

Brave Kilkenny Soldier's Death at the Front.

Major J. H. Connellan, Coolmore, Co. Kilkenny, received intimation on Sunday last, of the death of his only son, Captain Peter Martin Connellan, of the 1st Batt. Hampshire Regiment, who had already distinguished himself at the battles of the Marne and Aisne. Only last week Major Connellan was receiving the congratulations of the public of all sections, by whom he is held in the highest esteem, on the bravery of his son, who had just been mentioned in despatches, and had been specially recommended for promotion for his services. Already he had been in command of his battalion as local major, and had he survived the war, would have been marked out for great distinction in his profession. It may be mentioned that the late Captain Connellan was always remarkable for his intrepidity of character, and had the Royal Humane Society's Medal for saving the life of a drowning soldier. He married in 1911 Winifred, third daughter of the late Arthur Niblett, Esq., formerly of Haresfield Court, Gloucester, but leaves no family. Such, in brief outline, is one of the poignant tragedies of the war, and thus is brought home to us in this locality the double duty of defence and punishment of the German aggressors who have rendered so many hearths and homes as desolate as that of Major Connellan. In common with all who know and appreciate the character of the bereaved father, we tender to him the heartfelt expression of our sympathy, and trust the knowledge that his grief is shared by all may help to mitigate his loss.

The O'Donovan Branch of the Gaelic League

On the 26th inst a Branch of the Gaelic League was established for the purpose of affording facilities to persons desirous of acquiring a knowledge of their National Language. It was decided to call it "The O'Donovan Branch." The committee has secured a spacious room in premises of the A O H, at Parliament street, Kilkenny, where the Language Classes will be held. Messrs Hassel and Dennehy, two enthusiastic Gaelic Leaguers and distinguished Irish scholars, have kindly volunteered to conduct the classes. It has been arranged that the classes—Elementary and Advanced—shall commence at the premises above mentioned, on Tuesday, 3rd November, at 8 p.m. at which time and place intending students should attend for the purpose of having their names enrolled.