

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 May 27, under the auspices of the Coláiste Ceannair, Belfast, the discussion concerning the organization of the Gaelic league in Belfast and district was resumed. The language movement is one of wide national scope, and in its many phases it has made marvelous progress; hence the necessity for a revision in the organization. John Miller presided. Present: Seamus O'Connell, B. A.; Tadhg Mac a' Bhaird, Diarmuid O'Foghla, Seaghan O'Connell, D. O'Leary, Art MacGlotha, Seamus MacGlotha, E. MacGlotha, Seamus O'Connell, Seaghan O'Connell, Miss Lavery, Miss O'Hare, J. Gormley, J. Marley, E. Valley, J. Power, H. O'Connell, Liam O'Leary and others. The subject having been carefully considered, it was decided on the motion of Tadhg Mac a' Bhaird "that the subject of a change in the organization of Belfast and District Gaelic league be referred to the Coláiste Ceannair."

ARMAGH.—On May 26 in Armagh courthouse T. W. Kilpatrick, subsheriff, returning officer, counted the votes for the contests in the county council divisions of Armagh. The following are the results: Keady, M. Smyth (N.), elected; Drumcree, J. B. Wilson (U.), elected; Tandragee, M. Linton (U.), elected; Middletown, Sir James Stronge (U.), elected; Forkhill, M. C. Larkin (N.), elected.

Excitement was manifested throughout the election recently of six members of the Lurgan board of guardians. There were eight candidates, and a heavy vote resulted as follows: John Fleming, 788; John McNally, M. H. Brown, 690; John Johnston, 598; James Weir, 489; William J. Fleming, 477, elected. As Messrs. Fleming and McNally are prominent Catholics there was great jubilation among their co-religionists when it became known they were elected by a magnificent majority. In the Lurgan rural division Thomas Fallon and John H. Bridgett succeeded in holding their seats, while Joseph Campbell, a Catholic and United Irish league, was beaten by only twenty-one in the Kilmore division.

CAVAN.—Close to 600 persons from Cavan, Clones, Bellefleur and the country around were present lately in the large building in Butlersbridge, which Andrew McCarren, mayor of Cavan, placed at the disposal of J. Flynn, N. T., for the concert and dramatic entertainment organized by him for the enlargement of Coolboyne national school. It was a great success. Among the artists who contributed to this pleasant result were Mrs. Roche, Cavan; M. McGuinness, bagpipers; Patrick Faulkner, dancing; Miss L. Gannon, Indian club display, and C. A. O'Brien, humorous chatter, etc.

DERRY.—James Walker, signman, the oldest member of the Midland railway (northern counties committee), at Coleraine railway station, died lately at Church's Walls, Coleraine, at the age of seventy-three years.

DONEGAL.—Great regret was felt in Inishowen at the death, on May 29, of John O'Doherty, Ungal, Malin.

The tenants of the agricultural portion of the Earl of Arran's Donegal estate signed lately agreements for the purchase of their holdings. Terms: A reduction of 6 shillings in the pound on first term rents; 4 shillings in the pound on second term rents; turbary and sporting rights to tenants; the half year's rent due 1st inst. added to purchase money; the tenants pay 3 1/2 per cent. interest until the purchase money be paid by the government to the landlord.

A mission conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers was opened on May 20 in the Rock chapel, Ballyshannon, by the Rev. Fathers Sutton and Shappon. The chapel was filled with congregations each evening, large numbers coming in from the adjoining districts. Masses were said each morning after a very instructive sermon was preached.

DOWN.—The Sisters of Mercy in Downpatrick intend to signalize the jubilee of their establishment by opening the new wing to their schools. In aid of the enlargement of the schools a sermon was preached in St. Patrick's Memorial church on June 19 by Very Rev. Father Malachy, C. P., rector of Holy Cross monastery, Ardara, which evoked a response most generous.

FERRANAGH.—The Enniskillen branch of the Irish National Foresters has purchased a freehold plot at Eden street for the purpose of building a new hall. It is negotiating for a loan of £1,000 from the central executive. Although not long established, the Develish branch has several thousand dollars in surplus funds.

The movement for the establishment of a dramatic club in Enniskillen has gone another step. The young men of the Gaelic league are enthusiasts. They held a meeting in St. Michael's rooms, Padraic-a-Cleary presiding, and decided to get under way. They will have no plays that are not Irish in sentiment and true to life.

MONAGHAN.—A cockfight was to have taken place early on May 25 between Keady and Tyholland at Reen, but the arrival of police prevented. About 2:30 a. m. a crowd assembled in a field at Reen and made preparations for "sport." Several birds were shipped, weighed and spurred and a pit made. Policemen from Middletown,

Glasslough and Castlethorne secreted themselves in an outhouse near the field, and there was confusion among the crowd when the police came upon them. The sports flew in every direction. No arrests were effected.

The impressive May procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin was performed on Sunday, May 21, at St. Lou's convent, Carrickmacross. The procession started from the convent grounds to the sweet strains of "I Sing a Hymn to Mary," and traversed the portion of the main street leading to Bath avenue, where was erected an altar of Mary decorated with flowers and lights. Large numbers of people from the town and country came to make profession of their love for Mary Immaculate. Arrived at the altar of Our Lady, the Act of Consecration and Litany were read by Father Maguire and joined in by all. Returning to the church, a reception of children of Mary took place, after which benediction of the most blessed sacrament was given.

TYRONE.—While proceeding along the Gortin gap on May 23 a little boy found traces of blood along the road. When he got to Gortin he informed the police, and they proceeded to the place. Not being able to find whence the blood proceeded, they got a dog, which led them up the mountains, where they found a man with his throat cut. Dr. Bradley attended to the wounds. The man, who was very weak from loss of blood, was conveyed to a hospital. He will recover.

The death took place, May 25, at Portrush of Rev. Bernard Nugent, pastor of Lissan.

Munster

CLARE.—The death of John Walsh, Torloraghmore, took place unexpectedly on May 21 at the age of seventy-five years.

CORK.—The tenants of the Durdin estate, Ballycotton, have been negotiating for the purchase of their holdings under the land act. They are all year tenants and never had their rents fixed in the Irish land commission court. The landlords are Charles Durdin, New Zealand, and George Durdin of Mayo, and the agent is James Penrose Fitzgerald, Middleton, and on the latter the tenants waited at the estate office at Middleton and offered to buy at twenty-one years' purchase on their rents. They were informed that this was not sufficient and that landlords would not accept less than twenty-one and a half years' purchase. The town lands on the estate are Shanagarry, Ballynamona and Ballybrannigan.

Jeremiah Twomey, the secretary of the Macroom branch of the Gaelic league, was recently made the recipient of a gold medal, presented by the branch as a token of its appreciation of his services to the Gaelic league branch. The medal, beautifully designed and finished by Mr. Mangin, Cork, bears in Gaelic characters the inscription: "From the Macroom branch of the Gaelic league to their dear friend, John Twomey. Presented at his departure, May, 1905."

A dispatch from Middleton lately stated that at an early hour the sheriff's bailiffs, protected by police, made a seizure for rent on the lands of Patrick O'Brien at Glenbeg, Dugaughey, Middleton, but the only animal found was a mule, which was not the property of O'Brien. The landlord is Edmond Barry, who resides in Cork city. O'Brien is a first term tenant and some time ago made an offer to purchase his holding at twenty years of his judicial rent, which was refused by the landlord.

Dr. M. K. O'Driscoll died on June 1 at Brade House, Leap.

A special meeting of the Cork branch of the United Irish league was held May 29 in the committee room, municipal buildings, Cork, to give expression to the feelings of sincere regret which the announcement of the death of J. F. X. O'Brien evoked in Nationalist circles in the city and to pass a resolution of sympathy and condolence to his relatives. A. Roche presided. Present: Michael Murphy, solicitor; W. H. McMahon, C. Corcoran, C. Buckley, D. McGrath, T. Goggin, J. Reynolds, J. C. Forde, N. O'Keefe, T. C. Denis Coughlan, John Cremin, C. Millard, T. C. William Aberne, Denis Cronin, J. Huggins, M. Curtin, J. O'Connell, D. Callaghan, J. Hogan, J. Roche and others.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—O'Ryan—May 28, at Kennington, London, Dr. John Edmund O'Ryan.—ENRIGHT.—On May 28, at Clonakilly, Anne Enright, Jr.—NOONAN—May 28, at 68 Bandon road, James Noonan.—LUCY.—May 29, John Lucy of Lucy & O'Connell, seedmen, Mulgrave road, Cork.—CAGNEY—On May 28, Woking, Charles Francis Cagney, B. A.—MIDDLE.—May 28, at Crossbarry, Upton, Margaret Buckley.—PALMER.—On May 30, at Cahernagh, Rev. Thomas Palmer, P. P.—WALSH.—On May 30, at Ballinacraig, Rathearmac, James Walsh, father of Rev. J. Walsh, Sydney.—JACKSON.—On May 31, Francis Jackson of Brighton villas, aged seventy-two years.—O'CALLAGHAN.—On May 31, at Glenbrook House, Passage West, Cassie O'Callaghan.—REILLY.—On May 28, Alfred B. Reilly of the Hill, Douglas.—SCOLLARD.—On May 27, at 5 Bellevue terrace, Queenstown, Captain Jeremiah Scollard.—O'SULLIVAN.—On May 28, at Cork District hospital, John O'Sullivan.—HAN—NAN.—On May 27, James Hannan, at the Hill, Kilmallock.—MURPHY.—On May 27, John Murphy, late of Clash, Ballinacraig.—RIORDAN.—On May 27, at Main street, Macroom, John Riordan.—NORMIE.—May 27, at the Square, Glin, Mrs. Hanoria Normie, relict of the late James Normie, in her seventy-ninth year.—DORGAN.—On June 2, at Fair Field, Mary Dorgan.—HORGAN.—At Carrigeen, Crookstown, Thomas Horgan.—MORRIS—

SEY.—On June 1, at Barney, Doni Morrissey, road steward.—GRIFIN.—On May 29, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, W. Peter Griffin.—GILLES.—On May 30, at St. Patrick's hospital, Wellington road, Michael Gilles.—SULLIVAN.—On May 31, at Barnahally cottage, Ringaskiddy, Patrick Sullivan, late carpenter R. N.—HURLEY.—At Clonakilly on May 29, Edward John Christopher Hurley.—MCCARTHY.—On June 1, at 14 George's quay, Edmund McCarthy.—JACKSON.—On May 31, Francis Jackson of Brighton villas, aged seventy-two years.—O'SULLIVAN.—At Rockgrove terrace, Lower Glanville road, on June 1, Richard Joseph Alphonse O'Sullivan, aged nineteen years.—CREEDON.—At Toonsbridge, Maecroon, on June 1, Hugh Creedon.—WALLACE.—May 30, at Belgrave road, Rathmines, Dublin, Elizabeth Wallace, C. E. and architect, Limerick.—OLEARY.—On May 31, at Carey's Cross, Bandon, Daniel O'Leary, aged fifty years.

KERRY.—It was with sincere regret the people of Brosna and Knocknagoshel learned of the transfer lately from among them of the Rev. G. O'Callaghan. He has been transferred to Dingle.

A case raising the point of the issuing of dog licenses in Irish was heard at the last Ballinaspittle sessions and will be further thrashed out in the superior courts. A Mrs. Dempsey was summoned for having an unlicensed dog, but it was proved that the animal was her son's. The son had applied at the proper quarter to have the dog's license made out in Irish, and this was refused.

The following changes have been made by the Right Rev. Dr. Mangin, bishop of Kerry: Rev. G. O'Callaghan, C. C. Brosna, to be C. C. Dingle; Rev. P. Buckley, C. C. Castletownbere, to be C. C. Brosna; Rev. J. Brink, C. C. Castlegory, to be C. C. Rathmore; Rev. M. P. Fitzgerald, C. C. Tralee, to be C. C. Causeway; Rev. C. Power, C. C. Ballymacelligott, to be C. C. Tralee; Rev. T. Shea, C. C. Castlemaine, to be C. C. Castlegory.

At a meeting of the Kerry '98 Memorial association, held in the Kerry People's office, T. T. O'Connor presided. Present: Jeremiah Cullinan, T. F. O'Sullivan, Timothy O'Mahony, M. P. Ryle, T. J. McCarthy, John Quirke, M. O'Sullivan, M. Hurley, Patrick O'Brien, Robert Fitzgerald, Eugene O'Sullivan and M. Moynihan. With regard to the set of medals presented to the association by Mr. McCarthy, home from South Africa, for competition among football teams it was decided to ask the county board to make draws for the tournament. Mr. Sullivan stated that in addition to the £10 8 shillings already handed in from Liscorney there was a sum of £7 4 shillings on hand by the local treasurer, Mr. Bunyan. It was decided that the pedestal should be finished and all the arrangements therewith paid off before any arrangements were made in connection with the figure.

Miss Kathleen O'Connell, daughter of Mr. Mortimer of the cable company, Ballinacraig, died May 22.

LIMERICK.—The committee of the Young Ireland society who have charge of the memorial tablet to John Francis O'Donnell, Limerick poet, are in possession of much information regarding his birth and early life. The committee would be glad to hear from any one in a position to give them more information on the subject of the birthplace of the poet.

A good meeting of the Munster United Irish league was held lately. M. Purcell presided. The following members attended: J. Dundon, V. C.; P. Mulqueen, treasurer; W. Mulcahy, secretary; M. Hayes, Charles Keogh, James Keogh, M. Buckley, T. Treacy, J. Daly, J. Hourigan, J. Malone, C. Cahill, J. Lynch, P. Byrnes, J. Noonan, D. Coleman, J. Jones, J. Herbert, J. O'Brien, J. Harvey, M. Finch, M. Hayes, M. Reynolds, J. Casey, T. Hogan, H. Hayes, William Spaight, P. Quilligan, M. Murray, William Molloy, E. Minahan, P. Brennan, T. O'Brien and Denis Bourke. Important matters were discussed, the publication of which was deferred to a future date. It was unanimously proposed that the branch assist the two tenants on the Cobden estate threatened by their landlord for arrears of rent, though a reasonable offer has been made by these tenants, but declined by the landlord and his agent.

Two Nationalists, John Hassett and James Hannan, recently died at Kilmallock.

WATERFORD.—The sovereign pontiff has, on the recommendation of Right Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lismore, conferred the degree of doctor of divinity on the following: Rev. Denis Whelan, professor of theology, St. John's college, Waterford; Rev. Michael Sheehan, M. A., D. Ph., professor of ancient classics, St. Patrick's college, Maynooth, and Rev. Patrick Beecher, M. A., professor of pastoral theology, sacred eloquence and elocution, St. Patrick's college, Maynooth.

A meeting was held in Morrissey's hotel lately of the West Waterford executive of U. I. L. P. F. Walsh, president, occupied the chair. Present: Talbot, Alex. Heskin, Redmond O'Brien, P. Clancy, Ballyduff, James Brackett, Lismore, R. O'Donnell, John Dooney, Dr. P. R. Dennehy, Cappoquin, M. J. Kenny, Thomas Keane, M. O'Connell, J. Dempsey, Modelgill, Walter Collier, M. Sullivan, John Fynn, M. Ducey, Ballinacraig, William Stack, Thomas Griffin, Roger Ryan, Dungarvan, M. J. Casey. The secretary read a letter from the central directory that the Cappoquin branch had been affiliated. In connection with the resolution passed at last meeting dealing with evicted tenants on the Nugent Humble estate, Dungarvan, letters were read from the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore and P. J. Power, M. P. Mr. Power added:

"The matter is one of great importance and Mr. O'Shea, M. P., has drawn the attention of the chief secretary and the estates commissioners to the circumstances with the view of procuring the reinstatement of the evicted tenants."

Leinster

CARLOW.—On the Feast of the Ascension during the first mass at the cathedral, Carlow, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, assisted by the Rev. Dean Brophy, Carlow college, ordained to the priesthood, for the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, the Rev. William Byrne and the Rev. Miss Walsh.

On May 30 Miss Mary Sheppard (in religion Sister Mary Patrick, daughter of William Sheppard, Mount Wolseley Heath, Tullow, made her final vows at the Presentation convent, Castlemore. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Canon Condy, Castlemore.

DUBLIN.—On the arrival of a train from Bray at Dundrum on May 24 John D. Gerrard, B. L., was discovered lying in one of the first class carriages with a deep wound on the side of his head. The train proceeded to Harcourt street station, where Mr. Gerrard was removed. Sir Thomas Myles, having attended to Mr. Gerrard, ordered his removal to the private hospital in Charlemont street. Mr. Gerrard improved sufficiently to state that before reaching Dundrum he leaned out of the window of the carriage and received a terrific blow on the head which knocked him down. He could not say what struck him, and up to the present the occurrence remains a mystery. At the hospital Sir Thomas Myles found that Mr. Gerrard had sustained a scalp wound three inches long, the flesh being turned upward and across the top of the head. A number of stitches were put into the wound, and Mr. Gerrard, although suffering from concussion of the brain, is making satisfactory progress.

The death of Walter Furlong, racing reporter of the Independent, took place at Limerick Junction on May 20. Recent Deaths in Dublin.—PRESTON.—At 14 Newport street, Mrs. Mary Preston, eldest daughter of the late John and Margaret Flynn, formerly of Tullamore.—QUINN.—On May 31, at Convent of Mercy, Garnethill, Glasgow, Sister Magdalene, daughter of the late Edward Quinn, of the Drumcondra Training college.—WALLACE.—May 30, at Belgrave road, Rathmines, Elizabeth, relict of the late Henry Wallace, C. E. and architect, Limerick.—WHITE.—On May 30, at Our Lady's hospice, Haroldscross, James White, late member of the Bakers' association.—BYRNE.—May 30, at Jervis street hospital, John Byrne, late city wheel works.—CASEY.—At 71 Mesple road, Michael Casey.—HYLAND.—May 30, at Burch quay, Marcella Hyland.—MAHON.—May 29, at Boherboy, Saggart Bridge, Mahon.—FENLON.—May 31, Elizabeth Fenlon, aged fifty-eight.—FITZPATRICK.—June 1, Mary Fitzpatrick, Tranquilla House, Haroldscross.—KEOGH.—On May 31, at Crookings, Brittas, James Keogh, at an advanced age.—PLUNKETT.—June 1, at 19 Lower Mount street, James Plunkett of Clondroon, Summerhill, Westmeath.—CHILD.—May 28, at 6 Addison road, Fairview, Captain Michael Child, aged seventy years.—DUNNE.—May 28, at 24 Annesley avenue, Bridget Dunne, aged fifty-four years.—LANGAN.—May 27, at 53 Lower Clonbrassil street, Joseph Langan.—LEFE.—On May 29, Catherine Lee of Clallon.—LEYNE.—May 29, at 35 Upper Leeson street, Jeremiah J. Leyne, son of the late Captain Richard Leyne, aged eighty years.—MAHER.—On May 29, at 69 Marlborough street, Austin Joseph Maher, in his sixty-third year.—O'KELLY.—May 28, at Bridgeline convent, Mountmerris, Sister Mary Aloysius O'Kelly, in the eighty-seventh year of her age.—OTTOLE.—May 27, at 47 Dolphin's Barn street, Robert O'Toole, late of Tigrooney, Avoca, County Wicklow.—SORDS.—May 28, at 3 Waterloo place, William Sords, late Captain R. E. aged seventy-eight years.—BENNETT.—June 1, at 18 Duke street, Anne Bennett, Ballytharrah, Avoca.—CARROLL.—June 2, at 100 James street, Margaret Carroll.—FARRINGTON.—June 2, at the private hospital, 35 Eccles street, Denis Farrington, in his eighty-third year.—HARRINGTON.—June 2, at Watling street, Henry Harrington, formerly of Bath-sallagh, County Wicklow.—KEOGH.—June 1, at St. Patrick Dun's hospital, Beale A. Keogh.—BYRNE.—May 28, Francis Joseph Byrne.—CRONIN.—May 27, at 48 Lansdowne road, Mrs. Cronin, in her seventy-third year.—DUFFY.—May 27, at Royal hospital, Bonnybrook, James Duffy, late of 69 Mesple street.—FRENCH.—May 29, suddenly, Edward J. French, Annadale, Clontarf.—FULHAM.—May 27, at Postrane, Donabate, Mrs. Bridget Fulham.—HUGHES.—May 28, at the Lodge, Victoria Hill, Kilmey, Martin Hughes, at an advanced age.—MCCORMICK.—May 28, at the Mater hospital, Margaret McCormick of 6 Bonham street.—MCDONNELL.—May 27, at 64 Church street, Edward McDonnell.—SWIFT.—May 27, at Sunnyside, Kilmalham, Mary, aged twenty-three years, wife of Nicholas Swift.—SYNNOTT.—May 27, at 12 Tritonville road, Sandymount, Dr. John G. Synnott, F. R. S., L. S. A., L. M., aged sixty-two years.—NEVILLE.—May 28, at Stevens' hospital, Mary Neville, 25 Little Ship street.—OHARA.—May 22, Patrick O'Hara.—JOYCE.—May 24, at Seafield House, Merrion, George Joyce, aged forty-three years.—MULVHILL.—May 17, at Emor street, S. O. R. Lucy Mulvihill, aged seventy-eight years, of Ballymahon, County Longford.

KILDARE.—Mrs. Sheil died lately in Athy at the age of 100 years.

KILKENNY.—The Kilkenny feis and industrial exhibition proved a success.

The old city was thronged with visitors. The occupations were generous support, the entries numbering 500. The industrial exhibition covered a wide field of stock, special prominence being given to domestic industries. The vocal, instrumental, language and dancing competitions were good. In the evening there was a concert in the new theater, in which the prize winners and others took part.

KINGS.—Mrs. Powell, wife of Daniel Powell, editor of the Midland Tribune died at Mr. Powell's residence at Crinicle on May 25.

LONGFORD.—A young farmer belonging to Carrickward was, it is stated, to have been married lately to a lady residing near Edgeworthstown. On the day before the ceremony the bridegroom made all arrangements and then went out. As he failed to return his friends went to look for him next morning, and he was found in a drain asleep. To the surprise of all the sleeper could not be awakened, and though showing signs of vitality, appeared to be in a trance. He was carried home and medical aid summoned but he did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Mary Maxwell of Rathmore Ballymoran, died on May 29.

LOUTH.—John Walsh, North road Drogheda, was awarded the silver medal in the flute competition at the recent fairs held in the Ancient Concert rooms, Dublin.

MEATH.—Mrs. Marcella Barry of Ardruims, Enfield, died May 29, aged ninety-two years.

A very successful meeting to support Thomas McIvor, opposed by Captain Osborne, Unionist, was held at the chapel of Ardath. The meeting was also to reorganize the branch of the United Irish league, of which Mr. McIvor is president. Mr. McIvor presided and Mr. McIvor, U. I. L. organizer, addressed the meeting. Denis Johnston appealed to the people to support the league candidate as against the unionist. Eighty new members were enrolled in the national organization.

QUEEN'S.—A short time since there died at Ballylebane, Jane Morris, at the age of 104 years.

A branch of the Gaelic league has been founded in Portlargo. The names of a large number of members were enrolled by the secretary, J. McManus. The following officers were appointed: President, Rev. Father O'Leary, deputy chairman, P. T. McHale, vice president, Rev. Father Brophy, honorable secretary, J. McManus, as assistant secretary, Mr. Wright, treasurer, Mr. Burke, committee, Messrs. Roche, Riddick, O'Farrell, McCullough, O'Brennan and Messrs. Fox and Donaghy.

WESTMEATH.—William Heslin, aged between seventy and eighty, died recently at Clonsilla.

WEXFORD.—Michael Curran of Ballyvaughan, and another man named Byrne were returning from the fair of Black water lately, and went into a field at Garryradden to talk with a man named Roche. Curran and Byrne began to argue as to which of them was the better athlete. The argument turned to a wrangle, and both men got up to box. Apparently Byrne struck Curran, knocking him down. Curran fell on his face and when picked up was dying and only lived a few minutes.

Rev. Thomas Power, C. S. S. R., formerly a member of the community of Redemptorist Fathers at Clonard monastery, Belfast, died on June 2.

A most impressive Nationalist demonstration took place May 28 at Ennis cortby, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of the memorial to patriots who fell at the battle of Vinegar Hill. It was the one hundred and seventh anniversary of the capture of the town by the gallant peasant soldiers. An immense concourse of people assembled, special trains bringing crowds from Leinster and Munster. Before the foundation stone was laid the procession passed through the town and proceeded to Vinegar Hill. The procession was composed of branches of the Gaelic league, the United Irish league, Gaelic Athletic association, National Foresters and other bodies. Numerous banners were borne, one being held aloft by relatives of Father John Murphy, who so valiantly led his brave Wexfordmen. Sir Thomas Esmonde brought a large contingent from Ballynastagh, and two small cannon were in the procession mounted on gun carriages. A cannon ball used at the battle of Vinegar Hill was also carried by the Ballynastagh contingent. Several clergymen were present during the laying of the foundation stone and at the meeting held subsequently. Sir Thomas Esmonde, M. P., laid the foundation stone and addressed the assembly.

WICKLOW.—A special meeting of the Dwyer and McAllister memorial committee was held lately at their rooms, Ballyglass, Denis Kehoe presiding. Present were E. O'Neill, J. T. Clarke, Willie Huey, J. Flynn, M. Lawler, T. F. Doyle, P. Moore, M. Hanrahan and J. W. Byrne, secretary. The secretary read letters in reference to the tournament, promising to support same. Mr. Smyth, sculptor, sent a plan of the railing, which was admired. The secretary said matters were now completed and, granted fine weather, they hoped to have a very successful meeting.

Connaught

GALWAY.—The death of Miss Jessie Larkin, Loughrea, occurred in Dublin May 24.

The death of Sister M. Austin (Miss Margaret Bowes, daughter of M. Bowes, Cahermore, Loughrea) took place in Dublin May 25.

Miss Nannie Roche of Eyre square, Galway, died suddenly in Lisdoonvarna, Clare.

Thomas Donelan, merchant, Kilkerrin, died on May 27.

On May 27 the death took place of

Mrs. Isabella Mary Bodkin, Roseberry House, Ballinacraig, at the age of seventy-eight years.

LEITRIM.—On May 26 an old resident of Carrick on Shannon passed away in the person of Mrs. B. Burke.

At a recent meeting of the Gortiettergh branch of the United Irish league John Burke presided. Others present were: M. Thoma, treasurer; T. Colvany, J. B. Wane, P. Clancy, J. Mahon, P. Kelly, J. McKenna, P. Reynolds, J. H. Mulvey, J. Punt, J. Canning, M. Duggan and J. F. Smith, secretary. Letters were read from the national secretary, subscriptions were handed in and membership cards distributed.

MAYO.—The Achonry diocesan feis will be held in Kiltimagh on Aug. 22 and 23. Patron, the Most Rev. J. Lyster, D. D., bishop of Achonry; president, Very Rev. D. O'Hara, Kiltimagh; vice president, Rev. P. Mulligan, Curry; M. J. O'Doherty, N. T. Kiltimagh; Rev. J. Daly, D. D., Ballaghaderreen; Rev. M. Keaveney, Castlebar; treasurers, M. C. Henry, Charlestown; T. Morris, Swinford; Rev. J. Spelman, Kiltimagh; D. Murtagh, Kiltimagh; honorary secretaries, Rev. C. Gildie, Kiltimagh; M. J. O'Dougherty, N. T. Kiltimagh. All the priests of the diocese and all the teachers are members of the committee.

John Mullen, formerly guard on the Midland Great Western railway, who had lived in Westport for many years, died in Dublin on May 28.

Rev. Michael MacEvilly, son of James MacEvilly of Bunowen, Loughrea, died on May 27 at Derrynagar, Ballintubber, aged twenty-seven.

ROSCOMMON.—Miss J. S. Sloan of Main street, Boyle, died on May 27.

The death of Patrick Heister of Tonaquill, Mantua, occurred on May 22 at the age of fifty-four years.

The second annual feis of the Castleroa branch of the Gaelic league was held in Castleroa May 25 and was an unqualified success. The town was packed with visitors, and competitors came from Roscommon, Strokestown, Frenchpark, Ballyhaunis, Ballinacraig, etc. The Sisters of Mercy placed their grounds and school buildings at the service of the committee. A procession of Gaelic clubs in costumes, and wearing sashes started from the Market square, headed by the Foxford brass band, and marched through the town, returning to the convent grounds. The feis was opened by the Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly. Those present were: The Right Rev. Mgr. Hanly, Rev. James Martin, Rev. J. McDermott, Rev. T. Sharkey, Rev. M. Brennan, Rev. J. Dolan, Dr. Douglas Hyde, Major M. J. Balfe, Mrs. Balfe, Miss O'Connell, P. J. McLoughlin, Mrs. Neary, John Fitzgibbon, M. H. Grogan and others.

Mrs. M. Keon, teacher of the national school in Derrynagar, Tarnamboy, died in Longford on May 18.

Right Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, set in position the first stone of the new church in Loughlynny Sunday, May 28. Right Rev. Dr. Lyster, bishop of Achonry, preached a most impressive sermon.

On May 30 the Strokestown Dramatic club produced the historical drama "Robert Emmet" in St. Patrick's school before an appreciative audience. The proceeds were handed to the committee of the Gaelic league to help on the feis. Michael Treanor filled the title role and delivered the "speech from the dock" in first rate style.

SLIGO.—Rev. Anthony McHale, Kilglass, and John Garvey, solicitor, have closed negotiations for the sale to the tenants of their holdings in the townlands of Cabra and Carrowhubbie. The rents in both townlands are first term, and there are some arrears due. The terms are twenty-two years' purchase for Cabra, and twenty-three years' purchase for Carrowhubbie, all arrears to May 1, 1905, wiped out. Interest on the purchase money payable from that date. The difference of a year's purchase in the prices is because the lands of the Carrowhubbie are better and form the agricultural portion of the town of Enniscrone. The town of Enniscrone has not been included in the purchase.

A destructive fire occurred at Mullaghmore on May 26 when the sea-side lodge of J. H. Kewald, agent for the Hon. Evelyn Ashley, landlord of the district, was burned down. There was a torchlight procession in connection with local elections, and one theory is that the sparks were carried to the house by the breeze and smoldered for some time till the woodwork caught fire. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000, covered by insurance.

T. O'Dowd presided at the last meeting of the Templeboy branch, U. I. L. Those also present were: P. Lang, James McGuire, P. McAndrew, James Scott, P. Sexton, C. Kilgallen, John May, P. J. Gilgan, A. Kilgallen, S. Tempany, W. Lang, P. Kelly, T. Kelly, P. Scanlon, J. Gilgan, T. Dunne, W. Sexton, M. Golden, James Kilgallen, M. Kilmartin, J. Kelly, M. Finnegan and others. Questions and disputes arising out of turbary business of the Hillas estate were amicably settled through the chairman and the committee. The following resolutions were adopted. They were proposed by Mr. O'Dowd and seconded by James McGuire: "That, in the event of the grazing ranches within this branch being subdivided for enlargement of unproductive holdings, we request our parliamentary representatives, Mr. McKillop and his colleagues, to watch over the interests of the many fine landless young men who will otherwise emigrate to foreign lands. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Messrs. McHugh, McKillop and O'Dowd." Proposed by P. Lang, seconded by P. Marley: "That we tender to P. Flannery the sympathy of this branch on the death of his father. May his soul rest in peace. Amen."