

SUMMARY OF IRISH NEWS.

Galway.

The evictions on the Arran Isles, on March 28, were the most heart-rendering scenes that could be witnessed. It was pitiful to see two widows, one the mother of eight, the other the mother of ten children outside the doors that had been closed against them. The cry of the little orphans, clinging around their mothers and hanging from their tattered clothes, would melt the hardest hearts. Another case was where a poor old couple with their son, a boy who is stone blind, had to be assisted out. The poor old woman, who is 94 years of age, and has a broken leg, fainted before she left the cabin. One thing which proves, if it needs proof, the wretchedness of Arran was the quantity of dried "stuff" stored up for fuel in these wretched cabins. Most of those evicted would have been starving were it not for the private relief they received from the priests for some time past. Their poverty is extreme, and their condition, out among the hills or under walls, can better be imagined than described.

Letterin.

The death is announced of the Rev. Patrick Keaney, P.P., Ballinaciera, which took place at his brother's residence, Glenfarnie, on March 30. The funeral took place, on April 2d, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, near Glenfarnie railway station, and was largely attended. From the parish of Ballinaciera came a large and respectable deputation representing the parish and the local branch of the National Federation, and the bearers of a beautiful floral tribute to the memory of the deceased clergyman. The interment was in St. Mary's. Father Keaney was appointed parish priest of Ballinaciera by the present Bishop of Kilmore, Most Rev. Dr. McGennis, in March 1890. He was in his 54th year, nearly 23 of which were spent in the sacred ministry.

Louth.

With deep regret we have to announce the death, on February 9th, at St. Patrick's College, Wellington, New Zealand, of Rev. Father Carolan, a popular and gifted member of the College staff. The deceased was one of the founders of the college, and was an educationist of the first order. For some three years past he had been troubled with a pulmonary disease, and severe hemorrhage was not infrequent. During his long illness he was under the care of Dr. Cahill and the Sisters of Mercy. Deceased was a native of Dundalk, where he was born in 1856. He studied at St. Mary's College, Dundalk, at Stonyhurst, at the Catholic University, Dublin, and also in the City of Lyons. He was one of the small band chosen to assist in founding St. Patrick's College, Wellington, and since June, 1885, he had ungrudgingly and successfully placed his great powers at the call of its students, and had written his name deep in the history of the institution. He was an excellent musician, and was generally and highly esteemed as a man and a priest.

Mayo.

A sad boating fatality, resulting in the loss of two lives, took place off Ballintoy, a short distance from Ballycastle, on the evening of March 31st. Three brothers named McLoughlin and Robert Hutchinson were engaged most of the week near Ballycastle gathering fossil specimens. They left in their boat for home accompanied by Robert McFall. When off Ballintoy they met a heavy broken sea, which capsized the boat. James McLoughlin and McFall were drowned. The others were rescued by the Coastguards.

Monaghan.

The cause of "woman's rights" received a recognition at the hands of the Carrickmacross Board of Guardians, on April 3d. It was the first meeting of the newly-elected Board, and after Messrs. Thomas Phelan, J.P., Peter Dwyer, and William Jones had been elected chairman, vice-chairman and deputy vice-chairman respectively, the Board proceeded to revise the lists of dispensary committees. When they came to revise the list for Rafteragh District, Mr. McE asked if a woman could be elected on the committee. Being told by the chairman that he knew of nothing to prevent it, Mr. McE proposed that Catherine Goodman be elected a member of the Dispensary Committee, and the motion being seconded by Mr. Daly, was passed unanimously. This is the first known instance of a woman being elected a member of what is, if not a representative public body, an executive public body, with important functions to discharge.

Queen's County.

The first meeting of the new Board of Guardians of Mountmellick Union was held on March 31st, and the election of chairman was proceeded with. The Nationalist Guardians, at the preliminary meeting, decided to run the three outgoing chairmen as their candidates. Mr. W. H. Cobbo (outgoing chairman), was proposed by Mr. W. Delaney, and seconded by Mr. T. Morris. Mr. E. S. R. Smyth, V.C., was proposed by Mr. F. Donaldson, and seconded by Captain Trench, J.P. Mr. Smyth declined to allow himself to be put forward; and there being no other proposition, Mr. Cobbo was re-elected. Mr. W. Delaney and Mr. A. Gallagher were then proposed, seconded, and elected to the vice-chair and deputy vice-chair respectively, without any opposition further than a motion

by Mr. Donaldson that Mr. C. P. Hamilton be the vice-chairman. This motion was not seconded, and fell through.

Roscommon.

Robert Lowdon Brown, Esq., has been appointed a Resident Magistrate for the county Roscommon.

At the first meeting of the new Board of Guardians of Boyle Union, on March 31st, there was a very large attendance. Mr. Owen Phibbs, J.P., D.L., presided. On the motion of Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Davino, Lord Kingston was re-elected chairman. Col. Cooper, J.P., D.L., proposed that Mr. Owen Phibbs be re-elected vice-chairman, and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. James Clarke, C.T.R. (Nationalist), was unanimously elected deputy vice chairman.

Sligo.

The first meeting of the new Sligo Board of Guardians was held on April 3d, Colonel H. Cooper presiding. There were forty Guardians present. Colonel Cooper was elected chairman, Mr. Owen Wynne, D.L., vice-chairman, and Alderman Coltery, M.P. deputy vice-chairman, the same as last year. Representations for over sixty laborers' cottages, which had been adjourned from a meeting two months ago, were taken up, and were rejected, *in globo*, by 24 votes to 13. Though the National Guardians tried several times to have cottages erected for the laborers, they were always outvoted by the landlord faction, and the result is that not one cottage has been erected.

Tipperrary.

On March 30th, an inquest was held on the body of William Floyd, a respectable farmer, who died at his residence, Coolmoorory, near Neugagh, from stabbing injuries, alleged to have been inflicted by his brother, Thomas Floyd. The homicide occurred in a dispute about a horse, in the course of which Thomas stabbed his brother in the abdomen with a penknife which he had open in his hand. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and Thomas Floyd, who was present in custody, was committed for action by the Grand Jury.

Tyrone.

Cardinal Logue has transferred the Rev. Peter McShane, C. C., Coalisland, to the curacy of Keady, rendered vacant by the removal of the Rev. Francis Donnelly, C. C., Carrickmore. The Stewartstown curacy (Coalisland) is filled by the Rev. Father McCardle, C. C., of Carrickmore. The removal of Father McShane is deeply regretted by the people of the entire parish, to whom he ministered with zeal and devotion for the past eleven years.

Waterford.

The Rev. Maurice Keating, C. C., Tallow, and late Administrator of St. John's Church, Waterford, has been appointed Pastor of the united parishes of Dunhill and Fenor, rendered vacant by the death of Father John Dowley.

On Sunday, April 1st in the church of the Holy Trinity, Cookstown, County Tyrone, the reception took place of Eily Margaret Winberry (in religion Sister Mary Malachy), third daughter of Mr. Paul Winberry, of Portlaw, County Waterford, into the Order of Our Lady of Mercy. The interesting and impressive ceremony was witnessed by one of the largest congregations that have ever been seen within the walls of the spacious church. Many members of the Protestant faith were also in attendance. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up by Father McEavey, and an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Canon McNece, who in the absence of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, received the postulant.

Westmeath.

It is a curious coincidence that the winners of the Grand National steeplechase at Liverpool and the Irish Grand National should both have been bred in Westmeath, while Manifesto and Fanatic, the first and second for the great Lancashire prize, were bred and trained in the neighboring County of Meath. Warren Hastings comes from Cork. The Admirable, winner of the Irish Grand National, at the Fairy House meeting, was bought from a local priest for £17 10s., as a hunter.

Wexford.

Constable Currid has been transferred from Coolgreany to Kilmuckridge; Constable Forde from Kilmuckridge to Galbally; Constable Dunphy from Killurin to Coolgreany.

Mr. Annesley, District Inspector, R.I.C., who has been in charge of the Taghman district for the past two years, has been transferred to Danahughlin, co. Meath. Sincere regret is felt at his departure, as during his stay at Taghmon, he was most popular both with the general public and the members of the force under his command. He is replaced at Taghmon by Mr. T. F. Lowndes, Dingle, county Kerry.

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