

the returns, which we venture to usefully be avoided in future undoubtedly a valuable book. The record whatever of any improvement in the country, although it is well known to thousands of sons of other countries, of our own returning, who come to be maintaining the equilibrium of the country to a certain degree. So that we really lament the necessity of it, it is clear to every one who matters in a right spirit, that all the sons of Erin's Isle, even for persons here, has not departed, spite of those who should know how to find it to their interests to be true to their people at home and to the marriages in the recesses of the country, we find that the annual average rate of marriages for Clare, 4.4 for Cork, 4.0 for Limerick—a striking tribute to the ways of Limerick lassess—Tipperary and Waterford 4.1. Of the total marriages celebrated, 15,256 were by Catholics, 3,665 Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, 587 in registered divine worship, 12 among the Jews, while only the number of 373 were by civil proceedings of the marriage state—that striking testimony in the fact that every tenth man marrying was a Catholic and 4 out of every 100 women were Catholics in every 100 marriages contracting parties had been recorded before. It is regrettable in many instances the ages of contracting parties are not recorded, but from the figures given we find that for 17.4 per cent., of the men, and 12.2 per cent., of the women were the highest proportion of minor marriages in the province of Leinster, and in the province of Ulster. A pleasing fact is the spread of education in the country shown in the fact that 86.8 per cent. of the men and 86.6 per cent. of the wives were able to write, while the average of the years shows only a percentage of 70.0 for men and 78.0 of the women who were able to write at all. In the figures recorded are:—Limerick, 100 of the population; Cork, 41; Tipperary and Clare, 3.0. There were during

Royal Highness will lunch with Colonel Johnson and Officers, at the New Barracks, and it is understood will leave town in the afternoon.

LIMERICK FIELD CLUB JOURNAL.

We have received a copy of No 4, volume No 1, of the Limerick Field Club Journal, which contains a great treat for everyone interested in National Science, Archaeology, and Photography. It opens with the annual report presented at the general meeting of the members held in the Athenæum on the 9th January. Following this is a valuable paper (First Part) by Mr James Frost, M R I A, on the townland names of the county of Clare. A very long paper (First Part) by Mr James Grene Barry, M R S A I, on "The Cromwellian Settlement of the County of Limerick," is of great interest. Amongst the other contents are "Kitchen Middens, Co Clare," by Miss Knowles; the Limerick Philosophical Society, by Mr J G Barry, "Caherdoonfergus," by Mr Thomas J Westropp, M.A., M.R.I.A. F.R.S.A.I. "A Legend of Skagh-vickinerow," by Mr G U MacNamara, M.D. and there are also reviews, notes, and correspondence. There are three splendid illustrations by Dr George Fogerty, viz—Inland Cliff, Blackhead; Caherdoonfergus; and a Carved stone in St Mary's Cathedral. The report is printed by Messrs Guy and Company.

DEATH OF FATHER WALSH P.P, ARDAGH.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev Father Walsh, P P, Ardagh and Carrigkerry, which took place on Tuesday at the Presbytery. The rev. gentleman had attained the venerable age of 80 years, and enjoyed vigorous health until recently, when he got an attack of congestion of the lungs. Father Walsh's kindly and genial manner won for him the respect and esteem of all classes and creeds in the community, and his demise is deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

MAP OF LIMERICK.

An excellent map of the city has just been turned out by Messrs. G. McKern and Sons, and supplies a long-felt want. It is now several years since a map of Limerick was issued from the Press, and as various extensions and new buildings have sprung into existence in the interval, this map will be found a most useful and ready guide. It is thoroughly up to date, and very minutely marked as regards thoroughfares, churches, public institutions, business houses, etc. By a very ingenious arrangement, consisting of an alphabetical index in connection with which are columns of figures, one can without a moment's delay place his finger on any particular street, and consequently the map is not alone useful to citizens, but even more so to visitors, whether commercial men or tourists. The map has been admirably prepared by Mr W. H. Hunt, of Ratcliffe, Bristol, and published in their usual superior style by Messrs. McKern, who are entitled to every credit for their enterprise. The price is only one shilling, and it may be added the map is folded in a cloth cover for carrying in the pocket.

WORKHOUSE CHILDREN'S EXCURSION.

To-day the school-children of the Limerick Workhouse, to the number of about 150, went on an excursion to Cratloe Woods. The excursion was organised by Miss Charlotte J. Barrington, poor-law guardian, who has evinced an earnest and practical interest in the inmates, particularly the children. The excursionists left Longpave-ment Station by the morning train, being in charge of Miss Barrington and the male and female teachers of the schools. On arrival at Cratloe the children marched to the woods, where sports and

Mr David Ruddle presiding. Also present Messrs Patrick O'Shaughnessy, M C C, Culhane, John Mangan, and Thomas O'Brien. Mr Everard Hewson, Deputy-Surveyor, Maurice J O'Shaughnessy, Clerk, were present.

A tender was accepted for the maintenance of one road, and in a case where no tender had been received, it was decided to put the charge of the County Surveyor to be direct labour.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY AWARDS.

At a meeting of the Royal Humane Society yesterday a number of awards were made reported from Ireland of bravery in saving life. Amongst them, we notice, the bronze medal has been awarded to Master Alister M Nenagh, a plucky little fellow of 15, who jumped into the sea at Kilkee on the 10th July and rescued a youth named Martin, who had fallen into deep water. A testimonial has been presented to Laurence Guerin, fisherman, Limerick, plunging into the river at Arthur's Quay on the 14th July and saving a boy named Walsh who had fallen in.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

These sessions were held to-day before Mr F Hickson, R.M, presiding, and Mr O'Grady.

APPLICATION FOR POSSESSION.

Mr Patrick Mulohy sought an order for possession of a house and plot of land, against O'Callaghan, who had been a workman in employment, but had discontinued. Counsel gave evidence as to the facts. The defendant said before giving up possession he had a settlement. He wanted £5 compensation for the crop.

Mr Hickson said he had experience of the defendant, and he always found that farmers were willing to settle such matters on fair terms.

The magistrates made an order that payment should be given up within fourteen days.

DECREE AGAINST A CARETAKER.

Mr Philip O'Sullivan, solicitor, applied for possession, on behalf of Mr St George, against Catherine Collopy, and O'Connell in respect of a house and three acres of land situate at Singland. A decree had been made before the County Court Judge, whose proceedings produced, and the defendants had been ordered to remain as caretakers. The amount of the rent was £34 6s.

Tully stated that the rent of this place for rates and taxes, amounted to £20 a year.

The magistrates made the order applicable. The remaining business consisted of several trivial cases at the suit of the police.

CROOM PETTY SESSIONS.

These usual monthly Petty Sessions were held on Tuesday before Hon John Fitzmaurice (Magistrate), Sir David V Roche, Bart, and Mr D Clifford.

Acting-Sergeant McGrath prosecuted named William Roche for being disorderly at Croom on the 31st ultimo, by assaulting the complainant on the same day. The Acting-Sergeant deposed that he found Roche whose face was blackened through the streets and creating a great amount of disturbance. He was displeased with his conduct was very bad; he assaulted the complainant on the way to the station. The Relieving Officer reported that he was assaulted by accused.

Prisoner was sentenced to one month imprisonment for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.