

day morning notices were found posted on the Franciscan Friary gate at Ennis, and other parts of the town, for the purpose of ostracizing the Ennis police—from the society of the fair sex; we are told the beauty of woman is her hair; the notice threatened that any girl seen speaking to a policeman, or walking with him will be deprived by a "short cut" of the beautiful adornment.—*Clare Journal*.

CITY DISPENSARY COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of this committee was held yesterday, the members present being Rev D. Fitzgerald, P.P.; Doctor O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Alderman T. Gaffney, J.P.; Mr S. O'Mara, Mr T. McMahon Cregan, J.P., and Mr Begley. Mr O'Mara was elected chairman of the committee; Dr O'Shaughnessy, vice-chairman. Mr D. Begley was appointed hon secretary, after which the routine business was disposed of by the meeting.

BUTTER FACTORY AT MILFORD.—After considerable delays experienced in the raising of the capital, the conversion of the old mill into a dairy; the fixing up of engine and other machinery, the Milford Butter Factory is at last started on its sphere of usefulness and profit. The first consignment of butter manufactured was purchased by Mr J. Butler Levers, Glanduff Castle, Charleville, who is anxious to buy all the butter of the company. The local coopers, it is alleged, have combined to refuse firkins to the butter factory at the price paid by farmers with the result that the company now get their firkins in Cork for a less price than was offered at Milford.—*Cor.*

SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY NEAR LIMERICK.—A savage case of stabbing occurred on Saturday evening at Ballysheedy, a village situate a few miles outside the city. It appears that a wordy dispute about some trifling matter arose between Daniel Quaide, a pensioner's son, residing at Boherard, and is alleged J Quaine, a publican, in the house of the latter. The words ended in blows, and the men caught hold of each other. In a short time Quaine cried out that he was stabbed, and an examination disclosed that the unfortunate man had received a wound six inches long in the abdomen, the entrails protruding. Quaide was arrested on Sunday. Quaine is reported to be in a dying condition.

RIVER EXCURSION TO KILKEE.—In our advertising columns this evening will be found notices of two excursion trips, by the Lower Shannon Company's fast steamer Mermaid, from Limerick to Kilrush; one on Sunday 26th inst, and the other on Monday 27th inst, leaving Mountkennett Quay on both days at 9 a.m., and arriving back at 10 p.m. Passengers by either trip will have an opportunity of spending four to five hours at Kilkee, and on Monday the Mermaid will make a short trip seawards from Kilrush, which may be enjoyed by those who do not propose visiting Kilkee. The fares are moderate, and with weather such as we now have a pleasant day is sure to be spent.

THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AND FATHER RYAN.—Yesterday morning William Smith, a bankrupt messenger, left Limerick with a police escort for Hospital, with a view to serving a summons on Father Matthew Ryan to appear before Judge Boyd and give evidence relative to the bankruptcy of Thomas Moroney, still in Kilmainham Gaol for contempt of court in refusing to answer queries respecting his affairs and the Plan of Campaign on the O'Grady property. On the occasion of Father Ryan's first examination he was committed to prison for declining to answer certain questions, but upon the release of Father Keller he was also liberated by direction of Judge Boyd, as the decision of the Court of Appeal applied to his case too. When leaving Dublin Father Ryan received a document from an official of the court announcing that his attendance would be again required, and it was, presumably, in pursuance of that intimation that the messenger proceeded yesterday to the residence of the rev gentleman. When he arrived there he found the house apparently unoccupied. He drove next to the residence of Canon Souilly, but failed to find any tidings of Father Ryan, and returned to Limerick without effecting his object. There was no hostile demonstration, as on the occasion of his former visit, the residents being almost unaware of his presence.

FATAL DROWNING ACCIDENT AT THE ISLAND BANK.

A very melancholy occurrence, resulting in the death of a young man named David Haughton, lately serving his time as draper's apprentice in Cannock and Co's establishment, occurred at the Island Bank last evening. It appears that the young man, who was only 19 years old, left Messrs Cannock's establishment last evening shortly after 8 o'clock, and proceeded to the Island Bank to have a swim; his brother had originally intended to accompany him, but parted with him at the door. The young man having arrived at the bathing place, undressed, and when about five yards from the bank suddenly disappeared, and only once came to the surface. Notwithstanding the endeavours of a young man named James Butler, who at once swam out to his assistance and dived, and two or three persons in a boat, the body was not recovered till 1 o'clock this morning.

The Coroner (Mr DeCourcy), held an inquest to-day in the library of Messrs Cannock, an Co's establishment, George-street, shortly after half-past 11 o'clock touching the circumstances attending the death of the unfortunate young man. The following jury (employees of Messrs Cannock and Co), were sworn—Jno J. McDonough, John Hanly, P Hartigan, Richard Dillon, Wm Walsh, E. Walsh, John Douglas, F. Caffell, Austin Dillon, P. Riordan, James Moran, and G. O'Dea. The jury having viewed the body of the deceased, in an ante-room, returned to the library, where the coroner proceeded to take evidence.

Thomas Haughton (brother of the deceased) sworn, deposed that the deceased was his brother; he was 19 years of age and unmarried, and was serving his time as a Draper's Apprentice; he walked out with him last evening about twenty minutes past eight o'clock to have a swim, but parted with him at the door; deceased was in his usual good health then and was never subject to any fits; he had not seen the deceased since the occurrence although he went to the Island Bank on hearing that he had been drowned; the deceased was not able to swim.

Robert Frost, sworn, deposed he was in company with the deceased last evening; went with him to the Island Bank to swim; saw deceased go into the water; he (witness) went in after him; deceased was not able to swim nor was he (witness); deceased went out in the water about three yards from the bank and he (witness) did not see anything until he heard some people on the bank crying out "there's somebody drowning"; he (witness) looked in the direction of deceased, and saw some little bubbles on the top of the water and subsequently his head appeared above the water; this occurred about 5 yards from the bank; he did not see the deceased appear again; a boat which was in the water came to deceased's assistance and looked for him, but did not succeed in getting him out; a man subsequently swam out, but could do nothing; the man dived down; he (witness) remained dressing after the occurrence for three-quarters of an hour, until the deceased's brother arrived.

Wm Wilson Whittaker, a little boy, was examined and gave similar evidence. Constable Patrick Farrey deposed he heard that a young man named James Butler had dived for the body of the deceased, but didn't succeed; he saw two boats also trying to save the deceased, but didn't know who the occupants were, and subsequently the boats got nets and commenced dragging the river, and finally succeeded in recovering the body at one o'clock this morning; it was found just at the spot where it was alleged the deceased had disappeared—viz at the corner of the King's Island, called Sandy.

The Coroner said the jury would see from the result of the inquiry that the drowning was purely accidental and that the deceased was unable to swim; there was no assumption of anything like violence being used on the part of anyone. The people had tried to save the deceased, and came to his assistance, but unfortunately didn't succeed. It was extraordinary however, that although the deceased was seen to come to the surface of the water that assistance could not be given.

The Foreman remarked that the boys who were with deceased were inexperienced and unable to swim.

The jury then, without retiring, returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased, David Haughton, died on the 26th instant, in the waters of the Shannon near the King's Island, and that his death was caused by accidental drowning."

due power and appropriate expression. The accompaniment introduces the National Anthem, and there is a *chorale* by Prince Consort, accompanying which is a bass solo, by Dr Bridge. This was taken by Mr R. Evans, senr, who was in very good voice, and the general execution of the anthem, was truly beautiful and highly appreciated. Special prayers followed, and the collection was then taken up in aid of the Victoria Jubilee Fund, for the education of the sons and daughters of the clergy of the Church of Ireland. Then Handel's coronation anthem, "Zadock the Priest," was rendered. It is in three movements—the 1st, "Zadock the Priest"; the 2nd, "And all the people rejoiced"; and the 3rd, "God save the Queen." The composition was magnificently performed, and in the most hearty and joyous style. The various passages were interpreted to perfection, and in the last movement the choir put forth its full strength. The service concluded with the National Anthem sung in ringing style, the congregation joining in. On the people leaving the church "God save the Queen" with variations by Adolph Hesse, was brilliantly recited on the splendid organ by Mr F. Muspratt, organist of the cathedral, who is to be congratulated on his skilful management of the musical arrangements. The choir was augmented by several ladies whose aid proved of material benefit in the special music arranged for the occasion. The Rev Chancellor Gubbins read the lesson, which was taken from the 1st Epistle of Peter, 2nd chap. 6, 18, "Behold, I lay . . . Honour the King." The prayers were intoned by the Dean, Precentor Meredyth, and the Archdeacon. No sermon was preached to-day, but on Sunday the Dean at morning and evening services delivered very eloquent and touching discourses on the subject of Her Majesty's Reign. This evening the morning service will be repeated, and the choir will be assisted by the Band of the Leinster Regiment, which will make the ceremony all the more interesting.

Jubilee Services were held in the various churches in the city on Sunday morning. We have already referred to the Cathedral. In St Michael's the Archdeacon preached both morning and evening, and during the morning sermon referred to length to the event. In Trinity Church Canon Gregg preached. In St John's the Rev A G Daan preached, in the absence of the Rev F C Langbridge; in St Manchin's the Rev W J Clarke preached; and in the Methodist Churches reference was also made to the occasion.

BATHING ON THE SHANNON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. DEAR SIR,—For the past three days and evenings the banks of the river have been thronged with bathers from the city up to the railway bridge at Longpavement. Now, as a sportsman, there is nothing I like to see so much as our young people enjoying themselves. But at the same time I think you will agree with me that it is not becoming or proper that our lady citizens and innocent young girls should be driven off the river and debarred from boating, or run the chance of meeting a dozen or more of the other sex in a state of nudity on every few perches of the river. The Corporation, very kindly and very properly, erected a fine platform from which swimmers can at all stages of the tide bathe unobserved from the main river, and it appears but reasonable to expect that bathers should confine themselves to that place during the day-time and evenings, and not deprive ladies and young girls from enjoying the great pleasure which this noble river and beautiful scenery afford. On Sunday last on both sides of the river below the city, between the quays and Barrington's Pier, men without any covering whatever, amused themselves careering up and down to the great annoyance of ladies and young girls passing. Surely the authorities ought to put a stop to this unseemly conduct, and by consulting their feelings, protect the morals of our female citizens of which we are all so justly proud.

AN EARLY SWIMMER.

DISLOYAL OUTRAGES AT CORK.—Shortly after midnight on Saturday a stone was thrown through a window of the Episcopal Free Church parsonage, Cork. The incumbent, the Rev F W Ainby, has arranged for the celebration of the Jubilee in a loyal fashion, and on Saturday evening had a large Union Jack hoisted on the church. The loyal emblem, it is believed, provoked the outrage referred to. On Sunday, when the Sunday-school children assembled, some stones were thrown through the church window.