

GOOD FRIDAY.

ual, Good Friday was observed as a holiday in Limerick, all the business and public offices being closed. Services held in the various Protestant and Roman Churches. In the evening there was a congregation in St Mary's Cathedral, service was of a very impressive nature. A preacher of the sermon. As befitted the day, the day was a quiet holiday, and very few availed themselves of the occasion to go on aasant walk or drive into the country, the snow looking quite fresh and vernal, it could not fail to be noticed that vegetation is not so forward as it was twelve months ago. Notwithstanding the Arctic weather experienced, "winter has been lingering long of spring" longer than might have been desired, but the balmy and invigorating weather yesterday, and the bright snatches of sunshine broke out from the sometime lower clouds, told us that the dividing line has at length passed. Agriculture is now in full swing, and the ploughshare is busily doing its work in the opening and closing of the potato fields. This is a small depression, but it will be speedily remedied. The excursion train to Castleconnell and Killaloe was largely patronised, and these two resorts of the excursionist were also visited to a large extent by vehicles of various descriptions, as well as by cyclists, for whom the day was eminently suitable. The promise of the Easter holidays proved to be enjoyable. The excursions on Monday to Ennistymon, Lahinch, and Malbeg, and a glimpse once more of the sea, we have no doubt, looked forward to with eagerness by a large number of the citizens. The Royal Irish Regimental Point-to-Point at Banogue, will also be a great draw.

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK.

PARISH OF ST. MANCHIN.

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Nominations for the parish of St Manchin met to-day at the Palace, Henry-street, the Lord Bishop presiding. The final selection lay between the Canon Dann, Rector of Kilkeedy, and the Rev R W Robertson, Rector of Coolagh (Newmarket-on-Fergus), diocese of Down. The voting, which resulted in the appointment of the Rev Mr Robertson, was as follows: Mr Robertson there voted—Rev Canon W Waller, R L Brown, and H L Hart. For the Rev Canon Dann—The Lord Bishop, Very Rev the Dean, and Mr J O'G Delmege. The appointment is far from giving general satisfaction. Especially is it unjust and unfair to the clergy of the diocese, who, as regards piety, industry, and the faithful unostentatious discharge of every ministerial duty, are second to no body of Christian ministers in Ireland, or elsewhere. A town post possesses advantages which a county clergyman would gladly avail himself of, even at some pecuniary loss, and surely those who have given the best years of their lives to the work of the diocese, possess claims to promotion which should not be lightly ignored.

SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE.

To-day Mr DeCourcy, City Coroner, and a jury, held an inquest at 12 o'clock in Barrington's Hospital touching the death of two infants whose bodies were found in the Shannon yesterday afternoon by Sergeant Beatty.

Sergeant Beatty deposed that he went to the slip in front of the Milk Factory about 3.45 yesterday afternoon, where he found a tin biscuit box with neither a lid nor bottom, at the edge of the slip; there was a canvas bag around it, in which were the dead bodies of two male infants; there was no covering except a bag on them; one of the bodies appeared greatly decomposed, and looked as if its skull was broken from the crown to the neck; the other body was in a better state of preservation; he had the bodies conveyed to the mortuary.

Dr Mulcahy deposed that he made a *post mortem* examination of the bodies of the two infants; both were of recent birth, but one was more decomposed and seemed to have been dead longer than the other; the first would have been dead a week or more, and the second died recently; they were both fully developed infants, and were born alive; there were no marks of violence on either of them; one of them was drowned; that was the most decomposed one, and the other did not present the appearance of drowning; it must have been dead before being put into the water; he (Dr Mulcahy) was of opinion the infants were not twins.

After the coroner had summed up, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that one of the infants was drowned by some person or persons unknown. The other one died from causes which there was no evidence to show.

NEWCASTLE-WEST BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Mr E Mulcahy presided. Other guardians present—Lord Muskerry, Messrs E W O'Brien, J P, D L; Major Sheehy, J P; W C Harnett, J P; P Reidy, M J Moloney, Thomas Ambrose, J D O'Connell, Laurence O'Callaghan, J Dorney, Thomas O'Mahony, William O'Sullivan, Thomas McEnery, J J Doody, Michael Leonard, William Irvin, Edward Hannigan, J P; Maurice Kelly, C L Curtin, James Kennedy, V C; Michael Cramin, J L Curtin, C E Curling, J P; J B Massy, J P; Robert Sullivan, J P; James Culhane, T Condon, Michael Liston, J B Levers, J P; R J Woulfe.

Very Rev Dean Hammond, P P, V G; Dr Condon, Dr Ambrose, Medical Officer; J D Leahy, C E to the Board; Major Furlong, and Mrs Cahill, were also present.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Number of inmates on previous Saturday, 214; admitted, 12; discharged, 7; born, 0; died, 2; at present in the house, 217; on outdoor relief, 421 persons; cost for week, £26 12s 6d; average cost, 3s per inmate.

FINANCE.

Cash received during the week, £123; expended £239 4s 11d; balance in favour of the guardian, £481 12s 11d.

The Clerk said an election should take place for members of the Dispensary Committee in room of Mr L Curtin, and Mr James Sullivan, Dromin Beeson, was elected after some oppo-

LATEST NEWS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS]

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THE CHITRAL EXPEDITION.

The advance guard of Waterford crossed Kamrani Pass. Umra was before the British.

The latest reports from Lower Valley is quiet, the inhabitants are on Expedition with supplies. A man who was reported wounded, recovered.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A DEACON.

Mr Longhurst, a deacon, died of apoplexy at Maidenhead Bay on the evening of the 11th inst.

THE MANCHESTER RETURNS.

The returns of the Manchester and Salford for the quarter ending March show that the tonnage cleared amounted to 280,756 tons, and the receipts amounted to £24,891; an increase in tonnage of 10,000 tons, and in receipts of £5,294, receipts only realised during the quarter £73.

DEATH OF MR L. C. GARE.

A telegram was received in London noon announcing the death of Mr L. C. Gare, Q C, Liberal member for the constituency of Newmarket, who had been for the benefit of his country.

THE BOATING DISASTERS AT FORD LOUGH.

The Press Association's Boating Club telegraphing this morning, that information has been received from the effect that the missing boat had sunk in deep water. None of the eight persons who were in the boat have been found, and all hope of their recovery is abandoned. It is thought that the boat was overturned in a sudden squall and upset.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Four men have been killed in a recent explosion at Springs, Arkansas. The United States Army, who killed the two men.