

THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S.—It will be perceived by advertisement that the annual harvest thanksgiving will be held in St. John's on Sunday, 4th October. The office will be decorated as usual with flowers and fruit, and special musical services will be made. It will be interesting to hear two of the hymns are settings by Mr. Handel Hadyn of words by the Rev. Mr. Handbridge, and they are striking evidences of musical talent.

OF ASSAULTING A SOLDIER.—A man named William Kelly was brought before the court by Acting-Sergeant Prendergast, for having assaulted Private Frederick the Black Watch, in the Englishtown. It appeared from the information of the court that while proceeding to the Castle Barracks was assaulted, and a bottle thrown at him without having given any provocation. The case was remanded to Petty Sessions, the accused was ordered to appear on bail. Mr. Riordan, solicitor, appeared for him.

PROMOTION TO A BANK MANAGER.—A few days ago at the Munster and Leinster Bank, a presentation was made to the late Mr. R. Baker, on his promotion to the branch. It consisted of a silver tea and coffee tray, on which was inscribed—"To Mr. R. Baker, Esq., Manager Munster and Leinster Bank, Lismore, from his friends in Bruff neighbourhood, on his promotion to the Lismore office." Lunch having been partaken of, and success of the bank alluded to, the party parted with all good wishes for Mr. Baker's continued prosperity of the bank.

BY MR. BERNAL.—On Saturday next, there will be some nice house property for public sale at Bernal's Rooms most likely to attract the emulation of those having the means, and being naturally anxious of making safe and profitable investments. Two houses in Nelson street, well-established licensed house, and both let on lease for £100 a year at only £3 head rent. Another house adjoining, held in fee, a house; the residue of four houses, fancy style, in Mountpleasant Avenue, which will let at £16 yearly, are well built and in a healthy locality; a nicely circumstanced property consisting of two houses, store, and garden at Thomondgate, held by lease for ever from the Earl of Limerick, at £10 10s only, at least; two policies of assurance on the lives of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cornwall, for £300 and bonus. A good selection may be made of these.

MISS ADA REHAN.—London correspondent of the *Irish Times* writes the following:—Limerick, it appears, if a London correspondent is correct, may lay claim to the birthplace of Miss Ada Rehan, the star of the Daly constellation now playing at Lyceum. But the favourite's real name is Regan. At an early age she was taken to America. After some years exhibited histrionic talents, and decided to go to the stage. Upon one occasion the local name in setting out the cast changed the "g" name to "h," and described her as Rehan. The actress attracted some attention, and not satisfied with her new name decided to adopt

MR. FREEMAN'S JOURNAL MEETING.—At the adjourned meeting of *Freeman's Journal* shareholders, yesterday, Mr. Gray's motion for the election of new anti-Parnellite directors

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE TOWN HALL.

Mr. Coroner DeCourcy, with a jury, held an inquest yesterday at Mr. McNamara's publichouse, Patrick-street, touching the death of Frances Margaret McSweeney, aged 13, daughter of a baker residing in Francis-street, who died from the effects of injuries received by a fall from the banisters in the Town Hall on Sunday evening.

Head-Constable McBrinn watched the proceedings on behalf of the Crown.

Susan Egan, wife of the caretaker of the Town Hall, deposed that on Sunday, about four o'clock, the deceased and her little girl, Delia, were playing with dolls in her (witness's) room. They left, went into another room, and then went down the stairs. Immediately she heard her little girl state that Fanny Sweeney had fallen, and on looking over the banisters saw the girl lying on the floor below in the hall. Witness ran down as quickly as possible, and spoke to the child, who made no reply. Witness believed the deceased over-balanced herself on the banister, and fell into the hall.

Delia Egan, aged 8, stated that the deceased was "skating" down the banisters, and fell over. She fell from the corner of the banisters near the water closet, which would be about twenty-two feet. There was no one about at the time of the accident but themselves.

Dr. Riordan deposed that the deceased was admitted into Barrington's Hospital last evening in an unconscious state. He found a depressed fracture of the skull on the right side, and a second fracture, also depressed, on the left, as well as a fracture at the base of the skull. The child died in a couple of hours after her admission. Death resulted from brain compression, and the case was the worst that he had ever seen.

In answer to questions put by the father of the deceased, Dr. Riordan said he was not in the hospital at the time the child was admitted, but was there shortly after. Every attention was paid to the child.

A juror remarked that it could not be expected the doctor was to remain in the hospital all day.

The Coroner observed that the doctor had given it as his professional opinion that it was impossible to save the child so great were the injuries.

Thomas McGuire deposed to having taken the child to the hospital. Four nurses and the matron came down and took her upstairs. The matron told them to go for the priest at once. He saw Dr. Riordan and another doctor coming down on a car, as far as he could say, about forty minutes afterwards.

Mr. Belcher (a juror)—Are the nurses in the hospital fully qualified?

—Dr. Riordan—They are. I have every one of them trained so as to be prepared for any emergency.

Mr. McSweeney—If a patient goes to Barrington's Hospital—a bad case—and that the doctor is absent at the moment, are the nurses capable of doing his duty?

The Coroner—He says that in cases of emergency the nurses are fully qualified.

Mr. Griffin (a juror) asked if they could do anything with a view to getting the Corporation to use more vigilance about the Town Hall. Children were running up and down these stairs, and he knew that another accident occurred there some time ago. If the public staircase was closed up on Sundays, those who had business upstairs could utilise the private one.

Mr. Cole (a juror) said that the Hall appeared to be a regular commonage on a Sunday.

Mr. O'Shea said that there should be a protecting rail over the public staircase, because in the case of a crowded meeting there was danger of an accident occurring.

The jury found a verdict of accidental death, and added a rider—"And we are of opinion that the Corporation should order the Town Hall to be shut on Sundays, and on other days after office hours."

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD.

A special meeting of the Harbour Board was held to-day, called on a requisition presented by seven members of the Board, for the purpose of taking into consideration the action of the Limerick Steamship Company in continuing to store coals on the private property of the Harbour Commissioners at the Limerick Docks and their private use of a lever in connection with their warehouse.

Sir James Spaight, D.L., presided, and the other members present were—The Mayor, Messrs. Stephen O'Mara (Alderman), John Norris Russell, Wm Spillane, Robert McDonnell, J.P.; D. Begley, and Wm J. O'Donnell, J.P.

Mr. James Harris, secretary, and Mr. H. V. Morony, Harbour Engineer, were also present, with Mr. Morrissey (Limerick Steamship Co.), and Mr. P. S. Connolly solr.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and arising out of them was the following, bearing on the special purpose of today's meeting:—"Mr. Morrissey (Limerick Steamship Company) appeared before the Board as requested, to explain why coals belonging to the company were allowed to remain on the quays in defiance of the repeated orders of the Harbour Board. Mr. Morrissey having declined to remove the coals, it was proposed by Alderman O'Mara, and seconded by Mr. Spillane, that no coals be sold at the Docks, and no private weighing machine be allowed within the premises of the Harbour Commissioners."

Mr. Connolly—Was that a full meeting?

The Secretary—Yes. It was a full meeting.

Mr. Connolly—I was informed there were only four members present.

The Secretary—The members were Alderman O'Mara, Robert McDonnell, David Begley, Jerome Counihan, and Wm Spillane.

Mr. Connolly—I was informed Mr. McDonnell was not there.

The Secretary having satisfied Mr. Connolly as to Mr. McDonnell's presence,

Mr. Connolly proceeded to address the Board on behalf of the Steamship Co., and said with regard to the resolution just read the Commissioners had perfect power to deal with the question of the coals, being the proprietors of the docks, but the question as regards the use of the lever was rather different. The lever was there for over forty years; the Steamship Company were there for the past fifteen or twenty years, and their predecessors were there for over twenty years, and it was an imperative necessity because otherwise the result would be serious injury both to the Harbour Commissioners and the Company, as a large quantity of goods which tolls would be paid should be removed unweighed. As regards the coals, the Company were preparing a yard at an expenditure of about £1,500 for their storage, and that would not be completed for some time, but when it was completed, the Company would place no more of the coal on the quays, except, perhaps, in case of pressing emergency arising. In urging that the Company should be dealt with as considerably possible, Mr. Connolly referred to what they had done in the interests of the Harbour Commissioners and traders of the port. When the strike arose at the Dock the Company at great cost fought the battle of the merchants and capital Limerick. For 15 or 18 weeks they brought men from Waterford, and this kept labour down to a fair rate. The company, they all knew, succeeded, but the struggle cost them about £2,000. Again, during the past few years the company had doubled their port trade. No doubt, it was profitable to them, but it brought in a large revenue to the Harbour Commissioners. They collected about £1,600 or £1,700 a year dues the annual sum of £15, while if the Commissioners had to employ clerks to do the work it would cost them about £300. All the company returned required was that the Board should