

MELANCHOLY DEATH BY DROWNING.

On Thursday morning, a large body of the City Limerick militia went to bathe, as was their custom, from off the Island Bank, when three of them, namely, Serjeant Rice, Corporal John Palmer, and Private M'Namara, having got into deep water went heavily to the bottom where they became entangled in the sedge and mud, and the greatest apprehensions were entertained for their safety. Their comrades being for the most part unable to swim could render them no assistance, when Wm. Quinlan, one of the Mayors' constables, Mr. Jas. M'Grath, of Nicholas-st. and Mr. James Sexton jumped in, and at the first effort succeeded in rescuing Serjeant Rice and Private M'Namara from the perilous position in which they were placed. Having brought them to the bank, Quinlan, tho' somewhat exhausted, instantly dived again, and with the most heroic intrepidity, at the risk of his own life, sought to extricate Palmer; but being a weighty man and having given a heavy plunge, he became so thickly embedded in the strong weeds at the bottom to be got up in time to save his life. Failing in successive efforts to raise him by diving, Quinlan instantly procured a boat, and the body was got up after some time, but life was wholly extinct. His remains were then removed to the Castle barracks where a Coroners' inquest was held on them yesterday, before Dr. Murphy, and a verdict of death by drowning returned.— The deceased was considered one of the handsomest and finest young men in the Regt. standing 6 feet 1 inch high, and 20 years' of age. He was the son of most respectable parents, who formerly resided and held a large farm at Caherdaven, near this city. His mother, a widow, at present keeps a bread shop in Denmark-st. and what renders her affliction and bereavement the greater is, that her next son is lying, as it is believed, on his death bed from a violent attack of paralysis. The remains of Corporal Palmer were this day interred at St. Munchin's church with full military honours, and a most respectable funeral.

The following "memorandum" is received at the Police stations—Col. Hatton has obtained permission to take some of the Constables and Acting-Constables of the Constabulary who may be highly recommended, should they be willing to come, and to give them the rank of Sergeants in the Guards at once, upon condition that each brings with him a certain number of men, and he is therefore ready to entertain certain applications from any of them. Bilton Hotel, Sackville-street, Dublin.

Serjeant-major Page, of the Scots Fusilier Guards.