

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.—Most Rev. Dr. Henry bishop of Down and Connor, presided at 12 o'clock mass on a recent Sunday in St. Peter's church and at the conclusion of the first gospel preached an instructive sermon to a large congregation. After mass he administered the sacrament of confirmation to about 340 children and adults.

The death of Joseph Carr, sessions crown solicitor, took place April 3. For several years he took a prominent part in the political work of West Belfast in the national interest.

ARMAGH.—The annual meeting of the members of the excellent institution of the Armagh Catholic reading room was held in the reading rooms under the presidency of Rev. Michael Quinn, administrator, Armagh. The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: President (ex officio) Rev. Michael Quinn, administrator, Armagh; honorable treasurer, James Sleavin; honorable secretaries, Messrs. Charles Heron, N. T., and P. J. McGarvey; committee, Rev. Peter Sheerin, Rev. Joseph Dunne, Rev. J. W. Brady, S. T. L. Rev. P. J. Loughran, E. I. (ex officio) and Messrs. John Conway, Joseph Cassidy, Michael Short, James Lennon (town clerk), Bernard O'Neill and James Mallon.

A splendid instrumental and vocal concert was given recently before a crowded house in the Tontine buildings, Armagh, under the auspices of the Christian Brothers, Greenpark, Armagh. Miss Mary Marks sang "Going to Kildare," which was followed by the duet, "Battle Eve," in which the voices of Messrs. Arthur Webb and Thomas Watson were judiciously blended and heard to great advantage.

CAVAN.—Died, March 29, at Shanown, Ballinacree, Thomas Galligan, father of Rev. Henry Galligan, Glenade, aged sixty-eight years, deeply and widely regretted.

On March 31 occurred the death of Mrs. Ellen Kearney of the town land of Moher, in the parish of Lavey, aged seventy years.

A successful retreat was in progress in Virginia chapel for townspeople and those of the neighboring town lands. The attendance exceeded that on a former occasion in the history of the parish, and many hundreds received communion at the close on March 25.

John Reilly, from Cloughbally, parish of Mullagh, who had been confined in Monaghan asylum, was discharged as cured. On the way home, accompanied by his brother and by a friend, he insisted on getting off the car and walking through the town. Arrived opposite Daniel McGovern's, a sudden fit of lunacy seized him, and he walked through the window, bringing sashes and glass with him. The police were informed, and the man, who is very powerful, was taken charge of and conveyed back to the asylum. Some years ago he broke through the window of the Mullagh police barrack. Great sympathy is expressed for his relatives.

DERRY.—At the recent annual meeting of the Emmet branch of the United Irish League, Derry, at which there was a good attendance, Daniel McNulty was re-elected president. The election of the other officers resulted as follows: Vice president, P. Doherty; treasurer, E. Logue; secretary, M. Falkner; managing committee, C. McDermott, R. Doherty, P. Carlin, G. McGarvey, H. Gallagher, George Doherty, J. Callaghan, J. Sweeney, J. McEvoy, J. Boyle, E. Doherty, W. Doherty and D. Lafferty.

The death of Mrs. Bridget Smyth, Liscomisky, occurred on March 18, after a short illness.

DONEGAL.—The pope on April 4 received in private audience Most Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, bishop of Raphoe, Ireland. The pope expressed keen interest in the general affairs of Ireland. Bishop O'Donnell said the want of a Catholic university in Ireland was keenly felt. The pontiff warmly wished Ireland every blessing and success.

The Very Rev. J. Canon MacFadden, P. P., of Gweedore, visited the town, addressing a large meeting at Clontarf under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, said he wished them and their noble order every success in the patriotic and Christian ambition to promote "friendship, unity and true Christian charity" among the sons and daughters of the sea divided Gael, and he hailed their rally as the harbinger of greater vigor and power in the National movement throughout that portion of Donegal. In the past their members had formed the guard of honor and watchmen for the persecuted priests while trying at the risk of their lives to offer the holy sacrifice and administer the consolations of their holy religion to the downtrodden and banished Catholics of Ireland.

DOWN.—James A. Gordon, builder and contractor of Newtownards, was killed by an accident to his motor bicycle when riding into Donaghadee March 3.

At a meeting of the U. I. L. at Mayo-bridge April 2, Rev. J. Savage in the chair, it was proposed by Patrick Magee and seconded by John Downey that Peter O'Hare and Charles Grant be elected to represent the district on the local council at the board of guardians and unanimously carried. Charles O'Hare was asked to again stand for the county council and was promised the strong support of all in the electoral division. The following delegates were appointed to attend the conven-

tion to be held at Mayo-bridge for the selection of county councillors: Messrs. Peter O'Hare, Hugh Fogan, John Downey, Patrick Magee, Peter Mullen and Thomas Fogan, secretary.

MONAGHAN.—James Hugh McDermott, formerly of Clones, died on March 3 at Johannesburg, South Africa. He was aged thirty-six years.

A meeting of the St. Tierney branch of Irish National Foresters, Clones, was held on March 26, Brother P. McKenna, C. R., presiding. Also present: John Jenkins, S. C. R.; P. Morris, treasurer; Francis Brady, secretary; Andrew Morris, assistant secretary; Andrew McGrane and Peter McCartney, woodwards; Francis Stringer and Luke Martin, beadles; Thomas Cross and J. Martin, John Smyth, Francis Crograve, James McMahon, Owen Quigley, Thomas McGovern, James Duffy, J. J. Lilly, P. Beatty, John Harte, James Connolly, Joseph Connolly, D. Cross, Thomas Connolly, Peter Owens, John James Slowe, Joe Sweeney, John McGrane, P. McDermott, Thomas Fee, Bernard Traynor, John McGrane, Church Hill, was initiated a benefit member. Peter Rooney, Millbrook, was balloted for and admitted.

A meeting of the Catholic young men of Monaghan was held in the Christian Brothers' schools for the purpose of forming a dramatic company under the auspices of the Monaghan (St. Macartan) branch of the Irish National Foresters. D. D. McCleary occupied the chair. It was decided after some discussion that a club be formed and be known as the Monaghan Catholic Dramatic club. The following officers were appointed: President, D. P. McCleary, vice president, Edward McIntee, secretary, Philip Ward, treasurer, Thomas Gallagher.

An inquest was held lately in Castleblaney by Thomas Dignan, coroner for South Monaghan, into the circumstances surrounding the death of Patrick Coleman of Carraron, found dead on the road. The body was discovered by Patrick Murtogh, who left Castleblaney for home with a cart of bone manure. Turning to a steep hill, Murtogh's horse tried to bolt, and the cart backed some distance down the incline. On Murtogh turning round he discovered the deceased lying between the wheel of the cart and the ditch. Murtogh stated that he did not see Coleman in contact with the cart before the accident occurred.

TYRONE.—At a recent meeting of the Armagh agricultural committee, R. J. Harden presiding, a copy of a resolution passed by the Tyrone agricultural committee protesting against any part of agricultural and technical instruction development grant being voted by parliament for the relief of distressed districts in other parts of Ireland was received. A Donnelly proposed that the resolution be marked "Read." Thomas A. McClure thought the resolution should be adopted, and it was, by 7 votes to 3.

Munster

CLARE.—Patrick Linnane, only son of P. J. Linnane, Ennis, died on April 2.

Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, bishop of Killaloe, writing to the Emmistown and Milltownabbey teachers, describes the new board of education rules as "utterly inapplicable to the conditions of Irish life."

At the cathedral, Ennis, on April 5, was celebrated a solemn pontifical mass in memory of the late beloved bishop of Killaloe, Most Rev. Dr. McRedmond. There was an immense congregation, which included the children of the convent schools who had been the deceased prelate's special care.

CORK.—The ladies' committee of the Brother Burke memorial bazaar of Cork city held an informal meeting at the North Monastery schools lately. They usually meet at the municipal buildings, but the idea occurred to Augustine Roach, the chairman, that it would be a good thing if the ladies saw what was being done at Our Lady's Mount. After an interesting musical treat by the choir of the schools, numbering 200 small boys, the ladies were conducted through the establishment. They were subsequently entertained at afternoon tea by the monks and afterward settled down to business.

The first clerical conference for the present year of the priests of the Middle-ton deanery was held lately in the parish church of Most Holy Rosary at Middleton. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Clonane, presided, and the clergy present were: Right Rev. Mgr. Keller, Younghall, dean of Clonane, Ven. Archdeacon Archdeacon Hutch, D. D. Middleton, Very Rev. Canon Ryan, Aghada, Very Rev. Canon Sisk, Ladysbridge; Rev. John Barry, Carrigtwohill; Rev. E. Murphy, Killeagh, Rev. M. Aberne, Castlemary; Rev. J. O'Keefe, Lisgoold; Rev. John O'Riordan, Clonane; Rev. T. Madigan, administrator, Queenstown; Rev. C. W. Corbett, Queenstown; Rev. P. Murphy, Queens-town; Rev. W. F. Browne, bishop's secretary, Queenstown; Rev. C. S. O'Connor, Middleton; Rev. Francis Murphy, Middleton; Rev. Charles Daly, Middleton; Rev. M. Aberne, Younghall; Rev. J. Nagle, Younghall; Rev. M. Whelan, Younghall; Rev. Dr. Dinneen, Younghall; Rev. P. T. Sheehan, Killeagh; Rev. James Keller, Ballymacoda; Rev. J. Keating, Ladysbridge; Rev. D. Browne, Duncannon; Rev. T. Bowler, Carrigtwohill; Rev. L. Murphy, Aghada; Rev. Father Rea, Aghada; Rev. D. Foley, Clonane; Rev. T. Roche, Ballycotton, and Rev. C. Curtin, Lisgoold.

In the case of John Murphy, a prisoner in Cork Male prison under sentence of death, the lords justices have been pleased to commute the sentence to penal servitude for life. It will be remembered that Murphy, who is not yet twenty-one years of age, was convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Kate McCarthy, drowned in the Tamore riv-

er outside Cork city. Prisoner admitted to the magistracy that he had drowned deceased. Mental specialists examined him in Cork jail after his conviction, as it was suggested that he was of weak intellect.

On the night of April 7 two young men named Bartholomew Daly and Patrick Sarsfield, drapers' assistants employed at Middleton, while on a busi-ness errand for their employer at the park, a short distance outside the town were on their way to a house in the park, adjoining which there is a dangerous and disused quarry of considerable depth, by the side of which they were passing, and, it being dark, they were not aware of the danger lurking near them. Sarsfield toppled over the edge of the quarry, but fortunately alighted on some soft, loose earth, with the result that he sustained no injury whatever, though he had fallen over thirty feet, and his escape was certain by providential. His companion, Daly, being alarmed at Sarsfield's fall, attempted to go to his assistance, and in doing so he missed his footing and fell from the top of the quarry on to the hard, stony ground beneath, not far from where Sarsfield had fallen. Daly's fall was a much more serious one, and he sustained such grave injuries to his head that he became unconscious and bled profusely from wounds he had sustained, one of which was a fracture of the frontal bone of the head. Subsequently the poor young man, who is only twenty-two years of age and a native of Clonmunt, was admitted to the spot by Drs. P. J. O'Brien and Richard Fitzgerald, who did all that medical skill could suggest for him. The Rev. C. S. O'Connor was also quickly on the scene and, as the injured man was in a very critical state, administered the last sacrament later on Daly was conveyed to Middleton hospital in a covered car, where he was placed under the care of Dr. Michael Lawton, workhouse medical officer, and regained consciousness during the night.

The members of the Cork Young Ireland society continue to make steady progress in their effort to complete the national monument. The contractor has already received over \$5,000 on account of the work done.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—O'SULLIVAN, AT 15 Botanic road, Glasnevin, Dublin, Dennis, relict of the late Patrick O'Sullivan, 54 Patrick street.—CREEDON, On April 6, at Mount Bridget, Churchtown, Catherine, relict of the late Joseph Healy, late of the city engineers' office.—O'FLYNN, On April 7, in a Cork hospital, Mary O'Flynn of Clonker, Charleville.—HARRISON, On April 7, at Lower Boscawen, Macroom, Julia, relict of the late Thomas Harrison.—HALLORAN, On April 6, at Mount Harrison, High street.—WILKINSON, On April 6, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, Mary, relict of the late Thomas Wilkinson, daughter of Thomas and Mary Wilkinson.—HEFFELHY, April 5, at Lower Clonshan, Jeremiah, relict of the late John Heffely, aged fifty and a half years.—MAYN, On April 4, at Sagison, A. V. aged fifty-three years.—GREEN, On April 5, at 8 Lifford street, West, Thomas N. Green.—HOARE, April 6, at the residence of W. J. Hoare, J. P., of Carrigrohane castle, county Cork, aged thirty-eight years.—BUCKLEY, On April 5, at South Innamary, Thomas Buckley, Clonakilly.—REILLY, On April 6, Baron Road, Castlebland.

KERRY.—An interesting function took place lately at the Central hotel, Tralee, when a deputation from the 38 memorial committee presented John J. McCarthy with a beautiful gold pendant, a replica of the medals which he presented to the committee for a Gaelic football tournament in aid of the funds. The deputation included M. M. O'Connell, J. P. J. McCarthy, M. P. Ryle, Kerry Poole, J. Griffin Kerryman, J. T. McQuinn and R. O'Kelly.

On March 26 the people of Killorglin and surrounding districts were filled with feelings of deep sympathy when the sad news of the unexpected demise of Robert W. Dodd became known.

At the request of teachers of Munster the committee of the Munster fairs to be held in Killarney has decided on forming a valuable shield to the Munster school whose six pupils show the best knowledge of Irish conversation as well as of reading and explaining an appropriate piece in Irish. The shield has been ordered and photographs of it will be taken and distributed with a view to stimulate pupils to secure it for their school.

The death of Mrs. H. Kelliher occurred at her residence in Upper Main street, Dingle, April 4. Deceased was about thirty-seven and had not been married two years.

Very Rev. Canon O'Leary, P. P., V. F., Dingle, has been appointed archdeacon of Aghaloe by the pope to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of the late pastor, the Ven. Archdeacon Mangan, to the episcopate.

The death of Sister Winifrede of the Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Londen, Belgium, occurred March 4 at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wrenn, 18 Strand street, Tralee.

LIMERICK.—James Carey, town councillor, Rathcoole, died April 5.

The priests and people of Rock-chapel have contributed a substantial sum to the United Irish parliamentary fund per Rev. P. Hurley.

A meeting of the Bruff Hurling club took place on April 2, W. Naughton, who presided, referred in sympathetic terms to the death of the mother of the Rev. Father Riordan, Bruff. The following resolution was proposed by T. Mortell, seconded by M. Whelan and passed unanimously: "That we, the members of the Bruff Hurling club, desire to convey to Rev. Father Riordan

our heartfelt regret on the death of his dear mother and also to that much respected and sterling Gael, John Riordan, captain Eflin H. C."

At a general meeting of the Garry-owen Cycling club held at Colmerville hotel, Catherine street, Limerick, P. Colbert presided. The officers elected for the coming season were as follows: Captain, R. J. Mathews, vice captain, Thomas Andrews, treasurer, J. Gloster, secretary, E. T. Anslow, committee, P. M. Colbert, J. C. Griffin.

TIPPERARY.—The priests and people of Cashel, per Rev. Dean Kinnane and Thomas Walsh, have contributed \$200 to the United Irish parliamentary fund.

The movement to perpetuate the memory of the saintly and beloved Father Alexis Quinan continues to prosper. The subscriptions for the memorial in Enly now amount to over \$1,000, the latest contributions including \$100 from seventeen Chicago priests, former students of the holy Trappist.

There was a most successful collection for the parliamentary fund on a recent Sunday at each of the churches in Ardinnan, Ballybacon and Grange from where Sarsfield had fallen. The honorable secretary reported having affiliated the branch. The following were elected as officers of the branch for the year 1905: President, Very Rev. Canon Ryan, vice president, Rev. D. Duggan, Rev. M. Hourigan; treasurer, M. Bergin, T. Frewen; honorable secretary, William O'Callaghan, executive delegates, Denis Noonan, Pat Donovan, Denis O'Brien, Edmund O'Brien, Michael Bergin and William O'Callaghan.

A conference of branches of U. I. L. was held at Bishopscourt on April 2 under the presidency of James Carew, chairman and Tipperary executive. The object of the meeting was to put on pressure as to the breaking up of grazing ranches. The following attended: Annanry James Carew, W. Carew and T. O'Dwyer, Knockavilla John McGrath, James Grady, Con O'Brien, James Landers and Michael Taylor, Clonmully John Byrne, R. Long, Thomas O'Dwyer and James Harmersey, Cappawhitte John Ryan, Rossmore M. O'Dwyer, William O'Keefe, Con O'Dwyer, R. O'Brien, L. Ryan, Thomas Ryan and Patrick Ryan. On motion of Con O'Dwyer, seconded by John Ryan, D. C., it was decided that a public demonstration be held in Dundering.

WATERFORD.—At the Presentation convent of the Sacred Heart, Waterford, on April 2, Miss Byrne daughter of M. Byrne, Kilman, Thomas, had the happiness of receiving the holy habit of religion. Her name in religion is Sister Mary Ita Joseph.

The death of William David Williams, assistant surveyor of the board of public works, took place at Bellevue terrace, Waterford, lately.

Quite recently there was opened in the town hall, Waterford, a very interesting and instructive exhibit under the auspices of the Waterford technical instruction committee, being the second annual function of the kind held here. The exhibits were numerous and of a high standard all round.

On April 1 the South Wexford coroner, Peter French, M. P., held an inquest at Great Island near New Ross, into the cause of the death of Stephen Brennan, a native of Cork, killed on the Rosslare railway works. The evidence went to show that at Great Island, close to the Barrowmouth viaduct, a stupendous cutting is in progress, at which large quantities of dynamite have to be used. During the explosion of five heavy charges Brennan and other navvies were running for safety, but were overtaken 170 yards away by a shower of stones. Brennan being killed and a number of others seriously injured. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

WICKLOW.—The tenants on the estates of W. E. Grogan, Fryanstown, near Dunlavin, recently attended at Hollywood, where they were met by the agent, J. O. Adair, the purpose of the meeting being to conclude negotiations for purchase under the Wyndham act. John Mackay, solicitor, Tullow, attended on behalf of the tenants. The terms agreed on gave the tenants abatements of 30 per cent on first term and 20 per cent on second term rents. The sporting rights are reserved to the tenants who will allow free use of these rights to Mr. Grogan during his life-time. The agreements were signed.

The Cosede Gnotha of the Gaelic League, Dublin, submitted per P. O'Daly, secretary, for the approval of the Ballyglass guardians a copy of the resolutions passed at a recent meeting of the citizens of Dublin relative to the teaching of Irish in the schools and protesting against the present low salaries paid to teachers in primary schools. The resolutions were adopted.

GALWAY.—The priests and people of Kinvara and Doorus, per Rev. Thomas Burke, have forwarded \$100 to the United Irish Parliamentary party.

Miss Ellen O'Flaherty, for nineteen years principal teacher in the work-house schools at Oughterard, died on April 1.

On March 26 a large crowd of people assembled to witness the third and final football match played this season between the Clifden and Aughris clubs. The game took place at Eyrefort on grounds kindly given for the occasion by B. J. Lee, Clifden. The game was won by the Aughris team. J. Lynch was referee.

A meeting of the County Galway technical instruction committee was

held in the county buildings, Galway, lately. Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, bishop of Galway, presiding. There were also present Most Rev. Dr. O'Lea, the Rev. Canon Ronayne and Daniel F. Burke. The secretary said the county council had applied to the local government for a loan in connection with the Gort technical schools, and in reply the local government wrote asking that the plans be first approved of by the department, and the department then wrote asking the approval of the county council in the matter.

The death of J. T. Roughan, third son of Thomas Roughan, occurred at his father's residence, Cross street, Loughrea, on March 31. Deceased was a young man of the most exemplary character and was popular with all who knew him, so that the news of his death was received with every outward token of regret among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. This wide spread regret was abundantly testified to by the large and representative cortege which followed the remains to their last resting place in the Abbey cemetery.

A land (sub) commission consisting of C. Liffon Falkener, chairman; F. S. Green and H. P. Ringwood, deputy registrars, sat at the courthouse, Clifden, recently and took up the hearing of 122 applications to have fair rents fixed. None of the cases presented any feature of exceptional interest. T. J. Connolly, H. M. A. Murphy and B. P. J. Daly, solicitors, were in attendance. H. C. O'Malley, land agent and receiver, Francis street, Galway, valued for the landlords.

The opening general meeting of the Galway Commercial Boat Club was held lately. J. Mullett in the chair. A large number of members attended. The principal business before the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously elected: President, P. J. Kennedy, vice president, J. J. Forde, captain, L. J. Walsh, honorable secretary, J. W. Jordan; treasurer, F. McDonagh.

LEITRIM.—The people in the county are supporting the United Irish Parliamentary party in a generous way. Subscriptions to the fund are being sent in by the branches of the United Irish League.

MAYO.—A quarterly meeting of the Mayo county council was held lately in the courthouse, Castlebar. James Daly presided, and the other members present were: John Garvey, M. A., M. J. Melvin, M. Delaney, P. J. Costello, Thomas Heneghy, Thomas Callaghan, D. Moran, T. Walsh, J. Corcoran, D. Murtogh, J. Walsh, J. P., P. Moran, P. Higgins, J. Moran, P. W. Judge, D. Glavin, M. C. Henry and Colonel M. C. J. Blake, C. B. E. R. Dixon, county surveyor, and A. B. Kelly, solicitor to the county. They were also present as well as a large number of the general public. G. Virtue discharged the duties of secretary in the absence of Mr. Clarke. A great quantity of important business was transacted.

The death of William Hogarty occurred April 2 in Dublin. The name will bring up to old residents in Westport district recollections of over half a century ago when the Hogarty's were among the most respected families in Westport.

On April 2 a special meeting of the Ballinrobe branch of the United Irish League was held in the town hall, Ballinrobe, and was presided over by the Rev. Canon Stephens. The object of the meeting was to consider the question of selecting candidates to represent the district at the forthcoming elections and also the treatment of the tenants on the estate of Colonel C. H. Knox. The meeting was thoroughly practical as well as being representative. Very many cases of cruelty at the suit of Colonel Knox against the unfortunate tenants were brought before the public gaze. It was reported to the meeting that in the village of Roxborough there were four processes for non-payment of rent, in all of which there were decrees granted, with the exception of one, who set free.

ROSCOMMON.—The Kilronan branch of the United Irish League held a meeting lately. J. McManus presiding. Also present S. Flynn, J. Guilburn, D. Fannin, M. Guilburn, G. Gaffney, P. Tansey, M. McManus, P. McManus, M. Leydon, J. Regan, R. Grattan and J. Tansey, secretary. The chairman reviewed the work of the branch during the past year and showed the great benefits derived from unity and organization. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with S. Flynn, a respected member of the committee, in his sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his father.

At the Castlebar sessions lately Mr. Heverin, solicitor for the Taffie tenants, drew the attention of his honor to the fact that the large number of ejectments on this estate were the landlord's answer to the tenants' refusal to accept an exorbitant offer to sell. The former owner allowed an abatement annually. The successor refused and proceeded for the hanging gale. The intention of the landlord was to coerce the tenants into accepting his terms. His honor in granting decrees stayed the execution, reduced the claims and advised the landlord to allow the usual abatement.

SLIGO.—Rev. W. Harte addressed a public meeting after last mass in Tourlestrane and pointed out the necessity of having an active branch of the United Irish League in the parish and of contributing toward the support of the Irish Parliamentary party. It was decided to hold a public meeting in the near future for the amalgamation of Tourlestrane and Kilmactigue. Rev. Father Harte and Rev. J. Spelman will address the meeting.

The people of Ballintubber, per Michael Featherston, Martin Concanon and J. Finan, have sent a fine subscription to the United Irish parliamentary fund.

Leinster

CARLOW.—The priests and people of Carlow per Messrs. M. Molloy, J. R. Lawlor and M. O'Reilly have forwarded \$250 to the trustees of the Irish parliamentary fund.

The Gaelic league in Bagnalstown district has made decided progress within the last couple of years. Classes are at present being held nightly in the schoolhouse and every opportunity given to those who wish to avail themselves of it to obtain a knowledge of the Irish language.

A meeting of the committee of the Father John Murphy memorial was held lately in the town hall, Tullow. Thomas Bolger, chairman, presiding, and there were also present Messrs. James Murphy, vice chairman; John Foley, treasurer; William L. Maher, Terrence Halligan, M. P. Maher, honorable secretary; Patrick Kavanagh, Patrick Moran, Patrick McArdle, Eugene Pappard, Patrick Aughrine, Thomas Brophy, Denis Corcoran, Edward Langan, Thomas Doyle, John O'Brien and P. Dawson. The secretary read the resolution passed from W. P. Hade, J. P., Carlow for the excavation for the foundation of the monument and was instructed to return it to Mr. Hade and request him to send a specification for the excavation which would involve but one contract, as in its present form it would require two contracts to complete the work, and a resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted.

DUBLIN.—At a meeting of the Library Association of Ireland held lately in the Public Library, Lower Keil street, Dublin, T. W. Lyster, V. P., presided and there was a good attendance. T. O'Neill Russell, M. A., read a paper on "Knowledge is Power" on "American Public Libraries." The paper dealt with the necessity for establishing rural libraries throughout Ireland, as is done in America.

On April 1 Edward Mitchell, one of the most respected of the surviving 97 men, was laid at rest in Glasnevin cemetery in close companionship in death with his old leaders, Colonel O'Mahony and Terrence Bellew McManus, and his friends, the brothers Stowell.

KILDARE.—Michael Nolan, Monasterevan, died March 27 at his residence, the Hermitage.

Rev. Father Rowan, C. C. Athy, who met with such a regrettable accident lately, is improved in his condition, according to the latest medical information.

On April 5 the remains of George Giltrap were found in his bedroom. The

deceased, who was a wealthy farmer residing at Rathmore, about three or four miles from Naas, appears to have shot himself through the head.

The death of Miss Maggie Lacey occurred at the Presentation convent, Stradbally, March 31. Deceased was only eighteen years of age.

KILKENNY.—The death of Mrs. Dwyer, Barrack street, Castlecomer, occurred on March 30 at the age of forty years.

KING'S.—The Irish Industrial Development association, Tullamore, intends getting out a booklet containing the names and addresses of Irish manufacturers as a guide to buyers of Irish goods. A portion of the booklet will be specially devoted to industries in King's county.

Haviland Burke asked the chief secretary whether he was aware that Robert Owens, who held an evicted farm on the Somers estate, near Tullamore, had stated in a communication sent to him that he had bought this farm from the estates commissioners and had paid his first installment and, if so, whether he would consider the advisability of again bringing the matter before the estates commissioners. Mr. Long said the Westmeath portion only of this estate had been sold, but no tenant named Robert Owen was among the number.

QUEEN'S.—The death of Gregory Dunne, chairman of the Mountmellick town commission, occurred on March 30 after a brief illness.

Mrs. Haslam, wife of James Haslam, together, died after a tedious illness on March 31.

Michael Davitt attended a fine Nationalist demonstration in Ballacolla April 1. He arrived with P. A. Mehan of Maryborough and William P. Delaney, M. P. On the motion of Michael Ferns the chair was taken by the Rev. Patrick Walsh, J. Fenton Fitzgerald moved the following resolution: "That we, the people of the Queen's county, hereby reaffirm our unalterable attachment to the principles of national self government and that nothing short of the restoration of our legislative independence can ever satisfy the national aspirations of the Irish people."

WEXFORD.—The dead body of a widow named Mrs. Macheery was found at the bottom of a deep well at Rathangan, near Wexford, lately. She had lived alone, a son of hers being in the army, from whom she received money at regular intervals, and on that day was in Wexford shopping.

The following sales under the Wyndham act have been completed: Talbot County Wexford, twenty-three years, first term, twenty-six years, second term, Wallace County Wexford, twenty-one and a half years, first term, Hawkes, Barntown, twenty-three years, first term, twenty-five and a quarter, second term, Carlow Hartown, twenty-three years, first term, Codd and Pettit, Fiesostown, twenty-two and a quarter years, first term, Goff, Assegart, twenty-one and a half years, first term, Walsh, twenty-one and a half years, first term, Hervey, twenty-two and a half years, first term, twenty-five and a quarter years, second term, Bolton, Gorey, twenty-one years, first term, twenty-four years, second term, Ringwood, Glendormon, twenty-two and a quarter years, first term. The Wexford estates mentioned above are estimated to produce a total of \$1,000,000.

On April 1 the South Wexford coroner, Peter French, M. P., held an inquest at Great Island near New Ross, into the cause of the death of Stephen Brennan, a native of Cork, killed on the Rosslare railway works. The evidence went to show that at Great Island, close to the Barrowmouth viaduct, a stupendous cutting is in progress, at which large quantities of dynamite have to be used. During the explosion of five heavy charges Brennan and other navvies were running for safety, but were overtaken 170 yards away by a shower of stones. Brennan being killed and a number of others seriously injured. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

WICKLOW.—The tenants on the estates of W. E. Grogan, Fryanstown, near Dunlavin, recently attended at Hollywood, where they were met by the agent, J. O. Adair, the purpose of the meeting being to conclude negotiations for purchase under the Wyndham act. John Mackay, solicitor, Tullow, attended on behalf of the tenants. The terms agreed on gave the tenants abatements of 30 per cent on first term and 20 per cent on second term rents. The sporting rights are reserved to the tenants who will allow free use of these rights to Mr. Grogan during his life-time. The agreements were signed.

The Cosede Gnotha of the Gaelic League, Dublin, submitted per P. O'Daly, secretary, for the approval of the Ballyglass guardians a copy of the resolutions passed at a recent meeting of the citizens of Dublin relative to the teaching of Irish in the schools and protesting against the present low salaries paid to teachers in primary schools. The resolutions were adopted.

GALWAY.—The priests and people of Kinvara and Doorus, per Rev. Thomas Burke, have forwarded \$100 to the United Irish Parliamentary party.

Miss Ellen O'Flaherty, for nineteen years principal teacher in the work-house schools at Oughterard, died on April 1.

On March 26 a large crowd of people assembled to witness the third and final football match played this season between the Clifden and Aughris clubs. The game took place at Eyrefort on grounds kindly given for the occasion by B. J. Lee, Clifden. The game was won by the Aughris team. J. Lynch was referee.

A meeting of the County Galway technical instruction committee was

held in the county buildings, Galway, lately. Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, bishop of Galway, presiding. There were also present Most Rev. Dr. O'Lea, the Rev. Canon Ronayne and Daniel F. Burke. The secretary said the county council had applied to the local government for a loan in connection with the Gort technical schools, and in reply the local government wrote asking that the plans be first approved of by the department, and the department then wrote asking the approval of the county council in the matter.

The death of J. T. Roughan, third son of Thomas Roughan, occurred at his father's residence, Cross street, Loughrea, on March 31. Deceased was a young man of the most exemplary character and was popular with all who knew him, so that the news of his death was received with every outward token of regret among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. This wide spread regret was abundantly testified to by the large and representative cortege which followed the remains to their last resting place in the Abbey cemetery.

A land (sub) commission consisting of C. Liffon Falkener, chairman; F. S. Green and H. P. Ringwood, deputy registrars, sat at the courthouse, Clifden, recently and took up the hearing of 122 applications to have fair rents fixed. None of the cases presented any feature of exceptional interest. T. J. Connolly, H. M. A. Murphy and B. P. J. Daly, solicitors, were in attendance. H. C. O'Malley, land agent and receiver, Francis street, Galway, valued for the landlords.

The opening general meeting of the Galway Commercial Boat Club was held lately. J. Mullett in the chair. A large number of members attended. The principal business before the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously elected: President, P. J. Kennedy, vice president, J. J. Forde, captain, L. J. Walsh, honorable secretary, J. W. Jordan; treasurer, F. McDonagh.

LEITRIM.—The people in the county are supporting the United Irish Parliamentary party in a generous way. Subscriptions to the fund are being sent in by the branches of the United Irish League.

MAYO.—A quarterly meeting of the Mayo county council was held lately in the courthouse, Castlebar. James Daly presided, and the other members present were: John Garvey, M. A., M. J. Melvin, M. Delaney, P. J. Costello, Thomas Heneghy, Thomas Callaghan, D. Moran, T. Walsh, J. Corcoran, D. Murtogh, J. Walsh, J. P., P. Moran, P. Higgins, J. Moran, P. W. Judge, D. Glavin, M. C. Henry and Colonel M. C. J. Blake, C. B. E. R. Dixon, county surveyor, and A. B. Kelly, solicitor to the county. They were also present as well as a large number of the general public. G. Virtue discharged the duties of secretary in the absence of Mr. Clarke. A great quantity of important business was transacted.

The death of William Hogarty occurred April 2 in Dublin. The name will bring up to old residents in Westport district recollections of over half a century ago when the Hogarty's were among the most respected families in Westport.

On April 2 a special meeting