

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

Under this heading we are pleased to have to record the foundation of a Society for the promotion of Local History and Archæology in Galway. A strong committee has been formed and a journal is promised. We welcome our fellow-labourers, and feel sure they will do as good work for Connaught as we are pleased to notice in the other provinces.

The Ulster Journal of Archæology continues generally attractive as may be seen from the titles of some of the papers in the last number. "The Franciscans in Armagh," by Rev. E. B. Fitzmaurice, O.S.F.; "The Stewarts of Ballintoy," by Rev. Geo. Hill; "Armorial Sculptured Stones in County Antrim," by F. G. Bigger and H. Hughes. We can strongly recommend this journal to all who are interested in Archæology.

Cork Historical and Archæological Society.—In the last number of the journal the "Ancient History of Kerry," which was being edited by F. Jarlath Prendergast, O.F.M., is continued. We regret to have to record that since its publication the editor has passed away. In Father Jarlath Irish Archæology has lost a zealous worker. His mind was overflowing with facts connected with the history of the south, our clans, and chieftains; so full, indeed, that his writings sometimes suffered from redundancy. It is to be hoped that some efforts will be made to collect much of his useful work that lies scattered in newspapers and periodicals. The article on "Cashel and Emly," continued by Rev. R. H. Long, possesses more than local interest. In the last number the writer deals with the events at the end of the eleventh century—a period very ably dealt with by the late Dr. Stokes from his point of view in his "History of the Celtic Church." The Cork archæologists—Windele, Brash, and Dr. Caulfield—are the subject of an interesting memoir.

Waterford and South-east of Ireland Archæological Society.

—The last journal issued commences Vol. VI. The articles are all historical, but so long as good useful local work is done, the advantage of variety is of less importance. "Lismore in the Thirteenth Century," by W. H. Grattan Flood, M.R.S.A.; "Waterford City in Seventeenth Century," by the hon. editor, Rev. J. Mockler, and "The Parish of Hook," by Dr. Redmond, M.R.S.A., all possess great local interest.

County Kildare Archæological Society. we are glad to see by the Annual Report, now numbers close on 170 members, and the journal is evidence of its healthy and flourishing condition. It consists of quite a number of short papers on local antiquities, topography, and family history, and other subjects of local interest—matter which, in our opinion, is best calculated to secure the success of the journals of local societies.

Royal Society of Antiquaries, Ireland.—We have left our notice of the publication of the parent society for the end. Just such a position as the parent usually takes when admiring the progress of its offspring. Needless to state the quarterly journal maintains its high position. Considerable space is given to the proceedings on the Scotch Tour of the Society, which, for the purposes of comparison, are of the greatest interest to Irish Archæologists. They are illustrated by many fine photographs, taken by the members of the society. Amongst the papers of local interest we should particularly mention one—"Some Ancient Crosses in County Clare," by Dr. G. U. Macnamara, hon. sec. for North Clare. The Annual Summer Meeting will be held this year in Lisdoonvarna, on 31st July. A small local committee, of which our president is a member, has been formed and attractive excursions have been arranged to examine the almost unknown treasures of antiquity possessed by North Clare. We hope our Photographic Section will be well represented as the excursions are open to visitors introduced by members of the R.S.A. before the 21st July.
