

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.—Some ladies of St. Mary's Training College, Falls road, Belfast, lately produced Dr. Douglas Hyde's one act drama, "An Poind." The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, bishop of Down and Connor, who was to have presided, was unavoidably absent, but the Very Rev. Patrick Convery, St. Paul's, represented him. It was a fine entertainment.

A very interesting paper on "The Irish in America" was read recently by Mr. J. Coleman to a large and appreciative audience in U. I. L. hall, Independent street, Belfast. The chair was taken by the honorable vice president of the ladies' branch, Miss Alice Watson.

The proceedings were opened by Charles Cairns singing "Mavourneen." **ARMAGH.**—The festival of Christmas is always celebrated in the principal city of Armagh with the most impressive ceremonial. The past year the ceremonies were more imposing than usual. At midnight the Cathedral of St. Patrick was filled with a congregation, when pontifical high mass was celebrated by Cardinal Logue; Rev. Michael Quinn, administrator, Armagh, assistant priest; the assistant deacons being Rev. P. Boyle, C. M., St. Patrick's college, and Rev. Joseph Dunne, Armagh. Rev. Joseph Leonard, C. M., St. Patrick's college, and Rev. Joseph W. Brady, Armagh, acted as deacon and subdeacon, and Rev. John O'Connell, C. M., St. Patrick's college, was master of ceremonies. By special permission received by Cardinal Logue from the holy see communion was given at the mass. There was a very large number of communicants.

CAVAN.—T. P. McKenna, county councillor, of Mullagh, recently forwarded a good sum of money to the trustees of the general election fund of the Irish National party. It was subscribed by the members of the Mullagh branch of the United Irish league.

DERRY.—Mrs. John Walsh, Market street, Magherafelt, died Dec. 21. A meeting of the South Donegal divisional executive of the United Irish league was recently held in McElroy's hotel, Donegal, under the presidency of the Very Rev. Dr. McGuire. In addition to the Rev. P. Brennan, Ballintra, and James Dunlevy, chairman of the Donegal county council, the following branches were represented: Killybegs, Patrick Harkin, H. Maguire, P. J. Sweeney; Frosses (Inver) branch, Anthony Gallagher, Charles Campbell, N. McGroarty; Killybegs, Patrick McGroarty, Patrick Gillespie, James Lohan, Michael Thomas, Edward Wallis; South Donegal, No. 1, branch, William Ward, Michael Tunney, Patrick McNulty, P. McGowan, M. Quinn, T. McGann; Ardara, J. Kilbride, Morris Friel; Pettigo, D. J. Flood, John McCaffrey, S.F.; Killybegs, No. 1, Mr. McIntyre, Joseph Stephens; Inver branch, Very Rev. Dr. McGuire, D. E. J. Friel, D. Griffin, J. McEneaney, Donegal (Red Hugh) branch, D. Connolly, M. Duggan, John Martin. The secretary, M. Flood, having read the minutes of the last meeting, the chairman gave an account of the convention in Dublin, which was satisfactory.

On St. Stephen's day a conference of delegates from the branches of the Gaelic league in the province of Ulster was held in the library of St. Columba's hall, Derry. The proceedings, which lasted some hours, were of a very practical character. On the motion of Very Rev. Dr. McGuire, seconded by Father Mulligan, the chair was taken amid applause by the Right Rev. Mr. McGuire. The election of officers being resulted as follows: President, Very Rev. Dr. McGuire, Inver; vice president, Rev. W. M. McCaffrey, B. D. St. Eugene's; Derry; Rev. Father Dempsey, Newcastle; John Ward, Killybegs; Mr. Dunan, Coleraine; Mrs. Hutton, Belfast; and Miss McNeill, Cumbodun; secretary, pro tem, Father Mulligan, Clonduff; treasurer, Right Rev. Mr. McGuire; Mr. Maguire, and Rev. Daniel Sweeney; Litterkenny. In connection with the above some time ago by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell to establish Irish schools for teachers in Litterkenny, the conference decided that the school ought to be in a Irish speaking district, and Litterkenny was not conveniently central to attain that object. The new council was instructed to take immediate steps toward providing a college for Irish teachers, and it was ordered that the president of the union, with the Donegal delegates, choose a suitable site in Donegal and report.

DOWNS.—James McFarland of Roslevon died Dec. 23, aged eighty years. **FERRANAGH.**—A fire broke out in the shop of Peter Kennedy, tobacco and stationer, Townhall street, Enniskillen, Dec. 27, and a large quantity of goods were destroyed. While attempting to extinguish the flames Edward Flanagan got a nasty cut on the hand with a piece of glass.

MOMAGHAN.—Rev. Brother Eugene O'Byrne died recently in the monastery of the Christian Brothers in Cork.

It occurred the death of Mrs. Patrick McNally of Box Middle. She was the daughter of late Michael Boyle and Anne Martin of Brackley, Donaghadee. At the time of her death she was aged sixty years.

TYRONE.—On Dec. 23, Mr. P. Murphy of Carrickmacra, Carrickmacra, was returning home from Carrickmacra, Carrickmacra, when he was struck by a car and killed.

with Captain Lloyd Phillips of Dalcastle when he collapsed and died. Mr. Burgess and Captain Phillips had been out shooting.

The members of the branch of the Gaelic league in Cookstown held a céilidh recently. The hall was very prettily decorated with green drapery and suitable mottoes, such as "Ceid Mille Fáilte," "Support Home Industries." The following are the names of the amusements committee: Misses S. McNally, L. Crilly, C. Collins and Messrs. W. Turner, T. Connolly, B. McAnn, M. McNally. J. Carr, dancing instructor of the branch, delivered a speech and offered a céid mille fáilte to all.

Munster

CLARE.—Carrahan and Tulla met on the ground of the latter recently in the final tie for the Clare hurling championship. The final score was: Tulla, 2 goals 11 points; Carrahan, 1 point. The Tulla men were: P. O'Neill, captain, goal; P. Power, J. Power, H. Power, A. Power, M. Canny, J. Canny, P. McMahon, D. McMahon, P. Murphy, M. Dinn, P. Cullo, T. Boyce, J. Laurence, J. O'Halloran, J. Markham, J. White. The Carrahan men were: T. McInerney, goal; J. Flanagan, captain; O. Kearney, J. Behr, J. Duffy, J. Beddan, J. Culligan, M. Howard, P. Hegarty, M. Hegarty, D. Garvey, M. McInerney, J. Clune, M. McInerney, J. Hanrahan, P. Heath, J. Clune.

The death of James Finucane, Bally, occurred Dec. 16. The deceased was an extensive farmer.

Michael Floyd of Tulla died on Christmas day, aged seventy-four years.

CORK.—Mrs. Gearn of Churchtown was found dying on the road at Lackpool, near Kilbrin, on Dec. 27.

William Meagher of Pollardstown, Mitchelstown, has been appointed one of the trustees of the Mandeville and Mitchelstown martyrs' memorial fund. The artist sculptor, Doyle Jones, who is contractor for the memorial, has informed the memorial committee that he has made considerable progress with the model. The memorial will be surmounted by a figure in bronze of John Mandeville, which figure will be seven feet six inches in height. Mrs. John Mandeville and William O'Brien, M.P., have been asked by the memorial committee to inspect the model. The committee has fixed Sunday, July 8 next, as the date of unveiling the memorial.

An exciting scene was witnessed at Carrigan lately. A man named Drinan, from the neighborhood, fell into the Owenbeg, near the bridge, and was in great danger, as the river was high and the flow rapid. Patrick Jeffers, who happened to be passing, plunged into the river, and after considerable trouble, in which his own life was in danger, he succeeded in getting Drinan out on the bank, from which he was removed in an exhausted condition. He was properly attended to and restored after a considerable time.

An old woman, Ellen Wallis, belonging to Park street, Middleton, was discovered dead beside the railway line at Knockgriffin, half a mile from Middleton railway station, at a late hour on St. Stephen's night, apparently having been knocked down and killed by a passing train.

The death of the Rev. John O'Han, P. P., Ardfield, took place Dec. 26. He was born in Woodfield, near Clonsilla, about fifty-four years ago.

The Ballyvourney Gaelic league held their annual entertainment on St. Stephen's night in the town hall. In opening the proceedings Dr. Lynch, speaking in Irish, bade all a hearty céid mille fáilte to Ballyvourney. In the course of a succinct address he referred to the progress made by the movement during the past twelve years. The programme comprised the production of an Irish play by Dr. Douglas Hyde and an Irish concert. The play, which was in one act, is called "An Ceimhinn," which in English means "match-making." The artists did their parts in a fine way. The concert was most enjoyable, and in every one of the items quite exceptional merit was forthcoming. The dancing being of course, very well supported. The items were: Song, Patrick Sweeney; four hand reel, reel and jig; song, Daniel Sheehan; recitation, Catherine Lynch; debate on the land act by Messrs. John O'Leary, Jeremiah O'Leary, Michael Murphy and John O'Sullivan; song, Daniel Crowley; song, D. O'Leary; four hand jig, borahie.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—**COLEMAN.**—On Dec. 22, Edmund Coleman, late of Rastberry Hill, Killyworth, County Cork. —**BROWNLOW.**—On Dec. 23, at 4 Melville terrace, Military road, Cork, Thomas T. Brownlow, aged sixty-seven years. —**O'CONNOR.**—On Christmas day, at 65 Brandon road, Nora O'Connor. —**O'DRISCOLL.**—On Dec. 18, at Felghina, Valentia island, Anna O'Driscoll. —**FERRITT.**—On Dec. 25, at 2 Ophelia place, the Lough, Cork, Thomas W. Ferritt. —**MCSWEE.**—On Dec. 25, Catherine McSwnee, Carriganima. —**KELLEHER.**—At Main street, Macroom, Mary Kelleher. —**WALSH.**—On Christmas eve, at her residence, Coolcat, Margaret Walsh. —**KENNEFICK.**—At Ballincollig, Dec. 23, Annie Kennefick, daughter of Timothy Burns. —**ADAM.**—On Dec. 23, at 59 South Main street, John Adam, aged forty-four years. —**O'BRIEN.**—On Dec. 23, at the residence of her son-in-law, Michael F. Murphy, Templemichael, Bilton, O'Brien of Rabbin Ballinaboy. —**KENNEALLY.**—At Masbanag, Macroom, Jane Kenneally. —**ROBDAN.**—At Williamstown, Youghal, Catherine Robdan, Cloyne, sister of the late Rev. Maurice Kennefick, P. P., Rathcomin, aged seventy-five. —**O'SULLIVAN.**—On St. Stephen's day, at Ballydane, John Ulick O'Sullivan, in his seventy-eighth year. —**SCOTT.**—On Dec. 27, at the Cork District hospital, Alexander Scott, late Glanville.

—**O'BULLIVAN.**—On Dec. 25, Michael O'Bullivan, merchant, Valentia, aged eighty-one years. —**MASON.**—On Dec. 25, at 20 Walsh's lane, Blackpool, John Mason. —**O'NEILL.**—On Dec. 25, at Derrygallen, Ballineen, Patrick O'Neill. —**FITZGERALD.**—On Dec. 27, at Inchleigh, Millstreet, Mary Fitzgerald, sister of John D. Murphy, Millstreet, aged fifty-nine years. —**MURPHY.**—On Dec. 26, Daniel Murphy, Egmont, Churchtown, Buttevant, father of the Rev. W. Murphy, C. C. —**O'LEARY.**—On Dec. 27, Daniel O'Leary, merchant, West Green, Dunmanway.

KERRY.—Patrick Riordan, ex-national schoolteacher of Arifort, has been sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude for causing the death of his wife in August last. Her brother, Thomas O'Driscoll, was also tried, but in his case the jury did not agree, and he is still in prison.

In Glenbeigh national school recently Miss O'Shea, the principal teacher in Keelabrack national school, was presented with a purse of money by her friends as a small token of their esteem. Miss O'Shea has a long and honorable connection with the teaching profession and has made many friends among the teachers. She recently suffered losses through sickness and other causes, and her friends in Glenbeigh, Glencar and Killorglin took occasion to show their regard for her by making good the losses she had sustained. Mr. O'Doherty, C. E. C., who presided, performed the pleasing task of making the presentation. This he did, and in a few aptly chosen words paid a high tribute to Miss O'Shea's good qualities.

Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, bishop of Kerry, has been pleased to make the following changes in the diocese: Very Rev. Canon J. Molyneux, P. P., V. E. Dingle, has been transferred to Ballybunion, his old parish, and will be replaced by the Very Rev. Dr. P. O'Leary, P. P., Newtownadillon. The Rev. John J. O'Sullivan, C. C., has been transferred from Lixnaw to Rathmore, and the Rev. James J. O'Sullivan, C. C., Dromairville, has been appointed parish priest of Fossa. Rev. P. Dillon, C. C., will replace Father O'Sullivan at Lixnaw, while Rev. James Nolan, C. C., Rathmore, replaces Rev. J. J. O'Sullivan at Dromairville. Rev. P. Garvey, C. C., Kenmare, has been promoted to the pastoral charge of Newtownadillon.

At the Hibernian hotel, Tralee, lately a public banquet for the purpose of showing the appreciation in which the members of the team who represented Kerry in football in the final of the All Ireland championship by the people of the kingdom are held took place. The following were present: Eugene O'Sullivan, chairman county board, who presided; J. P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Crowley, P. Kennedy, J. P. O'Donnell, D. O'Donnell, Thomas Healy, Castle street; P. Ryle, J. Harrington, J. J. O'Riordan, J. Nolan, J. O'Heilly, S. Nolan, J. O'Riordan, D. Dunne, M. Harrington, J. O'Keefe, Stephen Scannell, W. Daly, J. O'Hanlon, J. O'Driscoll, C. Tuomey, P. Nolan, M. Sugrue, H. McEnery, J. Kelly, M. Sheehy, T. O'Hanlon, T. O'Flaherty, M. Ahern, J. O'Gorman, C. Ryan, T. Connor, J. Courtney, T. Crowley, M. O'Halloran, J. Callahan, J. Deane, W. Horgan, P. Ryle, P. Lawlor, D. Bunyan, J. Connell, D. Mullins, J. Collins, T. O'Connell, J. O'Connor, P. Cahill, F. O'Connell, D. Moriarty, J. Leahy, P. O'Leary, J. McDonnell, A. Cahill, J. J. McCarthy, T. Connor, T. Griffin, J. McCarthy, T. White, T. Nolan, W. McCarthy, D. Nolan, C. Crowley, J. T. McQuinn, M. Golden, C. Nolan, J. McElligott, T. Lawlor, clerk of the union; James J. Foley, M. Murphy, W. McCarthy, C. McCarthy, F. O'Donnell, M. Griffin, J. Sweeney, D. Fitzgerald, R. Fitzgerald, M. Murray, M. Keavney, M. McCarthy, W. Fahy, J. Culloty, W. Daly, D. Murphy, treasurer; J. Herlihy and J. Hannafin, honorable secretaries. The following composed the team present: Messrs. O'Gorman, captain; J. O'Gorman, D. Curran, M. McCarthy, R. Kighwan, C. Healy, J. Myers, J. Buckley, P. Dillon, P. McCarthy, A. Stack, D. Green, J. T. Fitzgerald, P. Cahill, C. Ryan, J. O'Connell, T. Sugrue.

On Dec. 26 the Most Rev. Dr. Mangan attended at the distribution of prizes to the students of St. Brendan's seminary, Killarney. Among those present were: Very Rev. Canon Hayes, Very Rev. M. Scanlan, president; Rev. P. J. Marshall, Rev. C. J. Brennan, Rev. A. O'Sullivan, Rev. P. O'Carroll, Rev. J. C. Fitzgerald, Rev. J. M. Scanlan, the president, Very Rev. M. Scanlan, said: "My lord and very reverend gentlemen, I tender you a welcome. Your presence is an evidence of the interest you take in education in general and of your special interest in the welfare of the diocesan seminary. It is an encouragement in our arduous work of teaching to know that our labors are appreciated by such as I have the honor of addressing." The proceedings were of a most interesting nature.

The death of Mrs. Hannah M. Lee took place lately in South Infirmity, Cork. She was wife of J. J. Lee and daughter of the late Thomas O'Connor, at one time member of the Killarney town commissioners.

LIMERICK.—The death of Michael Hickey of Limerick took place at his residence lately.

When hunting with the County Limerick hounds a few days ago at Adare manor Miss Caulfield of Ballinverick House, Askeaton, met with a serious accident by being thrown from her horse crossing the river Maigue in the darkness. She was taken on a stretcher in an unconscious condition to the manor house. Dr. T. H. Hannigan was called in. She was in a critical condition.

TIPPERARY.—The convention of the selectors of North Tipperary, held in the town hall, Newnagh, to select a parliamentary representative in place of P. J. O'Brien, who has resigned, fixed his choice of a representative on Michael

Hogan of Lisballyard, Rathcabbin, Birr, King's county.

Thomas J. Condon, M. P., for east division of Tipperary county, has been unanimously chosen to retain the representation of that division in the all-Ireland parliament. The convention at which he was selected was held in Clonmel town hall. His re-nomination was supported enthusiastically by priests and people.

Died, on Dec. 28, at Upper Irishtown, Clonmel, Elizabeth Barrett, in her eighty-second year. On Dec. 29, at Hill House, Coolbrook, Thurles, Mary Morrissey, aged sixty-nine years.

Michael Maloney of Nord was shot by a water bailiff named Michael Moore on St. Stephen's day. The injured man lost a great deal of blood and fell unconscious on the roadside. He was conveyed to Thurles infirmary in a critical condition. Inspector O'Brien, accompanied by Head constable Brown and Sergeant Healy, arrested Moore. Depositions were taken in the case at the infirmary, and Moore was held for closer investigation.

Waterford.—The death of John Gorman, Blackpool, Dungarvan, occurred Dec. 18, aged seventy years.

Felix Joseph Lavelle of the Waterside, Waterford, died on Christmas day. Sister Ros Crowley of the Convent of Mercy (Appoquin), died Dec. 11.

An immense crowd assembled to witness recently the coursing match of Cooingour. The horses were in good condition, a few of them succeeding in escaping from the greyhounds. Many spectators came from Cappoquin, Youghal and Tipperary. All the surrounding country districts were represented. The duty of slipper, which fell to Walter O'Sullivan, was performed in a thoroughly efficient manner, while the judge of the coursing, Frank Stuart, gave satisfaction. The victors of the first round were Hard to Find, Queer Lad, Decider, Fairboy II., Fels, Tipperary's Pride, Dark Secret and Nan Rooney. In the second round Hard to Find beat Queer Lad, Decider beat Fairboy II., Tipperary's Pride beat Fels, Wild Lad beat Dark Secret. The semifinal was then run, Decider beating Hard to Find and Tipperary's Pride beating Wild Lad. Great excitement prevailed when the final was being run. The supporters of both dogs were about equal, and to add to the excitement already prevailing the first course of the final was undecided. When a rest of a quarter of an hour was given to the dogs they were again slipped. The hare, however, did not give the dogs as good a course as was expected, for the crowd, toward which the hare was running, impulsively rushed toward the hare, thereby shutting off slightly Decider. Tipperary's Pride, however, kept after the hare and finally killed it. The judge declared Tipperary's Pride the winner of the stake.

Leinster
CARLOW.—John Hammond, M. P., has been re-nominated to represent Carlow in the new Liberal parliament. The Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, assisted by the Rev. Dean Brophy, Carlow college, ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 23 at the cathedral, Carlow, the Rev. W. Murphy, for the diocese of Auckland, New Zealand. At the same time his lordship ordained to deaconship Rev. Terence Birmingham for the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The demise of Mrs. Elizabeth Shiel, wife of Thomas Shiel of Ballyconnell, Cavan, son of the late T. Shiel, Carlow, took place at Carlow, on the 19th of December, aged forty years.

DUBLIN.—The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, archbishop of Dublin, held the service of ordination on Dec. 24 in the cathedral, Dublin. A large number of candidates presented themselves for the various grades from tonsure to priesthood. The sacred ceremony was followed with great interest by the friends of the newly ordained and by many other members of the congregation. The following received the various grades of ordination: Tonsure and minor orders, Rodarius Walsh, C. P.; William Brennan, C. P.; Ronald Marshall, C. P.; Ephraim O'Connell, C. P.; Thomas Hefferan, C. P.; Casimir Hughes, C. P.; Nicholas Harbison, C. P.; Elinus McKelran, C. P.; Ambrose Hayes, C. P.; Theodore McMillan, C. P.; Gerald O'Boyle, C. P.; Celestine Whiteside, C. P.; Angus McSwnee, C. P. Subdeacon, Richard Maken, C. M. Deacons, John Gill, C. M.; John Ryan, C. M.; James Bennett, C. M. Priesthood, Anthony Doyle, O. S. A.; Joseph Phelan, O. S. A.; Bertram Thorne, O. P.

Good progress is being made with the federation of fairs in Leinster. Two counties have incorporated the competitions of Fels Laisheen agus Midhe in their programmes. The syllabus of Wexford fairs, issued before that of the provincial fairs was approved, had conformed to the scheme and welcomed the interclass, interschool and other competitions that make up the programme of the new Leinster fairs. And Dublin now joins in. The syllabus of the Dublin fairs, to be held next May, contains all the competitions set for the provincial fairs, and it is one of the conditions that in these competitions the prize winners must compete in the same competitions in the Leinster fairs in July against the prize winners in same competitions in the federated fairs. If Wicklow, Kildare, Meath, Kilkenny and the other counties follow Wexford and Dublin, there will be a splendid fairs in Dublin next July.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—**BOYLE.**—On Christmas day, at 1 Synge place, Jane Boyle, late St. Alban's road, S. C. R.—**BRADY.**—On St. Stephen's day, at Woodbine cottage, Finglas, Mary Brady.—**KENNEDY.**—On Dec. 26, at 83 Upper Clonbrassil street, Margaret Kennedy.—**NOLAN.**—Dec. 25, at 3 Mary's lane, James Nolan.—**LAMB.**

Dec. 24, at Cork Street hospital, Edward Lamb of 130 Cork street.—**MULLIN.**—On Christmas day, at Inchicore road, Kilmalham, Ellen Mullin, Inchicore.—**SCALLY.**—Dec. 24, at 17 Garville avenue, Frances Scally.—**GROGAN.**—Dec. 24, at Parkgate lodge, Parkgate street, Thomas Grogan, late of 35 Montpelier hill.—**O'MAHONY.**—Dec. 25, at 4 Westworth terrace, Bridge John Moore, Moate, Westmeath.—**KEELY.**—Dec. 29, at Sallins, Michael Keely, aged eighty-eight years.—**LARKIN.**—Dec. 28, at 151 North Strand road, John Larkin, corporation employee.—**LEE.**—Dec. 29, at 121 Rosette terrace, Philborough, Vincent Charles Lee, aged twelve years.—**MAHER.**—Dec. 28, at Lower Gardiner street, Mary Maher, 43 City quay.—**MORGAN.**—Dec. 28, at 70 Marlborough street, Francis James Morgan.—**FOX.**—Dec. 27, at Hughes' buildings, N. C. A., Thomas Fox, aged seventeen years.—**LYNCH.**—Dec. 27, at 33 New Bridge street, Mrs. Mary E. Lynch.—**DTIG-NAN.**—At 10 Temple cottage, Francis Joseph Dignan, aged sixteen years.—**FLANAGAN.**—Dec. 29, at 9 Merchants' quay, John J. Flanagan.—**MANGAN.**—Dec. 27, at Swardlestown, Nass, Margaret Bridget Mangan.

KILDARE.—Mrs. Leonard of Offaly place, Athy, died Dec. 23. One of the finest exhibitions of Gaelic football seen in the Wexford park for years was given on Dec. 17, when Kilkenny tried conclusions with the formidable Kildare seventeen in the final for the Croke cup. Lamogue had the honor of representing Kilkenny, while the county of the short grass sent down the same team as that which went under to the men of "The Kingdon" of Kerry recently after three tremendous contests. The final score was: Kildare, 8 points; Kilkenny, 6 points. The teams were: Kildare—Mariman, captain, Fitzgerald, 2; Murray, 2; Lusty, F. Conlan, Sr.; Bracken, Scott, Dunne, Kennedy, Rafferty, Gorman, Donnelly, Cribbin, Doyle, Drannan, Kilkenny—Landy, captain; Syntott, Fitzpatrick, O'Neill, 2; Magrath, 2; Donovan, Hoynes, Hyland, Conway, Davis, Tobin, Stapleton, Wheelan, Comerford, Phelan.

KILKENNY.—The members of the Tipperary branch of the United Irish league have subscribed £50 to the general election fund of the Irish National party. Rev. James Brennan remitted the money.

Mrs. Doyle of Dummore died on Dec. 26, deeply regretted.

KING'S.—Michael Hogan, Rathcabbin, has been selected as member of parliament for north division of Tipperary, in place of P. J. O'Brien, who resigned.

LONGFORD.—The members of Carragh branch of the Gaelic league at a recent meeting elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Rev. Joseph McGivney, vice president, Patrick Donnellan, treasurer, John Klerman, secretary, W. Gandy; assistant secretary, Joseph Donnelly.

The members of the Abbeylara branch of the Gaelic league gave an entertainment on St. Stephen's night, which was very numerous attended. The programme included dancing, musical drill and recitations, songs in Irish and in English, capably executed. From opening chorus, "The Minister Boy," to the closing quartet, "A Nation Once Again," there was not a dull moment. Among those who contributed to the success were Miss Scanley, Mrs. Scanlan, Mrs. Gilmurray, Miss Leonard, Miss Kane, Miss O'Reilly and Mr. Nee. Rev. Dr. Langgan, pastor, was present. He takes a deep interest in the movement for the revival of the native language.

The death of Mrs. Lally of Keenagh occurred on Dec. 23.

LOUTH.—James Weldon, Shop street, Drogheda, died recently.

MEATH.—The death occurred on the 23rd of December of Rev. Mother Mary Peter Logan of the Mullingar Presentation convent at the age of seventy-four years, in the thirty-fourth year of her religious life. The deceased was the daughter of Walter Logan of Smithtown, Meath.

QUEEN'S.—The tenants on the Moore estate near Maryborough have signed agreements to purchase their holdings at twenty-two years and twenty-five years purchase of first and second term rents respectively. All sporting rights are reserved to the tenants. P. J. Meenan, solicitor, acted for the tenants.

A special meeting was held Dec. 24 of the Portlinton U. I. L. Rev. M. J. Brophy presided. Present: M. Duggan, P. Flanagan, James Keogh, Robert Connolly, M. H. Burke, honorable treasurer; J. Ivory, Thomas Mooney, R. Dunne, P. Donegan, J. Riddick, honorable secretary. The secretary had correspondence from the directory regarding the parliamentary fund, and it was decided to have a public collection. Delegates were appointed to attend the county convention at Maryborough for the selection of a member for Leix. All present spoke in praise of the grand old veteran in the cause, P. A. Meenan, should he offer his services for his division.

WEXFORD.—Rev. Sister Mary Jane Frances Rochford of the Convent of Mercy, Wexford, died Dec. 18, aged forty years.

A public meeting was held in Piercestown on a recent Sunday to establish a branch of the United Irish league. Rev. Paul E. Kehoe, as representative of the South Wexford district committee, gave advice on the practical working of a branch, whereupon Peter Walsh proposed and Myles Downey seconded a resolution "that a branch of the Gaelic league be established in Piercestown," which was carried unanimously. The officials and committee elected were: President, Rev. W. Fortune; secretary, John Rositter; treasurer, Peter Walsh.

WICKLOW.—A meeting of the Fether Murphy branch of the Irish Na-

tional Foresters in Wicklow county was held recently. Brother Waldron, C. B. presided. Present: Brothers Garvey, S. C. R.; J. J. Kavanagh, treasurer; C. Kavanagh, S. W.; George Long, J. W.; L. Kelly, S. B.; R. Nicholson, J. B.; Michael Peniston, assistant secretary; W. Kelly, secretary, and a large attendance of members. Several new members were initiated. The new plate to go outside the room was produced and admired by all present, the chief ranger remarking that it was a credit to Irish workmanship.

The convention of the East Wicklow division was held Dec. 27 at the town hall, Wicklow, for the purpose of selecting a member to represent the division in parliament. William Redmond, M. P., and D. J. Cogan, M. P., were in attendance. The Very Rev. Father Carberry presided at the convention, the proceedings of which were conducted in private. After the selection of the parliamentary representative a public meeting was held, and the selections were ratified. The very reverend chairman, amid loud applause, announced that D. J. Cogan, the retiring member for the division, had been selected.

Connaught

GALWAY.—On Dec. 21 peacefully passed away, at Derada, Portumna, Mrs. Bridget Mitchell, one of the first tenants evicted in Portumna on the Clanricarde estate.

The death of William Kelly, Ballinacraig, Portumna, occurred on Dec. 18. Patrick Griffin, farmer, was found recently drowned in a small stream in the parish of Leitrim seven miles from Loughrea. Deceased had been to Duncry on Christmas eve, and the supposition is that when returning home he stumbled and fell into the stream in the darkness. He was a sober, respectable man. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and children.

Rev. Brother L. Forde of the Patriarchal order arrived in Galway Dec. 9 from India, where he had spent twelve years. He was principal of St. Joseph's college, Madras, and the students, professors and friends gave him an enthusiastic bon voyage. At the function were: Brother Benedict, acting principal; Brother C. Spain, Brother J. Donovan, Brother A. Carbery, Father Blanchard, Lieutenant Fitzgerald, Dr. LeFleur and Mr. Otter.

The following appeared in the Connaught Leader of Dec. 18: "The people of the united parishes of Kilmore and Tiersnassagh are a good deal affected by a rumor current that their good parish priest, Father Callanan, is to leave next February for the United States of America for the purpose of collecting money for the completion of the diocesan cathedral in Loughrea. It goes without saying that Father Callanan is a model priest. The paternal interest he takes in the spiritual and temporal welfare of his parishioners endears him to them, and his rumored severance for twelve months has produced a feeling of sincere sorrow.

LEITRIM.—A very successful course of instruction in dairying was given lately in Carrigallen parish by Miss E. Farrelly, dairy instructress of County Leitrim. She had classes in the schools of Bredagh, Drumfells and Beaghmore, given for the occasion by Rev. E. O'Reilly. Each class lasted for a fortnight and was attended nightly by large crowds.

Michael Lyons of Shranacorrnagh, Dromahair, died Dec. 5 at the age of eighty-four years.

MAYO.—Walter McEvilly, Ballyglass, died Dec. 18 at the home of his brother, Richard McEvilly.

Mrs. Mark Begley, Balla, died on Dec. 21 at the age of fifty-five years.

The death of Rev. Peter Acton occurred on Nov. 1 (the Feast of All Saints) at Trinidad, where deceased, had journeyed to recruit his health two years ago. Deceased was a son of Peter Acton, Bailior, Castlebar.

ROSCOMMON.—A shooting accident of a serious nature occurred at Derrane, near Roscommon, Dec. 28. Mr. Hughes, district inspector, Roscommon, and Mr. Brown, Jr., son of the resident magistrate, with a beater named James Dooley of Roscommon, were shooting near Derrane. Dooley was ahead of the party on the opposite side of a hedge when a bird got up. Mr. Brown fired, and a portion of the charge struck the beater, entering one of his eyes. Brown and Hughes ran to his assistance and found him bleeding so profusely that a car was procured, and he was removed with all possible speed to the county infirmary. He was taken subsequently to Dublin.

Mrs. John Golden, Cosherry Payton, Keshcarrigan, died on Dec. 15, aged fifty-eight years.

Distributing the prizes lately to the successful pupils at the examination held in the Roscommon national school, the Right Rev. Mr. McLaughlin mentioned that a friend of his, a native of the town, Rev. Father McDermott, although 2000 miles away, offered a prize of £10 for the best Irish speaker in the school and a prize of £5 for the boy who showed the best knowledge of that epoch in history that runs from the birth of St. Patrick to the coming of the Danes in Ireland. This action of their absent friend was most opportune, as recently the national board had given notice that they resolved to withhold in future the fees given for the past twenty-eight years for the teaching of Irish in their schools. As an inducement to young people to continue its study after they leave school he offered two prizes, to be confined to the parishes of Roscommon and Kiltewan, of £15 to the best Irish speaker and £10 to the best student in that epoch in history already selected by Father John McDermott, provided that five candidates offered themselves in each competition.

SLIGO.—John Scanlan, Carrigana, Ballymote, died Dec. 6, aged seventy years.