

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.—Division 38 of the A. O. H. had a regium mass offered up in St. Mary's church, which was largely attended by members of the division, and the general testimony of the on-lookers was that they felt proud at the holding of such a stalwart, respectable body of men joining together in a heartfelt prayer for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the division.—Northern Star.

At the meeting of the Belfast board of guardians Miss G. A. Deacon, lady superintendent of the St. Anne's district of the Society for Nursing the Sick Poor, wrote requesting the board to grant outdoor relief to an old woman named Todd, living at 18 Crimea street. She was 106 years old and had lived in Belfast for fifty years. Her only support was her grandson, who had also to provide for his own mother out of his wages. Both the old woman and her daughter were bedridden. The following have been appointed to the commission of the peace for county of Antrim: Hugh Rainey, Ballymena; David McQuillan, Larne; Hugh G. Larmer, Lisburn; H. H. Graham, Clontarf; James Lowry, Maghera; Thomas McAfee, Ballymore; H. J. Hill, Drumahaire, Ballytown; John Boat, Antrim; A. B. Craig, Antrim; Thomas K. Moore, Killybegs; Edward Magill, Clontarf; Edward Magill, Larne, is well known in Belfast, being senior partner in the firm of Messrs. E. & W. Magill, iron merchants, Great Georges street, Belfast.

A picturesque appearance was presented by division 38, says the Belfast Star, when the members wore their new regalia for the first time. They are to be congratulated as well as their officials, Brothers McCrory, president; O'Donnell, vice president; McGranaghan, secretary; and McAtamney, treasurer, who have certainly displayed admirable taste in the artistic selections they have made of badges and collanets. It is to be hoped that other divisions will follow the example of division 38, and in this connection division 57 has already decided to obtain regalia which will prove to be equal to that of any other branch in Belfast.

Notification of a number of appointments to the Belfast borough magistracy has been received as follows: J. S. Oswald, Flenington, Cyprus avenue; Herbert E. Warnock, Iverna, Deramore park; Edward Emerson, Knock; James Maxwell, Finner, Malone road; Belfast; Mr. Davison, Malone Park, Belfast; William S. Rimmer, Craigmore, Kirkilaton avenue, Belfast; T. G. Perry, Lisburn road, Belfast. In addition to those already mentioned, intimation has been received of the appointment of the following gentlemen to the magistracy of the city of Belfast: W. J. Jefferson, Cliftonville road and Royal avenue; Francis Curley, Eligh street, and Walter Archibald, Cliftonville road. J. S. Oswald has been for some years a member of the Belfast board of guardians, of which body he is now chairman, and for two years occupied a seat in the Douglas rural district council. E. E. Warnock is principal of the firm of Warnock's Limited, Royal avenue, and T. G. Perry a former president of the North of Ireland Grocers' association.

ARMAGH.—It is stated that at a recent meeting of the Ulster Unionist council the action of Thomas H. Sloan, M. P., in supporting Lindsay Crawford in opposition to the Unionist candidate, William Moore, Esq., in the late North Armagh election, was taken into consideration, and it was decided, under rule five, to expel the member for South Belfast from membership of the council.

CAVAN.—There was a meeting of the Cavan branch of the Town Tenants' association in the Foresters' hall. As correspondence of importance was dealt with, there was a large attendance of members.

After a long and painful illness, which was borne with Christian resignation, the death occurred recently of Mrs. Brady, Drumcree, in the forty-fifth year of her age.

A man named George William Smith, Lisnagar, Co. Wick, was discovered hanging by a rope from a thick white thorn bush near to the premises of James McFadden, Lisnagar. Life was extinct. The police communicated with the coroner, who intimated that an inquest would be held. Deceased was of sound mind.

After twenty years a second inquiry was held in Cavan into the application of the urban council for a board of works loan to build a town hall. The necessity for the building was shown by the unanimity with which all creeds and classes supported the project, which came before the inspector with but a faint attempt at opposition. The only witness examined against the scheme does not reside in the urban district, and he prefaced his evidence by candidly stating that he came there for a selfish motive. No person living within the township gave evidence in opposition to the election, so that a most convincing case has been made out by the promoters.

DERRY.—Daniel Callaghan and James McGinty, who were found asleep on a set of bank notes in a lodging-house on Dec. 20, were remanded.

charged with the larceny of 1150 from the Ballina railway station. At the Ulster assizes Edward McGuinness, licensed trader, Lisburn, was indicted for having feloniously set fire to a dwelling house in Bow street and was found guilty. He was sentenced to four years' penal servitude.

At the Ulster assizes on Dec. 17 the jury acquitted John Murray and David Bennett, charged with conspiracy, with James Niblock, to defraud the Royal Insurance company and the Alliance Insurance company by setting fire to the premises of Alexander and Bennett at Banbridge.

Recent Deaths in Derry.—Nov. 24, at his residence, Balleighan, Manorrunnagh, in his eighty-third year, John Gallagher; Nov. 23, at her father's residence, 56 Foyle road, Londonderry, Mary Josephine (Joise), dearly beloved daughter of James and Mary Curran, aged twenty-one years; Nov. 27, at her husband's residence, 230 St. Columba's Wells, Derry, Ellizabeth, dearly beloved wife of James Logue.

The St. Eugene's branch of the Derry Catholic Young Men and Boys' society has acquired a very suitable set of clubrooms for the purpose of social intercourse, reading and amusement, especially during the winter season. This is a very desirable addition to the social advantages derived from this fraternal feeling, industry and self respect. The rooms acquired are situated in the center of William street. They are spacious, comfortable and well suited for their purpose. The members informally went into possession recently. The spiritual director of the branch, Father McGeehan, was in attendance and gave valuable hints as to how the comfort and convenience of members could be availed of. A number of members turned up during the night and found various games, such as chess, dominoes and bagatelle, had been provided. A nice assortment of Catholic literature is also available for readers. The rooms, which are fitted throughout with electric lights, will be open from 7 to 10 each evening. This new feature of the operations of the Catholic Young Men and Boys' society is a highly commendable one, and no doubt it will be fully appreciated by those for whom it is intended and will conduce to the strength and success of an organization which has already attracted to its ranks a very large number of respectable young men and boys.—Derry Journal.

DONEGAL.—A meeting of the U. I. L. of Newtownhamilton (McKillop) was held on Sunday, Dec. 16, James Burke, V. C., presiding. Delegates attended from Balleek, Cranmore and Clady registration committee. The secretary read communications from the standing committee with reference to the laborers' act. The following was proposed by James Burke and seconded by Mr. Mooney and passed in silence: "That we, the members of the McKillop branch of the United Irish league, tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Davitt and family on the demise of her husband, Mr. Michael Davitt, who so long carried the national flag for the defense of the tenant farmers and laborers of Ireland and who so successfully carried on the struggle in the darkest days of tyranny." Mr. McKeown, speaking to the vote of condolence, referred to the great work performed by Mr. Davitt in retaining a "united body of Irishmen" in Ireland when all sorts of plots and splits were got up against the United Irish league, and he advised the members of the United Irish league to stand by the party, as Michael Davitt did, and thus make Ireland a nation once again. Mr. Conroy also spoke. A vote of thanks to the officers and delegates present brought the meeting to a close.

FERNMAGH.—Dr. Ewing, Staffordshire, intimated to the committee of management of Fernmagh County Infirmary at the last meeting that he could not accept the position of house surgeon at the salary offered, £5 per annum. S. B. Humphreys, J. P., suggested that the committee appoint one of the lady doctors who had applied for the position. William Teale, J. P., remarked that he had no objection to a lady doctor, but he would not like to leave such a large institution solely in charge of ladies, and it was decided to advertise for a house surgeon.

Munster

CLARE.—A friendly football match was played at Kiltara between Kiltara and Kilkree. The former, although being "unaffiliated," played a dashingly game, as they have been but a few weeks preparing for the affiliation of 1907. J. Purtil, who acted as referee, had both teams lined up, and Kiltara, who won, played with their opponents' territory, where S. Hasset made a goal. Kick out by the seaside goal man was short, and Kiltara, taking advantage, scored a minor. From this up until half the leather never went to midfield, and when the whistle sounded the score stood: Kiltara, 1 goal 5 points; Kilkree, 0. After change of sides some five minutes' midfield play was witnessed, and P. Hickey, getting possession, passed to Lucy, and the latter sent off in grand style to Marriann, who scored first blood to their credit. From this until the final whistle sounded the Kilkree men had it all their own way, and then the score stood as follows: Kiltara, 1 goal 5 points; Kilkree, 2 goals 7 points. The Kiltara team were Martin Fitzgerald, T. J. Halpin, P. Costello, Willie McInerney, J. Egan, M. Hasset, P. Scanlan, T. Egan, S. Hasset, T. Hasset, T. Scanlan, T. Keane, J. Foley, J. Austin, H. Bohannon, M. Hickey, P. Halpin.

A meeting of the Tulla U. I. L. branch was held recently. Members present

were: Messrs. J. Lane, D. C.; I. McInerney, D. C.; J. Hickey, P. Culoo, G. McBrath, P. Corry, James Conheady, M. Danaher, P. Mori, J. Conheady, J. McInerney, P. Mack, W. Clune, M. Keefe, James Mack, J. Connell, M. Cusack, P. Murphy. The principal business was the election of committee and officers for the ensuing year. On the motion of J. McInerney, D. C., seconded by M. Keefe, J. Lane, D. C., was unanimously elected president. On the motion of C. McGrath, seconded by J. Hickey, Ignatius McInerney, D. C., was unanimously elected vice president. On the motion of P. Corry, seconded by James Mack, M. O'Keefe was unanimously elected treasurer. On the motion of J. Lane, D. C., seconded by James Conheady, C. McGrath was unanimously elected secretary. The following were unanimously appointed to represent the branch on the East Clare divisional executive: I. McInerney, M. O'Keefe, J. McInerney, J. Lane, C. McGrath, P. Culoo. Voluminous correspondence was dealt with from national directory re economic holdings, untenanted lands and laborers' acts. The members decided to obtain a detailed list of the number of economic holdings in their respective localities and have same forwarded to national directory. W. Molony, D. C., and C. McGrath were appointed to give evidence before a commission to be held in Clare relative to congestion. The correspondence stated that representation forms under laborers' acts could be had on application to the general secretary; also should any dispute or technical difficulty arise that legal advice and assistance would be procured gratis.

CORK.—At the Cork county board meeting of the Gaelic Athletic association, held recently, James O'Brien, honorable secretary of Shanahillmore hurling and football club, stated on behalf of his club that unless the match between themselves and the Ferm team is relaxed his club will not get affiliated for the coming year. The rooms of the Catholic Young Men's association, which were recently opened by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, bishop of Cloyne, are crowded every evening. Already there is a membership of close on 800. The terms for membership are 10 shillings per annum, a very moderate sum in comparison to the great advantages to be derived. There is a large and comfortable reading room, smoking and billiard rooms. This latter contains two splendid tables, on which games are constantly in full swing every evening. Indeed, such is the anxiety of the members to play that steps will have to be taken by the committee to insure that every member who desires to play will get a chance to do so.

Recent Deaths in Cork.—Dec. 16, Richard J. Barry, H. C., late of Belgrave place, aged sixty-eight; Dec. 14, at Ballinabina, Denis Cotter, aged eighty-two years; Dec. 14, at his residence, Stuart House, Queenstown, John Leahy, journalist, aged seventy-seven years; Dec. 13, at his residence, 27 Blandford street, Daniel, eldest son of the late Mrs. Mary Buckley (nee Dinneen), brother of Cornelius Buckley, T. C. Dec. 13, at 16 Bishop street, Queenstown, Katie Keating; Dec. 13, at his residence, Killoe, Mallow, suddenly, Patrick Coleman, aged sixty-six years; at his residence, 28 York street, Blackpool, John Reid, late of G. S. and W. railway; Dec. 14, at her daughter's residence, 80 Great Britain street, Catherine, relict of the late John McNamara, Monard, Whitechurch.

KERRY.—The death occurred on Dec. 7 of Miss Margaret O'Connor, second daughter of the late Mrs. O'Connor, Russell street, Tralee.

The ninety-eighth memorial concert in Tralee in aid of the 1906 memorial fund took place on Dec. 7. The concert was one of the most successful in Tralee for many years. Among those who contributed are the following local artists: Miss Barrett, Miss Burke, Miss Murphy, Miss K. Laidie, Miss E. Laidie, Miss F. Cronin, Miss M. E. Cronin, Miss E. F. Ryan, Messrs. Dennis O'Connor, Francis McCarthy, John J. Foley, T. Benson, Redding P. O'Driscoll, J. J. McCarthy, W. O'Gorman, W. O'Connell, John Dillon, George Caball, J. O'Reilly, Michael Nolan. The Gaelic league classes contributed.

LIMERICK.—Dr. J. O'Callaghan, M. P., Pallasgreen, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the County Limerick.

Michael Ryan, D. C., of Pallasgreen, County Limerick, a young man who has taken a prominent part in the direct labor movement in his district, was recently presented with an illuminated address by the local branch of the Young Men's society to mark the occasion of his recent marriage. Mr. Ryan is the son of a 'G' man and represents one of the Limerick divisions in the Tipperary district council.

At a special meeting of the Limerick Dramatic company, T. McMahon, P. L. G., presiding, it was proposed by W. T. Carew and seconded by James Bourke, "that we, the members of the Limerick Dramatic company, have heard with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. Baker, Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare, mother of Professor E. W. Baker, Civil Service college, Limerick, and wish to convey to Mr. Baker and his friends our deepest sympathy in their bereavement."

The Rev. Father Cragan, administrator, St. Michael's, who has been appointed by the bishop to be parish priest of Athesa, was presented by the manager and workers of the St. Ita's shirt factory, Hartstong street, with an address, in which the reverend gentleman was congratulated, and at the same time regret was expressed at his departure from Limerick. Special reference was of course made to Father Cragan's great efforts in founding St. Ita's house and starting the shirtmaking industry. This latter was converted into a company in the early part of

last year and is now enjoying an extensive business which gives constant employment to forty girls at the machines and the work connected therewith. Father Cragan thanked the workers for their thoughtfulness in presenting the address.

TIPPERARY.—Edmund, only son of James Duggan, Kilkannon, Cahir, Tipperary, died on Dec. 10 at Jervis Street hospital, aged twenty-seven years.

The death of John Gillis, Clonmel, painter, Queen street, Clonmel, took place on Dec. 14, at his residence, in his sixty-seventh year.

The body of a Newcastle farmer named Michael Wall, who had been missing for over a week, was found in the Suir near Ardinnan a few days ago, but as it was regarded as a case of accidental drowning the coroner did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at the Convent of Mercy, New Ross, Sister Mary Paul (Miss Margaret Murray) passed away. She had been professed about eight years. She was the daughter of Patrick Murray, Tybroughney, near Carrick-on-Suir.

WATERFORD.—Mrs. M. F. Walsh died at her residence, Main street, Cap-pouquin, on Dec. 1 at the early age of thirty-one years.

The Carrick to Callan railway project is beginning to attract attention among the traders of Carrick. The urban council discussed the matter and decided to go into it more fully at a special meeting to be held in connection with the railway question. The traders of the town are beginning to realize that the venture would bring a large tract of country into touch with Carrick.

On Dec. 8 the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan solemnly consecrated the new chapel recently completed at the Christian Brothers' schools, Mount Stion, Waterford. The ceremony was presided by solemn high mass, celebrated by his lordship. The chaplain of the order, Rev. E. Power, was deacon, and the mass was sung by Rev. T. F. Furlong, administrator; subdeacon, Rev. T. A. Mookler; deacons at the throne, Rev. C. F. Begley, O. S. F., and Rev. F. Kieley, O. P.; masters of ceremonies, Rev. M. Walsh, C. C., and Rev. T. O'Donoghue, C. C. In celebration of the event the pupils of Mount Stion to the number of 100 had the privilege of being first communicants. The brothers of the neighboring community to the number of fifty were present.

Leinster

CARLOW.—A man named Doolan, a farmer, residing at Ballinrusk, near Bagnalstown, was guilty of an extraordinary escapade recently. It appears that Doolan, who lived alone, suddenly became insane and, mounting a horse, his own property, rode into Bagnalstown at a terrific rate of speed, Doolan in his frenzy goading the poor brute which he rode with an open penknife and cutting it in such a manner as to have it in a welter of blood on arrival at Bagnalstown. Doolan was in the habit of stopping at the licensed premises of Mr. Phelan, and to the yard of those premises the horse galloped at full speed through the streets of Bagnalstown, spreading terror and dismay in his track. At the premises in question Doolan stabbed a dog and made a savage attempt on Mr. Phelan. He was subsequently committed to the Carlow asylum.

DUBLIN.—Dom Edward Cuthbert Butler, who has been elected to succeed Abbot Ford as abbot of Downside, the well known Benedictine house in Somerset, though not famous, like Abbot Gasquet, the head of the order in England, has a more than merely Catholic reputation as a scholar and theologian. He is a well known theological writer in the general reviews, and one of the most discussed of recent articles in the Hibbert Journal has been his criticism of August Sabert's "Religions of Authority," in which he turned the great French theologian's sketch of the development of the Catholic system into an argument in its favor. The new abbot has had more than a Benedictine education, for he is a graduate of Cambridge and London. The Benedictines have now twelve houses in England, Downside being one of the three or four leading ones. He is son of the late Professor Butler of Dublin, an eminent mathematician, who was for a time professor of mathematics at the university.

KILDARE.—A meeting of representatives of the committee of agriculture of Kildare, Queen's county, North and South Tipperary, Wexford, Carlow and Kilkenny in reference to the question of barley growing in Ireland was recently held at the winter show at Ballsbridge. Edward Hayden, M. P., presided. On the motion of Walsh, chairman Kilkenny county council, the following resolution was passed: "That in the opinion of this conference the present prices realized for barley are not sufficient to enable the grower to continue to produce the same, and, while being proud of the country, we are of the opinion that the profits realized in the trade are beyond trade requirements, and some consideration is due to the barley growers."

KILKENNY.—P. V. Guiry, J. P., estimates commission inspector, attended at Garranetemple, Nicholasstown, in connection with the reinstatement of two evicted tenants, Hickey and Cleary, who had been evicted on the Captain Perry estate some seventeen or eighteen years ago.

At the suggestion of the Hon. Otway Cuffe, the children attending five schools in Kilkenny—three in the city and two outside—have planted a forest tree each in the lands known as Talbotsinch, opposite the woolen mills. The attendance included Very Rev.

Canon Doyle, the Hon. Otway Cuffe and Mrs. Cuffe. The number of trees planted was 223, the first being planted by Mrs. Cuffe, and the varieties included oak, white beech, copper beech, lime, spruce, larch and sycamore. All thanks were due to Captain Cuffe and Canon Doyle, for inaugurating the scheme.

On Sunday and Monday afternoons, Dec. 9 and 10, a musical and dramatic recital was given by the pupils of the Loreto convent, Kilkenny. The entertainment took place in the large hall of the convent and was very pleasing and successful. The upper end of the hall was transformed into a very pretty stage, most artistically draped and arranged. Here the pupils went through their performance. There was a large audience, all of whom very much appreciated the admirable manner in which the entertainment was carried out. Among those present were his lordship the Most Rev. A. Brownrigg, D. D., lord bishop of Ossory, as well as a large number of priests. The bishop made a very flattering address, complimenting the pupils for the taste displayed and the work done.

Sister Mary Paul Murray died on Dec. 8 at the Convent of Mercy, New Ross. Sister Mary Paul was a native of Piltown, County Kilkenny, and twelve years in religion.

A meeting of the charitable and benevolent societies was held in the Tholson rooms, Kilkenny, on Monday, Dec. 10, at 12.30 o'clock, the Very Rev. Dean Day in the chair. Also present: Alderman T. Cantwell, J. P.; Messrs. R. G. Callahan and Thomas Grace, John Tynan, T. C., secretary, and P. Murphy, R. O., were in attendance. John Willoughby wrote regretting inability to attend the meeting. After the usual business of the societies in examining the weekly relief lists, the secretary read a letter from R. H. Prior-Wandeforde, Esq., J. P., D. L., in which he stated that he would like to send some coal same as last year, for the poor of Kilkenny. After some consideration it was decided to give one wagon of the coal to the St. Vincent de Paul society for distribution and the other portion to the poor of these societies. Passed unanimously. The secretary was directed to write to Mr. Wandeforde on behalf of the societies and thank him for his very kind and generous gift of coal for the poor of Kilkenny, which, they feel, will be a great boon and will be sincerely appreciated.

LONGFORD.—One of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Creely, in the person of T. O'Reilly, died on Saturday, Dec. 8.

LOUTH.—It is stated that at the last board of trade examination held in Dublin Philip Pentony was successful in passing for "extra master" and was awarded a certificate for same. Mr. Pentony, who is a son of the late Patrick Pentony of Drybridge, served his apprenticeship with the Palace Shipping company, Liverpool.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. McKitterick, P. L. G., a meeting was held in the Drogheda mayoralty house, at which a great many persons of dramatic inclinations attended. After many preliminaries were got through it was unanimously decided "that a Shakespearean and dramatic society be formed." Large numbers handed in their names as members for the new society, and others are pouring in daily.

MEATH.—At the last meeting of the Trim district council a resolution was read from the labor body referred to, in which it was pointed out that direct labor in County Limerick had been carried out successfully. It was a practical suggestion and one that should be taken up by those who are advocating the direct labor system.

The appointment of Peter Moran of Blackwater, Rathoath, as a magistrate has caused general satisfaction among the people of that district and Dunshaughlin. He has ever been a consistent Nationalist and in his new position is sure to always uphold the rights of the people.

Urban council has shown a practical interest in the housing of the working classes. Under the act the council has erected thirty-four houses, the sites for which are in a most healthy situation. The last lot, numbering fourteen, has recently been completed, and at the last meeting of the urban council the question of their letting was considered. There were thirty-four applications sent in, and out of those fourteen were selected. It is to be hoped that the council will at an early date bring forward another scheme for the building of those houses as there are a good many more required before ample accommodation will be afforded for the working classes of the town.

Dunshaughlin workhouse appears to be the distributing station for tramps coming northeastward from the metropolis. The weekly returns submitted by the master for the few meetings of the guardians past showed that, while the number of inmates varied from fifty-nine to sixty-five, the number of tramps housed nightly for a week ranged from seventy-five to eighty-nine. The question of the roads in the County Meath has been before the public bodies in the county for some time past in the form of resolutions forwarded from the Meath labor union asking their co-operation toward getting the county council to adopt the scheme. The roads of Meath are admittedly the worst in Ireland, and any new method toward improving their maintenance would be welcomed, provided that no large increase would result in the rates.

QUEEN'S.—At the usual meeting of the committee of the Maryborough branch of the Gaelic league P. Casey, vice president, was in the chair; also present: Miss Higgins, Miss Starkie, Messrs. John Delaney, J. Bradshaw, Joseph Meehan, N. Harding, Joseph

Murphy, F. P. Harcourt, Paul Delaney, John Marks, M. J. Sheridan, F. J. O'Neill. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Daniel McCarthy and Fintan Dowling. The names of six candidates for election were submitted. It was decided to take steps for the delivery of a public lecture on the Gaelic league movement.

WESTMEATH.—The death of James Bennett occurred at his residence, Drumree, on Saturday, Dec. 27. The deceased had attained the age of eighty-six years and was most popular with the people of the district.

At the age of eighty years, at his home, Addinstown, Thomas Dowd died recently.

The great November fair was held on the 26th and was exceptionally large. Buyers were plentiful and business brisk in every department. Best beef, 5s. 6d. to 5s. 8d. shillings per hundredweight; inferior, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d. shillings; mutton, 7 pence to 8 pence per pound. In the store cattle section there was a good demand, and good prices were obtained for suitable lots. Trade was not so brisk with the polled line, and it was late when a clearance was effected.

A meeting of the Rathowen branch, U. I. L., was held recently, James Kilkenny, D. C., in the chair and a good attendance. A resolution warmly congratulating the electors of Galway on the overwhelming majority for Mr. Gwynn by which they demonstrated their belief in home rule as against revolution was adopted. It was decided to write to the owners of untenanted lands in the parish asking them to sell to the estates commissioners for distribution.

WEXFORD.—The Messrs. Quinke gave a very enjoyable concert and dramatic entertainment in the concert hall of the St. Iberius' Catholic club on Dec. 14. There was a large attendance.

On Dec. 9 the committee of the Admaston branch of the United Irish league held its monthly meeting. P. Doyle, D. C., occupied the chair, and there were also present Mr. Kent, P. D. O'Gorman, John Power, J. Larkin, R. Fortune, Anthony Whelan, Phil Kehoe, John Whelan, M. Wickham, D. Morrissey, John Aspel, P. Moore, John Byrne, Doononey, D. Cummins, honorable secretary. After the minutes of last meeting were read and some correspondence attended to, the chairman proposed that the meeting be adjourned out of respect to the honorable treasurer, James O'Connor, D. C., Oldcourt, in his bereavement, caused by the unexpected death of his brother, Rev. Jeremiah O'Connor, C. L. C., Wexford, and the meeting accordingly adjourned.

WICKLOW.—Edward Byrne of Portferry, County Down, who died in August last and whose will, recently published, shows that he has left almost all his fortune, amounting to over £14,000, to Catholic charities in his native town and in Belfast and Downpatrick, was one of the early pioneers in the gold fields of Australia in the fifties of the last century. Some years ago Mr. Byrne visited the Wicklow hills in order to test the statement that there was gold in them. At a certain point beyond Woodenbridge he jumped off the car, crying, "There is gold here!" and ran down to a little streamlet, which he at once began to examine. He said that it was not the river that convinced him, but the contour of the hills. However, he added, his gold digging days were over, but he should like to see younger men taking up the question and following it out.

Connaught

GALWAY.—Michael Carr, D. C., Moylough, County Galway, has been named to be justice of the peace for the county.

Mon. Charles Nugent of Fiesherhill died recently at a private hospital in Dublin.

A general meeting of the Tuam Old Billiard club was held in its rooms, town hall, for the purpose of electing committee and officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: Francis Magner, president; John Connolly, vice president; P. E. Carroll, treasurer; Martin Mannion, secretary; Michael Nolan, M. O. Shine, Patrick Canavan, Michael Hosty, C. O. Blake, Edward Quinn, F. B. McDonough and James Daly.

Rev. Father Moloney, C. C., Craughwell, died recently after a brief illness. Mrs. Acheson French of Monivea castle died recently in England.

LEITRIM.—The death of John Merrigan of ITONA, Newtownshelton, took place at the residence of his parents after a prolonged illness. The deceased was fifteen years old.

A largely attended meeting of the Nationalists of Kiltubrid parish was held on Sunday, Dec. 9, outside the committee rooms for the purpose of reorganizing the branch of the U. I. L. John Ward, D. C., occupied the chair. The secretary having read a list of the subscribers' names and also a balance sheet showing the receipts and expenditures of the branch for the past twelve months, with which those present expressed their entire satisfaction, the outgoing committee was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, as were also the following officers: John Ward, D. C., president; Michael Cullen, vice president; James Connell, treasurer; Michael Carter, honorary secretary; Patrick Byrne, assistant secretary. The proceedings in the outside meeting being brought to a close, the committee assembled in the league rooms, where a large amount of subscriptions was handed in and the secretary instructed to forward to the national treasurer the sum of £3 additional fee for the ensuing year.

SLIGO.—Patrick McPartland, Ballyfarnon, died at Ballyfarnon on Dec. 7, fortified by the rites of the church, in the forty-ninth year of his age.