

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.

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ANTRIM.—A great deal of excitement exists in the village of Balma more and in Ballymoney by a strike among the workers at the Braide-water Spinning company's mills at the former place. Dissatisfaction has been expressed by the female workers and boys as to wages, and an increase per week was demanded. The owners did not see their way to fall in with this, and on June 6 150 hands struck work.

The annual general meeting of Belfast Gaelic Football and Athletic club was held lately in the Avenue hall, Garfield street. D. McCann, chairman of directors, presided over a record attendance of shareholders. The following directors were in attendance: J. Rooney, T. Maguire, H. Scullin, A. Lockhart, H. McAllinden, D. McCloskey, J. Greystone, J. McCaenrey, J. M. Kelly, C. Watters and R. Barr, secretary. The reports were most satisfactory. The chairman announced that the retiring directors were John Rooney, Francis O'Neill, James M. Kelly and John Greystone, who were eligible for re-election, but he had received a communication from Mr. O'Neill stating that, owing to the state of his health, he did not wish his name to go forward to the meeting. In addition to the three retiring directors J. J. Fitzpatrick (West End C. C.), W. Foster, J. McQuilley and T. McCann were nominated for the vacancies. Mr. McCann did not allow his name to go to the meeting. The ballot resulted in the following being elected for three years: J. McGlinlay, J. M. Kelly, John Rooney, J. Greystone. Messrs. Pickering & Co were elected auditors.

ARMAGH.—Evidence of a shocking crime having been committed was found June 11 on the outskirts of the village of Moira, near Lurgan, when the body of Rebecca Weir, aged seventy-three years, was discovered in a plantation at the rear of Moira Orange hall. Her face was much bruised. The police went over the district seeking for a man who had been seen in the place about the time the deceased was killed.

Rev. Canon Quinn, pastor of Killybeg Upper, has arranged to have the new convent in Bessbrook dedicated by his eminence Cardinal Logue, on Oct. 14. The first stone was laid by the cardinal in April, 1902. The cost of the convent is \$42,000, of which sum \$33,500 has been paid. The comparatively small balance the canon hopes to pay off through a collection to be made at the dedication ceremony and by subscription from friends at home and abroad.

CAVAN.—William Webster, caretaker of the railway crossing at Loggaghny, Ballinagh, on the Midland Great Western line, was killed by a train there on June 2 when opening the gate. The Rev. Rev. Joseph O'Donoghue, P. P., V. G., of Hamilton, Newcastle, New South Wales, was on the occasion of his departure lately to Ireland presented by his parishioners with a purse containing 300 sovereigns as a tribute of the high esteem in which they held him.

DERRY.—On June 9 a young railway worker, Hugh Simpson, of Limavady, was killed at Portrush station while shunting. A hundred yards from the covered platform an engine knocked him down, crushing his body and right foot. Dr. Porter attended Simpson in the goods shed, but found him beyond surgical aid. Death ensued twenty minutes after the accident. Deceased had been only transferred from Limavady Junction to Portrush on June 1.

There is good ground for stating that shipbuilding will be revived on the Foyle at Derry. Mr. Oaten, of Oaten & Reath, shipbuilders, Newcastle-on-Tyne, had a long interview with the harbor board, and a satisfactory arrangement was arrived at. A lease of the Foyle yard has been ordered to be prepared. The yard, which has been derelict, is ready for operations at once. The news caused great enthusiasm among the citizens.

DONEGAL.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the aged Mary Gallagher, who left her home at Dorr Lerron a few weeks ago, was explained June 9, when her body was found in a small lake near Drimbleigh by Fane men on their way for peat on the mountain. A match was played June 9 at Tullymore, Ballyshannon, between Kilbarrow and Kilmogh hurling teams. There was a large concourse of spectators. A very exciting game ended in favor of the home team by 11 goals to 8.

Bennet Mulreany of Mountharles died June 1.

DOWN.—The strike in Bessbrook has at last come to an end. The reelers who left off work on May 29 in consequence of application for an increase of wages being refused, causing the engines spinning mills to be closed down, have returned to work. It was known that the management were determined not to accede to the reelers' request. Thanks to the efforts of Thomas O'Hare and the local clergy, the matter was brought to a successful issue. Mr. O'Hare summoned a meeting of the reelers and advised them to return to work and avoid what would certainly be a result—much misery and suffering for all around Bessbrook. The girls succeeded to his request, and he afterwards communicated with the company. Then the mill gates were opened and work was resumed.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the people of Newry was held in the United Irish League hall June 11 for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business of a general nature. Dermot O'Brien presided. The attendance included James Grant, president, A. O. H. B. Harratty, R. O'Hagan, Felix O'Hagan, T. Huddy, J. H. Galvin, J. McConville, H. J. McConville, M. J. Dowall, J. P. Convery, M. Tomlin, Hugh McCaffrey, F. Frao, J. Kane, J. P. McNally, P. McDonald, M. Lundy, J. T. Carlwell, E. A. Lamb, James Hughes, J. Brady, F. Brady, R. O'Hara, H. McFrank, John McEneaney, E. Hurley, D. John Peter Gribb, Patrick McCaffrey, J. O'Hare, G. Murphy, M. Noonan, P. O'Hara, J. Lavery, C. McGorry, P. McCaffrey, William McAnulty, T. Ansley, John Mackin, C. R. H. O'Hare, J. Kinross, P. Lavery, J. Lennon, A. Lennon, Mr. Mooney, M. P. was elected president. James Hughes and Bernard Harratty vice presidents. Patrick McDonald and P. J. Lowry honorary secretaries and James O'Hagan treasurer.

FERMANAGH.—John Maguire, Gortall, Kinawley, died on June 1 at the age of seventy-seven years.

P. C. Doogan, M. P., died at Point House, Inishmore, L. Island, on June 18. He was born at Rossavelly in 1841.

MONAGHAN.—James McCaffrey who was born in 1797 died on June 1 in Clones infirmary.

C. Campbell, Market street, Monaghan, died on June 9.

Munster

CLARE.—Mrs. Michael Hill of Milltown Malby, died on June 3 aged eighty-four years.

The death of E. F. Bennett, Ballycar House, Newmarket on Fergus, occurred on June 9.

CORK.—On June 10 an assault with serious consequences was made in the village of Carriganma near Macroom, when Timothy Killeher of Mullaflugh was rendered unconscious by a gamekeeper, Daniel Killeher of Carriganma. The assault arose out of an altercation concerning land. The gamekeeper was arrested.

Rev. J. Breen, Knocknagrag, Kanturk, died on June 14.

A remarkable find was made June 4 in the gorse in the vicinity of the new military fort known as Temple Bridge, at the mouth of Cork harbor. It was a male infant, comfortably wrapped up, and attention was called to it by a sapper, who heard its cries. He took up the parcel and found a child, with a feeding bottle nearly empty. On a slip of paper pinned to the infant's clothing was the inscription "Baby Dee, born in New York April 2. Is a Roman Catholic." The police took charge of the infant, which is now in the Cork workhouse.

On Sunday, June 10, a public meeting was held in the Christian Brothers' new school, Fermoy, with the object of raising money to pay off the balance due and take steps to provide necessary additional accommodation in the Christian Brothers' house. The work of building the new school was launched in January, 1904, at a public meeting held in the Christian Brothers' old school, the estimated cost being \$15,000. The new school structure is a splendid building, containing eight large class rooms affording accommodation for 300 pupils. They embrace special intermediate schools, a science hall, a normal hall with full equipment of building tools, benches, drawings, etc. The schools were designed by S. F. Hynes, architect, Cork, and the building was erected by Denis Creedon, Fermoy. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Cloyne, presided, and among those present were Rev. M. O'Callaghan, administrator; Rev. Brother Quinn, Rev. Brother S. G. Stapleton, Messrs. Thomas Magner, Daniel Hayes, Jeremiah Quinn, D. O'Hagan, John Lonergan, P. O'Brien, John Punch, Richard Bartley, J. Dempsey and W. J. Magner, solicitor. It was decided to make a general collection in the town and outlying districts.

A presentation of a very interesting description took place on June 10 at Tournay terrace, Passage West, the residence of the Rev. Michael O'Flynn, pastor, late administrator SS. Peter and Paul's church, Cork. The members of the choir of the latter church seized the opportunity caused by the recent diocesan changes to present the Rev. Father O'Flynn with an illuminated address on his departure from the city to take up the important parish of Passage West. Jeremiah Sullivan, the veteran basso, was moved to the chair. Present: Rev. Father Murphy, Passage West; Herr Gmur, organist SS. Peter and Paul's church; J. B. Kopeck, M. Ambrose, R. Barriscane, E. Howell, J. F. Hickey, D. Mulcaire, C. Murphy, P. J. Dolan, C. McCarthy, J. P. Dalton. After some remarks by the chairman he called upon John Paul Dalton to read the address. The formal proceedings having concluded, Father O'Flynn invited the gentlemen present to a dejeuner, at which to the accompaniment of speech, music, recitation and song and the scenery and weather, the pleasure freighted time flew all too rapidly. The illuminated address contains views of the interior of SS. Peter and Paul's church, and in its setting of a gilded Florentine frame it is a magnificent present.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—BREEN.—June 14, at Knockragree, Rev. John Breen, in his thirty-second year and sixth of sacred ministry.—HOBART.—On June 14, Herbert William, South Mill, Cork.—HURLEY.—On June 18, at Abkhista, Duruss, Catherine, beloved wife of Timothy Hurley, N. T.—O'SULLIVAN.—May 30, in New York, James David O'Sullivan, West Cove

House Kerry aged thirty-six years.—S'CANLAN.—June 11, at Station hotel Lower road, Mary Bridget PERRO. On June 12 at Albert place of heart disease, Richard T. Perry, C. E.—M'HEUGH.—June 12, at the Convent of Mercy, Queenstown Mother Mary Pau McHugh, in the eighty-seventh year of her age.—COFFEY.—On June 11, a Killorgha, Michael Francis Coffey DAVIS.—June 11, at Market street Skibbereen, Margaret Davis.—DONOVAN.—On June 12, at Raheen, Castle townshend, Jeremiah Donovan.—BARRETT.—On June 11, at Ballycotton, Elizabeth Barrett, late of Sullivan's quay, widow of the late James Barrett, formerly of the Queen's old castle.—BARRY.—On June 11 at 61 High street, Richard Barry aged thirty years.—HAWE.—On June 10, Bridge-Hawe, Droim, Ballyhogue.—LEAHY.—On June 10, at 20 Waterloo road, Dublin, Daniel Arthur Leahy, aged forty-one years.—COONILAN.—On June 10, at Drumore, Daniel Coonilhan WATSON.—June 12, at Ballygryll, Willie Watson.—M'GRATH.—On June 12, at Queenstown, Bridget McGrath of Cloyne, aged sixty-one years.—O'HALLORAN.—On June 13, at Spangle hill, Denis O'Halloran, aged fifteen years.—OLEY.—On June 14, William Foley, late G. 8 and W. railway.—CANNINGHAM.—On June 13, Annie Cunningham, 21 Margate street.—O'CALLAGHAN.—June 15, at O'Brien's street, Kanturk, Nora O'Callaghan.—CADDIGAN.—June 14, Catherine Caddigan, aged seventy-eight years.—KILGUE.—HENNESSY.—June 15, Michael Hennessy late of Faha.—CLIFFORD.—On June 3, at Kilnapp John Clifford, late Ballynagloogh, Carrigahavir.—HOWARD.—June 9, at Bellmount hills, Crookstown, Alice Howard.—O'KEEFE.—On June 9, a 18 Dunbar street, Cornelius O'Keefe late of Ringaskiddy.—RETIEDE.—June 10, at 1 New street, Kilmurry Nora Retiede aged sixty-seven years.—WARNER.—On June 9, at Warner's cross, James Warner.

KERRY.—The death of John O'Connell, Rathmorrell, occurred on June 11 at the age of seventy-seven years.

Whole workmen were turf cutting a Inchicore, Brossa, lately their attention was attracted by a straw colored coal mass. Upon investigation, they found it was a mass of tallow semi petrified weighing fifty-five pounds and at a depth of five feet from the surface. Many theories have been advanced as to its existence some being that it was concealed there many years ago, when cattle were frequently taken by the starving people. A smaller find was made some time ago of a similar character in this place.

The negotiations in reference to the Trinity college estates in Audee Ballylongford and surrounding districts were concluded lately when a deputation of the tenants, accompanied by the Rev. J. Dillon, Ballylongford and H. J. Marshall, solicitor, waited on a representative of the college at Lis towel. All the tenants are first tier, and they had been receiving abatements varying from 20 per cent to 80 per cent. The college has offered and the tenants have agreed to accept a reduction of 7s. 6d. in the pound of the abated rent, and a half year's annuity to be added to the purchase money in lieu of arrears, and the turf bury on the estate to be divided among the tenants.

The death of Mrs. Denis O'Sullivan Ballylongford, Listowel, mother of the Rev. E. O'Sullivan, San Francisco, occurred on June 1.

Limerick.—Elizabeth Wixted, at Spillane's tobacco factory, Sarsfield street, recently met with a very distressing accident. While at her work her right hand was caught in the machinery and so injured that it was found necessary to amputate the hand. The operation was successfully performed at Barrington's hospital.

A very pleasing function took place in Cappawhitte recently. The parishioners, wishing to show in what esteem they held the Rev. Father O'Keane, presented him with an excellent horse, a beautiful car and an address.

TIPPERARY.—J. G. Mookler, aged twenty-two years, of Rathmann House, Thurles, was drowned in a stream named Irish, near Thurles, on June 11, while bathing. Not having returned at his usual time, his sister went to the stream and found him dead.

Right Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Killaloe, on June 6 formally opened the new Temperance hall in Nenagh. In his discourse he paid a high and well deserved tribute to the great service being done for Ireland by the Gaelic league.

Patrick Wall, Nicholstown, died on June 14, aged sixty-four years.

WATERFORD.—Right Rev. R. A. Sheehan, D. D., bishop of Waterford and Lismore, recently made the following changes: Rev. Michael O'Brien, chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Waterford, to be C. C. Aglish; Rev. J. Gleeson, C. C. Aglish, to be C. C. Madeligo; Rev. Richard Henebry, Ph. D., chaplain to the Waterford asylum, to be chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Manohill, Waterford; Rev. W. Nagle, S. T. L., chaplain to the Mercy convent, Cappoquin, to be chaplain to the Holy Ghost hospital, Waterford; Rev. John McNairy, chaplain to the Holy Ghost hospital, Waterford, to be chaplain to Waterford asylum, and Rev. John Curran, to be chaplain to the Mercy convent, Cappoquin.

There has been erected in the Knockboy cemetery, parish of Tournema, a splendid marble monument, surrounded with a carved cross, to the order of Mrs. Mary Callaghan Wall of Easthampton, Mass., U. S. A., in memory of her parents. The monument bears the inscription: "Erected by Mrs. Mary Callaghan Wall, Easthampton, U. S. A., in loving memory of her father, William Callaghan, born in Dunganarvan, died June 5, 1897, aged seventy-eight years; also her mother, Mary Callaghan (nee Morrissey), born in Knock-

boy, died Nov. 5, 1894, aged sixty-six years. May they rest in peace. The monument stands on two bases richly moulded and polished in the best Kilkenny limestone. The lettering is executed with great taste and is filled in lead, which makes the letters imperishable.

James O'Donnell, Glen, Deerpark, Lismore, died on May 21.

Leinster

CARLOW.—Rutland House, the residence of E. Edge, three miles from Carlow, was destroyed by fire lately. The fire is believed to have arisen from the bursting of an oil lamp in the back hall pending the return of some member of the family spending the evening with friends. The preservation of a wing of the inhabited portion and the removal of the furniture was all that could be effected.

DUBLIN.—John Fullam, merchant of 4 Sir John Rogerson's quay, Dublin, died of pneumonia on June 11 in Sir Patrick Dunn's hospital, aged fifty-three years.

A meeting of the general committee of the Sandford and Glencullen grand fête was held on June 9 at Larkfield, Sandford. The Very Rev. J. Kelly, pastor, presided. Present: Rev. M. Beahan, Richard Croker, W. Conan, T. W. Lecky, P. Hickey, J. J. McDonald, M. A. Robert Doyle, B. L. C. Dawson, I. Roe, Joseph F. Keogh, Myles Bourke, J. Byrne, P. Maguire, F. M. Byrne, T. C. Mahon, H. Roe, Denis J. Black, I. M. Mayne, M. R. C. V. S., J. O'Donovan, F. R. C. S. D. F. Condon, B. L., and J. Waldron, honorary secretary. The principal business of meeting was consideration of the reports of the subcommittees. In addition to the numerous attractions, it is proposed to hold a goose race from Sandford to the grounds of the fête at Sandford. There will also be grand athletic sports. The success of the fête is assured, and it will be one of the most popular events that have taken place in South County Dublin for years. Richard Croker subscribed a handsome check toward the initial expenses of the fête.

On June 12, St. Michael's church, Kingstown, was the scene of a wedding, when a marriage was solemnized between Dr. Frank Ayle Curran, son of Lieutenant Colonel Ayle Curran, Rathmines road, and Miss Ida Violet Byrne of Mount Haigh, Kingstown, daughter of a popular city solicitor, Gerald Byrne. In the absence of the Very Rev. Canon Murphy the ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Byrne, assisted by Rev. Dr. Healy, Rev. Dr. Crean, Rev. Father Cullen, Rev. Father Flavin and Rev. Dr. O'Neill. The wedding breakfast was served at Gerald Byrne's residence, Mount Haigh, Kingstown, where fifty ladies and gentlemen, representative of the professional and business classes of the city and county, were entertained. Rev. Father Byrne proposed the health of the bride, whom he had known from childhood, and prophesied she would make a good wife.

Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, archbishop of Dublin, recently dedicated the new church in Garristown. The Irish name of the place is Ballygaura. The foundation of the edifice was laid in June, 1903. The new church is built in the Gothic style. It consists of a nave 90 by 30 feet, with a diagonal apse 20 by 38 feet. The walls are of limestone from local quarries, lined with brick. The chancel floor is laid in mosaic, the nave passages and floors of porches tiled. The roof, which is of open timber construction, is paneled with pitch pine. The chancel arch is supported on granite shafts with carved capitals and moulded bases. The altar and altar rails are of Sicilian marble. At the back of the altar is a beautiful stained glass window presented by Mr. Martin, Stephen's Green, Dublin. In pretty niches at each side in front of the altar are marble statues designed and executed on each of which is the inscription, "Pray for Margt. Angler (nee Curtis, Nutstown), who died on the 12th October, 1871." Cork red columns mixed with Galway green give a charming setoff to the pillars between the nave and the chancel. At the lower end of the church is a gallery, which makes a very nice choir department and adds much to the beauty of the church.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—ARMSTRONG.—At 19 St. Patrick's avenue, North strand, Dublin, Edmund Armstrong, late of George's lane, Smithfield, aged sixty-eight years.—BYRNE.—June 11, at Droimore, Newtownmountkenedy, John Byrne.—COSGROVE.—June 9, suddenly, Thomas Cosgrove, hotel proprietor, Glengarriff.—HENNESSY.—At 16 York street, Thomas Hennessy.—LARGAN.—June 11, at 51 Upper Coombe street, John Largan (Jacks), second son of the late James Largan, late of the composing staff of the Daily Express.—MAHER.—June 10, at the Whitworth hospital, John Maher of 8 Foster terrace, Thiborough.—MAHER.—June 11, at 1 Shamrock terrace, Haroldscross, Anne Maher, Ballyhyland house, Cullinagh, Maryboro.—HEALY.—June 12, at 8 Tram villa, Tereunte, Margaret Healy, Tuifarris.—BRIEN.—June 12, at Skeigh, Hazelhatch, Mrs. Elizabeth Brien.—CURRAN.—At 1 St. Vincent's terrace, Finglas road, Mary Kate Curran, late of Drogheda.—GREENAN.—June 13, William Greenan, car proprietor, late of 55 Raglan lane, aged sixty-six years.—KINSELLA.—June 13, at 145 Great Brunswick street, Annie Kinella.—BYRNE.—June 9, at St. Monica's, Belvedere place, Mary Byrne, daughter of the late John Healy of 2 Temple lane, Dublin, aged eighty-three.—WHITTY.—June 9, at the Hoople For the Dying, Haroldscross, Bridget Whitty of 8 Lower Dorset street.—O'CONNOR.—June 12, Thomas O'Connor, 2 Chatham row, member of the Amalgamated Society of Tailors.—GUISE.—At 20 Sandymount

Green, Kate F. Guise, wife of John Guise, daughter of Mary and the late Stephen Comerford.

KILKENNY.—Thomas Fitzgerald, chairman of the Callan rural district council, has, on the recommendation of the Marquis of Ormonde, been appointed to the commission of the peace for Callan.

Among those ordained to the priesthood on June 9 by the archbishop of Dublin at the pro-cathedral, Marlborough street was the Rev. Raphael Ayres, O. P. Father Ayres is a son of the late respected John Ayres, King's street, Kilkenny, where the important business which he successfully carried on is conducted by his daughter, Miss Ayres.

The friends of Edward J. Kelly, Logan street, Thomastown, met in the boys' school lately for the purpose of making him a present on his marriage as a token of the esteem in which he is held. The presentation consisted of a suit of Irish made drawing room furral trim. Among those present were R. J. Ryan, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, J. O'Griffin, P. M. Walsh, E. Comerford, T. Walsh, M. L. Cuddihy, J. Cady, P. O'Griffin, W. Lannan, P. Kavanagh, B. J. Ryan, T. Murphy, D. F. Drea and J. Cahill.

KING'S.—On June 7 the death occurred at the Square, Edenderry, of James Blake, at the age of eighty-seven years.

LONGFORD.—Addressing the congregation in St. Meil's cathedral after mass recently Most Rev. Dr. Hoar drew the attention to a beautiful work of art which adorns the cathedral and which was presented to the people of the diocese by a famous artist in honor who was on a visit to Longford. The picture is over one of the entrances and represents the holy family in Nazareth. The child Jesus is displaying the cross to his Blessed Mother, while St. Joseph looks on with surprise. The bishop, on behalf of himself and people of the diocese thanked the donor for his grand and valuable present.

In Coolamber Manor bog a gromoso discovery was made on June 9. While men were cutting turf one of them discovered the remains of a man at a depth of six feet from the surface. On the body there was no trace of clothes, on the feet no trace of boots. No head was attached to or found near the trunk. From the appearance of the neck it was evident that the head was taken off in a rude manner. It is likely the body is that of someone who was done to death in the dark days of '98 or in even a more remote period, for peat has the effect of preserving a body for a very long space of time. Among the people of Coolamber and district speculation is rife as to the identity of the remains, but it is a mystery which is still unsolved.

LOUTH.—On June 11 Dr. Bellars, coroner for North Louth, held an inquest at Waterstown on the body of Charles McDowell, aged twenty-two, who was recently drowned while bathing in the river Fane, some few miles from Dundalk. The jury found that death was caused by accident. The jurors praised Andrew McGuinness for his benevolent attempt to save deceased.

On June 9 the Rev. Peter McQuillan, O. P., son of the late Peter McQuillan of West street, Drogheda, was raised to the priesthood by the archbishop of Dublin. On the feast of Corpus Christi Father McQuillan sang mass in the Church of the Dominican Novitiate at Tallaght, Dublin.

MEATH.—On June 11 a reception of postulants took place in the chapel of the Convent of Mary, Kells, when Miss Ryan of Cloneyharp castle, Thurles (Sister Mary Patrick); Miss O'Sher, Drogheda (Sister Mary Alphonsus), and Miss O'Brien, Moynalty (Sister Mary Joseph), took their vows. The Most Rev. Dr. Gaughan, bishop elect, assisted by Rev. T. Mulvaney, officiated.

The death of John Reilly took place at the age of thirty-two at Fenner, Oldcastle, on June 8.

QUEEN'S.—A public meeting was held in the courthouse, Portlinton, lately in support of the action of the parliamentary representatives in endeavoring to obtain from the government a grant for the purpose of improving the drainage of the river Barrow. The signatories to the circular were the Rev. E. O'Leary, Portlinton, chairman, and P. Lynch and P. White, Treason, honorable secretaries. Delegates were in attendance from the districts along the Barrow from Mountmellick to Athy. P. A. Meehan, M. P.; W. Delaney, M. P.; clergymen of different denominations, professional gentlemen and others were also present. On the motion of Dr. Fisher the chair was taken by the Rev. E. O'Leary, pastor Dr. J. M. Tabuteau, Portlinton, proposed the following resolution: "That the annual flooding of 50,000 acres of land of houses in Mountmellick, Portlinton and Monasterevan and other towns adjoining the river Barrow, causing enormous destruction of property, misery and suffering among people, permanent injury to the public health of the country and oftentimes loss of life, demands immediate and efficient remedy, that it is impossible to cope with this evil by local effort; that it is the duty of the government to deal promptly with this admitted grievance and to provide the necessary funds for a thorough drainage of the Barrow and its tributaries; that the overwhelming evidence embodied in the Spencer-Castletown commission report of 1885—twenty-one years ago—was sufficient to ground the Balfour Barrow drainage bill of 1888 and a free grant from parliament of £215,000; that during that twenty-one years the evil has considerably increased, and the sufferings of the people have become more acute, and it is not necessary to seek for further evidence of the existence of the evil or the urgent necessity for its removal." Rev. Mr. Cole, rector, Portlinton, seconded the res-

olution, which was adopted unanimously.

WESTMEATH.—Mrs. Ellen Lacy o Mullingar died on June 5, aged sixty-nine years.

On June 10 a great procession and demonstration were held at New Ross to assist in raising funds for the completion of a memorial to the men who died at New Ross. The foundation stone has been laid. Two thousand dollars are still wanting to enable the work to be completed. Judging by the splendid demonstration and enthusiasm manifested, it will not be long till the amount will be realized. James Hearns presided.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Among the successful competitors at the recent Mayo fairs held in Castlebar, Master Martin O'Brien, pupil of the Belclare boys national school, Tuam, secured first prize in the senior and junior Irish song, old strain. He obtained the silver medal for a solo for gentlemen ("Fir and Iarthar"). In addition, he carried off first prize for senior and second prize for junior recitation, third prize for senior and junior story telling, second prize for best knowledge of first five books of O'Growney, third prize for best knowledge of Dr. McHale's Irish catechism and last reader of Father Conway's Irish prayer book.

LEITRIM.—The congested district board have intimated to the chairman of the Borneacoola parish committee R. P. Wallace, that they have set aside £250 to enable deserving farmers in the congested area of the parish (Cashel division) to carry out improvements in their holdings during the ensuing year and recommend that the works be commenced as early in autumn as possible.

P. Reynolds presided at a meeting of the members of the Gortlemere branch of the United Irish League. Present: J. Blake, vice president, W. Tierman, treasurer, J. MacGovern, J. Thompson, J. Melton, J. H. Mulvey, T. Kellagher, J. Flynn, P. Reynolds, Prunty, G. W. Carleton, P. Reilly, J. Cunningham, M. Kane, J. Browne, M. Duhanna, M. Canning, J. MacKenna, J. F. Smyth, M. P., and P. Reilly, secretaries. The following resolution was proposed, seconded and passed in silence, viz: "That we tender to Mrs. Davitt and family our condolence in their bereavement, occasioned by the death of Michael Davitt, founder of the Land league, one of the best defenders the Irish people ever had in their struggle for freedom; a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Mrs. Davitt." A check for \$60 was received from John Dillon, M. P., and the late Mr. Davitt for Mrs. Gannon, Mrs. Halpin, Francis McNally and Michael Courtney, four evicted tenants.

MAYO.—On June 11 an interesting marriage took place at St. Anthony's church, Scotland road, Liverpool, the contracting parties being Joseph Aloystus Millott, son of Michael J. Millott of Swinford, and Margaret, young set daughter of William Frayne of Lung House, Ballinaderreen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Cooke, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Brien, in the presence of a crowded church.

ROSCOMMON.—On June 9 Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin, administered the sacrament of confirmation in St. Bride's church, Ballintubber, to 20 children of Ballintubber and Ballymore. He examined the children in the Christian doctrine, and the answering reflects credit on the teachers of both parishes. After mass the bishop delivered an impressive sermon on the evils of intemperance. His lordship also commended what is known as "American wakes" previous to people leaving Ireland for America.

On June 11, at the parish church of St. Brides, Ballintubber, a quiet wedding took place when Francis Henry McDermott, son of the late Captain Owen McDermott of Springfield, Galway, was married to Miss Mary Josephine Bodkin, daughter of the late William Thomas Bodkin, Roseberry House, Ballymore. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Owen McDermott. The bridegroom was attended by his stepbrother, John J. Bodkin, as best man. The ceremony was solemnized with nuptial mass by the Rev. James Martin, Ballintubber, who entertained the bridal party at breakfast.

James J. Burke, coroner for County Roscommon, died lately at his home, Milltown, Ballenahilly. He was aged seventy-eight years.

SILIGO.—The following vote of condolence to Mrs. Davitt and family on the death of Ireland's truest son, Michael Davitt, was passed at a meeting of the Lily of Lough Gill branch, I. N. F.: "That we give to Mrs. Davitt and family our deep sympathy in their sad bereavement." This was proposed by Brother E. J. Harte and seconded by Brother E. McFadden.

Miss Mary Reid, daughter of John Reid, Market street, Siligo, when preparing supper June 13, got her clothes on fire, and they burned up so rapidly that she was unable to tear them off and was so injured that she died in a few hours. The deceased's sister, who had left the kitchen to attend to other domestic duties, returned and was overwhelmed with the spectacle which met her gaze. She ran for water and poured it on her sister. She repeated a few times until she had extinguished the flames. She next had the deceased, who was prostrate, removed to bed, where everything was done to allay her suffering. Dr. Martin was in immediate attendance and exercised every means to prolong life, but the shock was too great. The rites of the church were administered by Rev. Dr. Hurley. The body was charred, but death ensued from shock.

Patrick Hart, Collooney, died on June 12, aged eighty-five years.