

Holy Innocents.

CATHEDRAL.—Feast of the Nativity (day).—Early celebration of Holy Day, 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11.30 a.m. in D; Chants, Dupuis, in A, D; Service, Garrett, in D; Hymn, Communion Service, Garrett, in D; Prayers, Barnby; Preacher, the Dean. 3.30—Chants, Goss, in G, A; Service, Garrett, in F; Anthem, in the Oratorio of "The Messiah," there will be no sermon. After close will be sung "The Old Hundredth" in Hymnal.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

CAROL SERVICE.

On evening there will be held at St. John's, a special Carol Service. A number of carols—for the most part seasonal—will be interspersed through two five-minute addresses on the subject of the old carols which we teach us, and which Christmas may teach us," will be given by the Rector, the Rev F Langbridge. It will begin, as usual, at 7 o'clock and will be announced. It is hoped that the efforts of the congregation may reduce the debt under which the church is at present lying. On the following day the services at St. John's will be as follows—Early Communion, 8.30 a.m. Prayer, 11.30.

ORATORIO CONCERT.

These most enjoyable re-unions took place on Monday afternoon in the Athenaeum, and was patronised by a fashionable audience. The programme was an admirably selected one, beginning with a pianoforte duet, by Mr R V Donnellan, and Mr W R Massy sang "Out on the coast in a most effective manner, and he also sang "Goodwin Sands," with equal success. "Bid me to love," and "The rose," were sung by Miss Vereker, whose ethereal voice pleased everybody. The oratorio was sung with exquisite taste and correctness. Mr J Barrington sang the songs, "Oh! Honey, my Honey," "Tommy Atkins," in most appreciable manner, and was warmly encored. A special feature of the evening's entertainment was Birdie McCarthy's singing. Her "Serenade," and "So Saran Rose," were sung with a splendid voice which was heard to great advantage. She was obliged to favour the other songs, which received due appreciation. Mr Stewart played some selections of which he is a complete master, and his performance being generally admired. Mr Stewart conducted.

THE STORM.

A north-westerly gale, accompanied by rain prevailed in this district last night. It is a wonder is that serious injury has not been done to property, but so far as we can see the damage worth speaking of has been confined to the Shannon, and had the wind continued due west the tide would have been exceedingly high. No accident has occurred in the docks nor are any vessels taking shelter at Tarbert from the boisterous weather of the night. The English mails have been delayed several days in succession and are not expected to arrive in the evening, which is a great

inconvenience for the assistance they so readily afforded us in compiling the latter information. We give also some particulars of the County Clare, so that we have endeavoured to make the Almanac as representative as possible. It has, as usual, been printed for us by Messrs G. M'Kern & Sons, and it will be admitted that it is turned out in a neat and artistic manner, and reflects the highest credit on this old-established and widely-known firm.

DEATH OF MRS SHEPHERD.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs Shepherd, daughter of our respected fellow-citizen, Mr T M Mahon Cregan, J.P., which occurred unexpectedly on Thursday at her residence, Rahan, Bray. The sad event was the result of pneumonia, contracted during her recent illness on the occasion of the birth of her sixth child, whose death we also publish. The deceased young lady, whose premature demise we deeply deplore, endeared herself to a wide circle of friends, not alone in this city, but in many places outside it, and they deeply lament her loss. With them we join in expressing to her bereaved husband and parents our deepest sympathy. Funeral will leave St Michael's R.C. Church, Limerick, on Monday, at 11 a.m. for Mount St Laurence Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MRS M. H. O'CONNELL.

(FROM THE EVENING TELEGRAPH).

The funeral of this venerable and much respected lady, who died on Wednesday morning, 19th inst in her 88th year, took place at nine o'clock this morning from her son's residence, 10 Mountjoy square. Her remains were entered in the Chapel Circle of Propect Cemetery, Glasnevin. The coffin was covered with a large number of very beautiful wreaths and crosses sent (amongst others) by Mr W F O'Grady, and Mrs O'Grady (Limerick), Mrs and the Misses McMahon, Miss Hanagan, and Miss O'Connell, Mrs C K Egan, Mrs Golding (Cork), Mr William F Barry, J.P., and Mrs Barry, Mrs Reid, Mr and Mrs O'Connell (Cahir), Mrs John E Barry, Mrs Doctor Doyle, Mr Joseph Cuffe and Miss Cuffe, Dr Robert J Taaffe and Mrs Taaffe, Mrs Timothy E Harrington, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs O'Callaghan, Mrs G Orme Malley, Mrs Matson, Mrs William Bury, Mrs Murphy (Cuil-na-Greina), Norah Barry and Sarah Graydon (servants).

The chief mourners were—Thomas F O'Connell, solicitor; Rev William O'Connell, C.C., and Charles O'Connell (sons); John Robert O'Connell, LL.D (grandson); William F O'Grady, J.P., Woodbine House, Limerick (nephew); William F Barry, J.P., Park House, Kanturk, and Mrs F O'Shaughnessy, Charleville (cousins); James Reid (nephew-in-law), and Robert F Stein.

THE PENNY DINNERS.

The Secretary of the Penny Dinners thankfully acknowledges:—Tea and sugar from Mrs Bannatyne; rice and sugar from Mrs Egan; cake from the following—Mrs Shaw, Mrs Egan, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs T H Cleeve, Mrs F C Cleeve, Mrs Cooper O'Doneghue, Mrs C H Pitt, Mrs Harrigan, Mrs Moran, City Bakery; J Hogan, Esq, Carrans, cabbage and potatoes; Mr Dowling, 58; Mrs Pierce, Power, 58.

THE CLARE HOUNDS.

(MAJOR HICKMAN'S).

The first of the season was laid for Linton

made from on board the Munster for the steamer, which, after getting continued her course up the Channel the Munster in an almost disabled state a heavy list to starboard. Captain T immediately decided to endeavour to Holyhead, and turned and proceeded to great difficulty, working with a single wheel, while men were kept busy at the helm. The aid of a tug was obtained outside the Channel and the Munster was towed to her berth passengers and mails were then transferred to the rescue steamer Connaught, which took them safely to Kingstown before 10 o'clock. Amongst the passengers were Lord E and Lady Montea, Mr Micks, secretary of the Congested Districts Board, and many ladies and gentlemen, together with a number of pupils returning from school during the Christmas holidays.

In addition to Lord and Lady Montea were on board the Munster, Mr John J.P. of Glenview, Limerick, Mr J Russell, Miss Hilda Russell, and Mr Leslie, son of Leslie, of Tarbert. Also two sons of Mr Russell, Milford, Limerick, who were home on their holidays. We are glad that beyond the fright which the collision they are none the worse for their adventure.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

The steamer which collided yesterday with the Irish mail steamer Munster was the Rionn from Aquillas. She arrived in Liverpool with a great hole in her bows.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE MUNSTER.

To-day's Daily News says—The collision which the mail steamer Munster was nearly wrecked yesterday, is one of the accidents which fill the public with a sense of insecurity. The "rule of the road" at sea is the subject of lively controversy just now, and it is obvious that no regulations will entirely prevent collisions if vessels are to drive at night, and the most perfect rule is not kept. It looks as though notwithstanding that they were dangerous, had kept straight on in their course, the collision would not necessarily have occurred. A further inquiry may show that the proper precautions were taken; but on the accounts before us, the collision seems to have been caused by the less conduct of the unknown captain. The Munster was too well built and handled to go down, and her safe arrival at Holyhead was a triumph of seamanship.

THE HOLYHEAD MAIL. SEVERAL HOURS LATE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

The mail-boat from Holyhead had not arrived at Kingstown at noon to-day, and was several hours late. A vessel believed to be the overdue steamer is, however, in sight.

[LATER.]

The Press Association's Kingstown correspondent telegraphs this afternoon that the steamer Connaught, from Holyhead, had arrived safely. The passage, however, is described as terrible, the wind having blown a gale throughout.

SPLENDID PASSAGE OF THE CA.

The log of this vessel shows that the Sandy Hook Lightship at 9.25 a.m. on Monday last, and arrived at Daunt's Rock Light