

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.—A meeting of the Belfast district board, A. O. U. L., was held in the district hall, National club, Berry street, recently. Brother James Fennan, district president, occupied the chair. Brother H. Byrne, C. D., was also present. The minutes having been adopted, twenty-seven names were submitted for approval, nineteen of which passed. The following resolution was proposed and adopted unanimously: "That this meeting of the Belfast district of the Ancient Order of Hibernians pledges itself to assist in electing Joseph Devlin as representative for West Belfast, and we call upon every member of the order to use his influence and give every assistance to insure the return of Mr. Devlin at the head of the poll and to give assistance to the election committee on the day of election to have the entire Nationalist vote recorded."

ARMAGH.—Thomas Marshall, farmer, of Drumgiff, Killylea, was found dead on the floor of his home on Jan. 12. He was aged sixty-one years.

CAVAN.—The members of the Sorabhy branch of the United Irish League have subscribed a good sum for the Irish Parliamentary party's election fund. It was forwarded to the trustees by John Campbell.

DERRY.—Only six candidates were nominated to fill the six vacancies in Coleraine urban district, viz., W. F. Crawford, James F. Glenn, Thomas Henry, W. H. Hill, Joseph Irwin and W. J. McKenney—so there was no contest.

Henry Molindes, painter, of Bishop street, Derry, died on Jan. 15 at a great old age.

DONEGAL.—Thomas O'Donnell of Tynagh, Inver, aged sixty-five years, was found dead in a field on his farm, Jan. 15. When he left home he was in his usual health.

P. M. Colgan, lakelake, near Muff, was sitting on a load of hay, Jan. 13, when he fell off, sustaining injuries that proved fatal.

Andrew Robinson, of Hornhead, Dunfahany, left his home on the night of the 1st of January and has not been heard from since. Some weeks after his disappearance a cap and handkerchief which he wore were found on the shore at Hornhead. He was thirty-four years of age.

On Jan. 17 as children were returning home from school through a crazy delf in a bog they stopped to play on a grassy knoll near the summit of a steep cliff. One of the children, a little boy nine years of age, mislaid his footing and toppled over the edge of the precipice. The cliff is a sloping one for the first thirty feet or so, below which it dips abruptly to a depth of over sixty feet. The child, powerless to restrain himself, slid down the slope until it reached this point, and just as the little fellow was about being precipitated over the perpendicular part of the cliff a dog, which hitherto had been observed, caught him by the dress and held him until he was reached by his elder companions from his perilous position. The dog belongs to the child's father and had come out to meet the boy and his sisters. The incident created a sensation in the district, being one of the most sagacious and remarkable on record. The name of the child was not given in the report.

Charles McVeigh of Sydney, New South Wales, has been elected member of parliament for the east division of County Donegal. He was the choice, unopposed, of the Nationalists at the convention. When it became known that he was unanimously elected member of parliament bonfires were lit on every mountain side in Glenewilly, and at Breenagh a large number collected, who cheered loudly.

DOWN.—An inquest was held before T. R. Lavery and F. McCormick, Newry, and a jury in the board room of the union touching the death of William John Holland of Ballyboghilow, a farm servant in the employ of John Ballie. On Jan. 8 Holland was removed to the Newtownards Infirmary, where he died recently. The evidence of Mr. Ballie, deceased's employer, was that on going to his stable he found Holland lying at the back of the stable with a cut above his ear. He was unconscious. Deceased was lying about eight feet from the two horses in the stable. Dr. P. Macarthen stitched the wound. Dr. R. C. Parke stated that deceased remained unconscious until his death on Jan. 11. He had two wounds above the ear. He had concussion and compression of the brain, from which he died. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

Deep regret was evoked in Newry and district by the death of Peter Byrne at Clontarf, near Dublin, on Jan. 12.

FERMANAGH.—Miss Dolan has been appointed schoolteacher in Fermanagh union by the board of guardians. They had also appointed as teacher Patrick Duffy, but the local government refused to accept him.

Mrs. Catherine Elliott of Lough House, Aughamaddy, Garrison, died on Jan. 14, at the age of seventy-six years.

The death of Christopher Graham, Blackagh cottage, Irvinstown, occurred Jan. 15, aged seventy-six years.

MONAGHAN.—John McKean has been elected member of parliament for

South Monaghan. There was no opposition.

The tenants of the Murray-Ken estate situate in Newbliss and in Truagh have purchased their holdings, also those on the estate of Miss Kerr. The property is in Shanmulla, Mon Murray Luggin, Drumbrin, Agnacue, Mullagreena, Crossreagh and Drumskelt.

TYRONE.—On Jan. 10 a carter named Patrick McWiggin, in the employment of an Omagh firm, met with a serious accident. The man was removed to his father's residence in Lisnamallard where he was attended by Rev. J. O'Kane and Dr. Todd. The injured man died recently.

The Father Peter Connolly branch of the Irish National Foresters, Drogheda, held a meeting lately. Brother James McGinness in the chair and Brother P. Duggan in the vice chair. The following were initiated honorary members: Daniel O'Doherty, merchant, Drogheda, and Patrick McGilgan, Coghagh. Seven were initiated active members, and three new members were proposed.

The death of Brother Patrick Connolly of the A. O. H., son of John Connolly, Creggan, occurred at his father's residence on Jan. 5 at the age of twenty-two years.

The parochial hall, Drumquin, was on the night of Jan. 9 the scene of a most enjoyable concert.

On Jan. 11 Mrs. Ellen Kearney of Cavanacaw died at an advanced age.

Munster

CLARE.—The marriage of Michael Scanlan, son of the late John Scanlan of Garrahy House, Killoe, to Miss Mary L. Murphy, daughter of Martin Murphy of Coherbane, Newmarket-on-Fergus, took place on Jan. 2 at the Franciscan church, Limerick. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. Scanlan, Kilkishen, brother of the bridegroom.

The death of Mrs. James O'Flanagan Silvergrove, O'Callaghan's Mills, occurred Jan. 2.

The convention for the selection of a Nationalist candidate for West Clare parliamentary division was held Jan. 10 in the Christian schools, Kilkishen. James Halpin of Newmarket-on-Fergus was selected.

CORK.—Gaelic leagues in Castle-townroche recently presented the Gaelic drama of "Dinny O'Dowd." The following took part: P. Leunham, J. Butler, T. Grady, Miss M. Hadley, W. Butler, W. Grady. The concerts which preceded the plays on each occasion were taken part in by Miss M. Hadley whose rendering of the following songs was loudly applauded: "Sing Me to Sleep," "Kilmarney" and "Kathleen Maivourneen."

Mrs. E. Ryan, principal teacher of the female national school, Lisacarrill, was made the recipient of a purse of sovereigns on Little Christmas night.

On Jan. 19 a melancholy accident occurred on the railway outside Mallow railway station by which the Rev. John Morrissey met his death. Deceased and the Rev. M. Madden, who was going to a sick call, proceeded by the railway line. As the Cork train was coming toward them the two turned to look at it. Father Morrissey standing on the outside sleeper, Father Madden by his side. They did not notice the train from Cork behind them, and Father Madden suddenly saw his companion snatched from his side and thrown forward some yards. The noise of the outgoing train prevented them from hearing the incoming train that struck Father Morrissey with the side of the buffer. He was first pitched forward and again struck by the guard of the engine on the head. Death was instantaneous. Father Madden was stunned for the moment and then ran to the aid of his companion only to realize that he was dead. Deceased was forty-five years of age and was a very zealous priest and great temperance advocate. The remains were removed to the waiting room at the railway station, whence, after inspection by a jury, they were taken to his residence at Rock cottage.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—HODNETT.—Jan. 14, at St. Patrick's hospital, Cork, Dr. Garrett F. Hodnett, formerly of Clough. —BARRY—Jan. 14, at 16 Dunbar street, Abbey Barry, at an advanced age. —SCANNELL—Jan. 14, at High street, Killarney, Ellen Scannell. —CORCORAN—Jan. 7, at Ballynoe, Maurice Corcoran, at the age of ninety-three years. —CRONIN—Jan. 15, at 1 Shannon place, John Cronin, late engine driver, G. S. and W. R., eldest son of Michael Cronin. —MEADE—Jan. 17, at 1 Lloyd's place, Daniel F. Meade. —WALSH—Jan. 18, at Dunblough, John Walsh. —O'SULLIVAN—Jan. 17, Margaret O'Sullivan, Main street, Cahirciveen. —MADRAS—Jan. 17, Elizabeth Bennett, widow of the late Robert Connor Madras, M. D., Drisprey, and youngest daughter of the late Herbert Gillman, Clontarf, Co. Dublin. —TAYLOR—Dec. 30, at Cork, Norah Taylor, Knockraha. —O'SULLIVAN—Dec. 30, at Droomlana, Dunmanway, Timothy O'Sullivan. —CROWLEY—Jan. 1, at Avondale, Western road, George Stowers Crowley. —KEANE—Dec. 27, at Lisballyhea, Charleville, James Keane. —WALSH—Dec. 31, at Castlequar, Kildorrery, Ellen Walsh, mother of the Rev. D. Walsh, Gattin, Queensland. —MCCARTHY—Dec. 31, at Trimmbath's lane, Ellen McCarthy, aged thirty-three years, third daughter of the late John Sheahan, Farranastig. —RIORDAN—Dec. 31, at Gurtalour, Inchigeelagh, Owen Riordan. —KELLEHER—At Lynch's Cross, Lackananeen, Cora Kelleher of Lackananeen. —HURLEY (nee Wyherley)—On New Year's eve, Ellen Hurley, Ardagh, Rosscarbery, in her forty-third year.

WATERFORD.—The death of Mrs. John Murphy, Christendom, Waterford, occurred on Jan. 15.

At Clones on Jan. 15 by the Rev. Father Carroll, were married John Walsh Foddis, brother to the Rev. Anthony Walsh, Perth, Australia, and Birdie, daughter of Patrick O'Brien, Munsborough, Clones.

Mrs. Tracey, Barrack street, Waterford, died on Jan. 11.

The death of James Kirwin, Ballykilmurray, occurred on Jan. 12.

In the town hall on Jan. 14 a very interesting lecture was delivered by O'Donovan Rossa. The object was to raise a fund for the Cork Young Ireland society. On the platform were: J. Hayes, chairman; Thomas O'Connor, Thomas Power, county councillor; John F. Boyle, Patrick Mulcahy, Michael Brennan, Francis Stuart, John Robin, Thomas McCarthy, town clerk; William Foley, Dr. Keohan; J. O'Shea. It was a great success.

On Jan. 14 widespread and sincere regret was felt, through Waterford when the intelligence was made known of the death of William Quigley of Carrigbarahan, Dungarvan.

Leinster

CARLOW.—The nomination for the county of Carlow took place Jan. 17 at the county courthouse and resulted in the unopposed return of John Hammond, who has represented the constituency in parliament since 1891.

Edward Morris, a much respected inhabitant of Carlow and secretary of the gas works, died in St. Stephen's hospital, Dublin, Jan. 12 as a result of a fall from a cycle. P. R. Fagan, the chief steward of Right Hon. H. Brown, was found dead on Jan. 13 in a field in the demesne. He had complained of heart disease.

Mrs. Joseph McCowan of Dublin street, Balbriggan, died recently, aged sixty-nine years.

The Clontarf branch of the Gaelic League held a Cuirín Choill in the town hall lately. There was a large audience, and all present were delighted with the programme of song and dance and recitations provided. The branch has arranged for a series of Irish historical lectures to be given in the town hall, Clontarf. Stephen Gwynn has consented to give the first lecture, "The Fair Hills of Eire."

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—BRADY.—On Jan. 18, at Terenure, Thomas John

Brady. —BYRNE—On Jan. 19, at Pimlico, Mrs. Anne Byrne. —CLARKE—On Jan. 18, at 18 York street, Patrick Clarke, late of Camden street, aged fifty-six years. —EDWARDS—On Jan. 19, at 48 Capel street, John Edwards, respected member of the Friendly Brothers of Ireland Tontine and Loan Fund society. —FLYNN—On Jan. 19, Michael Flynn of 2 Church street, late of Little Mary street, aged fifty years. —HAND—On Jan. 19, at Ballymun, Mary Hand. —HILLION—On Jan. 17, at 107 Strand road, Dinah Grantham Dillon, widow of the late M. J. Dillon, aged eighty-three years. —LALOR—On Jan. 17, at the Square, Rathdowney, John P. Lalor. —MOFFITT—On Jan. 17, at Hakeen House, Mountchar, Eliza Moffitt, niece of the late Andrew Grean Lynch, Clogher House, County Mayo. —MORTIMER—On Jan. 18, at Manor place, Catherine Mortimer. —O'HALLORHAN—On Jan. 18, Mary O'Hallorhan of 2 Norman Villas, Jones' road. —WADE—On Jan. 17, Mary Josephine Wade, in religion Mother M. Bonaventura, in the fifty-ninth year of her age and forty-first of religious life. —BERMINGHAM—On Jan. 16, at St. Vincent's hospital, Mrs. Margaret Bermingham, late of 28 Cuffe street. —MANTY—At 12 Lower Gardiner street, Sarah Manty, Tomkyle, County Wick. —MERONER—On Jan. 17, at 84 Cross avenue, Kingstown, Mrs. Winifred Meroner. —O'CONNELL—On Jan. 15, at the Hospice For the Dying, Haroldscross, Anastasia O'Connell, 16 Rosemount road, N. C. R. —O'REILLY—On Jan. 17, at 75 Bride street, Mary O'Reilly, Rathcoole, Coolinnee. —COOLICAN—On Jan. 15, at Clarinda park, East Kingstown, John P. Coolican, fleet surgeon, retired, B. N., son of the late John Coolican, Esq., of Ballina and son-in-law of Sir George Moore, County Dublin. —EUSTACE—At 27 Lower Church street, Michael Eustace, aged fifty-six years. —FREE-MAN—On Jan. 14, at Tudor House, Monkstown, David Freeman. —O'BRIEN—On Jan. 18, at 8 Marine terrace, Kingstown, Richard O'Brien of the Wicklow hotel, Dublin. —O'MEARA—On Jan. 12, at Adelaide hospital, Francis O'Meara, printer, aged sixty-one years, a native of Youghal. —FARRELL—On Jan. 14, Christopher Farrell, at 2 Midlington avenue. —LITTLE—On Jan. 15, at 34 St. Kevin's road, S. C. R. Edward Little, late of Blackrock. —O'BRIEN—On Jan. 15, at 1 Church street, East road, Arthur O'Brien.

KILDARE.—At the annual meeting of the Athy Institute Very Rev. Canon O'Keefe was appointed president. S. O'Brien vice president. Mr. Brennan treasurer and Mr. Bodley secretary.

KILKENNY.—The Nationalists of Danestort have given a generous donation to the general election fund of the Parliamentary party. It was forwarded to the trustees by James Murphy.

The death of Mrs. E. Blackmore, postmistress, Pittova, occurred Jan. 5. She was aged sixty-eight years.

An occurrence with a fatal termination took place at Gorebridge on Jan. 6. Thomas O'Keefe, while effecting repairs to the roof of a house occupied by Mrs. Donegan, fell from a ladder and sustained such injuries to his head and chest that he expired the following day at Thomastown hospital.

The people of Grange and Meonolin gave a dance recently in honor of Messrs. O'Keefe, who were restored to their home. Friends came from Portanabally, Carrigrohilly, Middlequar, Riverquar, Thurkstown, Ardmore, Kilmacraig, Ballytorney, Glenagragh, Mooncoin, Grange, etc., numbering over 100 in all. The old homestead was decorated, and it was a pleasing sight to witness. The music was rendered by James Byrne, the famous piper, assisted by two flute players. The excellent dancing commenced at about 7 o'clock and kept up until the small hours of the next morning. Songs were sung during the night, the party finishing up with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save Ireland." The catering was looked after by Mrs. O'Keefe, Miss Grant, Miss H. Henebery and Miss M. Henebery.

LONGFORD.—The subscription set in Longford courthouse on Jan. 17 for the receipt of nominations for South Longford, J. P. Farrell, M. P., lodged three nomination papers, in the first of which the Hon. E. Blake was proposed for election by the Most Rev. Dr. Hoare, bishop of Ardagh, seconded by J. P. Farrell. No other candidate having been nominated, Mr. Blake was duly elected M. P. for South Longford.

The death of Miss Katie Cox, daughter of Thomas Cox of Bhamlin, Edgeworthstown, took place at Vullamore, Kildare, on Jan. 10, where Miss Cox had been teaching school.

The death of Patrick Garrahan, Loughlooney, Keadagh, occurred Jan. 9, at the age of ninety-two years.

LOUTH.—The quarterly meeting of Drogheda Workmen's Total Abstinence society was held at Great George's street on Sunday, Jan. 7. L. Duggan presided, and there was a large attendance of members present. The outgoing officers and committee were re-elected, and owing to the large increase of membership, some additional members were added to the committee. The following were elected: President, L. Duggan; vice presidents, J. Smith and J. Shields; treasurer, J. Berrill; secretary, T. McCarthy; prefects, Hugh Leech, Michael Lynch, P. Heaney, J. Heaney, M. Segrave, T. Craven, P. Manning, J. Tully, J. Duggan, J. McVeigh, A. Gorman; committee, T. McCann, Joseph Lynch, P. McArdle, E. Burke, T. Johnston, P. Kelly, W. Elliott, J. Maguire.

MEATH.—Joseph Lowry, subsheriff, attended at the courthouse, Trim, to receive nominations for the representation of South Meath. W. H. Spence, solicitor, acted as assessor to the sheriff. David Sheehy, the sitting member, was proposed by Bernard Carroll, Dunshaughlin, and seconded by Christopher Talbot, Dunshaughlin. There be-

ing no other candidate nominated, the sheriff declared Mr. Sheehy duly elected for South Meath.

On Jan. 15 the chapel attached to the Convent of Mercy in Trim was the scene of a solemn religious ceremony when Sister Mary Evangelist made her final vows as a nun of the order. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Keane. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. M. Woods, who was assisted by the Rev. Patrick Casey. The young lady who had the happiness of consecrating her life to the service of God is the fourth daughter of Peter Austin, Beechville, Beauparc, Navan.

QUEEN'S.—Miss M. A. Moy of Clonsilla died Jan. 9 after a period of sickness extending over two years. She was the daughter of Michael Moy, Clonsilla House.

WESTMEATH.—Michael Hughes of Cappaboghan died on Jan. 15.

WEXFORD.—Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde has been re-elected member of parliament for the north division of County Wexford.

James Kavanagh, Seagastie, Duncormack, died Jan. 10.

The Bree plowing fixture, after a lapse of two years, was resumed on Jan. 16 under the auspices of the County Wexford United Agricultural society. The plowing contests were held in a field at Wilton Mills owned by Captain Alcock. President, Harold A. Left; honorable treasurer, Martin Byrne, Bree; honorable secretaries, John Mullitt and Patrick Doyle; judges, David MacLurg, agricultural expert for the County Wexford, and C. H. Peacock; umpire, P. Colfer, Tinraheen; committee, Messrs. Thomas Asple, E. Walsh, S. Dempsey, S. Jacob, J. Lacey, W. Breen, W. Doyle, Winton; W. Hassey, Joseph Wickham, Bree; P. Kelly, Macmeane; Thomas Byrne, Edward Broe, Martin Doyle, Nicholas Flood, Michael Cowman, Owen Murphy, Matthew Murphy, James Byrne, James Cullen, L. Doyle, Edward Kinsella, John Curtis and John Doyle. The following are the results: First class—For knifed plowing, open to the Emmisworthy union: First, J. Dempsey, Moore (Pierce); second, J. Connors, Creefogue (Pierce); third, J. Leary, Boolahawn (Pierce). Also competed, Thomas Mahon, Ballycarney; Nicholas Keane, the Gap, and W. Leary, Ballinamona. Second class—For knifed plowing, open to the Emmisworthy union, for men who never won a prize. First, J. Thorpe, Bree (Pierce); second, P. Donnan, Craanor (Seller); third, T. Cullen, Ballyrannell (Doyle). D. Murphy also competed, but owing to an accident to his machine was unable to finish. Third class—For knifed plowing, open to all comers. First, N. Byrne, Camulla (Ransome); second, J. Reddy, Raheen (Pierce); third, M. Tobin, Tinraheen (Pierce). Also competed, Martin Reddy, Bree, and James Brien, Ballymorris. Fourth class—For knifed plowing, confined to the parish of Bree, for men who never won a prize—First, P. Breen, Clonsilla (Star); second, P. Dunne, Sparrowsland (Star); third, W. Breen, Wilton (Pierce). Also competed: Michael Kelly, Garanstackie; A. Kennedy, Knockduff, and John Doyle, Garanstackie.

WICKLOW.—James O'Connor, M. P. for West Wicklow, was re-elected on Jan. 16. He was not opposed.

On Jan. 15, at Rathengraig, died Kate, second daughter of the late Patrick Kenny.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Edward Guilfoyle, Nun's Island, Galway, died recently.

The death of Mrs. Kilkenny of Craigh occurred Jan. 17.

A meeting of the Kiltartan G. A. A. was held on Jan. 16 for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. P. Nelly occupied the chair. Present: J. Hallinan, J. Donohue, J. Conner, J. O'Neill, T. Burke, J. Nolan, M. Halvey. The following were unanimously elected: J. Hallinan, captain; J. O'Neill, vice captain; T. Burke, president; P. Nelly, treasurer; J. Conner, secretary.

It was decided to hold a tournament in Gort in aid of the political prisoners.

The Ardahan tournament was held on Jan. 14 and was very largely attended, the following clubs being present: Clonsilla, Craighwell, Peterswell, Kiltartan, Kilmara, Kilmacarty, Ballindroon, Gort, Tervan, Kilmacree and Boreagh. The first match played was that between Craighwell and Kiltartan, and after a stiff contest was won by Craighwell by four points to two points for Kiltartan. Kilmara and Kilmacarty were the next to cross barleys, and after a very exciting struggle Kilmacarty came off winners by two goals to one. The match between Peterswell and Clonsilla had to be abandoned on account of darkness. W. Duffy addressed the people after the hurling had concluded and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. The money obtained by the events will be handed over to the fund being raised for the Galway correction prisoners.

MAYO.—A farmer named Peter Harrison, residing at Newtown, on the Enniscrone new road, while riding to Ballina, Jan. 16, was thrown from his horse at Mrs. Gallagher's, Quignalecka, and received injuries from which he succumbed. His death under such sad circumstances is much regretted.

Connor O'Kelly has been re-elected for the north parliamentary division of Mayo.

John Dillon, M. P., has been re-elected parliamentary representative of the east division of County Mayo and Dr. Ambrose for the west division. Both have the confidence of their constituents in a most remarkable degree.

A fine entertainment was given in Beken recently. A beautiful drop scene representing Kilmare castle and surroundings was much admired. It was

presented by two local artists, Thomas Glynn and Thomas Tarpey. The Irish play entitled "Dinny O'Dowd" was well rendered, and a fine collection of songs were sung.

The death of Miss D. K. O'Boyle, Newport, occurred on Jan. 2, aged twenty-three years.

ROSCOMMON.—Much regret was occasioned in Strokestown when the sad news of the death of Mr. O'Mahony, Longford, was received. Deceased was a brother of J. F. O'Mahony of the town.

Mrs. Donlan, Elphin street, Strokestown, died Jan. 2.

A good Irish dramatic concert was held lately in Elphin and was a decided success. The entertainment was Irish from start to finish. Several distinguished amateur artists acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. Among them were: Michael Cassidy, J. Flynn, J. Coghlan, W. E. J. McCormack and J. Doyle. Misses Burke, Roche and Kelly also took part.

Thomas Burke of Castlerose, responding to an invitation from the youth of Tulak, has decided to sojourn there for some time for the purpose of teaching Irish step dancing. Mr. Burke has captured coveted trophies in many places for his excellence at the art.

The news of the appointment of Rev. John McDermott, C. C. Castlerose, to the pastoral charge of Crogan, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. Charles O'Brien, was received by the people of Castlerose and district with delight, mingled with feelings of regret at his departure from among them. During the six years which "Father John," as he was lovingly called, labored among the people of Castlerose he had endeared himself to the heart of every person in the community.

Recently there were great floods in Boyle river, surpassing anything seen in former years. This is due to the drainage operations carried out on the Dillon and De Freyne estates, which send large volumes of water in Lough Gara. As one of the well owners remarked, the floods in the lake rose higher in an hour than they did formerly in two days. This has become a serious question for the people living near the banks of the Boyle river, into which Lough Gara falls. The road along the river side in the center of the town was flooded across in several places. On Jan. 17 these floods very nearly led to a fatal accident. Laurence Dowd was coming up the river side with friends when, to avoid the floods, he stepped on the river boundary wall. One of the coping stones gave way, and he was flung into the river, which was rushing by at a tremendous rate. Fortunately he is an expert swimmer and made several attempts to regain the bank, but all to no purpose. Finally, at the military barracks wall, he was able to touch bottom and cling on till rescued by Frank Cunningham, William Wyne and Mr. Dooley, who hung ropes to him from the barracks yard and hoisted him out of the raging current. Beyond his immersion Mr. Dowd was little the worse for his exciting adventure.

The death of Rev. Charles O'Brien, pastor of Crogan, occurred Jan. 10, in the fifty-fourth year of his age and in the twenty-fifth of his sacred ministry.

SLIGO.—Michael Golden of Bridge street, Boyle, died Jan. 13, aged seventy-eight years.

The marriage ceremony between Patrick McNamehin, Castlerose, and Miss Mary E. O'Farrell of Sligo was performed by Very Rev. Canon Sloan, pastor of Drumcliffe, in Bathcormack church, on Jan. 16, with nuptial mass.

The members of the Catholic Institute, Sligo, at a recent general meeting elected the following officers for the present year: Rev. Father Hynds, president; vice president, John Conroy; deputy vice president, Dan Grimes; secretaries, J. F. McElynn and M. F. Conlon; treasurer, J. J. Golden and Jack Shea; committee, A. Gallagher, J. J. McEneaney, J. J. Harte, Daniel Fleming, P. J. Geynor, C. J. O'Connor, T. J. Feeney, P. J. Gilligan and H. Hogan.

The staff and work people of John E. Martin, boot and shoe manufacturer, of Carrigara, Sligo, were finely entertained recently by Mr. and Mrs. Martin at the hotel, Carrigara. About seventy-eight sat down to dinner. After dinner the evening was given up to music, dancing and recitations. Miss McKenna and the Misses Dwyer delighted the company with their renditions of "The Boys of Wexford" in Gaelic. The violin solos were given by Miss A. E. O'Brien and Patrick Conway. A happy night came to a close by the passing of a vote of thanks, proposed by John D. Brown and seconded by James Foley, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

On the evening of Jan. 16 Martin Fawcett, aged forty years, the caretaker of Sligo reservoir, left his home to go to Sligo, but as he was proceeding along the footpath he stumbled and fell into the basin, the sides of which slope steeply. He shouted for help, and his wife ran out and cried, "Is it you, Martin?" "It is," he replied, "and I am going, Mary." The poor wife rushed back to the house and alarmed Fawcett's father, aged eighty years. He immediately jumped up and, saying he could swim, ran out and dived into the water to his son's assistance. The two gripped each other, and after a short struggle both sank to the bottom to rise no more in life. The wife's screams brought passing people to the scene of the occurrence, and news of the fatality was conveyed to Sligo town. The mayor proceeded to the reservoir, and the police also went out, and at about 11 p. m. the bodies were recovered. At a committee meeting of the Sligo corporation, Alderman O'Donnell presiding, a sum of money was voted for the funeral expenses of the victims.

A meeting under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League was held recently at Gevagh. It was extremely large and representative.