

SERIOUS ASSAULT ON A MAGISTRATE AT NEWPALLAS.

As Mr R J O'Kennedy, J P, Portlud, was returning from the fair of Pallas on Monday evening, where he had been on business, he was assaulted in a most cowardly and wanton manner. It appears that when a short distance from New Pallas, he met a man named John Ryan, "of Cooga, near Doon, who appeared to be under the influence of drink. They had some conversation, when Ryan, without any warning, raised a heavy stick which he had in his hand, and struck Mr O'Kennedy several blows with it on the head, inflicting deep wounds on the skull. He then ran away, and Mr O'Kennedy proceeded to Newpallas, where he got his wound dressed by Dr O'Callaghan, after which he was able to proceed to his home. Head Constable Soden, Sergeant O'Callaghan, and several police made an extensive search for Ryan, but up to the present they have not succeeded in effecting his arrest. It is said the assault was committed because of Mr O'Kennedy adjudicating in some fishery cases.

THE LABOURERS' STRIKE.

The strike of labourers at the firm of Messrs Ryan, builders, has nearly exhausted itself. Yesterday seven of the men requested to be taken back into the employment at the old rate of wages and the firm acceded to the request. The others persisted in remaining out, but to-day most of them were desirous of being re-instated, and doubtless, Messrs Ryan will employ them as necessities require. Eight men were yesterday taken on to supply the places of those on strike, and of course, the firm cannot disemploy them to suit the convenience of those who threw up their work. Some ill-feeling was manifested by the strikers against those who went in to work, but nothing serious occurred.

COMPLIMENT TO A HEAD CONSTABLE.

At the Kilkilnane Petty Sessions on Saturday, the Chairman, Mr J M Dickson, R M, said he could not allow the occasion to pass without expressing his regret and that of his brother magistrates at the transfer of Head Constable Hobbins to the city of Kilkenny. In one sense, they were greatly pleased at it, because it showed that the Inspector-General of Constabulary considered his abilities were deserving of a larger sphere of duty than Kilkilnane, and they trusted that his transfer would be a step in the direction of his immediate advancement in the force, which he so well deserved. He would, therefore, propose the following resolution, with a request that District Inspector Magee would forward it to the Inspector General, and to the Head Constable, and the magistrates also directed it to be entered in the minute book of the petty sessions:—
"We the magistrates assembled at Kilkilnane Petty Sessions having heard with regret that Head-Constable Hobbins has been transferred from Kilkilnane to the city of Kilkenny, desire to place on record our hearty appreciation of the very energetic and efficient manner in which he has always performed his duties while stationed here. The zeal, tact, and courtesy, he has invariably displayed in the discharge of his various official duties have gained for him the approbation both of this bench and the public, and have in our opinion largely contributed to the present satisfactory condition of this town and neighbourhood. John M Dickson, Chairman; Wm M Gubbins.

"Kilkilnane, 9th March, 1895."

District Inspector Magee said that he regretted the Head-Constable was not there to receive the resolution personally, and to hear the very kind remarks the bench were pleased to make regarding him. Having known the Head Constable for the last five years, he was able to state that in the force there was not a more respected, upright, or efficient head-constable. He would have great pleasure in forwarding the resolution as requested to the Inspector General.

DEATH OF DR J G CAHILL, NEWCASTLE WEST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A general feeling of deep sorrow prevailed in Newcastle when the sad intelligence of Dr Cahill's death was announced on Friday morning last. He was in the prime of life, being only forty-four years. About three weeks ago he was stricken down with rheumatic fever, and although lung complications set in, strong hopes were entertained that with his splendid physical constitution he would pull through. His death is a serious loss to the people. In an especial manner to the poor, to whom his professional

DEATH OF MR STANNARD M'ADAM.

With the deepest regret we record this evening the death of Mr Stannard M'Adam, which took place at something like one o'clock this morning at his residence in Upper Mallow street. Some three weeks ago Mr M'Adam contracted typhoid fever, and despite the unremitting care of Drs Fogerty and Kennedy the malady gradually developed, and during the past week Mr M'Adam's condition became one of the utmost gravity. On Saturday evening his case was looked on as almost hopeless, but on Sunday there was a slight rally which gave a glimmering hope that the worst stage had been passed. But alas, such a view proved erroneous, as the patient gradually sank, and as already stated, breathed his last this morning. His death has thrown a gloom over the entire City, and to-day there was widespread evidence of sorrow at the loss of a young gentleman who has done more than a man's part in upholding the name of Limerick in the athletic world. How often and in how many places he carried the colors of the L A A & B C to victory we could not attempt to say. All we know is that in the ranks of cyclists Stannard M'Adam occupied a brilliant position, and yet his honors seemed to have rested on him lightly, for he was invariably as retiring and unostentatious as the youngest amateur on the track. But while he was unostentatious he possessed another essential quality—both the characteristics of true manhood—and that was pluck and determination, and as a result his successes in sport as in every other walk of life were unusually rapid. To give a history of his career would be to trace the doings of the L A A & B C for many years back. In 1884 he commenced cycle racing on a 54-inch ordinary, and while mounted on that type of machine he won the 10 miles championship of Ireland two years in succession. This, we believe, was at Portadown, where an incident occurred which showed his true sportsmanlike spirit, and it was this. A competitor who was well in the race with him fell, and M'Adam dismounted and waited till his opponent had righted himself. The officials however decided the race should be run over again and, like virtue rewarded, Mr M'Adam won his laurels. He carried off the four mile championship at Waterford, and the six mile at Cork. When the safety replaced the ordinary he still further proved his claim to rank among the first-class division of his day, and not only won the 25 miles championship, but also the 50 miles, establishing a new record for that distance—2 hours and 50 minutes. After this he practically retired from active and continuous training, but he represented Limerick under a *nom de plume* in the inter-Club contests, having in one year Kenna, Gubbins, O'Connell, etc, as his colleagues. He went up for last year's contest practically without training, in order that Limerick should not be under-represented. In fact, anything that he could do to further cycling was done with the utmost good-will and self-denial, and in connection with the managing of local road races he was a host in himself. Though cycling was undoubtedly his forte, Mr M'Adam was an all-round athlete. He belonged to the Limerick Boat Club, and trained one or two seasons, and he was also an ardent admirer of football, though personally he did not take part in that pastime. He succeeded Mr W L Stokes as treasurer of the L A A & B C, was secretary for two seasons, and has been an old member of the committee, always evincing a thoroughly practical and cordial interest in the working of the organization, and there can be no question that his sound advice, and wide experience, were of great value. In fact his death leaves a void in local athletic circles which it will be high impossible to fill, and very many wheelmen feel that they have lost in him a true and staunch friend. On the resignation of Mr J L Mason, some eight years ago, Mr M'Adam was elected to the position of Petty Sessions Clerk of Limerick Liberties, Castleconnell, and Doonass Districts, which positions, of course, now become vacant. He discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of the magistrates and the public, being always most courteous to all who sought information at his hands. For some three years Mr M'Adam has been agent over Colonel O'Callaghan's estates in Clare. His demise in early manhood is deeply deplored, and the sincerest sympathy is expressed with his respected family in their poignant sorrow.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOHN

LIMERICK LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The usual monthly meeting of the Governors of present—Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, Very Rev Dean Bunbury, Mr Wm Spillane, D L, Capt this institution, was held to-day, Mr James Greene Barry, J P, presided. There were also Edward Croker, D L; Mr B de Ros Rose, J P; Mr Peter Fitzgerald, J P; Mr P Herbert, J C; Alderman P Jordan, Mr M Fitzgerald, J P; Mr V Nash, J P.

Dr E O'Neill, Resident Medical Superintendent, Dr F O'Mara, Assistant do, Mr P J Frost, Clerk, were in attendance.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

STATE OF THE HUSB.

Remaining on 12th February, 1895, 270 males, 281 females; admitted from city, 1 female, from county, 5 males, 2 females; discharged to city, 1 male, 1 female, to county, 2 males, 1 female; died from city, 3 males, 1 female; from county, 3 females; remaining at this date, 269 males, 278 females; total, 547.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Dr O'Neill reported as follows:—"I have much pleasure in stating there has been no material change in the condition of the asylum since your last meeting. On the 28th ult a boy of about 17 years of age was admitted, who has since developed scarlatina. I am glad to state he is getting on very well, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the disease from spreading. The tender for tea was decided in favour of the sample marked "cabbage," which proved to have been sent in by Mrs Kate O'Flanagan."

The Bishop—Have you any idea how the scarlatina got in?

Dr O'Neill—He had it when he was admitted, my lord.

Mr Spillane—In any case the boy could not be refused if he was insane.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

"25 Glenworth street,

Limerick, 5th February, '95.

"DEAR DR O'NEILL—My mother desires me to write and convey to the Governors of the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum, and yourself, her grateful thanks, and that of her family, for the kind resolution passed at their board meeting held on the 13th inst, on the death of my dear father.—I beg to remain, very sincerely yours,

"R. HARRIS."

"83 George street,

Limerick, 20th February, '95.

"DEAR SIR—I have received copy of resolution (signed by the Very R Dean Bunbury) proposed by the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, and passed unanimously, at the Board of the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum held on the 12th inst, and request you will have the goodness to convey to the proposer of the resolution, and other Governors, the united thanks of myself and other members of the family for their vote of condolence on the death of our father, and the very kind terms in which the resolution was worded.—Faithfully yours,

"WM L HUNT.

"The Chairman Board of Governors." It was ordered that the letters should be inserted on the minutes.

THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.

Mr Nash moved the proposition of which he had given notice, namely—that the governors agree to purchase 50 statute acres of additional land adjoining the railway for the purpose of extending the present farm. He said this question of additional land had been before the Board on several previous occasions, but for one reason or another the consideration of it had been postponed. He thought the time had come when they ought to decide to do something definite. In his annual report, read at last meeting, Dr O'Neill had pointed out that owing to the insufficient quantity of land at his disposal he was unable to find suitable employment for a very large number of the patients in the institution, and of these, many were patients drawn from the agricultural classes. The value of employment as a curative agent, and its usefulness in the treatment of insanity, has been recognised, so much so, indeed, that other Asylums have taken steps to acquire additional land. Out of 22 Asylums in Ireland, 17 possess more land than Limerick, and the five that have less are much smaller, and in proportion to the number of patients, they had more land than Limerick. Then as regards the site of the proposed land on the other side of the railway, he understood some objections had been raised, one of which was the difficulty of connecting it with the present farm. Mr Roberts, the Board of Works engineer, had proposed to connect it by means of a tunnel or subway going under the railway. When this subject was first