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.—At the Carrickfergus petty sessions court lately Walter Carruth, a newly appointed magistrate for the County Antrim, was sworn in to the commission of the peace by W. Holmes, R. M. The chairman, Robert MacMurray, welcomed Mr. Carruth to the bench and said he was sure he would discharge the duties faithfully and in an impartial manner.

The intercounty hurling contest between teams representing Antrim and Down met at Newcastle Aug. 10. A large gathering witnessed the contest, and considerable interest was manifested in the game. Teams: Antrim—Goal, Robinson; D. Dempsey, H. Sheehan, A. Donnelly, McCann, F. McIlvenny, J. Hughes, J. Carty, P. McGinley, H. Laverty, J. McGowan, J. Devlin, J. McKeown, J. Moore, J. McKerry, J. Ralph and T. Clear. Down—J. Gould, Seagan MacColurig, J. Lavery, D. McCartan, P. Murray, P. Lavery, D. Collins, J. Kinsella, J. Acton, T. Acton, J. O'Callaghan, P. Gartlan, C. McCurry, P. Hughes, P. McGeoghegan, W. Gould, H. McVeigh. Antrim won by 11 points to 10 for Down.

ARMAGH.—Most Rev. Dr. J. M. Farley, archbishop of New York, while visiting Cardinal Logue, paid a visit to Newtownhamilton, the place of his birth and boyhood. He drove from Castleblayney, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dr. McMackin and by the Rev. Peter Kerley, Cullyhanna. He was met at the church by the Rev. Arthur P. Smyth, Newtownhamilton, the Rev. Patrick A. Macken, Ballymenagh, and by his old teacher and lifelong friend, T. Macken. He visited the graves of his father and mother and passed some time in silent prayer. Though he left his native place when fourteen years of age, he still retains recollections of persons and scenes and spent awhile in recalling events of bygone days. Through all the years he never forgot the place of his birth and many times evinced his love for it in assisting any person from his native town who might seek his assistance in obtaining employment in the new world. He afterward drove on to see the beautiful new church at Cullyhanna and was the guest of the Rev. Peter Kerley.

CAVAN.—The appointment of Terence Hamilton, draper, Irish House, Belturbet, as justice of the peace has given general satisfaction in Belturbet. He is a broad minded and practical young Nationalist who not only was a leading mover in the local branch of the Town Tenants' association, but was one of the first placed by the central executive on the parliamentary committee to draft the town tenants' bill, which has passed committee stage in the house of commons.

The death of Richard Ahern took place at his residence, Rosa, Mountnugent, on Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the thirty-first year of his age.

On July 28 Mrs. Baxter Ballinagh passed peacefully away at the age of seventy-one years.

DERRY.—In St. Patrick's Catholic church, Claudy, on Aug. 19 a charity sermon was delivered by Rev. John Doherty, administrator, Carndonagh, in aid of the parochial improvements undertaken by Father Philip O'Doherty. At the close of mass, celebrated by Father McConnell, a collection made realized $3,000. Father Philip O'Doherty heartily thanked all friends for their sympathy and support.

DONEGAL.—An earthquake shock was experienced on Aug. 22 in North Donegal. Walls quivered, windows shook and crockery rattled, while ceilings and partitions cracked. Carrigart village was the center of the disturbance. Much alarm was occasioned, the people ran out of their dwellings in fear.

Not since Falcarragh was thronged with an excited assemblage fifteen years ago on the occasion of the notorious evictions has there been seen such a muster as that witnessed there lately. In response to the invitation of the local division A. O. H. (board of Erin) the various divisions of County Donegal sent strong contingents with bands and banners to Falcarragh. There was a splendid procession through the streets of the town, headed by seven marshals on horseback. Afterward a public meeting was held at which Brother Daniel Coll, president of the Cloughaneely division, presided. Resolutions were adopted calling upon Irishmen to enlist under the banner of the Ancient Order, pledging support to the Irish party under J. E. Redmond, requesting the Irish party to introduce legislation to remove the disabilities under which future tenants are laboring, calling upon the lord lieutenant to revoke the crimes act in that district and supporting the ideals and aspirations associated with the Gaelic movement.

DOWN.—Thomas Graham Morris, manager of the Catholic World, Chicago, visited Newry lately and had an interview with Bishop O'Neill. Mr. Morris states that the mission of Rev. J. Rooney on behalf of the Newry cathedral will be a financial success.

The mass parade on Sunday, Aug. 19, of the John Mitchel Branch Irish National Foresters and their brothers from Dundalk, Portadown, Banbridge, Rathfriland, Rostrevor, Clonlough, Musgrave, Ballybofland and other districts was one of the most imposing demonstrations witnessed for many years. The weather was fine. The entire arrangements worked with a clockwork regularity. The unanimous opinion was one of admiration and respect for the great society, which numbers in its ranks all classes.

FERMANAGH.—Over 3,000 persons took part in a demonstration organized recently by the Fermanagh county board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held in Derrygonnelly. Brother Gilleece presided. Resolutions were adopted congratulating the national officers on the success of the order and demanding national independence.

MONAGHAN.—The second annual Gaelic feis on behalf of County Monaghan was held lately in Castleblayney and was a huge success. Large crowds were present from every corner of County Monaghan and from Cavan and Louth. The feis committee was very fortunate in obtaining the use of the Shrubbery hill, convenient to the town. The number of entries in every class was very large, and the judges were surprised to find many competitors possessed great knowledge of the Irish language. The secretary, Padraig Morris, Donaghmoyne, Carrickmacross deserves special praise for his arduous duties. A marked feature of the day was the presence of Richard L. Wilson, M. P. S. I., Monaghan, attired in the ancient kilt costume. Another prominent feature was the large attendance of clergymen. The music in the field was supplied by the Castleblayney Foresters' Brass band and the Latton and Mullyash Fife and Drum bands.

The members of the Castleblayney football club and sports committee recently entertained Bernard Coyle, clerk of Castleblayney union, at a banquet in the Hope Arms hotel on his marriage and presented him with a handsome illuminated address and a beautiful bookcase and writing desk as a token of esteem. Henry Maturin, manager Belfast bank, presided in the absence of the Rev. Mark Clinton, who arrived late. Present: Bernard Coyle, W. McGrath, Francis Corrigan, P. Mulligan, J. McDonnell, J. Murphy, F. Maguire, S. P. Farran, J. Duffy, E. McSherry, J. Coyle and D. Coyle, secretary. The chairman in a few well chosen words referred to the pleasant duty which devolved upon him that evening in being called on to make the presentation and concluded by wishing Mr. and Mrs. Coyle long and happy lives. Mr. Coyle having replied, songs were contributed by W. McGrath, D. Coyle, B. Coyle, J. Duffy, J. Murphy, S. Maguire and Ed McSherry. The address was executed by the Gaelic leaguer Joseph Dempsey, Donegal street, Belfast, and was a beautiful specimen of Irish art, introducing traceries from the famous book of Kells.

Munster

CLARE.—Martin Cleary, Clonola, Kindysart, while cycling in London recently, was killed by a motor car.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Traidaree branch of the United Irish league was held on Aug. 10 at Newmarket-on-Fergus. T. Kettle, M. P., who was the principal speaker, drove from Limerick. J. Italpin, M. P., who recently arrived at his residence, also addressed the meeting. Those present were T. Kettle, M. P.; James Halpin, M. P.; J. McInerney, P. Hannon, P. Howard, Ennis; J. McMahon, secretary. The delegates in attendance were: Broadford, Dan Moloney, C. J. Murnane, T. Moloney; O'Callaghan's Mills, Denis McInerney, Michael Vaughan, Thomas Cooney, J. Tobin, secretary; D. Cooney, P. McInerney, M. McNamara; Ennis, J. P. Keane, J. O'Moloney; Corofin, M. Hegarty, Thomas Cahill; Cratloe, J. McInerney, J. Donnelly, secretary; P. McCarthy, M. Carmody; Ruan, R. O'Brien, J. O'Halloran, T. Sullivan, M. Hehir, M. Fitzgerald; Tradraigh, J. Lynch, Thomas Quinn, P. Ahern, J. O'Houlihan, P. B. Sweeney, J. O'Grady; Ballycorick, P. McInerney, J. Tuohy, P. Nagle. The Clare Castle and Quin fife and drum bands paraded the village previous to the meeting discoursing lively national airs.

CORK.—A severe thunderstorm broke over Kanturk district lately, causing great damage, especially in the Castlemagner district. Mrs. Barrett of Subultar was struck by lightning and killed, about ten yards from her house. A quantity of hay was burned and many trees torn up.

Miss Birdie Williams of the Park, Middleton, died on Aug. 16, aged fifteen years.

The death occurred recently of James Perry, Summer Hill, St. Lukes, Cork city.

The memorial to the late Tom Barry, Killavullen, was unveiled by William O'Brien, M. P., in Annakisy cemetery, Aug. 19. It was arranged that a demonstration should be formed in Mallow at half past 1, but long before the streets of the town wore a most animated appearance by the presence of numerous contingents and bands. About 2 o'clock processional order was formed, and a start was made for Annakisy. As the journey proceeded the immense size of the procession could be seen. With the brakes and outside cars, as well as the thousands of pedestrians, it could not have taken up a less distance than a mile and a half. The Thomas Davis band, Mallow, Ballyclough band and Glenville band took part. At Annakisy the assembly was joined by another huge concourse, and on arrival the ceremony of unveiling was proceeded with. Mr. O'Brien, who was accompanied by Mrs. O'Brien, Very Rev. Canon Wigmore, Mallow, and A. Roche, M. P., and other Nationalists, assembled at the grave. The bands took their places within the churchyard, and at a signal Mr. O'Brien pulled a cord connecting with the veil on the monument, and, to the strains of the "Memory of the Dead," the monument was unveiled, while those present reverently bared their heads.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—O'CALLAGHAN—On Aug. 18, at 5 Rockwell terrace, Pope's road, Patrick O'Callaghan, late chief petty officer, navy.—HAYES—On Aug. 18, at Cork, John J Hayes, son of the late William Hayes Boherneknave, Thurles, late Henry street warehouse, Dublin.—GERAN—Aug. 13, at Newgrove, Glanworth Mary Anne Geran, widow of the late James Geran, Broomhill, Mitchelstown—CHEEVERS—Aug. 18, John Cheevers.—MURPHY On Aug. 17, at the South Infirmary, Margaret Murphy Dallygibbon, Blarney, daughter of the late Anthony Callaghan, Droumboy Carrignavar.—M'CARTHY—Aug. 18, Daniel McCarthy, Hawthorn cottage, Drimoleague, ex national schoolteacher—MULCAHY—Aug. 20, at Skahanagh, Watergrasshill, Margaret Mulcahy.—POWER—At Dungarvan, Aug. 19, Ellie Power.—O'MAHONY—Aug. 20, at North street, Skibbereen, Cornelius O'Mahony, Sr.—EGAN—Aug. 20, at 6 Cathedral place, John Egan, aged seventy-one.—NAGLE—Aug. 23, at 32 Kyrl's street, Frances Nagle.—KELLY—Aug. 24, at Pouladuff road, Maggie Maudie Kelly.—HORGAN—Aug. 22, at Rathnadarraby, Castletownroche, Mary Horgan.—NOONAN—Aug. 23, at Blackwater Vale hotel, Lismore, John Noonan.—CARROLL—Aug. 20, at St. Patrick's hospital, Cork, Mary Carroll, 25 Rathmore building, aged ten years.—KEENAN—Aug. 21, at the hotel, Glandore, Annie Keenan.—MURPHY—Aug. 20, Timothy Murphy, late of Great Britain street.—COONEY—Aug. 21, Agnes Cooney, Barrymore avenue, Queenstown, daughter of the late John Keating, N. T.—HAYES—Aug. 22, at Schull, Thomas Hayes.—MURPHY—On Aug. 20, Timothy Murphy, late Curriclough, Kilmurry.—HALLORAN Aug. 22, at Kelleenreendowney, Lower Frank walk, John Halloran, Sr.—HERLIHY—On Aug. 23, at Ballygraddy, Mary Herlihy.—O'FARRELL—Aug. 22, at Redington, Queenstown, Edmund O'Farrell, aged eighty years.—FOLEY—Aug. 22, Kate Foley, of 4 Graham's terrace, Queenstown.—COAKLEY—Aug. 21, at Aghavrin, Coachford, Daniel Coakley.

KERRY.—Patrick Collins, while cycling down a steep incline on the road between Mainteagle and Brosna, lately met with a serious accident. He was going at a high rate of speed and, rounding a curve, dashed into a flock of turkeys. One of the birds got entangled in his machine, blocking it up and precipitating the rider headforemost upon the road. He sustained nasty wounds on the hands and legs.

On Aug. 22 Dr. Clancy, coroner, held an inquest at Ballybunion into the circumstances touching the death of Denis O'Connell, Abbeyfeale, aged twenty-four years, drowned the previous evening. It appears deceased, with others, visited the Granu cave, with lighted candles, between 11 and 12 o'clock at night. The candles were extinguished, and the deceased in a panic rushed through the outlet leading to the sea and was drowned. A number of others of the party had narrow escapes. The jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning and added a rider expressing sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

The death of James O'Connor, Caheina, foreman for J. M. Slattery, bacon merchant, Tralee, took place on Aug. 22, at the age of fifty-one years.

On Aug. 19 Miss Margaret O'Carroll (in religion Sister Mary Xavier), daughter of P. O'Carroll, Ballybunion, received the white veil at the Presentation convent, Killarney. Most Rev. Dr. Mangan officiated, assisted by Rev. A. O'Sullivan and Rev. P. O'Carroll, St. Brendan's seminary, Killarney.

LIMERICK.—The 15th of August was the annual holiday of the Limerick pork butchers, and advantage was taken of the fact by Alderman S. O'Mara, chairman of a bacon curing firm, to give a treat to his staff and employees. These, with their friends to the number of 150, he invited to the exhibition, where they spent the day. Dinner was served in Ross Castle restaurant, and the festivities lasted till 6. Supper followed and tea later on.

James Colbert, forty, a messenger at the Redemptorist convent, on Aug. 22 was accidentally drowned while bathing in the Ballinacurra river, a tributary of the Shannon. Accompanied by two boys, he went into the water at Poul Qurm. He jumped in first, and his companions were alarmed to find that he did not reappear. After waiting some time they informed the Ballinacurra police of the occurrence, and a search for the body was subsequently instituted, and it was recovered.

TIPPERARY.—The death of Michael Lyons, proprietor of the railway bar, Tipperary, occurred on Aug. 20.

On Aug. 19 a meeting of the members of the Cashel district committee of the Irish Land and Labor association was held in the Cashel city hall. Edmond Grace, Dualla, president, occupied the chair. Present: Clonoulty, James Dwyer, P. Ryan, John Dee, J. Gorman, F. Cleary and M. Ryan; Cashel, J. Brennan, D. Sullivan, E. Davin, D. Keogh, W. Moloney, T. Donovan, Thomas Butler, J. Cahill, T. Croke, J. Bourke, D. Dwyer and M. McNamara, U. C.; Moyglass, M. O'Keeffe, J. McGrath, R. Quinton, J. Prout, W. O'Connell; Rosegree, W. Ryan. Dr. Thomas Laffan in the course of a speech referred to the laborers' question and especially the allotment act, which he thought should be taken advantage of by those laborers residing in Ferhard, Deangan and Killenaule. Applications should be made to the rural district council to have the allotment act put into force in their districts. This suggestion was acted on.

There passed away on June 24 at the Royal North Shore hospital, a member of the brilliant old Tipperary Gill family, Robert Gill, a nephew of Peter E. Gill of the Tipperary Advocate, known in his election campaigns in Tipperary in the middle sixties as "the General," says the Sydney Freeman's Journal. John Augustus O'Shea, war correspondent, London Standard, was his cousin, as also is the secretary of agriculture and technical education for Ireland, T. O. Gill.

WATERFORD.—Mrs. Barnett, Chapel street, Lismore, died on Aug. 18.

On Aug. 15, at the Ursaline convent, Upton, Forest Gate, London, the profession took place of Miss Anastasia Kiely (in religion Sister Mary Ursula of the Blessed Sacrament). Miss Kiely, who is the second daughter of Edmond Kiely, Shandon street, Dungarvan, was received into the Ursaline convent at the novitiate house in Haecht, Belgium, on the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, May 24, 1904.

Leinster

CARLOW.—George Watson, a native of Ballydarton, Carlow, known in Australia as the "king of flag starters," died recently, aged seventy-eight years.

Sister Josephine died at the Mercy convent, Carlow, on Aug. 22.

DUBLIN.—The annual church parade of the Irish National Foresters' Association of the City and County of Dublin took place at Dalkey, when 3,000 persons took part in the procession. A meeting was held, at which the Rev. Father Healy presided and congratulated the members and their friends on the demonstration and on their organization. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Hutchinson, ex-lord mayor; J. J. Clancy, M. P.; Mr. Judd, Mr. Lecky and others.

An inquest was held on Aug. 20 on the remains of John Walsh, aged twenty-four, who died recently in the Mater Misericordiae hospital from injuries sustained at Mrs. Barry's hotel, 1 Great Denmark street, Dublin. The deceased was sliding down the banisters from the top landing when he fell to the second landing, a distance of twenty-eight feet. The jury found that death resulted from fracture of the skull caused by accident.

Recent Deaths in Dublin.—CALLAN—Aug. 22, Patrick Joseph, aged twenty years, eldest son of James Callan, 10 Brabazon street.—CASEY—Aug. 23, Mrs. Elizabeth Casey, 10 Lower Oxmantown road, aged twenty-two years.—MARTIN—Aug. 22, at 28 Grantham street, John J. Martin, aged eighty-three years.—NICHOLSON—Aug. 23, at Our Lady's Hospice For the Dying, Haroldscross, John H. Nicholson, merchant tailor, late of Cork and formerly of St. Laurence place, Fontenoy street.—BYRNE—Aug. 24, at 106 Upper Leeson street, John Byrne, aged seventy-seven years.—CONRAN—Aug. 22, at 41 Blessington street, Dublin, John Conran, after a short illness, in his seventy-third year, late of Brooklyn, New York.—HICKEY—Aug. 24, at 10 Arranmore avenue, N. C. road, William John Hickey, late of 60 Lower Dominick street.—JONES—Aug. 22, at Glenmore Orwell park, Rathgar, Perrival Jones.—MURPHY—Aug. 24, Mary Murphy, late of 55 St. Joseph's place and 53 Middle Abbey street, aged thirty-two years.—M'RTAGH—At 4 North Great Charles street, Margaret Murtagh, aged sixty-nine, daughter of the late William Inglis, Gormanstown, County Meath.—BEHAN—Aug. 20, at 38 Blackhall place, Catherine, aged seven and a half years, daughter of Michael Behan.—CREEDE—Aug. 18, at 20 Brookfield road, Peter Creede of Milford, County Carlow, formerly of Rathvilly.—JORDAN—At Our Lady's Hospice For the Dying, Haroldscross, James Jordan of 37 Upper Abbey street.—LANDERS—At Heidelberg, South Africa, Richard Martin Landers, Serpentine avenue, Balsbridge, and 46 Goldsmith street, Dublin.—O'NEILL—Aug. 18, at 83 Haroldscross, Henry O'Neill.—SHERIDAN—Aug. 19, Elizabeth Mary Sheridan, 1 Elgin road.

KILDARE.—Christopher Smith of Newbridge was killed on the railway at Waterford city recently.

The contest for the football championship of Leinster came off on Aug. 19 in Athy. The teams were Dublin and Kildare. Kildare men were victors.

KILKENNY.—At Belmont park recently a football match took place between Kilmacow and Slieverue, which resulted in a win for the former team by 5 points to 3.

KING'S.—The prospects of the potato crop in King's county are of the gloomiest description. The heavy smell of the blight is perceptible, and the harvest is expected to be as bad as can be, as far as potatoes are concerned. The results hoped for from spraying have been nil.

A sensational occurrence is reported from Clara. Thomas Bannon, an ex-soldier, attacked his son, Nicholas Bannon, with a razor. The son called at the police barrack and when Constable Kelley opened the door he was shocked by the terrible spectacle of a man whose throat had been cut from ear to ear. The wound around the neck was five and a half inches long, and exposed the windpipe. Several arteries and veins were severed, from which blood flowed in great quantities. Dr. Fitzpatrick was summoned and found the man in a very exhausted state. He dressed up the wounds and had him conveyed to the hospital, Sergeant Maher arrested the father, the assailant, and brought him before a magistrate who remanded him to jail. The whole affair created a great sensation about Clara.

LONGFORD.—Edward Morgan of Ward's terrace, Longford, died on Aug. 18.

MEATH.—On Sunday, Aug. 19, the Rev. Thomas Gilseman, recently appointed parish priest of Enfield, met with a hearty and warm reception from the people of Jordanstown.

At Kilcarne, Navan, lately, on the ground of the Young Ireland Hurling club an important match in connection with the Meath senior championship was decided between Julianstown Stars and Syddan Emmets. The former won the game.

Rev. John Cassidy, administrator, Ardcath, has been promoted to the pastorate of Kilbeggan in place of the Rev. Dermot Cole, who has been made P. P. of Killucan, and the Rev. Charles V. Crinnion, C. C., Clara, has been appointed administrator of Ardcath.

South African papers announce the death of Sister Mary Coleman of Nazareth House, Kingwilliamstown, on July 16. The deceased, known as Miss Nally, was a native of County Meath.

QUEEN'S.—The western side of the Catholic church at Ariess has been ornamented by a couple of in memoriam stained glass windows. One was erected by L. McLoughlin, Cloneybeacon, in memory of his brothers, W. F. McLoughlin, late of Chicago and known as one of the coffee kings of America, and Peter McLoughlin. The second window was erected by Mrs. E. Purcell and her sister, Miss K. McLoughlin, in memory of their father and mother, the late Andrew and Mrs. Margaret McLoughlin. The windows contain companion pictures, one a representation of St. Francis praying on the mount; in the other the saint appears receiving the stigmata.

WESTMEATH.—The death occurred on Aug. 23 at Fennor, Killucan, of Michael Malone, who had attained the age of eighty-two years.

WEXFORD.—John Mernagh, in the employment of James Fortune, Barmoney, was killed while riding his bicycle near Taghmon on Aug. 22. A dog ran against the machine, and the rider was thrown off.

On Aug. 16 Miss E. Kerwan, daughter of Mr. Kerwan, Gorey, was married to James Young of the C. G. station, Ballymoney. The bride was given away by her brother, John Kerwan. Miss M. Clince acted as bridesmaid, while Patrick Kerwan, brother of the bride, supported Mr. Young as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Redmond in St. Michael's church. The happy couple left for Ovoca, and thence to Dublin, where the honeymoon will be spent.

On Aug. 23, at Bree church, by the Rev. Nicholas Merhagh, Marshallstown, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Canon P. Shiel, Bree, James Mernagh, Davidstown, and Miss Mary Doyle, daughter of the late Patrick Doyle, the Bog, Ballybrennan, were united in matrimony. Miss Annie Doyle, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while John Kavanagh of Corlican supported the bridegroom.

The death took place on Aug. 20 at the Presentation convent, Enniscorthy, of Sister Mary Vincent, daughter of the late John Neville, Ballinaboola, Cushinstown. The deceased sister entered the convent in October, 1850, being then twenty-three years of age.

Michael Nolan, North Main street, Wexford, died Aug. 18.

WICKLOW.—Mrs. Margaret Grady and her daughter Mary, aged thirteen years, were burned to death on Aug. 17 by their dwelling taking fire.

Rev. Cornelius McGrath, C. P., St. Mungo's, Glasgow, died on Aug. 24, deeply and widely mourned.

Connaught

GALWAY.—On Aug. 16 a marriage was solemnized at St. Michael's chapel, Ballinasloe, the contracting parties being Bernard Kelly, storekeeper, the Asylum, and Miss May Finn, River street, Ballinasloe. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. V. Kelly, administrator, assisted by the Rev. Andrew Flynn.

At the Railway hotel, Clifden, Guglielmo Marconi, accompanied by his wife, who is a daughter of the late Lord Inchiquin, was registered recently as a guest. He was in Clifden for the purpose of supervising the erection of a Marconi station at Ballyconneely. Mr. Marconi says the station will be the largest on that side of the Atlantic.

On Aug. 8, at the Letterfrack chapel, were united in matrimony Thomas J. McLoughlin, N. T., Cleggan, and Miss Annie Reidy, daughter of John Reidy, Cleggan.

The death of Hugh Collins occurred at Lakeview, Moylough, on the 13th of August at the age of ninety.

Miss Una O'Flaherty, daughter of Joseph O'Flaherty, merchant, Loughrea, died on Aug. 10 in Dublin.

The death of Edward J. Burke, Galway, took place rather suddenly on Aug. 17.

Having regard to the small area embraced by the Spiddal branch of the Gaelic league covering a few villages in the parish, the following successes by members of the branch furnish a remarkable and creditable record: Dublin's oireachtas competitions—Best collection of unpublished stories, Domhnall Ua Duibhne, second prize; best story in collection, Seaghan O Conghaile; best collection of proverbs and maxims heard in actual use in any particular barony, Domhnall Ua Duibhne, second prize. Memorizing 1,000 lines of poetry or songs, Peadar Ua Grainne, second prize; recitation of "Seam Dan," Tomas Mac Eldigh, second prize; dialogue for boys (native speakers) between the ages of twelve and eighteen, Michael O'Droighneain, monitor, boys' school, second prize; story telling for males under twenty years of age, Michael O'Droighneain highly commended. Galway feis—Original story in Irish, Domhnall Ua Duibhne, second prize; original Irish drama, Domhnall Ua Duibhne highly commended; gold medal for best Gaelic league student won by Michael O'Droighneain; story telling (open to all), Tomas Mac Eldigh, first prize, Seam Dan, Michael O'Conghaile, second prize; highly commended, Tomas Mac Eldigh and Michael O'Droighneain; junior recitation, Tomas O'Faithoheartaigh, special prize; junior story telling and written translation of English story, Tomas O'Faithoheartaigh, highly commended.

LEITRIM.—On the recommendation of Isaac Craig, school inspector, the teachers of Abdoon school, Cloone (Mr. and Mrs. Kelly), have secured annual increments of $40 and $35 as rewards of successful teaching for the triennial period ending April 1, 1906.

The ravages of the potato blight are experienced in Carrick-on-Shannon district, and, although spraying was carried out extensively, the potato crop is a total failure. Nearly all the land under crop is flooded by the recent heavy rains, while in other parts of the district nothing but burned patches marks the spots where promising crops of potatoes were growing. The hay crop is destroyed, and several farmers abandoned the saving hay, as it rotted on the ground.

MAYO.—The Achill horse races, regatta and athletic sports were held on Aug. 20. The bicycle races and horse races were run on the strand beside the Achill swing bridge, which acted as grand stand for the spectators. The athletic events were held in a field given by the owner of the Sea View hotel, Mr. Johnston. The judges were Messrs. Grierson and Pike. A pleasing feature and one which evoked amusement was fiddlers placed by Owen Lavelle, on a side car, at the railway station and on the arrival of the train the fiddlers headed the excursionists, and played them across the bridge to the course. The prizes were distributed by Rev. Charles White and Dr. T. H. Croly in the evening at the courthouse.

The following are the names of the successful candidates in the competition for County Mayo joint technical scholarships, the examination having been held on the 30th June last. The names are given in order of merit. Fifty-two boys presented themselves for the examination, but twenty reached a standard to qualify: David Joyce, Partry Boys' N. S.; Thomas Burke, Thomas M. Dowling, St. Patrick's N. S., Castlebar; John F. Lavelle, Ballycastle Boys' N. S.; Patrick J. F. Cassidy, Glann N. S., Charlestown; John P. Killeen, Claremorris N. S.; Patrick M. J. Kelly, Cloondaff N. S., Newport; Patrick Mullany, Lisduff N. S., Kiltimagh; William Heverin, Ballycastle N. S.; John J. Moran, Treenbeg N. S., Newport; Harry Burke, Claremorris N. S.; Michael O'Halloran, Newport Boys' N. S.; John Shiel, Kilmovee, No. 1, N. S.; William Harold, Claremorris N. S.; Thomas J. Garrett, John W. Killeen, Thomas A. Heneghan, Marist Brothers' N. S., Swinford; Michael Lynchehaun, Tourages N. S., Achill; James J. Kilroy, Treenbeg N. S., Newport; Thomas Melvin, Irishtown N. S.

The exhibition of Mayo Industries association was held on Aug. 2 at Claremorris, in the grounds of the Convent of Mercy, at Mount St. Michael. There was a large and fashionable attendance. It was a great success.

ROSCOMMON.—The annual pattern of Ballintuber was held in fine weather. There was a large crowd present. The usual amount of tricks and games associated with such festivals were in evidence, as well as a large number of standings supplied with confectionery and fruit. This pattern is also known by the name of Ennauch of Flashure, or Pleasant Sunday. It was a day of real pleasure and happiness in Ballintubber, for on every side there were mirth and gayety.

On Aug. 19, before a large gathering of spectators, the final for the football championship of the county was played off at Castlerea between Elphin William O'Briens and Kilbride Emmets. The match was awarded to Elphin, two minutes of the time to be played.

SLIGO.—Miss Kathleen Costello, of O'Connell street, Sligo, won one of the two scholarships for teachers in training offered for competition this year by the department. She is the daughter of the late Alderman Costello, Sligo.

M. Scanlon, Kiltycooley, Drumcliffe, died on Aug. 19, aged seventy-six years.

Though St. Attracta has been always held by the people of Kilmactigue and though year after year on her feast day many come together to perform the "station" in her honor, yet the public celebration of her feast had not been observed for several years. But this year it was revived. The young and the old from every portion of the parish of Kilmactigue turned out in large numbers on Aug. 19 to do honor to their patron saint. The adjoining parishes had also many representatives. The priests of the parish arrived about 5 p. m., and a sight more impressive could not be witnessed than that beside St. Attracta's well when the people knelt down and in loud and prayerful voices responded to the Rosary recited by Father Spelman. The Rosary finished, the Banada convent choir sang the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and afterward a most impressive and instructive sermon on the life and labors of St. Attracta was delivered by Father Burke of Touriestrene. The public celebration was brought to a close by the singing of hymns by the convent choir. Many were the prayers which were said beside the well which St. Attracta blessed and on the ground where St. Attracta walked and prayed and labored. Many were the stories told by the old people on their homeward journey of the celebrations held long ago in St. Attracta's honor—stories they remembered, having heard in their childhood from fathers and mothers. The wish and the prayer of everybody was: May devotion in St. Attracta on her feast day continue and flourish in the parish of Kilmactigue.