

NEWS FROM IRELAND

Events of Interest in the Emerald Isle.

BOSSIP FROM ALL PROVINCES:

What is Being Done by the People in the Old Country—Record of Deaths, Social Functions, Fraternal Society Gatherings and Public Meetings.

Ulster

ANTRIM.—The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, bishop of Down and Connor, presided on Dec. 20 at the annual entertainment given by the pupils of St. Mary's Training college, Belfast, and in the course of an address referred to the useful record of the institution, especially having regard for its handicapped financial position when it is compared with the metropolitan colleges.

ARMAGH.—Great regret was occasioned on Dec. 22 when the news became known of the death of the Very Rev. Thomas Canon Murphy, P. P., Kilmore and Drumsnatt, which took place at Monaghan.

CAVAN.—At the last meeting of the Carrickmacross board of guardians, held under the presidency of the chairman, Bernard O'Rourke, J. P., sixteen eviction notices were received at the suit of the trustees of the Shirley estate. Some condemnatory remarks were made regarding the action of the trustees in sending out these notices, and Mr. Kelly and Mr. Ward expressed the opinion that they were used as coercion methods to compel the tenants to arrive at a sale. The latter hoped the tenants would not be deceived and to stand firm. It was particularly remarkable, he said, that Magheracloone was marked out. Mr. Kelly said it was a poor thing at this time of the year, when they were approaching the festival of the birth of Christ, that eviction notices should be scattered broadcast over the country. The chairman—the landlords know nothing about the birth of Christ. Mr. Conolly said they might not think the bad times were over. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Ward, Jr., and passed: "That we condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the trustees of the Shirley estate in threatening to evict a number of tenants, and we believe this course does not tend to encourage the satisfactory purchase of the estate."

DERRY.—The bishop of Derry, Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, has returned from Rome, and simultaneously with the news we learn that his holiness the pope has conferred the dignity of domestic prebend on Rev. Dr. McHugh, Strabane, and Rev. W. T. O'Doherty, Omagh.

Literature has suffered a severe loss by the death of William J. Craig, who died in a nursing home in London after an operation. He was born at Aghaloo, County Derry, in 1843 and graduated at Trinity college, Dublin. At one time professor of English literature at University college, Aberystwith, he was subsequently tutor to Lord Hugh Cecil at Hatfield. About eleven years ago he abandoned all other occupations to devote himself to the works of Shakespeare and designed a glossary of Shakespearean language on a colossal scale. That undertaking was unfinished at his death. He edited a text of Shakespeare for the Oxford University Press as well as the little quarto edition in forty volumes, with brief introductions and notes. He was also editor in chief of the elaborate "Arden" edition of Shakespeare, on which many efficient scholars worked under his direction.—Northern Star.

DONEGAL.—The quarterly meeting of the Donegal division, A. O. H. (board of Erin), was held in the rooms, Main street, Donegal, on Dec. 10. Brother John Gallen, president, presiding. After the usual business had been done Brother Michael McGinty proposed and Brother Michael Flood seconded a vote of condolence to the president, Brother John Gallen, owing to the death of his father, and it was passed in the usual way, after which President Gallen suitably returned thanks.

The Rev. Canon Patrick Kelly of Raphoe, Donegal, who died on the 11th of November, 1905, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £417 7s. 2d., and probate of the will, which is dated 12th of November, 1904, with a codicil of 10th of November, 1905, has been granted to his nephew, the Rev. Edward Mulhern, Bundoran, D. D., and his brother, Edward Kelly of Ballyshannon, shop manager, to the last named of whom testator bequeathed £10. He bequeathed £25 to his brother John; £100 in trust for his nephew, Joe Kelly; the proceeds of the sale of his furniture to his sister, Mary Ann Kelly; £50 to the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, bishop of Raphoe, D. D., and £50 for masses, £50 for the erection of an altar at Raphoe church, and subject to certain specific bequests, the testator left the ultimate residue of his estate to be divided between the parish of Kilbarrow and the parish of which he was priest at the time of his death, to apply the same in the purchase of clothing for the Catholic poor children attending the schools in the said parishes.

DOWN.—It would be almost impossible to find in any part of Ireland more earnest or patriotic Hibernians than the men of County Down, says the Nationalist. All are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the order and are prepared to make any sacrifice for the good cause. Brother Burns is president, and Brother McGinnis secretary.

James is a household word in the county. Brother Torney is financial secretary, and Brother Denver makes an ideal recording secretary.

A. O. H. quarterly meeting of the County Down board was held in Mayo-bridge. Brother Burns, C. D., presided, and there was a full and representative attendance from all parts of the county. Brother Denver read the minutes of the previous meeting. Brother P. McCann, treasurer, gave a satisfactory account of the financial position of the county. Brother Hugh Byrne, who was present by special invitation, impressed upon the officers present the necessity of having their election of divisional officers during the present month, so that the names of all newly elected officers should reach the national secretary at the very furthest before the end of January. This, he held, would facilitate the making out of a complete directory of the order. He complimented those present on their attendance in such inclement weather. The order was, he stated, in a most flourishing condition in the county of Down. This was due in the first instance to their indefatigable county delegate, Brother Burns, and next to the zeal and enthusiasm of his colleagues on the board. Brother Peter McCann, than whom there was no better Hibernian in Ireland, it was decided that the next quarterly meeting would be held in Castlewells and also that the demonstration to be held on St. Patrick's day would take place in Downpatrick.

FERMANAGH.—Rev. E. MacMahon, P. P., Arney, presided at the meeting of the South Fermanagh divisional executive of the United Irish league in Enniskillen on Dec. 27. There was a large attendance of delegates. Among those present were: Rev. Phillip McGlintry, P. P., Newtownbutler; Rev. John Derney, C. C., Enniskillen; Jeremiah Jordan, M. P.; James Mulligan, J. P., coroner; Dermot O'Brien, organist; Rev. Thomas Duffy, P. P., Lisnaskea, was unanimously appointed treasurer. The chairman said that the Irish party was doing good work for Ireland. Its eyes were fixed upon Ireland. It was not looking for government positions. The representatives who were sent from Ireland in olden times kept their eyes fixed on the British treasury to see how they could best feather their own nests. The Irish party was doing honest work for Ireland, and it should be supported. J. Jordan, M. P., said he was sorry that the state of his health prevented him from being at his post in the house of commons during the autumn session. He was glad to see that the Irish party was holding its own in the house of commons under the able leadership of John Redmond. Mr. Redmond was discharging his duties with consummate skill and ability. T. P. O'Connor was a bright, blinding meteor from this country to America, and John Dillon seemed to improve as a parliamentarian as years went on. Recently he delivered some very able speeches, which he (Mr. Jordan) read with pleasure. The Irish people ought to be proud of the party. Dermot O'Brien also delivered an eloquent speech.

MONAGHAN.—At his brother's residence, Lislinisley, Castlehamley, Rev. James McCarney, C. C., died on Dec. 10.

The death took place recently of Henry McKearney of Carrickmore, Clontarf, County Monaghan, who had attained the ripe old age of 103 years.

Monaghan pork market was held in ideal weather. The attendance of buyers was up to the average, but the supply of pork was smaller than usual. Demand was keen, and prices showed a slight increase. There were 250 dead pigs in the market, and these were disposed of at prices ranging from 45s. to 47s. 6d. per hundredweight. Suckers were sold at prices ranging from 17s. 6d. to 22s. 6d. each. There was a limited supply.

TYRONE.—The man Hamilton, who came into Strabane with a large sum of money to pay his landlord and who disappeared for a week has since been found. Though the police scoured the town and country for him, no trace of him could be found till he suddenly walked into his own house on Dec. 21. It is stated that Hamilton suffers from lapses of memory, and in the present instance he is unable to give any account of where he had been in the interval.

E. C. Herdman (chairman) presided at the meeting of the Strabane board of guardians on Dec. 20, and there were also present: Captain Thomas A. Stoney, Samuel Alexander, A. Anderson, W. W. Barnhill, B. L. Thomas, Boyle, Thomas Browne, Matthew Chambers, Peter Clarke, Samuel Conaglen, John Conway, David Craig, Michael Devine, Patrick Devine, Robert Dick, W. Dick, James Dillon, James Dunce, James Dunne, Joseph Farrell, Edward Gallen, William Glenn, John Harkin, James Harte, John Henderson, Thomas Henderson, R. S. Johnston, Robert Kinloch, James Lapsley, Thomas Logue, Robert Lowry, Robert Lyons, Charles McAleer, Patrick McBride, W. McComb, D. Boulston, Robert McCrea, James McCullough, Michael McCullagh, E. McCullow, John McDermott (R.), John McDermott (S.), William McDermott, John McFeeters, C. E. McCettigan, James McCoughlin, Patrick McMenamin, J. F.; Peter McSwiggan, Thomas W. Millar, Bernard Murray, John O'Flaherty, Arthur O'Neil, Scott Paton, William Rankin, John Rosborough, Robert Scott, James Simms, James Smith, Robert Stevenson, James Stewart, Oliver Stewart, John Taylor, John Williams, W. J. A. Wray, J. P. The clerk read applications from the following candidates: C. Sturdy, master of the Donegal union; Mr. Derragh, B. A., Castlen; W. M. Stevenson, master of the Downpatrick union; John McGee, Lifford; W. O. Mc-

Devitte, Strabane; W. J. Ingram, Lifford; James Craig, Strabane. Mr. Derragh and Mr. McGee both withdrew. W. J. A. Wray, J. P., said he begged to propose W. J. Ingram, who was appointed.

Munster

CORK.—At the meeting of the Cork county council on Dec. 27 thirteen candidates applied for the position of rate collector for No. 2 division of the Millstreet rural district. Five only were proposed, and John Moynihan, Church street, Kauturk, was elected by twenty-two votes to fifteen recorded for John Murphy, Cromlegane, Millstreet. Among the candidates for rate collector was a member of the Land and Labor association.

At the County Cork council meeting on Dec. 23 the letter of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell on the subject of the council's resolution with reference to the evicted tenants, which has already been published, was read. In this letter his lordship declined to act upon the resolution of the county council on the ground that it was aimed at the Irish party. A long discussion ensued, in which several members disclaimed any attack on the Irish party, and ultimately no action was taken.

At the quarterly meeting of the Cork county council on Dec. 27 a discussion took place with reference to the demand of the deputy inspector general of constabulary for £207 5s. 11d. for extra police for the period ending March 31, 1906. The secretary said this was the first time such a demand was made since the county council came into existence. He pointed out that, in the opinion of the finance committee, the past year had been singularly free from anything that would require an additional police tax. A request for information as to the grounds for the demand received formal acknowledgment. A resolution was unanimously adopted declaring that the reply was unsatisfactory and discourteous, and the county council so refused to pay the demand.

KERRY.—A great deal of public excitement was occasioned in the Brosna and Knocknoshel districts by the sudden and unexpected appearance at Knocknoshel of balliffs, accompanied by a force of police. The intruders succeeded in distraining some farm animals, the property of a tenant named 'O'ter, for nonpayment of rent. The party then departed.

The executive of the Listowel Hockey club held a meeting at John Kelly's musical depot, when new members were enrolled. The officers elected at last meeting are: John Kelly, captain; Thomas McElligott, vice captain; Denis Keane, treasurer; William Dowd, honorable secretary. Also the following committee: Messrs Edward Browne, James Casey, John Buckley, Joseph McGuire, John Forde.

At Clerkenwell police court in reference to the case of Thomas Joseph Farrell, ex M. P. for South Kerry, of Charterhouse street, Finsburg, who was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for selling forty pigs' plucks which were stated to be unaccounted for, a notice of appeal was given. The magistrate thereupon permitted the accused to be released on his own bail in £100 pending the formal production of the usual surities.

TIPPERARY.—The members of the Town Tenants' league in Cashel are delighted at the victory won by the passing into law of the bill and are grateful to the Irish party and to Mr. Brisson, who so ably directed the movement.

A young man named Michael Clifford residing some miles from Newcastle held his home a few days ago and has not since been heard of. He was seen going in the direction of the Keeper mountains.

A deputation from the parishioners of Herbertstown and hospital waited on the Rev. Hugh Mockler, the new parish priest of Clerrahan, and presented him with a handsome address and gift from his late parishioners on his promotion to the pastoral charge of Clerrahan.

A party of farmers on Sunday, Dec. 23, engaged in target practice near Clonmel preparatory to a day's rabbit shooting. Two of them approached the target to see the effect of a shot, when the gun held off one of the men named Ryan went off and the charge lodged in the side of his companion, named Burke, who expired in half an hour. Ryan, terrified at the result of the accident, ran away.

LIMERICK.—The venerable Archdeacon Roche, P. P., Gilin, presided recently over a meeting of tenants on the estate of the late tenant 'O'ter' (the cottage), held for the purpose of taking into consideration a letter received from the agent, C. E. Vandelaar, Mallow, relative to the purchase negotiations. Mr. Vandelaar stated that the owner was now willing to sell on terms which would afford a reduction to first term tenants of 7 shillings in the pound (twenty years purchase) and 5 shillings in the pound to second term tenants, equivalent to twenty-three years' purchase; arrears up to March, 1906, to be wiped off. After some discussion nearly all the tenants present accepted these terms and signed the necessary agreements. The sporting rights are vested in the tenants on the estate.

A special meeting of the Newcastle West branch was held recently, James Roche in the chair. Great importance was attached to the meeting in view of the passing of the town tenants' bill, and there was a very large attendance. Several new members were enrolled. The chairman said the town tenants of Ireland had every reason to feel gratification at the passing of the town tenants' bill. They should be grateful to the Irish party for introducing the bill and to Coghlan Bricco. On the motion of William Phelan, seconded by Edmund Forde, supported by Messrs. B-

right and O'Connor, resolutions were adopted by acclamation thanking the Irish party for introducing the bill and Mr. Clancy for his attention during parliament.

The death took place on Friday, Dec. 20, of the Rev. Father Meagher, P. P., Drom and Inch, at the age of seventy-seven years.

WATERFORD.—The usual meeting of the United Irish league, Ballinacorney branch, was held on Dec. 23. W. Stack, J. P., presiding. Also present were: R. Ryan, M. McGrath, J. J. Phelan, J. Ryan, M. Phelan, J. Doocey, P. Moore, J. Murray, J. Hartly (evicted tenant) and T. Griffin, honorable secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed the chairman said he was glad to inform them that Thomas Fleming and his brother's wife, together with Martin Sheehan and another evicted tenant from Ringville, all tenants of Major Stuart, had been reinstated, and he (chairman) expected to see in the near future every evicted tenant in the country back once again in his old home. John Hartly (evicted tenant) referred to the farm from which he was evicted at Knockkeyhoullin, in the parish of Abbeystead, and a resolution was adopted condemning the action of the person who has grabbed the farm in question. Copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to the Kilrossney branch and also the East and West Waterford executives of the U. I. L.

CARLOW.—Most Rev. Dr. Foley, bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, ordained to the priesthood, in the chapel of the Presentation convent, the Rev. Michael Hipwell, who had studied and prepared for the sacred ministry at St. Patrick's college. The Rev. L. Brophy, S. T. L., vice president of the college, assisted his lordship at the solemn function.

On Dec. 20 the Carlow Teachers' association held its quarterly meeting in the town hall. Carlow, the following being present: S. O'Neill, chairman; Miss O'Sullivan, Miss Corbett, Miss Cummins, Miss N. O'Sullivan, Miss Kelly, Miss Hennessy, Mrs. McDonagh, Miss Cullen, Miss Doyle, Miss Downing, Miss Purcell, J. Hennessy, J. Fenlon, J. O'Reilly and J. Brennan. Subscriptions were handed in, Mrs. Furlong, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Brennan, Miss Shirley and Mr. Hunt sending their subscriptions. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the officers for the past year vacated their positions and were then re-elected.

Recent Deaths in Carlow.—Mrs. Mary Carpenter, at her residence, Raheen, died Nov. 22, at the age of eighty-four years, at Nursey, on Nov. 20, Mary Anne, eldest daughter of the late Martin Doyle of Hallinon; on Nov. 21, Mrs. Mary McEvoy, Ulard, Queens county, Monasterevan, aged sixty-two years; Nov. 22, at her residence, Straw hall, Carlow, Annamartin, Melina; Nov. 23, the wife of William Sheppard of Mount Wolsely Heath, County Carlow, aged fifty-two years.

DUBLIN.—Recent Deaths in Dublin. Dec. 17, at his residence, 24 Dunline terrace, Drumcondra, Nicholas, son of Michael and Mary Martin, member of the Bankers' association and late of the Order of the La Salle, Castlestown, Mountlith, died 10, at Dominican convent, St. Mary's, Cahra, of pneumonia; Sister Mary Peter Quinlan, in the thirty-second year of her age and the tenth of her religious profession.

An application was made on Dec. 20 in the king's bench division for an attachment for contempt of court against the Right Hon. Walter Long, M. P. for making a speech on Dec. 7 prejudicial to the case of eight traversers who are awaiting their trial at the approaching Leinster assizes and against the editors of the Irish Times and Daily Express for publishing the speech. The motion was adjourned until January, that all parties might be brought before the court.

In the house of commons Mr. Boland asked the chief secretary whether he was now in a position to state what action, if any, would be taken by the commissioners of national education on the proposals for the proper teaching of Irish put forward by the Gaelic league and submitted to the commissioners several weeks ago. Mr. Bryce said the Irish government and national board were still in correspondence respecting the proposals for the teaching of Irish recently put forward by the Gaelic league, and he was not yet in a position to state what action the commissioners would take.

A deputation from the Dublin branch of the Land and Labor association waited on Mr. Talbot-Crosbie for the purpose of negotiating with him as to the sale of unencumbered lands in his possession to be distributed among the laborers in the district. W. O'Grady, who acted as spokesman, said the deputation referred to the grazing portion of the lands of Sackville. They thought no injustice would be done to Mr. Crosbie if the land were divided among the laborers at a fair rent or if it were sold to the estates commissioners to be distributed afterward among them. Mr. Crosbie agreed to sell to the estates commissioners, and it was suggested that the laborers could settle among themselves as to what size the holding should be.

KILDARE.—The new motor service between Kildare, Newbridge, and the Curragh opened on Dec. 20. The project is not known very well, due to the want of advertising on the part of the promoters of the new scheme. The monthly meeting of the members of the No. 3 Kildare district council was held after the business of the guardians' meeting had been disposed of. John Kelly, chairman, presided, and the other members present were J. Forbes, J. Donohue, Owen Connor, Robert Archbold and Patrick Kav-

agh. Finance—Balance against the council on ordinary account, £131 18s 6d.; in favor of the council on loans £192 17s. 6d. Notification of transfer of £151 was received from council of Kil-dare. The reinstatement of a tenant—Relative to the suggested reinstatement of an evicted tenant named Garrett Stykes, Mr. Kilbride wrote stating that a question would be put to the chief secretary regarding the matter. Insurance—The resolution passed by the general council of the Irish county council's reinstatement was adopted, the chairman remarking that he thought there was a fine field for an Irish company at the present time. Laborers' cottages—The local government board wrote requesting to be informed of the amount of the outstanding loans and also the number of cottages completed up to Oct. 31. The clerk gave the number of cottages as forty-seven and the amount of the loans outstanding as £6,011 6s. 6d. A petition to the local government board from P. P. Morris, J. P., against the erection of a cottage on his land at Timolin was submitted to the council. Mr. Forbes said he saw men with twenty acres of land giving cottages, and this gentleman would not do it. He proposed that the council's solicitor be instructed to oppose the petition. Mr. Forbes' amendment was passed, and it was further decided that T. M. Healy, K. C. M. P., be employed to represent the council in the matter.

KILKENNY.—Castlecomer branch of the United Irish league held a largely attended meeting on Sunday, Dec. 23, in connection with the agreement which the tenants on the Wandesforde estate are expected to sign. Venerable Archdeacon Cody, P. P., presided, and addressed in reference to the terms of sale were delivered by him and also by Rev. Father McGrath, J. P. Fogarty and Denis O'Carroll, honorable secretary, and Mr. Harte, solicitor for the tenants. It was decided that a deputation should wait on Mr. Wandesforde, but the landlord has referred them to his solicitor.

KING'S.—We understand, says Wexford Independent, a Protestant gentleman residing near Ballymurn has been in communication with the estates commissioners and has kindly offered to sell 150 acres to the commissioners for the benefit of the evicted tenants. A man named Myles Abraham was discovered dead in a sitting posture at the bedside of a relative in Clonham, near Newtownbarrly. The deceased had been in falling health for some time past. Deceased was a man of very estimable character, and the news of his sudden demise was learned of with sincere regret in the neighborhood.

LONGFORD.—Patrick Macken, the popular chairman of Granard board of guardians, has been appointed to the commission of the peace of the county of Longford. The death of Edward Keegan, which occurred recently at the residence of his father, after a short illness, has caused widespread regret in the Granard district. Young Keegan was eight years of age.

A rumor was current in Longford during the past few days that Alexander Burrows, late of the Stock Exchange, Dublin, who "biked" a number of Longford traders to the tune of £3,000, was arrested in Brazil and is on his way back. Mrs. Ellen Newman, Drynan, Ballymahon, died Nov. 30.

LOUTH.—Recent Deaths in Louth. Dec. 20, at her residence, Abbey House, Ellen, widow of the late Robert Moore, 19 West street, Drogheda, aged eighty-five; Dec. 17, Owen Mulholland, late of Park street, Dundalk. MEATH.—Mary Anne, widow of the late William McManis of Ballstown, County Meath, died on Dec. 17 at Lower Leeson street, in Dublin, aged seventy-five years.

QUEEN'S.—The usual monthly meeting of the Tullow branch, U. I. L., was held in the town hall, Tullow, and a full attendance of the committee was required to transact important business. A special meeting of the Leix divisional executive of the U. I. L. was held in the town hall, Maryborough, on Dec. 9 to deal with the evicted tenants question.

The sawmills of Messrs. Brownlie & Kennedy, Monasterevan, which were recently disposed of by public auction, have been reopened by Mr. McCoy, brother-in-law to the late Mr. Brownlie. The mills have been started under new and improved conditions, and it is understood that Mr. McCoy has contracted for large lots of timber in the surrounding districts.

WESTMEATH.—The total amount standing to the credit of the United Irish parliamentary fund on Dec. 14 was £132 11s. 6d. Some of the larger subscriptions recently received were: Priests and people of Dundalk, £21 4s.; Castlelea (Roscommon), £30 12s. 6d.; and priests and people of Mullingar, £44 15s. Miss Margaret Salmon, Mullingar, died recently at the age of seventy-eight years.

Negotiations for the sale of Colonel Ellis' estate, at Gillardstown, County Westmeath, have ended in an agreement to the following terms: First term tenants, 6 shillings in the pound (twenty-one and one-half years' purchase); three second term tenants to purchase on same basis; all arrears to be wiped out; sporting rights to vest in tenants, and interest at 3½ per cent. to be payable till vesting order is issued. Rev. Father O'Farrell acted for the tenants during the negotiations and Mr. Chatterton, agent for the landlord.

WEXFORD.—Among the various improvements which from time to time have been effected to the line of railway from Wexford to Rosslare the most important is the proposed new bridge over Cull channel to replace the present shaky wooden one standing there. The new bridge will be built of iron and supported on massive iron

columns. The operations will commence in about a month.

A special meeting of the Enniscorthy district council was held to consider a resolution of the county committee of the Gaelic league calling on all public bodies to cease transacting business with the National bank till that institution acceded to the wishes of Gaelic league and honored checks filled in Irish. Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M. P., a director of the bank, and delegates from the Gaelic league were invited to attend the meeting. Thaddeus Bolger, J. P., chairman of the council, presided, and the other members of the council present were: Messrs. James Lynch, James Mernagh, Morgan Leacy, Moses Fortune, James Fitzpatrick, Laurence Cummins, J. R. Dier, Thomas Kavanagh, William Sears, Moses Dempsey, Andrew O'Brien and Albert Sliye. The following attended on behalf of the Gaelic league: Rev. Michael Murphy, New Ross, honorable secretary county committee; Messrs. A. J. Furlong and Patrick Kehoe, Enniscorthy. Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. T. E. Lloyd, manager National bank, Enniscorthy; Mr. P. J. Shaw, town clerk, and Mr. M. J. Wheeland were in attendance.

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GALWAY.—His grace the archbishop of Tuam and Mgr. Barret, P. P., V. G., Headford, have obtained from the board of works a sum of £250 for the building of a teachers' residence at Cargin, Sligo, N. S.

LEITRIM.—The monthly meeting of the Drumard division, A. O. H., No. 181, was held on Dec. 23, Brother F. Duffy in the chair. New members were initiated and six others proposed for admission.

A meeting of the committee of the Ballinamore division, A. O. H., B. O. F., No. 162, was held on Dec. 14, Brother McKiernan presiding. In the course of his remarks he urged that the attention of every brother be drawn to section 4 of rule 28, which rule every member must abide by.

A meeting of the Drumrahilly, Mohill branch, U. I. L., was held on Dec. 23, Farrell Reynolds, D. C., presiding. Others present were John McWeeny, Bernard Bohan, Patrick Donohoe, William McNally, treasurer; John Flynn, Patrick McLoughlin, Patrick Ward, James Foley, William McHugh, John Duffey and Thomas Kane, secretary. Cards of membership were taken and subscriptions handed in.

A meeting of the Ballinamore division, board of Erin, No. 102, was held on Sunday, Dec. 2. The election of officers for the coming year was held. Brothers B. McKiernan and Thomas Smyth were elected chairman and vice chairman respectively. It was passed unanimously that the financial and recording secretaries, Brothers O'Reilly and O'Belme, and the treasurer, Brother M. McLoughlin, be re-elected. The county delegate, Brother Dolan, addressed the meeting and congratulated the brothers on the splendid progress the division was making and the order generally all over the county and imposed upon them the necessity of strictly adhering to the rules as laid down by the board of Erin.

MAYO.—J. Burns, only son of P. J. Burns, only son of P. Burns, harness maker, Balaclahaderreen, died recently at the age of thirty two.

A meeting of the Claremorris horse show committee was held in Claremorris, T. Tighe, D. L., presiding, and the other members present were Rev. Mr. Day, rector, Claremorris; James Cowan, James Begley, J. C.; John Coghlan, Myles O'Donnell, J. P.; Thomas Brett, M. F. Dillon and R. J. Hayes, honorable secretary. The secretary submitted the balance sheet and statement of accounts of last year, which were approved, subject to audit. Rev. M. J. McHugh, P. P., Crossboyne, and Thomas Bro were appointed to audit the accounts. On the motion of Mr. Cowan, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, it was decided to hold a show in 1907.

ROSCOMMON.—Thomas MacLaughlin, Crossna, Boyle, County Roscommon, died on Dec. 17 at St. Vincent's private hospital.

We announce the death, says the Roscommon Herald of Nov. 17, of a highly respected gentleman and an honored and esteemed native of Kilmore, Patrick Neary, who passed away recently at an advanced age.

SLIGO.—After a short illness at her residence, 213 East Forty-third street, New York, Maria O'Neill, nee Cunnion, beloved wife of Terence O'Neill and mother of James T. Della and Annie Foley, died on Jan. 10. Deceased was a native of the parish of Ahamblish, County Sligo.

The eighteenth half yearly general meeting of the members of the Collooney Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society was held in the market house, Collooney, on Jan. 5. The following members were present: Alexander Sim, J. P., in the chair; M. Rooney, A. A. Sim, Peter Cawley, C. C.; A. J. Crichton, J. P.; James Craig, Thomas Coleman, Pat Foley, P. Gallagher, James McGlinn, John Gilgan, John Nevin, Hugh Gallagher, James O'Hara, T. Coleman, Jr.; E. Moran, D. C.; P. Davey, M. Nerney, J. Collins, P. Quigley, D. McCabe, F. McDonagh, J. Flynn and A. J. Durcan, manager and secretary. After the minutes of the previously half yearly general meeting were read and signed a large agenda was gone through, including the election of members of committee in lieu of retiring members. All the old members were re-elected with the exception of James McHugh, Collooney, who was replaced by P. Gallagher of the same place. Everything in connection with the working of the society was gone into minutely and deemed satisfactory, after which a vote of thanks to the chairman, treasurer and staff brought the meeting to a close.