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.—William Moore, K. C., Colonel Saunderson's successor in the representation of North Armagh, was from the moment of his defeat in North Antrim seeking a renomination.

A fatal tramway accident occurred Nov. 15 in Donegal street, Belfast. An elderly widow named Agnes Smith of Carrick Hill had just left St. Patrick's church and while crossing the roadway unfortunately got in front of an approaching electric tram car, which knocked her down. She received severe injuries, including a fracture of the base of the skull, and died shortly after admission to the Mater Infirmorum hospital.

West Belfast branch, U. I. L., held a meeting on the 21st of October, H. McKevitt, vice president, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members present. A number of new members were proposed for admission to the branch. Subscriptions were handed in from several old members renewing their league and club membership. A very interesting debate took place between Michael Shields and John Gorman. The subject chosen was, "The Survival of the Fittest Versus Trades Unionism." A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker. The chairman put the vote to the meeting, and it was passed with enthusiasm. Mr. Quinn delivered a lecture on "Sanitation" on Sunday, Nov. 4.

ARMAGH.—The annual meeting of the Mid-Armagh divisional executive of the United Irish league was held Oct. 22 in the town hall, Keady. Patrick Watters, R. D. C., presided, and among those present was Richard McGhee, ex-M. P. Delegates attended as follows: Armagh, Michael Donnelly, U. C.; Patrick McKenna, J. P., chairman Armagh U. D. C.; Patrick H. O'Brien, solicitor; Patrick Hughes, U. D. C.; Frank Ryan, Bernard Downey, P. J. McGarvey, U. D. C.; Middletown, Francis Donnelly, Patrick McDonnell, R. D. C.; Henry Hughes, John Mooney and Thomas McGuigan; Tullysarron, Terence McCartan, Thomas Mallon; Derrynoose, Thomas Kelly, Charles O'Neill, D. C.; Michael Haughey, P. Kelly, D. C.; P. Corrigan, P. Morgan; Keady, John Houston, Frank McKeever, Owen Daly, Robert O'Neill, Patrick Mone, Frank Curran, Charles Doyle; Blackwater, James Bloomer, John Garvey; Madden, Frank Loughlin, John Barrett, Edward Cormill, James Haughey, Arthur Quinn, P. Donnelly. The chairman said he was very glad to see all the old faces around him again and to have to announce that since their last meeting another branch of the league had been established — namely, the Madden branch. The new branch was not three miles from where they were sitting, and he was pleased to see its representatives present at that meeting. Michael Donnelly announced that they in Armagh proposed to hold a meeting that night for the purpose of inaugurating the Irish parliamentary fund. That meeting of the executive was very representative of the mid-division of Armagh, which was misrepresented in parliament, but, thank God, they could voice their feelings and their grievances through the Irish parliamentary party. They in Mid-Armagh had special reason to support the Irish parliamentary party in the only way they could support them, and that was by contributing generously to the funds for its maintenance. The chairman in announcing that the next business was the election of officers wished that he should be relieved of the position of chairman, which he had held for several years. He thought it only fair that the posts should go round. Patrick McKenna amid applause proposed that Mr. Watters should continue in the position of chairman. The motion was promptly seconded and carried amid tremendous applause. Thomas Kelly, P. L. G., was re-elected vice president, and T. P. Hughes, Drumgarron, was re-elected honorary secretary. Michael Donnelly, C. C., Armagh, was unanimously elected honorary treasurer. John McGlone was proposed as divisional delegate by Michael Donnelly, seconded by Frank Donnelly, Middletown. P. J. Conroy proposed and P. H. O'Brien seconded that Patrick Hughes, secretary of the Armagh branch of the league, be reappointed divisional delegate.

CAVAN.—The tenantry on Mr. Burrowes' (Stradone) Tullyvin estate have finally agreed to purchase their holdings on terms as follows: First term statutory tenants, a reduction of 6 shillings in the pound, and second term tenants, 4 shillings in the pound, sporting rights to go to the tenants. There were no arrears due on the estate, but where there was a hanging gale it was forgiven. One of the two evicted tenants on the estate is to be reinstated, and the other is to receive an equivalent of land at Stradone. Taking into consideration the fact that the lands were on the whole reasonably rented heretofore, the terms of purchase are regarded as fairly satisfactory.

A meeting of the Canan division, A. O. H., was held recently. Brother M. Smallmonos, president, occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance of members. The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed and the usual monthly contributions handed in. Brother J. F. O'Hanlon had kindly given an account of proceedings at county board meeting which was considered very satisfactory. One new member was initiated and four elected. Ardaghey division meeting was held under the presidency of the worthy chairman, Brother Bernard Duffy. Two new members were initiated and three proposed for admission. Castleterra division meeting was held Oct. 21, Brother T. Conaty, president, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. Two new members were initiated and one proposed for next meeting. After subscriptions were handed in, correspondence was read from Brother John D. Nugent, national secretary.

FERMANAGH.—Charles Brady, fifty-nine years of age, an ex-superintendent of the Southport police, who resided in the Florencecourt district has died from the effects of injuries received while returning from Enniskillen on a cart. The horse bolted, and Brady was thrown violently to the ground and never regained consciousness.

The usual monthly meeting of the Glengevlin division of the A. O. H. was held on Oct. 21, Brother McGovern, president, in the chair. There were also fifty members present. Two new members were initiated and four proposed for the next meeting. It was proposed by Brother B. McGovern and seconded by Brother J. Dolan that meetings be held on the first Sunday in each month in future, and brothers are requested to attend regularly, as sometimes matters of great importance have to be dealt with. After other business had been disposed of the meeting closed in the usual form.

DONEGAL.—A large demonstration under the auspices of the United Irish league and A. O. H. (board of Erin) was held at Glenties, the Rev. Canon McFadden presiding.

Margaret Doherty, relict of Terence Doherty, died at Ballyhana on Oct. 27, aged sixty-seven years.

Ballyshannon brass band had an initial practice walk out the other evening, and it is not too much to say that they surprised all who heard them. The band is not only a credit to Ballyshannon, but would take a high place among those of more pretentious towns.

A meeting of the Bundoran Town Tenants' league was held on Oct. 24, James Carroll in the chair. The following resolutions were passed unanimously: That we call on the government to facilitate the passing of the town tenants' bill which is at present before parliament; that we promote a collection for the purposes of the central executive committee and that collectors be now appointed.

The joint committee which is to manage the Donegal railway, except as regards the narrow gauge line between Londonderry and Strabane, and the Strabane to Letterkenny railway has now been constituted. The three Great Northern railway representatives are Lucius O. Hutton, the chairman; Henry Plews, the general manager, and J. T. Reade, a director. The representatives of the Midland Railway company are Right Hon. John Young, D. L., chairman of the northern counties committee; John Cooke, D. L., a member of the N. C. C., and J. F. Beale, a director of the Midland line.

DOWN.—Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill has appointed the Rev. Joseph Doyle acting administrator of the parish of Newry.

MONAGHAN.—The death recently after a long illness of Phil McDermott of Corlea cast a gloom over the district.

A meeting of the committee appointed to carry out the final arrangements for the sale of the Leslie estate was held at Ballybay, P. J. McDonnell presiding. All the members were present, with the exception of Mr. Lester, who was unavoidably prevented from attending through illness. The question of the evicted tenants was first dealt with, and Mr. Martin, the representative of the estate, at once agreed to the terms of the resolution adopted at a meeting in the courthouse some months ago to reinstate the evicted tenants where practicable and where this could not be done to compensate them. Several other points of minor importance were afterward gone into and satisfactorily adjusted.

TYRONE.—The big meal and flour mills of Stewart & Sons, Coalisland, Tyrone, were on Nov. 14 burned down and an enormous quantity of meal and implements destroyed. The damage is estimated at about £20,000, and a large number of workers are thrown out of employment. The mill was capable of turning out 250 tons a week and was equipped with the most modern machinery of the American type.

The tenants on the estate of the late Charles G. B. Kennedy, J. P., Mullentean, Stewartstown, again met in the Minor hall, Stewartstown, for the purpose of considering an offer of the agent on the estate, John P. Harris—viz, 5 shillings in the pound on first term rents and 3s. 6d. in the pound on second term rents. The chair was occupied by John H. Reid. A number of the tenants were in favor of the price of 7s. 6d. in the pound. After a lengthy discussion, on the motion of David Elder, seconded by David Shepherd, a deputation was appointed to wait on the agent and offer him twenty-one and a half years' purchase on second term rents, with all rights reserved to the tenants, first term to be placed on equal lines.

Munster

CLARE.—At the Ennis quarter sessions, before his honor Judge Carton, Peter Duffy, a farmer, belonging to West Clare, sought to recover £50 damages from Constables Riordan and Gilhooley for assault, alleged to have been committed on the evening of the day of the Milltown-Malbay races, on Aug 8 last. The jury disagreed.

CORK.—On Oct. 21, at his residence Scarteen street, Newmarket, after a brief illness, Laurence O'Keeffe, cattle dealer, died, aged thirty-eight, to the profound grief of his sorrowing wife and family. Oct. 22, at Courtmacsherry, Mary (May), dearly beloved wife of Cornelius O'Regan, died, aged twenty-one years.

The Royal National Lifeboat institution has sent to Youghal, County Cork a new lifeboat to replace the lifeboat stationed there many years ago. The new boat is one of the self righting type, 35 feet long by 8½ feet wide, rows ten oars and is fitted with two drop keels and two water ballast tanks. She is named the Marianne L. Hay, her cost having been defrayed from the legacy to the institution of the late John Alexander Hay of Cheltenham. It is a pity the National Lifeboat institution is not aware that such boats can be constructed in Ireland.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the members of the Queenstown Young Men's society was held at their new premises, the Beach His lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Cloyne, presided, and the attendance included Rev. C. W. Corbett, president of the society; Rev. T. Madigan, administrator; Rev. W. Browne, C. C., Rev Father O'Donoghue, Rev. Father O'Connor, C. O'Callaghan, J. P., chairman Queenstown urban council; J. A. L. Carbery, J. P.; J. Twomey, U. D. C.; T. Bransfield, U. D. C.; R. J. Keane, M. D.; T. P. Shakespeare, V. P.; P. McSwiney, P. M. Savage, N. T.; J. Jennings, T. Walsh, honorable treasurer J. McCarthy, honorable secretary; John Mansworth, honorable librarian; R. Flynn, C. Burke, T. Burke, M. J. Keating, J. Cotter, D. Kidney, R. Cooney, J. P. Brennan, J. Lynch, P. Moynihan, M. Tuohy, J. Maguire, M. Kidney, J. O'Reilly, W. E. Aberne, T. Lucey, J. Crowley, M. Hartigan, E. Pumphre; and others. T. Walsh, honorable treasurer, submitted a statement of the financial position of the society which showed that there was on the year's working a profit of £26 15s. 5d. after having paid £75 to the credit of the building fund.

KERRY.—On Oct. 20, at Headfort, County Kerry, Bessie, youngest daughter of the late Daniel McCartie, passed away.

A sad incident occurred on a Killorglin-Cahirciveen train. A man named Michael Bowler, from the Kells district, was discharged from the Killarney lunatic asylum, in which he had been an inmate for the past two years. He died on the train from Killarney.

LIMERICK.—Mr. O'Brien, secretary of the Limerick industrial association, wrote to the harbor commissioners at their meeting, applying for a subscription toward the association and adding that they were doubtless aware of the good work the association had been doing to encourage the industries of the country and stating that they must rely upon public support for financial assistance. He also inclosed a copy of the rules of the association. In reply to the mayor the secretary said this was the first application received from the association. The mayor said the association was worthy of any support they could give it. It was no charity they asked, as they were all aware of the good it effected. On the motion of Alderman O'Mara, seconded by J. H. Roche, it was decided to vote the association 3 guineas annually.

W. Whelan, B. C., presided at a meeting, representing some trades and societies of Limerick, held for the purpose of making arrangements for this year's celebration of the Manchester martyrs' anniversary. A letter was read from the secretary of the Limerick Young Ireland society, stating that the members would manage the business of the anniversary for this year if it was desired, but they wished to wash their hands of any interference in future or the ground that more honor could be done to the martyred three by doing a little more practical work than by the holding of a show composed of people some of whom are indifferent, others adverse and very few in agreement with the principles of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. A heated discussion followed. The chairman refused to accept a resolution that instead of a parade a lecturer should be engaged to deliver a discourse on present day politics and how people might become better Irishmen. Mr. Halpin said the old men would carry on the demonstration without the Young Ireland society.

TIPPERARY.—Tipperary men the world over should remember the appeal from the superior of the Christian schools of Clonmel is made in aid of the Knocknagow bazaar, which is to be held Dec. 31 in the town hall, Clonmel. Valuable prizes are offered, and tickets are but sixpence each.

We regret to announce the death of Rev. Father John O'Brien of Houghton-le-Spring, which occurred on Nov. 6 at Twyford abbey, Ealing, Middlesex, where he had been staying for the past two or three months owing to ill health. The deceased gentleman, who was fifty-three years of age, had been ailing for a considerable time.

William Redmond, M. P., and John Cullinane, M. P., attended at Thurles to arbitrate in connection with a grazing ranch at Inch. Messrs. Hugh P. Ryan and John Bannon took over 269 acres, and the Inch branch of the United Irish league claims that ten tenants were evicted from these 269 acres forty or fifty years ago and that the tract should be divided economically among the tenants. It was stated by Mr. Ryan that he would not stand a stumbling block in the paths of the tenants if the estates commissioners were willing to purchase. Mr. Redmond promised to give the matter most careful attention.

WESTMEATH.—In Mullingar cathedral Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran, bishop of Meath, announced that he had received from the late Bishop Gaffney the sum of £4,782 for the building of a new cathedral in Mullingar. His lordship added that the new cathedral would be commenced as soon as the new diocesan college, now nearing completion, was finished. He purposed expending £250 in repairing the present cathedral, as it would have to be utilized for years pending the completion of the new edifice.

The death occurred recently at the age of 107 of Mrs. M. Seery of Mullingar, widow of Bryan Seery, who in 1846 was hanged, it is now freely conceded, innocently for firing at Sir Francis Hopkins.

WATERFORD.—A very interesting function took place at St. Anne's presbytery, Ballybricken, Waterford, on Oct. 20, when a deputation representing the people of the united parishes of Ballybricken and Butlerstown attended and made the Very Rev. Dean P. F. Flynn, P. P., V. F., the recipient of a handsome presentation, accompanied by an address, so as to mark their pleasure at his well deserved promotion to the office of dean of the ancient diocese of Waterford and Lismore. The presentation took the form of a beautiful brougham, a splendid set of harness, beautifully mounted, and a whip. There were present the Very Rev. Dean Flynn, P. P., V. F.; Rev. Michael J. Walsh, C. C., Ballybricken; Rev. W. J. Walsh, C. C., Ballybricken; Rev. T. O'Donoghue, C. C., Ballybricken; Alderman Richard Hearne, J. P.; Alderman Thomas Whittle, Messrs. William Kearney, Gracedieu; James Flynn, Ballybricken, honorable secretary; James Maddock, Edmond Barry, Barrick street; John Murphy, O'Connell street, assistant secretary; William Gibbs, Barrack street; J. H. Carroll, manager Munster and Leinster bank; John Hutchinson, Sr., Rathfadden; R. Gleeson, Ballybricken; Henry D. Keane, solicitor, O'Connell street, and H. P. Lynham. James Flynn said that as secretary to the committee he had pleasure in calling upon Mr. Kearney to make the presentation and read the address to the dean. Mr. Kearney then read the address.

Leinster

CARLOW.—On Oct. 20 at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Gunning, Burrin street, Carlow, Maria Louisa, fifth daughter of the late Abraham Bayley of Moneygrath, Myshall, County Carlow, died after a lingering illness.

On Oct. 20 the wedding took place at St. Joseph's church, Terenure, County Dublin, of Michael Governey, Carlow, and Miss Madeline Brodie, only daughter of the late Surgeon Colonel James F. Brodie, R. A. M. C. Nuptial mass was celebrated and the ceremony performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Anderson, P. P., Terenure, and the Rev. Patrick Gorry, administrator, Carlow. The bride was given away by her uncle, Surgeon Colonel Brodie, and was attended by Miss Marguerite Brodie and Miss Madeline Page as bridesmaids. John W. Bacon, M. A., F. R. U. I., was best man.

At a meeting of the Carlow Urban council, M. Molloy, J. P., presiding, a report was read from the committee to investigate the offer made by Mr. Carnegie toward the provision of a free library for the town. The committee recommended Mr. Carnegie's first offer—£1,250—be accepted, the council to raise £500 by local subscription, provide a free site and raise a penny rate. The council considered that Mr. Carnegie's unconditional offer of £900 was not one which could with prudence be accepted, as the sum would be insufficient to build and furnish a library, while the penny rate would not meet maintenance charges.

DUBLIN.—Maurice Healy, father of T. M. Healy, K. C., M. P., and T. J. Healy, solicitor, died recently at the private hospital, Eccles street, Dublin.

Anthony Scott of A. Scott & Son, 34 Lower O'Connell street, has completed the design of the Fontenoy memorial cross which it is proposed to erect next year in commemoration of the battle of Fontenoy. The work of executing the memorial has been intrusted to Thompson Bros., Lower Dominick street, who hope to have it completed by the 1st of next July.

At the Dominican convent, Sion Hill, Blackrock, on Nov. 16, the profession took place of Sister Mary Osanna, daughter of Joseph Curtin, Ocean View, Kilkee. The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Donnell, D. D., V. G., Blackrock, officiated at the interesting ceremony and was assisted by the Rev. T. Walters, B. A. Among the friends of Sister Mary Osanna present were the following: Joseph Curtin, father; Miss Curtin, sister; Miss Mescall, cousin; J. J. Scanlan, Limerick, uncle; Master P. Scanlan, cousin; Mr. and Mrs. D. Molony, Dublin, and Mrs. and Miss Toomey, Limerick.

KILDARE.—Michael Lawler, an old and respected resident of the Athy district, died at his residence, Milltown, Athy, on Oct. 21 after a short illness.

A fire was discovered at the Catholic chapel at the Curragh camp on Nov. 8. The fire was got under in the course of half an hour, but not before the greater portion of the roof had been burned away and the altar practically destroyed as well as other damage being done. The 8:30 mass was celebrated in the Catholic Soldiers' home, and the 11:30 mass was celebrated in the open air, a tent being erected so as to cover the altar. The fire is supposed to have originated through a defective stove.

KILKENNY.—Married. Oct. 17, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles, by the Rev. J. Dempsey, P. P., James, eldest son of the late Michael McDonald, Ashfield, Arles, to Mary, second eldest daughter of the late Walter Hovenden, Skehena, Ballylinan.

A public meeting was recently held in Ballyragget for the purpose of reviving the branch of the United Irish league in that district. The meeting was large and representative. Among those present were Very Rev. Canon Barry, P. P., V. F., Ballyragget; Rev. J. Birch, C. C., Ballyragget; James Morton, J. P.; G. J. Brenan, J. P.; P. Butler, D. C.; J. Shearman, D. C.; James O'Gorman, Michael Bowe, Toor; William Brophy, Philip Banim, Freshford; J. P. Fogarty, Company C, Castlecomer; Denis O'Carroll, Castlecomer; James Staunton, D. C.; James Delaney, Parksgrove; Stephen Delaney, M. McGrath, John Murphy, Michael Meagher, D. C., Conaby; John Kenny, Hugh Nolan, Paul Murphy, E. Lennon, J. Anderson, W. Brennan and others. On the motion of Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Shearman, the chair was taken by the Very Rev. Canon Barry, P. P.

The solemn dedication of a new chapel in the Convent of Mercy, Callan, took place, and the ceremonies witnessed were most impressive. The dedicating of the chapel was performed by Most Rev. A. Brownrigg, D. D., lord bishop of Ossory. After the blessing of the chapel, solemn high mass was celebrated in the presence of the Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, lord bishop of Ossory, who presided; Most Rev. Dr. O'Connor, bishop of Armadale; Right Rev. Mgr. Howley, dean of Ossory. The celebrant was the Rev. Peter Doyle, P. P., Windgap; deacon, Rev. Dr. Coyne, St. Kieran's college; subdeacon, Rev. J. Walsh, St. Kieran's college.

KING'S.—Pat Roche, who has for several years past acted as manager of John Patterson & Co.'s provision stores, Edenderry, has just left the latter place for Portarlington, where he has opened out in business for himself. During his long connection with business life in Edenderry Mr. Roche earned the good wishes and friendship of all on account of his straightforwardness and obliging manner. He has left Edenderry with the good wishes of everybody for his future welfare and prosperity.

LONGFORD.—Longford fair was not quite as large as usual. Cattle in condition for shipping met a ready sale, but a very large number of young cattle remained unsold; calves, first class, £5 2s. 6d. Lambs met a ready sale; first class, £1 19s. to £2 6s.

A farmer named Luke McDermott was found dead in his house at Ballinderry on Nov. 14. Deceased was a man seventy years of age, was unmarried and lived alone, although the owner of a substantial farm. Death from natural causes was the verdict.

LOUTH.—Died, Oct. 31, at Tredagh hotel, Drogheda, William Clinton, agent L. and N. W. Railway company; Oct. 27, at 102 Kenmure street, Pollockshields, Glasgow, of acute pneumonia, Mary J., dearly loved wife of Patrick Doran and daughter of the late M. J. Swift, Peter street, Drogheda; Nov. 1, at his residence, Drogheda, Thomas L. Simcocks, F. R. C. V. S., in his eighty-sixth year.

At the first open competitive examination for clerkships on the G. N. railway a Drogheda student, Master J. Masterson of Julianstown, succeeded in getting a place. He was prepared for the examination in St. Mary's Boys' National school. Miss Catherine McEvoy, daughter of Patrick McEvoy of West street, has been successful in obtaining an Irish teacher's drawing certificate, which now qualifies her as an art teacher.

MEATH.—On Oct. 25 John Foley of Cannistown passed away after a long illness at the age of sixty-five.

Under what is known as the Meath and Ardagh diocesan schools endowment Master Thomas Geraghty of St. Finian's seminary won a prize of £6 and Master Michael Walsh of the same school a prize of £4.

QUEEN'S.—Dr. Higgins, coroner for the Queen's county, held an inquest at Borris, near Maryborough, on the body of James Connor, who died suddenly. The deceased was found by Mrs. Keenan, Maryborough, and Patrick Cahill, Eyne, in a dying condition just inside a gate leading from a field to the road in the vicinity of his residence. He had only left his house about five minutes before that after having his dinner. Dr. W. G. Jacob deposed that deceased had been suffering from heart disease for some time past.

A conference of six branches of the United Irish league in the Leix division of Queen's county and which comprises the tenantry on the De Vesci estate was held in the schoolroom adjoining the convent of Abbeyleix. The Rev. J. Hughes, C. C., the patriotic president of the local branch of the league, presided, and the delegates present included: Maryborough, Rev. J. Carton, C. C.; P. J. Meehan, solicitor; P. Kelly, J. P. Delaney; Ballinakill, Rev. J. Harris, P. P.; T. Grace, D. C.; L. Whelan, D. C.; Andrew Shiel, John Muldowney; Abbeyleix, Rev. J. Hughes, C. C.; John McMahon, C. C.; William Carroll, D. C., and Michael Kelly, secretaries; Edward Dea, D. C.; John Mulcahy, James McEvoy, Thomas Moore, W. Butler, P. Mooney, E. Phelan, P. McDonald; Raheen, Rev. M. P. Kennedy, C. C.; Arthur McMahan, J. P., C. C.; James Kavanagh, P. Dowling, John Tehan; Knock, P. Maher, D. C.; J. Walshe, D. C.; R. Boylan; Keely, James Whelan. James L. Fitzpatrick was also present. The reverend chairman in opening the proceedings explained that why they called that meeting was because that at their local meetings the members of the league who are tenants of the De Vesci estate expressed dissatisfaction at the way negotiations for purchase were being carried out. The reverend chairman proposed the following resolution: "That a fund be started, called the De Vesci tenants' defense fund, to defray the expense of appeals, and should all the money raised thereby not be needed for the purpose we pledge ourselves to return pro rata to the donors." The Rev. J. Harris, P. P., seconded the resolution, which was carried with enthusiasm. A fund was subsequently started, and A. McMahon, J. P., headed it with a subscription of £5 amid applause.

WEXFORD.—The death of Aidan Lacey, Junior John street, Enniscorthy, took place recently, and the death of John Codd, Clearlestown, is announced.

The beautiful church of Ballykelly was the scene of a most interesting religious ceremony recently when the new set of stations of the cross were blessed by the Rev. James Prandy, C. C., New Ross, and a sermon appropriate to the solemn occasion was delivered by the Rev. R. Barry-Doyle, C. C. The church, which has recently been decorated and furnished, was completely filled with a devout congregation.

WICKLOW.—The members of the Irish party, says the Anglo-Celt, have never gone back to the house of commons in as strong a position as they find themselves today. The financial side of the campaign is assured, thanks to the generosity of our friends in Australia and the United States.

As a result of the heavy rains during the past few days serious flooding is reported from many parts of Ireland. In Dublin the basements of many houses were flooded, and pools gathered in the streets, one in particular at the corner of Sackville street and Middle Abbey street, causing great inconvenience to pedestrians. Some residents in Little Bray sat up all night to watch the Dargle rise and are now bemoaning the fact that their precautions were unnecessary.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Luke Forde died recently at his late residence, Cloonfush, about a mile from Tuam, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

LEITRIM.—The celebrated Billy McGourty of Kiltyclogher, famous as a bailiff and in many other capacities, is dead. He died rather suddenly at his residence, Kiltyclogher, recently. There are those who will tell you that Billy McGourty was a good Nationalist. Bluff and gruff to the verge of rudeness, there was never a kinder hearted man than poor Billy, whom fate played many an unkind trick upon.

MAYO.—In the return of Irish eviction notices for the last quarter Mayo county has the unenviable distinction of heading the list with 131 cases. The total for Ireland is 707.

By the death of John R. Flannery, Linenhall street, Castlebar, the town loses an esteemed and valued citizen. He belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in Castlebar. He was seventy-five years of age.

A meeting of the Keelogues branch of the United Irish league was held on Sunday, Oct. 21, for the purpose of selecting witnesses to attend before the royal commission in reference to the untenanted land and grazing ranches that are in the district. James Corley is a member of the United Irish league since its inception. Aughagower branch: Thomas Gibbons, D. C., presided. There was a discussion as to the evicted tenants of the parish, and the secretary, A. Waters, read letters from the directory and Dr. Ambrose, M. P., on the subject. Lower Achill branch: Rev. J. R. Connelly, P. P., presided. There were also present Hugh Lavelle, Pat Toolis, Tom Burke, Edward McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Michael Molley, Anthony Barrett, Anthony Molloy, Pat McLoughlin, M. Mangan, Anthony Lavelle. Anthony Molloy proposed and Mr. Toolis seconded: "That the potato crop this year is exceptionally bad. We urge upon the government to start reproductive works, and we suggest that a light railway from Achill sound to Keel or Dugort would meet the exigency and also tend to develop fisheries and other industries, which might be essential to the welfare and prosperity of the district so densely populated." The following were appointed to give evidence before the royal commission: Hugh Lavelle, Anthony Lavelle, the secretary, Anthony Murphy.

ROSCOMMON.—Rev. T. H. Cummins, D. D., P. P., of Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon, arrived home recently on the Celtic after an extended tour through the United States.

His honor County Court Judge Wakeley sat in the record court of the Roscommon courthouse and opened the business of these sessions. His honor, addressing the grand jury, said the county was practically free from crime.

The parish church of Lenghglynn, County Roscommon, was solemnly dedicated recently. The new building replaces a structure erected as far back as 1798, which had long since outlived its purposes. It is of Gothic style, with a total length of 105 feet and 56 feet in width. It is beautifully finished and ornamented interiorally.

SLIGO.—Death of Miss S. Armstrong, Sligo, which occurred at her residence, High street, on Nov. 10, aged thirty-two years. Her remains were removed to the cathedral, and high mass was celebrated. The remains were interred in the family burial place.

Probably an entirely unique sight was witnessed on Oct. 24—to wit, a man driving himself to jail. The car driver, Caughlin, who had come from Sligo, was arrested in Ballysbannon on the charge of causing the death of James Gallagher at Bundoran. He was remanded for seven days by Dr. Condon, J. P., and as soon as the court was over two constables got up on the car. Caughlin mounted to his accustomed seat and drove himself off in custody to Sligo jail.