannair; Rev. P. O'Connell, Castleblacker; Messrs. Francis Doherty, N. T. Castlederg; J. J. Doyle, Derry; M. V. O'Neilan, secretary, Stranabane Coláiste Ceannair; P. O'Hegarty, treasurer Cumann Litordha na Gaedhlighe, Derry; Charles Brodha, president Cumann Litordha na Gaedhlighe, Derry, and P. J. Flanagan.

DOWN.—The Father Charles Quinn and St. Monica branches of the Irish National Foresters held a very successful entertainment in the Catholic hall, Bessbrook, lately. Brother P. Brady, C. R., presided. The entertainment opened with tea, at which 140 members sat down. The following were some of the items of the programme: "Wearing of the Green," Brother Thomas Langan; "The Irishman's Toast," Miss Mary Williams. Other singers: Messrs. Hugh O'Hara, Peter Quinn, Francis McConville, Patrick Boylan, Patrick Hughes, John Matthews, Hugh Matthews, Patrick O'Hara, Patrick Gregory, John O'Mara (recitation), Patrick McKenna, the Misses Mary Toal, Lizzie Byrne, Mary Burns, Newry; Sarah Matthews, Mary A. Mooney, Eliza Jane McMahon, Teresa Boylan, Mary Kane and Kate Feehan.

A meeting was held in the Foresters' hall, Newcastle, on New Year's day for the purpose of selecting candidates to contest the vacant seats on the local board. Rev. P. Dempsey presided.

This meeting was largely attended. The retiring commissioners are M. King, J. Poland, D. Hunter and R. Lowry. The following Nationalists were unanimously selected: M. King, Robert Lowry and Nicholas Mackin. It was also decided to give the entire Catholic support to James Poland, Progressive.

FERMANAGH.—The estate of Mr. Coulson, Edragole, Clonmullin, near Clones, has just been sold under the land purchase act. All the tenants are paying first term rents, and to these the owner offered to sell at terms which would give a reduction of 4 shillings in the pound and to divide among them a bog in the vicinity or, if they preferred, 6 shillings in the pound without the bog. The tenants accepted the former terms to acquire the bog.

On Jan. 2 a great Nationalist meeting under the auspices of the United Irish League was held at Kinawley. There were 2,000 persons present. Contingents with bands and banners were in attendance from Kinawley, Moutagh, Swainlinbar, Cullough, Sessagh, Derrylin, Drumlough, Aughaderry, Drummond, Aughabillymaude and other places. Among those on the platform were: P. A. McHugh, M. P.; Jeremiah Jordan, M. P.; John F. Wray, J. I. B., solicitor, Enniskillen; Denis Johnston, U. I. L. organizer, Dromahaire; Francis Maguire, Patrick Blake, Derrylin; Owen McHarron, Swainlinbar.

MONAGHAN.—The tenants on the estate of George F. Ewart, Mount Louise, have completed negotiations for the purchase of their holdings under the recent land act. Most of the tenants signed their agreements at the office of Harry Rogers, agent of the estate. The estate comprises the town lands Aghagaw, Drumslavog, Glenlough, Killytur, Graffagh, Augherakeil and Farmoye. The reduction on the rents was 4s. 3d. in the pound on first terms, sporting rights reserved to the vendor and his successors, title subject to the limitation that neither he nor they shall have power to let or sell the same.

The death of Mrs. O'Neill, Carrickmacross, took place at the Commercial hotel on Christmas day.

TYRONE.—Patrick Charles Doogan, M. P. for East Tyrone, visited lately those districts in his constituency which have shown apathy in the national movement and during his visit addressed large and enthusiastic meetings at Kildress, Edendork, Lisnan and other places. Mr. Doogan was warmly received.

A fatality of a sad nature occurred at Killygordan, five miles from Strabane, on Dec. 20. Bridget McGlynn, in the employment of George Devine, farmer, when going to bed brought to her room a bucketful of lighted coals for the purpose of heating the room. Next morning, when the girl was not up at the usual time, Devine knocked at the door, which was bolted on the inside. He got no response, and then, assisted by other inmates, he forced the door and found the girl lifeless in the center of the floor.

Among the wild hills of County Tyrone a patriarch in longevity has just been discovered in the person of George Pether of Pomeroy, County Tyrone, who has just celebrated his one hundred and sixtieth birthday and who on being interviewed the other day reported himself to be living still "quite jolly." He lives on the face of a hill about half a mile from Pomeroy railway station. He was born in this house and has spent his long years under the same old roof.

Munster

CLARE.—Denis Hynes, boat owner of Scariff, was found drowned in Killalee Dec. 9. He had been on the steamer Ida for several years.

Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, bishop of Killaloe, has made the following appointments in the chapter of the diocese: Very Rev. Thomas MacMahon, P. P. Kilmihil, prebendary of Inchscarthy; Very Rev. John Hogan, D. D., St. Patrick's college, Maynooth, theologian. The Very Rev. Canon MacMahon is the senior priest of the diocese and highly esteemed for his long and efficient service in the ministry.

The death of James Barry Molony, one of the oldest and best known of the solitaries of Clare, occurred at his residence, Bindon street, Dec. 31.

CORK.—A special meeting of the Herbertstown branch of the United Irish League was held on Jan. 1 for the purpose of an expression of deep regret at the demise of Thomas J. Mooney, vice-president of the branch since its inception in 1900, the Rev. James Humphreys, president, in the chair. The following members were in attendance: Garrett Barry, John Baggett, T. J. Ryan, John Mulcahy, John Hayes, Ed Kennedy, Thomas Hogan, D. Power, James Hart, P. Hogan, M. J. Hogan, M. Power, M. Barry, Thomas Cleary, James Brennan, David Barry, William Slattery, treasurer, and P. Lavery, honorary secretary.

The Capuchin order in Ireland has lost one of its best known members in the person of the Very Rev. Father Bernard (Jennings), O. S. F. C., who died on Dec. 26 in Dublin. Deceased was born fifty-four years ago at Donoughmore, Cork.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—SHARKEY—At 15 Lower road, Cork, Sarah Sharkey. —LONG—On Dec. 27, Margaret Long, Douglas street. —SMYTH—On Dec. 27, Maggie Smyth, Whitegate, Aghada. —MURPHY—On Dec. 28, at Shandy Hill, Drissey, Hanora Murphy. —O'KEEFE—On Christmas day, at London, John Thomas O'Keefe, aged twenty-five years. —CUNNINGHAM—Dec. 27, at 22 Kyril's quay, Norah Cunningham. —TWOOMEY—On Dec. 28, at Lyredane, Grenagh, Bartholomew Twoomey. —REYNOLDS—On Christmas eve, at Bradford, County Limerick, Mary Bridget Reynolds.

LUCY.—On Dec. 27, at the North In Army, Cornelius Lucy, Barnagore, Ovens, aged nineteen years. —RING—At Carrigrohilly, John Ring, late of Aghabara, aged sixty-two years. —O'MARA—Dec. 25, 16 Commons road, Maryanne O'Mara. —O'DRISCOLL—At Balmonee, Dec. 28, Mrs. William O'Driscoll, mother of J. O'Driscoll, N. T. —AHERN—On Dec. 29, Lizza Ahern, Killybegh, mother of Rev. Louis Ahern, O. P. —POWER—On Christmas eve, Mary Francis Power. —LEE—On Dec. 24, Susan Lee, Youghal. —ENRIGHT—On Christmas day, at Shanbally, Ellen Enright. —O'SULLIVAN—On Christmas day, Monica O'Sullivan, 321 Barnestry street and 22 Great George's street. —HURLEY—On Dec. 26, at 20 Peter street, Golden square, London, Mary Hurley. —CARROLL—On Dec. 24, at Carrigrohilly, Julia Carroll. —MURRANE—On Dec. 26, Hanora Murrane, Main street, Middleton.

FOLINS.—Jan. 1, at 5 Prince's street, Michael Collins, tailor. —AMBROSE—On Dec. 31, at Gurth, St. Anne's hill, Joseph Ambrose. —HURLEY—On Dec. 30, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, Ellen Hurley, Henry street. —O'SULLIVAN—On Dec. 31, at 6 Lavitt's quay, Mary Ann O'Sullivan. —M'NAMARA—On Dec. 31, at 32 Dominic street, Catherine M'Namara. —O'BRIEN—At Tourara, Freemont, on Dec. 31, John O'Brien. —HORGAN—On Sunday, Jan. 1, at an advanced age, at Shanacraane, Daniel Horgan. —HARTE—On Jan. 1, at Roughgrove, Daniel Harte. —BOLSTER—On Jan. 2, at Clonskeagh, Dublin, George Bolster, aged ninety-three. —BUCHANAN—On Jan. 2, at the private hospital, 11 South Mall, Lillie Buchanan, 3 Elizabeth place, Southern road. —PEARSON—Jan. 1, at 2 Egerton villas, Cork, James Pearson, late manager Provincial Bank of Ireland, limited, Tralee. —FITZGERALD—At Main street, Macroom, Tim Fitzgerald. —EHRDAN—At Ballincurragh, on Jan. 2, Elizabeth Ehrdan. —O'KEEFE—On Jan. 2, at Woodstock, Carrigrohilly, John O'Keefe.

KERRY.—Considerable public excitement was occasioned at Brossa on Dec. 31 by the unexpected visit of balliffs, accompanied by a strong force of police. When it became known crowds congregated on the hills surrounding, accompanied by dogs. The balliffs proceeded to the town and after some time departed without seizing cattle. About ten days previous balliffs visited those districts, and on that occasion the people assembled in hundreds, accompanied by dogs and blowing horns and bugles. One of the balliffs got struck by a missile while proceeding through the town, and they departed without attempting to accomplish any work, followed by a crowd blowing horns and bugles.

On the nights of Dec. 30 and 31 the members of the Castleside Gaelic League presented a highly successful Irish drama entitled "The Sad Story of Father O'Leary's beautiful productions. The spacious hall was densely crowded, and the play was a complete success from every point of view. The versatile Ardahan of Lerry and the Rev. J. O'Keefe of Carrigrohilly were particularly successful in their rôles. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "A Nation Once Again," which was enthusiastically received.

LIMERICK.—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, bishop of Limerick, presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils attending the Laurel Hill day school. A pleasing dramatic and musical programme having been gone through, he distributed the prizes. At the conclusion he paid a high compliment to the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus for the excellent manner in which the education of the pupils was carried out. He also spoke of their great proficiency in music, as shown by the prizes awarded by the intermediate board. Referring to the teaching of Irish, he said that it had made such progress through the country and had taken such a decided hold of the public mind that it ought to form a large and important part of education in every Irish school. A few years ago there were many people in Ireland who would have thought that if their boys or girls spoke Irish it would spoil their accents and vulgarize them. They had got past that stage. The Irish language now needed no apostle, and it had a right in all Irish schools to take its place as a living language. He trusted the time would come when it would be treated in the schools not as a foreign language, but as their own, and that the substance of what was done might be done in their native language. He believed in that school and in other schools throughout the country the education of their girls was taking a much more useful and practical turn than it used to have.

The case of Denis McCarthy, Killanahan, Croom, whose landlord refused to restate him, is now settled. McCarthy, who was evicted eighteen years ago, held a farm of twenty acres. He was evicted for one year's rent and arrears, which amounted to £9. Recently the agent, Robert L. Brown, Limerick, sent for him with a view to a settlement, but McCarthy was then in Croom hospital and unable to go. However, he went a few days before Christmas, and as McCarthy is seventy-five years old and without family the question of reinstatement was not discussed. After a short interview Mr. Brown made an offer of monetary compensation which McCarthy considered fairly satisfactory and accepted it, then and there giving Mr. Brown liberty to dispose of the farm as he wished and relinquishing all claim to it.

TIPPERARY.—John O'Brien of Liddon died Dec. 21. In recent years owing to falling health, his mainly form, broad of shoulder and straight of limb, the ideal of a Tipperary Gael, was missed from the Gaelic arenas.

where in days past he often displayed feats of pluck and skill with the cam. At Limerick he won the gold medal for the best pluck open class in 1887 and 1888 and was selected by the Gaelic League to represent Ireland in the All-Ireland football team of 1889. He was a member of the Gaelic League and a member of the Gaelic Athletic Club of Limerick.

Francis Mandeville, who was Nationalist member for South Tipperary from 1892-1899, died at Ballydoone castle, Kilsheelan, Jan. 2, after only a few days' illness.

Mrs. Mary Cashin, formerly of Glengad, died Jan. 2, aged seventy-two years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Purcell, Convent Bridge, Clonmel.

Rev. Mother Vincent Hartrey of the Presentation convent, Carrick on Sulis, died on New Year's day, aged sixty-eight years. During the past twenty years she was revered mother of the establishment.

WATERFORD.—The parishioners of Sheverus and Ferry Bank, Waterford, in public meeting held in the temporary church, Slon row, on New Year's day, passed a resolution of condolence with their pastor, Very Rev. P. Canon Phelan, on the death of his brother, the late bishop of Pittsburg, Pa.

The annual bazaar for the Sisters of Mercy convent, Lady Lane, Waterford, was held Jan. 3 in the city hall, Waterford, and was a success from all viewpoints. Present: Most Rev. R. A. Sheehan, D. D., Rev. T. F. Furlong, administrator, the cathedral; Rev. John Foley, St. Patrick's; Rev. W. O'Donnell, St. Patrick's; Rev. T. O'Donoghue, chaplain to the Good Shepherd community; Rev. P. Fitzgerald, administrator, St. John's; the mayor, high sheriff and a number of the citizens.

Leinster

CARLOW.—A meeting of the Father John Murphy memorial committee was held lately in Tullow town hall. S. Bolger, chairman, presided. Present: J. Murphy, vice chairman; J. Foley, T. C., treasurer; J. Dempsey, T. C., M. P. Maher, honorable secretary; P. Kavanagh, G. Moore, P. Danlon, E. Darglin and others.

Peter Byrne, Graiguebeg, Carlow, was unanimously reappointed by Carlow county council returning officer for the forthcoming local government elections for county Carlow.

Mrs. Mary O'Doherty, sister of the late John Murphy, merchant, Bagnals town, died in Dublin Dec. 30.

DUBLIN.—A deputation consisting of Messrs. Kettle and Lawless and other prominent parishioners waited lately on the Rev. W. C. Magill Donahue with a view to having a branch of the Gaelic League established in the parish. Father Magill promised to give the movement every assistance and said the branch, when established, could have the use of the new hall for classes, concerts, etc. It was decided to call a public meeting of the parishioners and friends of the movement in Fincall in St. Patrick's hall, Donahue.

On Dec. 24 the remains of the late Captain Nicholas Weldon, whose famous name of the late James Stephens is well known in the Irish Republic, were interred at the cemetery of the Church of the Assumption, Dublin, by the Rev. Joseph O'Reilly. The first play was before the removal of the remains being performed by the same reverend gentleman, assisted by the Rev. J. Butler, St. Agatha's, North William street, and Rev. Patrick Hayden, Clontarf.

At the Church of the Oblate Fathers, Inchicore, on New Year's day, Most Rev. Dr. Miller, O. M. I., newly consecrated bishop of the Transvaal, presided at solemn Episcopal high mass at 12 o'clock. Pontifical high mass was sung by his lordship. The assistant priests were: Very Rev. Father McSherry, O. M. I. (provincial), Rev. Father O'Reilly, O. M. I., deacon; Rev. Father Corr, O. M. I., subdeacon; Rev. Father Donnelly, O. M. I., master of ceremonies.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—REILLY—Dec. 29, at 12 Upper Abbey street, James Reilly, at an advanced age, late of Robohoth, Dolphin's Barn. —TIERNY—At 8 Glengarriff parade, widow of the late Patrick Tierney, Ballinduff, County Galway. —WILSON—Dec. 30, at 5 Marrow bone lane, Matthew Wilson, coachbuilder, late of 146 Thomas street. —WOLFE—Dec. 29, at Sir Patrick Dun's hospital, Christopher Wolfe, for thirty years in the service of the City of Dublin Steam Packet company.

DWYER—Jan. 4, at 13 Summerhill place, James Dwyer. —ELLISON—Jan. 3, Mrs. Catherine Ellison, widow of the late Charles Ellison of 11 Lower Camden street. —KEENE—At 87 Heytesbury street, Annie Keenan, Ballinacorney, aged nineteen years. —KERRILL—Jan. 3, at 11 Summerhill parade, Annie Kerrill. —ROCHE—Dec. 31, at the Hardwicke hospital, Mrs. Mary Roche, wife of Walter Roche, 35 Moore street. —WALSH—Jan. 1, at 3 Charlemont row, Marie Anne Walsh. —ODOHERTY—Dec. 30, at Tyrconnell cottage, 21 Irishtown road, at an advanced age, Mrs. Mary O'Doherty, wife of the late J. J. O'Doherty, C. E., and sister of the late John Murphy, merchant, Bagnalstown, County Carlow. —CASEY—Jan. 1, at Tubbertown, Balbriggan, John Casey, aged eighty-five years. —KINSELA—Jan. 2, at 17 Grattan parade, Drumcondra, the residence of his brother-in-law, Francis J. Kinseila, late D. V. and W. railway, aged sixty-four years. —CASEY—Jan. 4, at 23 Richmond place, N. C. road, James Casey. —QUINN—Jan. 3, at Branaduff, Thomas Quinn, father of the Rev. James, John and Thomas Quinn, aged seventy-six. —FITZGERALD—Dec. 30, at Geraldine House, York avenue, Rathgar, Mary Olivia Fitzgerald. —M'GOVERN—Jan. 2, at Sir Patrick Dun's hospital, Arthur M'Govern. —M'GRANE—On Jan. 1, at 39 Thomas street, John M'Grane.

KILDARE.—The death of Thomas Carbery took place at St. John's, Athy,

on Dec. 15, at the early age of twenty-seven years.

KILKENNY.—A meeting of the committee of the Iverk Farming society was held at the courthouse, Pittown, lately, for the purpose of reorganizing the committee and to reelect the members of the society. The following members were in attendance: Messrs. John and Thomas O'Connell, who were again unanimously elected, the remaining two not seeking reelection. The names of Edward Stephenson, Pittown, and Mr. Purcell, Ballyhenry, were agreed to fill the vacancies. The financial position of the society was in healthy condition, the balance sheet showing a fair amount to the credit of the society. Among those present were: Viscount Duncannon, in the chair; George Morris, treasurer; William Richardson, secretary; John Hearne, Philip Dalton, P. Carroll, John Reid, James Dunne, William Mitchell and others. Arrangements will soon be made for prizes and time of next exhibition.

Very Rev. J. Canon Phelan, pastor of Slieverue, has received from his parishioners an expression of the deepest sympathy on the death of his brother, late Right Rev. Dr. Phelan of Pittsburg.

KING'S.—At Tullamore quarter sessions Jan. 2 Judge Curran said: "I am happy to say there are no criminal cases for trial in the Birr or Tullamore divisions of King's county. It is an eminently satisfactory state. I do not remember having got the double event before."

LONGFORD.—On Dec. 14 a respectable resident of Columbkille, James Flood, passed away. The deceased, who was in the best of health up to a few days before his death, was sixty years of age and was esteemed in the locality where he resided.

MEATH.—The death of William Lawlor of Trimgate street, Navan, occurred Dec. 26 at the great age of ninety years. The funeral to Kenilworth cemetery was attended by great numbers of relatives and friends.

On Jan. 1, in Robinstown, in the presence of all the prominent Gaels and sportsmen in Meath, a Celtic cross was unveiled in memory of B. F. O'Reilly of Beithe, who met his death while cycling on Aug. 21, 1904, near the spot where the monument has been erected. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Timmons, Navan.

On Christmas eve, at Liskevin, Kilskeary, the death occurred of Miss Margaret Keegan in her eighty-fifth year. The deceased was the last member of an old and respected family, and the large number of people who assembled on St. Stephen's day, when her remains were removed to Kilskeary churchyard, bore testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

QUEEN'S.—The recent elevation of the Right Rev. William Joseph Miller to the dignity of bishop of Johannesburg and vicar apostolic of the Transvaal is an event which Queen's county, and particularly his native parish of Mountcash, hail with gratification and pride.

On Christmas morning as the Irish mill was going at terrific speed a door of a first class carriage flew open and a passenger fell out. On examination of the body of the man a war medal was found giving the name of Trooper James Wain and the dates of four South African battles. He appears to have landed on Saturday from South Africa and was on his way to Ireland to spend Christmas. How he came on the line is a mystery. The express was running very late on account of delays caused by the fog. Deceased was a native of Ballylinan, in which locality he acted as a postman before he joined the army. His mother received a wire from him on Christmas eve to state that he was coming home to spend Christmas in his native village.

WESTMEATH.—The oil, chandlery and hardware establishment of Gilmore, in Greville street, Mullingar, was destroyed by fire on Jan. 2. A considerable quantity of the stock was saved.

WEXFORD.—The dead body of Arthur McCabe was found in a marl hole near the residence of Miss Jane Murphy, Ballygeary, on Christmas morning. He had been in the employment of Miss Murphy for the past forty-two years and was a sober, steady person. His age was about sixty years.

The death of Miss Margaret Keating took place at High street, Wexford, on Christmas day.

The tenants of the estate of Sir Thomas Grattan Esmond, M. P., have arranged for the purchase of their holdings. The negotiations were carried on through the United Irish League at meetings at which Very Rev. Canon O'Neill presided.

WICKLOW.—Rev. Bernard Duffy, the good and esteemed pastor of Aughrim, is seriously sick. His people at home and others in distant lands pray fervently for his restoration to health.

Connaught

GALWAY.—On Dec. 28, at Attyman, died Ellen, widow of the late Andrew W. Blake.

Died at the residence of her son, Michael Corcoran of Tuam, on Dec. 19, at a very advanced age, Mrs. Bridget Corcoran, widow of the late Patrick Corcoran of Alghooney.

On Dec. 23 the remains of Sister Mary Ignatius were interred in the Convent cemetery, Tuam, after requiem high mass. Deceased was the daughter of the late Patrick Kelly of the Grove. She entered the convent in 1857 at the age of twenty-three. The archbishop was in the choir.

A meeting of the committee of the Connaught Irish school was held at the residence of the archbishop of Tuam, lately, the Most Rev. Dr. Healy in the chair. Members present: Mrs. Costello, Father Corbett, Partry; Father Crehan, Birrstown; Father Macken, St. Jarlath's college; T. Quigley, N. T., Ballymote, and J. A. Glynn, honorable secretary.

The name of the school will be Mount Partry Irish school. The archbishop will lend £750 to assist in purchasing Mount Partry House. The teacher will get \$100 per month for his services. It is supposed that about \$1,500 will be sufficient to start the institution.

A meeting of the tenants of the Lahiff estate lately met their solicitor, Dr. Conyn, who had information for them regarding the proposals for sale. Very Rev. Dr. Fahey, Rev. John O'Tarrell, Rev. Joseph Cassidy and Rev. John Carr were present. Dr. Conyn said the court of chancery had not yet sanctioned the offer of the tenants of twenty and three-quarter years' purchase of first term rents and twenty three years' purchase of second term rents. He also said there was some difficulty as to the Carheeney farm. The tenants will not increase their offer, but they still hope for a final and satisfactory settlement.

LEITRIM.—The premises of William Finnegan, tea merchant, Carrick-on-Shannon, were destroyed totally by fire on Dec. 22. The drapery establishment of John J. Flood, alongside the Finnegan establishment, was partially burned. The damage done is estimated at \$50,000.

The death of one of South Leitrim's best known and most philanthropic men, Charles Pope of Cloone, occurred lately. For half a century there was no man better known than Mr. Pope and no man more highly respected.

On Dec. 17 the funeral of Brother Hugh of A. O. H. of Binnafarnagh, took place to Annaduff graveyard. About 120 members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were present from the Ruskey and Lavagh divisions.

On New Year's day a meeting of the North Leitrim executive was held in Dromahair. Delegates attended from every quarter, and the greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings. P. A. McHugh, M. P., and Denis Johnston attended. John Travers, president of the executive, presided, and the following delegates attended: Kinlough branch, B. Conolly, James McBride, James Connolly, Patrick Gallagher; Newbridge (P. A. McHugh) branch, John T. Padden, Peter Rooney (president), Michael Flanagan; Killinurey branch, Francis McEwan, John Kelly, John Flynn, Patrick McTowan, Maneyhamilton branch, F. E. Meehan (president), J. Dolan, P. Wilson, J. Brown, Killasnet branch, Patrick Mitchell, Patrick McManus, L. Rooney, P. Rooney, Glen-car branch, John Kelly, Garret Cullen, John McCann, B. Rooney, Creevelea branch, John Gallagher, Patrick McGee, T. Keenan, P. Clancy, M. Killbride, T. McMorow (secretary); Killlague branch, J. G. Kearney, J. P.; Michael Clancy, Charles McMorow, A. Feeney, L. McGowan (secretary); Drumlease branch, J. Travers, R. Rooney (secretary), F. M. Moran, P. McSharry, M. McGoldrick, P. Byrne (treasurer), J. McFarland, J. McSharry, H. Kelly; Drumkeeran branch, J. P. McNeil (honorary secretary, executive). Matters of national and local importance were discussed and action taken.

MAYO.—A deputation of the national school teachers of Mayo waited upon Mr. D. L. O'Connell at Swinford and at his request will forward to him a statement of their grievances. He promised to give the matter his careful attention. The deputation was introduced by the Rev. Denis O'Hara, P. P.

An Irish entertainment was given in the town hall, Castlebar, Dec. 28, by the Castlebar branch of the Gaelic League. The spacious hall was thronged. The Castlebar craobh is coming to the front. The curtain rose on "An Dochtuir," a very amusing drama in Irish and English, which depicts the plight of an English speaking doctor as medical officer in an Irish speaking district and his ultimate conversion to the Irish revival movement.

A large meeting was held in Belcorra on New Year's day, having for its object the re-establishment of a branch of the U. I. L. in the parish. The chairman, James Daly, Castlebar, dealt with the condition of the land question and warned tenants against purchasing at famine prices.

ROSCOMMON.—Father Monaghan, Fairmount, has got \$1,000 in response to his appeal for the sufferers from the moving bog disaster. The Countess of Dudley gave \$30, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy \$50 and Richard Croker, who was the leader of Tammany Hall, New York, gave \$125.

The death of Malachy Beirne took place on Dec. 5.

A grand ball was given in Strokes-town on Jan. 3 by the national teachers resident in the district. It was a most enjoyable event.

The names of the persons who have been ruined by the recent moving of a bog in Cloonsheever, between Castlebar and Frenchpark, are: Patrick Freehill, Peter Kelly, Lawrence Freehill, Peter Dockery, Michael Dockery, Michael Dare, Patrick Dare, Patrick Moffit, Mrs. Serrege, Mrs. Callaghan, John Finnan, John Corcoran, Mrs. Giblin, Thomas Callaghan, Patrick Serrege, John Fleming and Thomas Darcy. All that can be seen of John Corcoran's house is the chimney. The moving morass is eight miles in extent, is gradually setting nearer to Peak and Clonard bridges and threatens to envelop them.

SLIGO.—Mrs. Mary Connelan, Lough, Skreen, died Dec. 22, aged seventy-six years, deeply and widely regretted.

A branch of the United Irish League was established in Gurteen recently. A large number of members was enrolled. The following officers were elected: John Conroy, president; John Sharkey, secretary, and M. Boland, treasurer.

Mrs. Nora Furey, Tubbervarane, Skreen died Dec. 10, aged sixty-eight years, deeply regretted. She was a niece of the esteemed physicians, J. and T. Burns, and sister to the Burns Bros., merchants, New Jersey, United States.