

SUMMARY OF IRISH NEWS.

Antrim.

Mr. George Washington Savage, American Consul at Dundee, died on January 1st, in his 74th year. He went to Dundee, last July, having previously served as Consul at Belfast for four years.

The death of Dr. Harkin, one of the oldest Belfast medical practitioners, took place on January 4th, at his residence, No. 4 College Square, North. For some weeks past he had been ailing, and there was little expectation of his recovery, owing to the advanced age which he had reached and the general breakdown of his health. Dr. Harkin was a past President of the Ulster Medical Society and Consulting Officer of the Mater Infirmorum Hospital. He was the author of a number of able works on medical subjects.

Armagh.

On January 3d, the ceremony of the enthronement of the Most Rev. Robert S. Gregg as Protestant Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, was performed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. George A. Chadwick, D. D., Protestant Dean of Armagh.

On Christmas Day a postman named John Moffat was found drowned in a river along the road leading from Armagh to Killylea. It appears the deceased went on his usual rounds on the evening of the 23d, with letters and parcels, through the country districts, and, not turning up next day, search was at once made for him by his family, but no trace of his whereabouts could be found till his dead body was discovered by some person who happened to be passing by the River Callan, at a place known as Kidd's Gate.

Carlow.

It is stated that the Postmaster General has appointed Miss Margaret Byrne to the position of Postmistress of Leighlinbridge Post and Telegraph Office, in succession to Miss Maher, resigned. There has been keen competition for the situation, but Miss Byrne was fortunate in having an influential signed memorial on her behalf forwarded to the Postmaster General, through Mr. Hammond, M.P.

Clare.

At a private meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians, on January 3d, before the regular business of the Board was preceded with, Mr. John M. Cotter, Clerk of the Union, intimated his intention of resigning that office. He was asked to reconsider his decision. Mr. Cotter is one of the oldest poor-law officials in Ireland, having been 45 years clerk of the Ennis Union, in which he succeeded his father, the first clerk.

Cork.

With much regret we have to announce the death of Mr. John Lynch, of Market street, Bandon, which took place at his residence, on Dec. 18th, after a brief illness. Mr. Lynch leaves a widow and five young children to mourn his loss. The general esteem in which he was held was amply testified to by the large numbers of every class and creed who attended his funeral, on the 20th, to St. Patrick's new Cemetery, Bandon, the officiating clergyman being the Very Rev. Cannon Shinkwin, P.P., V. F., assisted by the Very Rev. J. O'Mahony, C.C. R.I.P.

Derry.

The statement that the London "Irish Society" propose to commence large reclamation works at Derry is, at least, premature. Mr. A. C. Morton, who is an enthusiast for reclamation, has, however, brought the project before the society, of which he is a member. He believes that a very large part of Lough Foyle could be profitably reclaimed, and points to the analogy of the work which has been done in the Firth of Forth, where the reclaimed land maintains its price in spite of the agricultural depression, owing to its excellent quality.

Donegal.

Since New Year's the weather has been intensely cold in the northwestern districts of Ireland, and in some parts snow has fallen. A farmer named Long perished from exposure while on his way home near Camdonagh.

Down.

A young man named Wm. Maxwell, who received an injury to his leg, some time ago, while playing football at Hollywood, died on January 3d from lockjaw. The wound had partially healed, when blood-poisoning set in.

On Dec. 30th, Dr. Parke, J.P. coroner for North Down, held an inquest at Crawfordsburn on the body of an old man named Francis Newell, who fell dead the previous evening while conversing with John McCracken. The testimony of Dr. Bolton was that death was due to heart disease. The jury found accordingly.

Dublin.

On New Year's Day, Alderman V. B. Dillon was inaugurated Lord Mayor of Dublin, with the usual ceremonies, and in assuming the office delivered a speech in which he reviewed the working of the corporate departments for the past year. Mr. R. J. McCoy was invested with the chain of High Sheriff at the same time. In the afternoon the Lord Mayor entertained a large company at the Mansion House. The Tory-Unionist members of the Corporation ab-

stained from taking any part in the inauguration proceedings.

Fermontagh.

In Enniskillen, on December 28th, an inquest was held on the body of a man named Griffin, a sergeant in the Royal Engineers, Dublin, who was accidentally drowned on the previous day by falling over the Weir Bridge. A verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned.

Galway.

The Very Rev. W. McEvilly, of Dunmore, elder brother of the Archbishop of Tuam, died on Jan. 4th, after a short illness, at the parochial residence. Canon McEvilly was one of the oldest and most respected priests in the diocese of Tuam. He was born at Louisburgh, county Mayo, read his course of Theology in Maynooth College, and was ordained priest in 1853. He spent the earlier years of his priesthood as curate in the parishes of Newport, Knock, Robeen, and Annagh, and in each of these parishes he has left lasting monuments of his piety and zeal. Aughagower was the first parish committed to his pastoral charge. Here he built a parochial residence and several schools. From Aughagower he was translated to Dunmore in the year 1882. He was called away while still laboring in the vineyard of his Divine Master. No longer than a week before his death he said Mass and preached to his people as usual. Those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance found in Canon McEvilly not only a sincere but an affectionate friend; and the faithful of his parish, as well as his fellow-priests, will keenly feel the loss of his prudent advice and fatherly solicitude.

Kerry.

The traffic receipts of the Tralee and Dingle railway, for the week ended 30th December, 1893, show a decrease of £4 18s. 1d., as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year. The figures are—week ending 30th December, 1892, £72 8s. 8d.; same week in 1893, £67 10s. 7d.

In the recent decisions in land cases in Kerry, we find that the following substantial reductions were given:—Charles Foley, tenant, Lord Ventry, landlord; old rent, £50 15s; judicial rent, £36. John Felson, tenant; old rent, £22 15s; judicial rent, £13 10s. H. A. Herbert, landlord; Con. Grissano, tenant; old rent, £40; judicial rent, £27. Timothy Reen, tenant; old rent, £27; judicial rent, £3 15s.

Kildare.

On December 14th, Miss Charlotte Ryan (youngest daughter of the late Mr. Patrick Byrne, Ballymount, Ballymore Co. Kildare), had the happiness of making her final vows at the Convent of Mercy, Calan, and is now in religion Sister M. Catherine. The ceremony was performed by the most Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory; and the Mass was celebrated by the Rev. M. Byrne, brother of the professed nun.

Kilkenny.

On New Year's Day the inauguration of Mr. P. J. Morrissey, as Mayor of Kilkenny, took place in the Municipal Council Chamber. The outgoing Mayor, Mr. C. Quinn, occupied the chair. Having been formally installed, the Mayor, on rising, was warmly received, and said that during his year of office he would act with an open mind, and be not coerced by any party either inside or outside the Corporation. The Mayor entertained a large party at dinner on New Year's night. The banquet was served at the Club House Hotel, where, in olden times, many a pleasant evening was spent round the hospitable table of the incoming Mayor.

King's County.

The funeral of Mr. John Bennett, J.P., of Grange, took place on December 30th. There was a large attendance of relatives, friends, and the general public, fully representative of all classes and creeds. The interment was at Clonohill Cemetery.

Colonel Robert Hackett, familiarly known in the neighborhood of Birr as the "Blind Colonel," died suddenly, on December 30th, at his residence, Riverstown, county Tipperary. His death, at the comparatively early age of 55, was due to the effects of injuries received in the late Zulu campaign, in which, while leading the 90th Regiment, received a shot through the head, which destroyed both his eyes. He laid for hours among the dead of Ulundi, and it was only by accident that he was not, in his unconscious state, buried alive. He was a brother of Lieutenant-General Simpson Hackett; and another brother, Colonel Thomas Bernard, who won the Victoria Cross, was accidentally shot in 1880.

Limerick.

The death of the Rev. A. MacLaughlin, Protestant Rector of Doonee, is announced. The deceased, who was father of Mrs. Walker, wife of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, had been ailing only a short time. Acute bronchitis supervened, however, upon what appeared to be a slight cold, and the Rev. gentleman died on December 30th. Mr. MacLaughlin, who was Chancellor of Cashel, in the diocese of Emly, was extremely popular among all classes, especially so among the poor, who will feel deeply the death of so familiar and kindly a friend. His remains were taken to Dublin for interment in Mount Jerome.

On New Year's Day a special meeting of the Limerick Corporation was held in the Town Hall, the principal business being the

installation of the Mayor and High Sheriff for 1894. There was a large attendance of members of the Council, and at the outside bar a goodly number of citizens were present. Shortly after twelve o'clock the roll was called, and the Town Clerk, after reading the minutes, formally intimated to the Council that, at a meeting held on the 1st December, the Right Worshipful Bryan O'Donnell was re-elected Mayor for 1894 and that Mr. Patrick Kenna had been appointed High Sheriff for the city by the Lord Lieutenant. The inauguration then took place.

Louth.

On New Year's Day, Mr. Bernard Nulty was installed Mayor of Drogheda, and sworn in before Alderman Brautigan, the outgoing Mayor, and seventeen members of the Council. Mr. Butterly proposed, and Mr. Kelly seconded, a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, who, in reply, stated that the Corporation had expended £5,000 during the past year in sanitary improvement, and he did not believe there was a town in Ireland where more had been done in the same direction.

We regret to have to record the demise of Mr. P. Carolan, which took place at his residence, Belpatrick, on St. Stephen's Day. Mr. Carolan had reached a ripe old age, and throughout a long life well won the esteem of all who knew him. In every relation of life he acquitted himself worthily. Some weeks since, he was prostrated by illness, from which he never rallied. His interment took place on December 28th, in the family burial ground, Ballapounta, and his remains were attended to their last resting place by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

Mayo.

Dr. Ambrose, M.P., for West Mayo, has received a communication announcing that, in response to his repeated questions Mr. Vesey Stoner, J.P., and D.L., one of his constituents of whom he is not proud, has ceased to be a magistrate for the county Mayo. It will be remembered that Mr. Stoner's conduct in connection with the Arrears Act has been often the subject of comment. More recently he sent his wife to a "home" at Eastbourne, England, where she received a "religious" treatment, being undoubtedly insane. The unfortunate lady met her death by falling out of the window. The "home" has since been inquired into by order of the Home Secretary.

Meath.

Lord and Lady Dunsany are just now on their way to Egypt. Dunsany Castle has been freely suggested as an Irish seat for the Duke and Duchess of York. At present, however, it is in rather a dilapidated condition. The late Peer always intended to rebuild the castle, and in fact began the work, but he did not proceed with it although a great part of the old building had been pulled down.

Monaghan.

On January 2d, immediately after the obsequies of the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly a meeting of the Chapter of the Diocese of Clogher, specially summoned, was held in the Chapter-room of St. MacCartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. All the members of the Chapter except Very Rev. Patrick (Canon) Clifford, P.P., Fintonia, whose health, though latterly much improved, was not such as to warrant him to travel to Monaghan, were present. By the unanimous vote of the members of the Chapter, Very Rev. Dean Bermingham, P.P. Carrickmacross, was elected Vicar Capitular, being thus vested with episcopal powers until the new Bishop is appointed.

Queen's County.

On New Year's day, a public meeting was held on the Market square, Maryborough, to establish a branch of the "Knights of the Plough" in the district. The meeting was organized by Mr. Benjamin Pelin, of Naraghmore, in conjunction with the Castle-town laborers, but without any consultation with the local laborers. Mr. J. Shelly, of Castletown, occupied the chair, and speeches were delivered by Messrs. J. C. O'Neill, Carlow; Benjamin Pelin, Tyrrell and Leahy, Dublin; and G. Nanston, Town Clerk of Maryborough. Resolutions were passed calling on Parliament to grant pensions of £20 a year to laborers who have passed the age of 65 years; to place a tax of £1 on every acre of uncultivated land; and to shorten the hours of labor on Saturdays to five o'clock. Deputations were present from Mountnath, Castletown, and Stradbally.

Roscommon.

The death took place at Frenchpark House, on January 2d, of Mr. John Corr, at the age of 55 years. Mr. Corr was the last survivor of an old and well known family in the county. He had occupied the position of Governor of Roscommon Jail and Clerk of Mullingar Union, but lived at Frenchpark House for the last 35 years. The remains were interred in the family burial place at Athleague, on the 4th inst.

Sligo.

At a meeting of the Sligo Town Council, on New Year's Day, Mr. John Connolly was inaugurated Mayor for the year 1894. This is the third time he has been elected to that office, and on the previous occasions he acted in such a manner in the mayoral chair that his present election is popular amongst all classes, both Conservative and Nationalist. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Alder-

man Tighe, J.P., and seconded by Alderman Nelson, J.P., was unanimously accorded the ex-Mayor, Mr. Scanlan, for the manner in which he had filled his office.

Tipperary.

On December 28th the Rev. Patrick Graham, C.C., Mullinahone, died after a short and severe attack of influenza, aggravated by congestion of the lungs. The deceased clergyman, who was in his 38th year, had been only recently appointed to the curacy of Mullinahone. He was a man of sterling, earnest piety, of simple mind, and of quiet, modest demeanor, popular with the clergy and the people, and his early demise is sincerely regretted by those among whom his sacred ministry so suddenly and painfully terminated. The Requiem, which was held in the parish church on December 20th, was largely attended by the priests of Cashel, and the neighbouring diocese of Ossory. The Mass was sung by a relative of the deceased, Very Rev. Father Walsh, President of Clonliffe College, assisted by the Rev. D. O'Sullivan as deacon, and the Rev. Cornelius Ryan as sub-deacon. After the Mass, the remains were borne round the chapel yard, and the interment took place within the precincts of the church, the site being given by the Rev. Philip Ryan, the respected pastor of Mullinahone.

Tyronne.

In Dungannon, on January 4th, some men in the employment of the local Gas Company were searching for an escape of gas from the main sewer at the corner of George and William st., when one of them named P. Foy, applied a match at the opening of old unused sewer. Instantly an explosion took place, blowing up about twenty-five yards of the street and flagging around the court-house. Foy was terribly burned about the head and face. He was immediately taken to the hospital, where he was attended to by Dr. Twigg, who fears he may lose his eyesight. Constable William Keilly, who was standing by, was thrown up into the air, but sustained no serious injuries. The other men had a narrow escape.

Waterford.

The special meeting for the purpose of installing the Mayor and Sheriff of Waterford, for the ensuing year, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on January 1st. The outgoing Mayor, Alderman John Manning, presided, and besides the corporators there was an exceedingly large attendance of the general public. Councillor Cadogan, who was received with applause, having made the usual official declaration, was vested with the chain of office by the outgoing Mayor. Mr. W. J. Smith was sworn in as High Sheriff at the same time.

Wexford.

With deep sorrow his many friends learned, on Sunday morning, December 31st, that Mr. Thomas Doyle, postmaster, Wexford, had died at his residence after a long and painful illness. Mr. Doyle's death had not been unexpected, as it was known for some time previously that he was seriously ill, and recently there were little, if any, hopes of his recovery. During his ten years in Wexford, Mr. Doyle's amiable disposition, unfailing courtesy and rectitude in matters of business made him a most of friends. He was respected and cherished as a true and sterling friend of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Mr. Doyle, who had reached his 54th year, leaves a widow (a Wexford lady), and a family of five. On January 2d, there was a solemn Requiem Office and High Mass, for the repose of his soul, in the Church of the Assumption. Rev. T. O'Connor, C.C., presided; celebrant, Rev. P. O'Connor, C.C.; deacon, Rev. James Hartley, C.C.; sub-deacon, Rev. M. F. O'Hanlon, O.S.F.; and master of ceremonies, Rev. L. Jones, C.C. In the choir were a large number of clergymen. The interment was in the family burial ground, Drinagh.

Wicklow.

On New Year's night the watchman in charge of the line running through the cutting on the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway, near Avondale, found the body of a young man lying across the metals, with both legs almost severed from the body. The train in which leaves Rathdrum for Avoca at 7.35 had just passed the place, and it was believed the young man was walking on the line when the train dashed into the cutting, and in endeavoring to escape he fell across the rails. He was removed to Rathdrum station, and thence to the hospital attached to the local workhouse, where everything possible was done for him. Letters found in his pockets proved him to be a young man named Byrne, belonging to one of the most respected families in the county, and the nephew of a doctor who enjoys an extensive practice and is much esteemed throughout the county Wicklow.

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