

## FRONT COVER PICTURE

The first and only female name on the Roll of Honour of Carlow Brigade 1916-1924 is Margaret Kehoe, Orchard Leighlinbridge. She nursed in the South Dublin Union, now St James's Hospital. During Easter Week 1916 the premises were occupied by 42 volunteers of the 4th battalion, Dublin Brigade



under the command of Eamon Ceannt and Cathal Brugha as 2nd in command. On Easter Monday intense fighting took place when the British forces attacked the building. During a period of quietness word was passed to Nurse Kehoe that a volunteer lay wounded. Without hesitation she rushed outside. Within minutes guns opened fire again and Nurse Kehoe lost her life. In doing so, she displayed a great devotion to duty and an extraordinary sense of heroism. The wounded volunteer was Dan McCarthy who subsequently became President of the GAA, 1921-1924. A plaque to her memory was unveiled at St Kevin's Hospital, Dublin on Easter Monday, 1965 by the National Graves Association. She was buried within the grounds of the Union but after the surrender the remains were exhumed and reinterred in Ballinabranna graveyard in the Parish of Leighlin.



Michael O'Hanrahan, a New Ross born Wexford man who had come to Carlow when his father transferred his business to Tullow St. in Carlow Town. He had been a very prominent man in the town before moving to Dublin. He founded the Workman's Club in Browne's St, Carlow and was a teacher in the Gaelic League classes. He was the author of *Swordsman of the Brigade* and *When the Normans Came*. He was executed for his role in the Easter Rising 1916.

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## BACK COVER

Brown and Crosthwaite Lodge Mill lorry Bagenalstown, c. 1920s. This was the first lorry bought second hand by Brown and Crosthwaite and the first letters on the number plate were IK (issued 1903- 1927) and this denotes that it was first registered in Dublin. Note the four wheels have brushes attached to prevent gravel and stones from flying up and hitting people while lorry was on the move. Tommy Comerford, at side of engine, was the driver and obtained that position because he had previously worked on engine boats on the canal. George Darcy is the tall man who worked with him and both hailed from Bagenalstown. The photo was taken in Regent Street Bagenalstown. Courtesy: Jim Murphy, St Brigid's Crescent, Bagenalstown.

