

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.—The death of Major the Hon. Oriel John Clotworthy Whyte Melville Shelington of Antrim castle, son and heir of Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, occurred recently at a health resort in Scotland. He was thirty-four years of age.

The Feast of St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionist Order, has always been celebrated at Holy Cross, Ardowne, Belfast, in an especial manner. A special feature of the celebration was the unveiling of five stained glass windows, erected in memory of the late Very Rev. Father Anthony, O. P., who was rector of Holy Cross for many years.

An alarming accident occurred in Belfast, May 4. While a traveling crane at the new graving dock, which is to be the largest in the world, was being worked by a man named McErean and a youth named Howard, the dock bank suddenly caved in. The crane and its supports were precipitated into the water, carrying both men with it. McErean was rescued in an unconscious condition and removed to a hospital, apparently badly injured. It is believed the boy has been drowned.

Mrs. Eliza Kerr of Hamilton street, Belfast, died April 20.

ARMAGH.—Miss Lizzie Lowe, Carrickbrackin, Camlough, died April 30, deeply regretted.

A meeting of the Armagh branch of the United Irish League was held in the Foresters hall, Armagh, lately. P. McKenna, president, in the chair. Present: J. Cassidy, Thomas Dolan, P. Loughran, William Hamill, B. Downey, James McGovern, John Oliver, James Oliver, Owen Loughran, Patrick Donnelly, P. Hughes, Owen Donnelly, P. Cleary, M. Donnelly, P. Byrne, John Donnelly, F. Ryan, H. J. McKee, M. Kearney, John Daly, Henry Cooney, Arthur Donnelly, Patrick Dougan, Patrick McKee, Charles McCann, P. Feighan, Thomas Digby, J. Wilson, James McKenna, J. Ryan and others. Michael Donnelly in the course of an eloquent speech explained the business transacted at the executive meeting held in Armagh early in the day and impressed on all the necessity of joining the national organization.

A successful Gaelic concert in aid of Aghabog Emmet, G. A. A., was held lately in a building given by John Nolan, Carranewey. Rev. Father Maguire, Coghane, had charge of the arrangements. The building was packed.

CAVAN.—The death of Patrick Farrelly, Drumrath, took place on March 25.

DERRY.—The conference of the clergy of the diocese of Derry, held lately, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty presiding, on the motion of the Rev. John Doherty, administrator, Carndonagh, seconded by the Right Rev. Mgr. McFaul, Waterside, a resolution was unanimously adopted, thanking Father Philip O'Doherty, Cumberclandy, for his recent admirable lectures on points of Catholic history and the attitude of the Catholic Church in regard to the Bible, and the conference requested Father O'Doherty to republish same in pamphlet form.

Derry city may day was a general holiday aspect. All the business establishments were closed and the residents gave their attention to excursion trips or outdoor recreation. The principal athletic event, and which attracted general attention, was the first annual sports held in connection with the Catholic men's and boys' societies of Derry. The executive committee carried everything out in a successful manner. The sports were held at Pennburn. The programme included football matches, racing and jumping competitions and a walking match.

DONEGAL.—Mrs. Anne Connolly, Elginstown, Ballyshannon, died April 8, aged sixty-three years.

A very enjoyable concert and dramatic entertainment was recently held in the Niall Mor national school, Killybegs, under the auspices of the Killybegs Young Men's Literary club.

On April 30 Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, bishop of Raphoe, attended the Church of St. Agatha, Carronegal, and confirmed a number of children belonging to Donegal parish. After mass, celebrated by Rev. E. Cassidy, Donegal, the bishop preached an eloquent sermon. He complimented the teachers on the very efficient manner in which they had the children prepared for the sacrament of confirmation. He afterward administered the total abstinence pledge to those confirmed up to the age of twenty-one. On the following day he attended at Killymard chapel and confirmed a number of children, also congratulating the teachers. The bishop administered the pledge to the children confirmed to the age of twenty-one.

DOWN.—The death occurred recently of Patrick Finnegan, Beragh, father of the late James Finnegan and the senior member of the firm of Finnegan & Sons, the granite quarry owners.

On May 2 a fatal occurrence took place near Crossgar, Hans Calvert, forty-five, coachman of James Heron, Tullyvery, was proceeding from Crossgar railway station to his residence, driving a girl on a jaunting car, when he met a steam roller, the noise of which frightened the horse so that it commenced to plunge and rear, with the result that the car was overturned and Calvert and his passenger thrown to the ground. On being picked up it

was found that Calvert was dead and that the girl's arm was broken, besides being otherwise injured.

The members of the Ballinahinch Gaelic League held a céilidh on May 1 in the school to give a send-off to a member, J. Savage, who, like many young Irishmen, is obliged to go to the land of the stranger to make a living which is denied them at home. There was a very large attendance, over which F. Murray presided. A very good programme was submitted and excellent songs and recitations were contributed.

FERMANAGH.—A Gaelic concert was held in the town hall, Enniskillen, lately under the auspices of O'Neill Hurling club. The singing of Miss Lily Conboy was also a feature of the concert.

MONAGHAN.—The question of draining the 1,000 acres of land in the Clones district along the banks of the river Finn, between Annulore and Megheraney, is engaging the attention of the tenants.

TYRONE.—James Osborne, aged forty-three years, sustained fatal injuries on April 21 by being thrown out of his cart in a corrally, near Finlora.

A special meeting of the St. Columbkille's branch of the Gaelic League, Carrickmore, was held lately. Rev. C. Short presiding. The following resolution was proposed by M. F. Quillivan, N. T., seconded by John McElroy, and passed: Resolved, That we tender to the mother and the relatives of the late James Sheerin of Eakerbuoy, Carrickmore, our heartfelt condolences in their deep affliction. In him we have lost a friend and the Gaelic League a staunch supporter.

The announcement that John O'Kane, member of the urban council, was about to leave Omagh was received with regret mingled with pleasure—regret at the departure of a genial townsman and popular sportsman and pleasure that he was going to take up an important position in charge of a manufacturing establishment in Waterford City. During his residence in Omagh Mr. O'Kane was most popular with all classes and a prominent member of the United Irish League and at the present time chief ranger of the local branch of the National Foresters. He was entertained at dinner by the members of the Foresters' branch in Omagh.

Munster

CLARE.—Michael Corbett of Clonker, Labasheela, died on April 6 at Ennis.

A successful Irish concert under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League, was held in the national school, Killee, lately, when an immense audience followed with interest one of the finest Gaelic programmes ever presented in West Clare. Very Rev. Canon Fitzgerald presided and referred to the work of the Gaelic League and to the pleasure it afforded him to see the movement taken up with such enthusiasm. Several Irish choruses were rendered by the pupils of the convent and boys' national schools. The Rev. Father Clancy in bringing the proceedings to a close urged on those present the necessity of preserving the Irish language and the old customs and paid a high tribute to the energy and ability of the organizer, Mr. O'Kelly.

CORK.—The Rev. P. M. Kennrick, C. C., Miltoam-Mahay, County Clare, has been transferred to Scariff.

Mrs. Ronayne, wife of the late Joseph Ronayne, M. P., Rinn Ronain, Carrigrohane, Queenstown, died at her residence on May 5.

The torpedo boat destroyer Syren of the British navy ran on the rocks at the east end of Bere Island on May 2 and was totally wrecked.

On April 27 a deputation from the Castlemary concert committee waited on Miss A. Kilsella at Castlemary on the eve of her departure for the United States and presented her with a gold watch to mark their appreciation of the services she rendered in the Gaelic concerts held for past years in Castlemary and its neighborhood.

For the remaining portion of their sentences the Watergrasshill prisoners in Cork Jail will have a portion of their Sunday evenings enlivened. The Butter Exchange band, accompanied by a large number of Nationalists, on Sunday proceeded on the western road to the jail, around which they marched several times playing national airs, winding up with "God Save Ireland," which was sung by the crowd.

The two young men Denis Neill and John Shanahan, missing since April 25, when they left Bere Island in a small sailing boat for Castletown, have not been heard of, and it is feared they have been drowned. Cries and shouts were heard by people on Bere Island and Rossmacooen about 9 o'clock on Tuesday night. Searching parties have been at work, but the bodies have not been recovered. John Shanahan was the eldest son of Jeremiah Shanahan, shopkeeper, Castletown, and Denis Neill the second eldest son of Cornelius Neill, shopkeeper and baker, Castletown.

On May 1, in the Kinsale hospital, Ellen O'Neill, a niece of the noble family resident in Kilsenan, died at the age of 100.

A general meeting of the members of the Gaelic League of Cork was held in the assembly rooms on May 2. The meeting was the first of a series organized by the Coiste Ceannair (district council) of the league in the city for the purpose of bringing the members of the branches more in touch and of organizing the league throughout the County. The first meeting augured well for the success of the endeavors in this direction. The hall was occupied by an overflow audience. An excellent programme of song and recitation was gone through.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—FITZGERALD.—April 28, at Ballygibbon, Moseley, W. Fitz Gerald, aged eighty-four years.—PATERSON.—On April

30, at Rathna, Castletons, John Paterson, aged eighty years. ENGLISH

—On April 30, at Glantane, Patrick English.—WALSH.—May 1, at 2 Grand parade, Mrs. Hannah Walsh, aged ninety-seven years. BRIDE

—On May 1, at Nadd, John Bride, aged sixty-five years. SHINE.—April 20, at the Presentation monastery, Mount St. Joseph, the Rev. Brother W. P. Shine, superior general of the Presentation Brothers. WILLIAMS.—On May 3, at St. Patrick's hospital, Blanche Williams of Hull, England.

—LOONEY.—On May 2, at Lisarda, Burnfoot, Elsie Looney, daughter of Michael O'Callaghan, Goulane. LYNCH.—On May 2, at Knock, Ballymartin, Patrick Lynch, aged sixty-eight years. SHEEHAN.—On May 2, at Cloughmeena, Mallow, Margaret Sheehan. FARRELL.—On May 2, at Cleonur, Mallow, Hannah Farrell. O'SULLIVAN.—On April 28, at Summer Cove, Kinsale, Johanna O'Sullivan. O'DONNELL.—On May 1, at Youghal, Alicia F. O'Donnell, aged fifty-eight years. DALY.—On May 2, at Boyce's street, Anne Daly. MORTELL.—On April 23, at Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire, England, Pidge Morteil, Charleville. MOORE.—On April 29, at 10 Ann street, Maggie Moore. O'DONOVAN.—On April 29, at Ardea, Ballinacree, Daniel O'Donovan. LEAHY.—On April 29, at Ballincollig, Mrs. Sarah Leahy.

WALSH.—On April 15, at Butte City, Montana, Edmond Joseph Walsh, Woodside, Carrigrohane, aged twenty-four years. O'Riordan.—On April 15, at Riondan of 80 Clare place, Barney street. KAVANAGH.—On April 28, John Kavanagh, late of Waterloo, Mallow, aged twenty-nine years. LANE.—On May 4, at Fuller's lane, Catherine, aged seventeen years, only daughter of Timothy Lane. COLLINS.—On May 3, at Gillabrey street, Mary Collins of Ballymurry, Upton.

AHERN.—On May 3, Anne Aherne, Parade market.—HEFFERNAN.—At Main street, Middleton, on May 4, David Hefferan.—AHEARNE.—On May 4, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, Mary Ahearne, in her twentieth year, daughter of Mrs. Ahearne, 3 Woburn terrace, Lower road.—CANTY.—On May 4, at Parkvaun, Newcestown, Michael Canty, aged fifty-five years.—HORGAN.—On May 4, Michael Horgan, formerly of 30 Douglas street. FALVEY.—On May 4, at Inishannon, Thomas Falvey, aged eighty-three years. RONAYNE.—On May 5, at Rinn Ronain, Queenstown, Elizabeth Stace, widow of the late Joseph P. Ronayne, M. P.—GOOD.

KERRY.—The Kerry county council have instructed their secretary to address all letters to the members of the council and of the county committee of agriculture and technical instruction in Irish in future.

The death of Miss Mary Jones, aged nineteen years, of Rock street, Tralee, occurred April 22.

John J. Healy of Hew street, Killybegs, died April 21.

At the Brigidae convent, Tullow, on April 24, the solemn ceremony of profession took place. Rev. J. Kearney presided. The young lady who had the happiness of pronouncing her vows is Miss Deborah Kilsane (in religion Sister M. J. Vincent), daughter of John M. Kilsane, Killox, Liselton, Kerry. The friends of the newly professed who witnessed the ceremony included Mrs. Kilsane, mother; Miss Kilsane, Miss L. M. Kilsane, Brigidae convent, Mountrath; Mrs. Moran, Foynes, sisters; Miss Moran, niece; J. P. Kilsane, St. Patrick's college, Carlow, brother; P. J. Moran, Foynes, brother in law; Mr. Murphy, St. Patrick's college, Carlow, and Mr. Maher, cousins.

Two young ladies received the white veil in the Presentation convent, Tralee, May 3. Their names are: Miss Nellie Trant (in religion Sister Mary Anthony), daughter of James Trant, Lixnaw; Miss Nora Ryan (in religion Sister Mary Gerard), daughter of the late Cornelius Ryan, Emly, County Tipperary; Miss Keane (in religion Sister M. Michael), daughter of David Keane, Ballylanders, County Limerick, was professed. The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, bishop of Kerry, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. J. Buckley, B. D., and Rev. M. Daly, chaplain to the Presentation convent.

LIMERICK.—It is not often that the dull surroundings of a courthouse are enlivened by the strains of a song, but by direction of County Court Judge Adams a witness at Assize quarter sessions named Patrick O'Brien sang an Irish song. The incident occurred in connection with an action brought by Tobias Spleen, Pallaskey, versus Denis O'Brien, Ringmoylan. The vocalist was the defendant's son, and said he was singing an Irish song passing through Pallaskey at the time of the occurrence. His honor asked him could he sing that song now. Witness said he could, and then sang part of the song in Irish. His honor said he would deliver judgment on some future occasion.

The death of Mrs. Michael Condon of Ballylanders occurred recently.

TIPPERARY.—On May 2, at the Convent of Mercy, Tipperary, two young ladies had the happiness of consecrating their lives to God. Their names are Miss O'Neill of Frianstown, Limerick (in religion Sister Brendan), and Miss O'Brien of Shanagolden, County Limerick (in religion Sister Augustine). Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly, archbishop of Cashel and Emly, celebrated mass and performed the ceremony.

On May 2, at Templemore pound, the sheriff's bailiff put up for sale five head of cattle belonging to a publican named Thomas Stapleton, Main street, Thurles, which were driven off the lands by the landlords, O'Brien, Ardrow House, Thurles, and Jennings, Dublin. Stapleton paid £150 as a fine on going into possession of the licensed premises, out of which an annual rent of £20 was payable. The rent was increased to £80, and this the tenant refused to pay,

with the result that the landlords obtained a judgment, under which the cattle were seized and impounded at Templemore. A tremendous crowd, with bands, assembled at the pound. Immediately on the sale being declared open the cattle were obtained by the tenant on payment of the amount due, costs and poundage fees, in all amounting to £31 4s.

On April 26, at St. Mary's church, Clonmel, a marriage took place, the contracting parties being Dr. Michael Sheehan, son of Samuel Sheehan, West End, Mallow, County Cork, and Mary Cashin, daughter of the late Thomas Cashin, 54 O'Connell street, Clonmel.

WATERFORD.—The committee of the Waterford branch of the Gaelic League have decided on holding their annual fairs about the end of September.

Rev. James Quealy of Ardmore, County Waterford, died on May 2.

Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, lord bishop of Waterford and Lismore, May 1, laid the foundation stone of the new Convent of Mercy at the rear of the Philip Street national schools, on the Lower Yellow road, Waterford city.

Leinster

CARLOW.—John Byrne of Lower Besslin, Leightonbridge, died April 27.

DUBLIN.—On May 1 an exhibition of paintings and sculptures by young Irish artists was opened in the Leinster Lecture hall, Molesworth street, by the Earl of Drogheda. The paintings are water colors, and the best of their evince superior technique.

On May 2 J. P. Nannetti, M. P. for the College-green division of Dublin, was the recipient of a handsome presentation at the hands of his fellow citizens as a token of the esteem in which he is held and as a recognition of his services to Dublin as a member of the corporation and as a member of parliament. The testimonial took the form of an illuminated address and a check for a large sum of money subscribed by men of all shades of opinion in the city. The presentation was made at a dinner in the Four Courts hotel, at which a large number of Nannetti's friends assembled. Adam Fлиндler presided. On his right sat Mr. Nannetti, M. P. guest; Richard Jones, Sir Joseph Downes, Mr. Monks, Mr. Lyone, Mr. McAuley and Alderman Doyle. On his left sat the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor Joseph Hatch, J. Clarke and James Dignam.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—HENNESSY.—May 2, at 1 Blessington cottages, Botanic avenue, Drumcondra, Mary Margaret Hennessy.—KAVANAGH.—May 3, Patrick Kavanagh, victualler, 84 Haroldcross.—KEELY.—May 3, at 22 Lower Camden street, Agnes Josephine Keely.—MULLIGAN.—At 25 Garrison lane, Patrick Mulligan, late of Garrison town, County Dublin.—MURPHY.—On May 2, at 150 Rathgar road, Peter Murphy, late of Ballynaseduff.—O'GRADY.—May 3, at Golden Bridge tavern, James O'Grady, late of 67 Cork street.—ROONEY.—May 3, at 39 Mountjoy street, Patrick Rooney.—TATE.—May 3, at Dolphin street, Henry Tate.—TEMPST.—May 2, at Seatown cottages, Dundalk, Fanny Tempst of Roscrea.—REILLY.—March 23, at 31 Duncairn avenue, Bray, Margaret Kelly of Portlarnock, County Dublin.—TOBIN.—On March 25, Sarah Tobin, 31 Sir John Rogerson's quay.—MURPHY.—March 23, at Private hospital, 18 Blessington street, Thomas Murphy, cattle dealer, Dominick and Mountjoy streets.—DEBY.—April 30, William Deby, 8 Synott place.—JOLLEY.—May 1, at Granby place, John Jolley.—JOYCE.—May 1, at 2 Prussia street, Henry Joyce, aged twenty-two.—KENNY.—April 30, at 114 Seville place, North Strand road, Kate Kenny, formerly of Capel street, Dublin.—CLIFFORD.—At 184 North King street, Catherine Clifford, formerly of Manor and North King streets.—COGGAN.—April 28, at 64 East Arran street, Mrs. Honor Coggan, daughter of the late Thomas Whelan.—HOPKINS.—April 28, at 27 Millmount avenue, Drumcondra, Nicholas David Hopkins, late of Coolbeg, Wicklow, aged sixty-eight.—ROCHE.—May 2, at Meath hospital, Bridget Roche, aged sixty-five years, of 33 Haroldcross.—MORRIS.—At the Hospice, Haroldcross, Emma Morris.—O'DRAFFERTY.—April 28, Eliza O'Drafferty, late of Kinnegad, aged eighty years.—FOX.—May 4, at 22 Constitution hill, Michael Fox.—GILL.—May 4, at Roebuck House, Cloaskeagh, Mary Julia Gill, aged fifty-nine years.—HENNESSY.—May 4, at 41 Arran quay, Ellen Hennessy.

KILDARE.—On Thursday and Friday evenings, April 27 and 28, two grand concerts were given in the Christian Brothers' schools, Monasterevan, under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League. The success of the concerts is mainly due to the Rev. J. Kane, president of the branch, and John Lawless, the tenor and singing master of the boys' and girls' classes. The rallying song of the Gaelic League was the first item rendered by over a hundred voices of the boys' and girls' classes. Then followed songs in Irish and English, Irish hornpipes, reels and jigs, with harp solos, by the Misses O'Connor, Strullen and Magan (gold medalists).

KILKENNY.—On May 7 a great demonstration of Nationalists was held in Mooncoin. Contingents of large dimensions attended from the populous districts of which Mooncoin is the center. It was a fine display of the unanimity which exists in all South Kilkenny to support the Irish party and extend the beneficent influence of the national organization, the United Irish League.

LONGFORD.—John O'Frawley, Gorteen, N. S., Ballymahon, County Longford, wrote to the Society For the Preservation of the Irish Language lately as follows: "This year I am teaching Irish to the whole school, from infants up to seventh standard. Infants, first and second, are at the tablets. Instruction is given on five days of the week, and that to a total of eighty children on the rolls." That is the way to revive the Irish language.

John Mathews, one of the principal merchants in Longford and ex-chairman of the Longford Urban district council, died May 3 on Main street, Longford.

LOUTH.—On the morning of May 1 a destructive fire was discovered at the residence of Captain Higgins, Barrack street, Dundalk. Mr. McDonald, son of the contractor who is carrying out works at the barracks, had the artillery fire brigade turned out. The family, seven in number, were asleep and the house a mass of flames. Fortunately they were able to be rescued by means of ladders. All the furniture and interior of the house were burned out.

On May 4, in the pretty chapel of the Convent of Mercy, St. Mary's, Drogheda, the profession took place of Sister Mary Ita. The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, bishop of Meath, assisted by the Rev. C. O'Farrell, St. Mary's. The young lady who made her vows is daughter of John Daly, Kiltute.

QUEEN'S.—The death of Mrs. Catherine Delaney of Main street, Maryborough, occurred April 26 at the age of seventy-five.

On April 26 (Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel) the solemn and impressive ceremony of the professions of novices took place in the St. Michael's Presentation convent, Portlarnock. The Most Rev. Dr. Foley officiated, as stated by the Rev. E. O'Leary, Portlarnock. The young ladies who made their vows were Miss Ryan (in religion Sister Mary Imelda), daughter of Mr. Ryan, Murroe, Limerick; Miss Carly, daughter of Mr. Carly, Greenogue, Rathcoole, Dublin, and Miss O'Connor (in religion Sister Mary), daughter of Mr. O'Connor, Knocklong, Limerick.

WESTMEATH.—The death occurred on April 28 of Dr. William J. Keane, Ballinacary, at the residence of his brother, P. Keane of Templepatrick, Moyvone.

On April 30 a large meeting of the Nationalists of Athlone and its neighborhood was held under the auspices of the St. Peter's branch of the U. I. L. John P. Hayden and William Field, M. P.'s, were met at the station by a deputation from the U. I. L. and received by the venerable dean of Elphin. The Right Rev. Mgr. Kelly, dean of Elphin, presided, and having submitted a series of resolutions, delivered an eloquent address, in the course of which he dealt with the issues involved in the national struggle. Addresses were also delivered by Mr. Hayden and Mr. Field.

WEXFORD.—On May 3 the impressive ceremony of the profession of a nun took place at the Presentation convent, Wexford. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Ferns, officiating, assisted by the Rev. P. Doyle, administrator. The young lady who had the happiness of making her final vows was Miss B. Tyrrell in religion Sister Mary Bridget, daughter of Thomas Tyrrell of Clough, Gorey.

The Harvey estate, one of the most important in the county, has been sold to the tenants. It is important because it runs from the outskirts of the town in fact, it starts from the town itself. The first holding upon it includes Blash opwater distillery, which belong to John E. Barry, which is doing an immense trade in whisky all over the kingdom. The townlands are White rock, Whitewell, Newtown, Pembroke town, Shilperoy Green, Ballykilliney, Sheepwalk, Sheephouse, Killane, Ballynaagar and Ballynoogue, all within two miles from Wexford. The land is of prime quality and has been fairly rented. The terms of the sale are twenty-two and a half years' purchase on first term rents and twenty-five and a quarter years' purchase on second term rents. The estate is worth £200,000. One of the holdings upon it is Killaneville, where the family of Aylward lived for generations, which is now owned by the popular sportsman John R. Cooper, crown solicitor.

On April 30 the ceremony of unveiling and blessing two statues, one of the Blessed Virgin and the other of St. Joseph took place in the parish church, Lady's Island. A beautiful lamp of solid silver, the gift also of another anonymous benefactor, has been suspended in front of each of the altars on which the statues stand.

On Sunday, April 30, a very successful Gaelic League meeting was held in Glenbrien and a strong branch formed. The following are those who assisted in organizing the branch: Rev. Father Druhan, Glenbrien; Messrs. McCarthy, N. T., Glenbrien; Thomas Cleary, Glenbrien; Owen Redmond, Glenbrien, Mr. Corkery, organizer for St. Ibar's district, and Mr. O'Flynn, Wexford, were also present. In the absence of Father Druhan, Thomas Cleary presided. Fifty persons handed in their names as members of the new branch and as many more are expected. The following were appointed as an organizing committee: T. Cleary, Mr. Murphy, Laurence Lambert, John Whitty, James Cleary, Owen Redmond, Nicholas Heron, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Nolan.

On May 1, before A. C. Newell, R. M., Ballinacree, thirteen young men, all of the respectable farming class, were charged with taking part in an unlawful assembly. James Blake, S. C. P., prosecuted, and H. Davidson defended the prisoners, who were all arrested and brought to Ballinacree on cars. The prisoners are members of bands. Their names are: James Kelly, Cathgarr; John Dooley, Hardwood; Pat Whelan, Killoran; Stephen Dolan, Aughrim; Martin Dolan, Aughrim; Thomas Fahy, Aughrim; Thomas Coen, John Burne (conductor of band), Patrick Wood, Killoran; John Kelly, Tristane; Michael Carly, Killygrove; Stephen Loughane, Aughrim, and Pat Goode. The evidence of the police disclosed no act of violence or disorder. The crowd numbered, according to one witness, about 150, and they were marching through the streets playing pipes and cheering. The case for the crown was that these parties were got up for the purpose of intimidating persons from taking grass farms. The accused were committed for trial, but were liberated on bail.

On Sunday, April 30, in the chapel yard, Oranmore, a great public meeting was held under the auspices of the United Irish League. The meeting included delegates from all the towns and villages. A large force of police were sent and two official government note takers.

On Easter Monday night a successful entertainment was held in the Moyrullen school under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League. The performance consisted of an exclusively Irish concert, followed by Dr. Hyde's play, "The Bursting of the Bubble." The parts in the play were ably filled. Lady Lieutenant, Miss N. MacDonogh, Lady in waiting, Miss A. Canfield, Professor's wife, Miss N. Savage, Sean-Bhean, Miss M. Barrett; Lord Lieutenant, W. Savage; Dr. MacKintin, Mr. Sheehan; Dr. Magaffy, N. Manly; Aid-de-camp, Patrick Coyne; Usher, Master M. Morris; other professors, Messrs. Peter Coyne, P. Flaherty, M. MacDonogh, John Holland and J. Rabbitt.

LEITRIM.—On April 30 a meeting of the South Leitrim executive, U. I. L., was held in Reynolds' coach factory show room, Mohill. Dr. Mulcahy, president, presided. There was a large attendance from all the branches of South Leitrim, including Mohill, Cloone, Ballinamore, Drumreilly, Barnacoola, Gortagh, Gortlettara, Fenagh, Aughastown and others.

MAYO.—On May 1, at Westport, Austin McGillich, corn and wool merchant, died, aged sixty-six years.

The many friends of the Rev. John J. Noone, B. D., son of Michael Noone, Drumcondra, Clarendon, will be glad to hear of his elevation to the priesthood on April 22 in the Irish college, Rome, where he has been during the past five years. Father Noone was born in Clarendon in the national school.

Thomas Conway, Ballydrum, Swinford, died April 22, aged thirty-five.

On April 25 the religious profession of Miss Annie Higgins, daughter of Patrick Higgins, Killybegs, and sister of the Rev. P. Higgins in religion Sister M. Aloysius, and Miss Aggie Kelly, daughter of T. B. Kelly, Teeling street, Ballina (in religion Sister M. Patrick), took place. The ceremony was performed by the bishop of Achonry, Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, assisted by the Rev. Father Gildea, Killybegs, Ballinrobe, occurred at Main street, Ballinrobe, on April 28.

ROSCOMMON.—On May 1 the corner, J. J. Burke, held an inquest at Roscommon railway station, touching the death of Michael Kearns, killed the other night by a mail train. The deceased was a laborer, residing in one of the Ardnagh cottages near the station. A verdict of death by accident was found.

The grazing ranch known as the Callow farm, comprising 700 acres, has been purchased by the congested districts board. The sale to the board was not expected in these localities, the first notification the people received being the posting of notices stating that the congested districts board would take grazing cattle on the farm on the 8th of May. The struggle waged for the splitting up of this ranch has gone on for over half a century, and the cessation of hostilities has been welcomed by all.

The death of Miss Annie Teresa Coleman, who commenced teaching school in Castleera fifty-four years ago, occurred recently.

Miss Ellen Grady, Franchpark, died April 22.

SLIGO.—Father Monaghan has been elected president of the Magheron branch of the United Irish League, P. Walsh vice president, P. Lophan treasurer, P. Meehan secretary and I. P. Jordan assistant secretary.

James Devaney, brother-in-law of the Rev. P. J. O'Grady, died at Tonafortis on May 8.

Rev. B. Quinn presided at recent meeting of the Mullinabreena branch of the U. I. L. The committee proceeded to select candidates for the electoral divisions of Branchfield and Streamstown. Thomas Gallagher and Pat Gorman were selected for Branchfield and Neil O'Donnell and Bartley Roddy for Streamstown. The following resolution was passed in silence: "That we, the members of the Mullinabreena branch of the U. I. League, express our sincerest sympathy to Neil O'Donnell on the death of his sister Teresa, who was beloved not only in the family circle, but by all the parishioners." As a mark of respect all other business was left over to the next meeting.

Connaught

GALWAY.—On April 28 the house of a farmer, Thomas Furry, Oranbeg, near Oranmore, was burned to the ground, together with his seed and manure which he had in stock. He, with his wife, was at the seashore gathering seaweed when they noticed the fire, and before they could reach the scene their home was burned to the ground. Their five children, who happened to be in the house at the time, had a narrow escape from death. As a result of the fire Furry has lost all his goods at one