

The shipping returns for 1900 state that 224 shipwrecks occurred during the last three months of the year. England lost vessels amounting to £1,715 tons; Norway, 24,704 tons; Italy, 21,287 tons; and the United States, 13,617 tons. The proportionate loss sustained by Italy was greater than that of any other country.

DEATH OF MRS. T. RYAN.

We tender our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Timothy Ryan, the popular manager of Messrs J. P. Evans and Co., and proprietor of Ryan's Cigar Establishment, George-street, in the irreparable loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. The sad event took place on Tuesday night at her residence, Tipperary, and though not altogether unexpected, it came as a terrible shock to all by whom the deceased lady was loved for her tender regard for others, and for the patient resignation with which for a very long period she had borne terrible sufferings. Mrs. Ryan had for a long time been afflicted with an incurable internal malady, and it was felt from a very early period that all that could be done, was to sustain life by the best medical and surgical attendance and by unremitting attention. That the end should come on what is practically the eve of the great Christmas celebrations, makes the burden all the more terrible to bear, but husband and relatives will have the sincerest sympathy of hosts of friends, who will be soled by the knowledge that her terrible and so patiently-borne sufferings are now ended, and that at the close of a life well-lived, she is now resting peacefully. To live in hearts that love us is not to die, and the memory of the patient sufferer and much loved woman, will be bright and fragrant, as the flowers which, when the spring of nature and the spring of joy once more returns to earth and heart, bloom over the last resting place in Tipperary churchyard, in which she was laid, amid a manifestation of heartfelt sorrow, on the part of a large concourse of sympathisers this morning. The brightly shining sun as it fell athwart the sad and solemn procession, spoke hope to the hearts of the mourners, and was, may be, emblematic of the brightness of the life to which in a better world, the much mourned lady has been removed.

ANOTHER NEW FEATURE.

In our issue of Saturday we shall introduce another new and special feature, which, we hope and believe, will be of peculiar interest to our lady readers. It will be a column specially written by an experienced and talented member of the Woman's Institute of Journalists, a lady who is in touch with all that appertains to social life, and who will from time to time give items of special social interest, not to be found in any other journal. The column will be continued each Saturday.

TODD'S AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLASS.

On last Thursday night a most enjoyable couple of hours were spent by over six hundred people, who were fortunate enough to secure complimentary tickets for the performance, in the William Street premises, which were very tastefully draped for the occasion. The piece played was "The Ticket of Leave Man," and the principal characters were:—"Robert Brierley," Mr. P. O'Sullivan; "James Dalton," Mr. M. Namara; "Hawkshaw," Mr. J. Toomey; "Nelter Moss," Mr. J. Freese; "Sam Willoughby," Mr. P. Liston; "Mr. Gibson," Mr. J. Curran; "Maltby," Mr. L. Sheahan; "May Edwards," Miss Pearl Fitzgibbon; "Mrs. Willoughby," Miss Pearl Fitzgibbon; "Crampton," Mr. J. Haekett; "Jackson," Mr. J. O'Dwyer; stage manager, Mr. R. Walsh. Between the acts, Mr. E. Kenny delighted the audience with his splendid hornpipe and jig dancing, which well merited the unstinted applause it received. Mr. P. O'Sullivan "brought down the house" by his rendering of "Old King Cole," and he had to respond to an encore. Master John Normoyle, the youngest member of the dramatic class, sang an old Irish ballad, which was very much appreciated, and reflected great credit on such a juvenile singer. On the whole the piece was very good, and much credit is due to the performers. Everybody was thoroughly satisfied with it, but there was one great drawback—the stage was too small, and some of the finest scenes were spoiled on that account. After the performance was over, dancing was indulged in by the ladies and gentlemen of the house until 12 o'clock, when the company dispersed after a most enjoyable evening.

DRAPERS' CLUB QUADRILLE CLASS.

This class gave its first Cinderella dance for the season at the Athenaeum last evening, and it proved an extremely enjoyable gathering. There were something like seventy couples "on the floor," which was in splendid order, and an excellent programme was contributed by a band consisting of piano, violin, and cornet. The guests were hospitably entertained with tea and cake, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thanks to the kindness and assiduity of the Executive. These were:—Mr. W. H. Walpole, President; Mr. E. Connolly, Vice-President; Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Brennan; Committee, J. P. O'Sullivan, J. O'Sullivan, T. Curry, J. D. Caldwell, W. Walton, M. O'Rourke, T. Sexton, W. Roche, G. N. Reilly. Hon. Secretary,

Mr. J. B. Barrington, the agent, has replied, stating that his lordship does not see his way to grant the abatement, but would consider each case on its merits.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.—At a meeting of the Irish National Foresters (Branch Violated Treaty) the following resolution was put from the chair and carried unanimously:—"Resolved that we, the members of the Irish National Foresters, beg to tender to Bro. John Ahern our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement at the death of his wife.

ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT.—The War Office has issued the following: The following officer has been discharged from hospital to duty during the week ending December 7:—Lieut. Colonel B. J. C. Doran, Royal Irish Regiment. Colonel Doran, who has played a distinguished part during the war, held the rank of major when his regiment was quartered in Limerick some years ago.

PROTESTANT AID HOME.—The Matron of the Protestant Aid Home thankfully acknowledges the following gifts:—Four pair rabbits, Mr. Waller; papers, Mrs. C. H. Fitt; papers, Mrs. F. Fitt; fifteen yards flannellette, Colonel Maunsell; ox head, Mr. Finch; clothing and papers, Miss Myles, Mallow street; clothing, Mrs. Evans.

ATTEMPT TO FORGE OPEN A RECEIVER.—Between Tuesday night and yesterday morning an attempt was made by some parties unknown to prize open the postal receiver near Victoria-terrace. Some of the rivets were loosened, but the would-be thieves did not succeed in their design. The receiver is now temporarily closed to the public, and the Postal authorities and police are inquiring into the matter.

LABOURERS' COTTAGES.—Glin District Council yesterday discussed the labourers' cottages question at some length, the Local Government Board writing that there is no provision in the Labourers Acts requiring the Sanitary Authority to allow the maximum or any specified quantity of land to each cottage they provide. The notice of motion to grant compensation to a tenant of a labourer's cottage in Driean was accordingly withdrawn.

HUNT BALL.—The approaching ball in connection with the Ormond Hunt will be held in Oxmantown Hall, on Friday, 3rd January, and will be managed by a most influential committee, including the Earl and Countess of Huntingdon, the Lady Dunally, Mrs. J. C. Darby, Leap Castle; Mrs. T. Roberts Garvey, Mrs. Dease, Mrs. Ludlow, M. Jones, Mrs. George Whitfield, Major Dease, Mr. F. R. Saunders (hon. sec.), and Mr. J. T. Bennett, etc.

COUNTY COUNCIL.—An adjourned quarterly meeting of the County Council has been convened for Saturday next at 11 o'clock, to dispose of a miscellaneous agenda paper. The subjects include the consideration of the report of the Proposals Committee in regard to tenders for advertising and printing; to consider tenders for new works and maintenance works; to consider claims for over-time from clerks; the appointment of returning officer for the forthcoming county elections, and a letter from the Local Government Board in reference to scale of fees at elections; to levy a rate for the purpose of Agriculture and Technical Institution; to make an order that arrears of rates should be carried forward as a general rate. Lord Montague's notice of motion with reference to the provisions of the Education Act for enforcing the attendance of children at schools also appears on the paper.

THE CITY MILK SUPPLY.

The result of analysis of the several samples of new milk, skimmed milk, and butter, taken by Mr. J. J. Forrest, City High Constable, through the city from vendors as directed by the Public Health Committee of the Borough Council during the past quarter has proved most satisfactory, all being pronounced as free from adulteration by certificate from Dr. A. Cameron, M.D. The analysis of new milk last sent and received on this day, 19th December, 1901, reads:

Nos 20	Above average.
21	Slightly under average.
22	Rich
23	Very rich.
24	do.
25	do.
26	Above average.
27	Rich.
28	do.
29	Above average

(Signed) A. CAMERON, Analyst for Limerick.
To J. J. Forrest, H.C., Limerick.

SCENE AT THE RATHKEALE BOARDROOM.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ASSAULT EACH OTHER.

At a meeting of the Rathkeale District Council on Wednesday an unusual scene took place in a fictitious encounter between Messrs John Gallagher and Timothy Foley, two members of the Council, arising out of a debate re the establishment of a Dispensary depot at Foynes. After Mr. Gallagher's notice of motion had been carried by a majority of the Council present, Mr. D. O'Neill handed in a notice to have the former resolution rescinded at next meeting of the board. Mr. Gallagher said it was a shame and both Councillors rushed at each other and struck out. In the tussle Mr. Gallagher fell on the floor. For a time several of the members who happened to be present were unable to separate the combatants. The affair caused much commotion in the boardroom. It is rumoured that legal proceedings will follow.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white or falling off use the MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER, for it will positively restore, in every case, grey or white hair to its original colour. It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth. Price 3s. 6d. per bottle.

O'Gorman, Ryan, Tobin, Wallace; Monitors, Miss Griffin, Miss B. Kelly. Pinafore Dance—Miss A. O'Brien, Miss C. McCarthy, Miss M. O'Grady, Miss Rosie Kiyalehan. Irish Melody, "Of in the Stilly Night," Moore. Red Riding Hood's Rescue. Juvenile Cantata—Red Riding Hood, Miss McCarthy; Mother, Miss C. O'Brien; Hugh (Woodman), Miss K. O'Gorman; Wolf, Miss M. Nestor; Buttercup, Miss M. Hanrahan; Rose, Miss G. O'Malley; Bluebells, Miss A. O'Brien; Miss R. Kivlehan, Miss M. O'Grady, Miss Gleeson; Flowers, The Misses Tubridy, Finucane, O'Malley, Ryan, Magee, Long, Graham, Dooley, Burke. Chorus, "Barney O'Hea," arranged by Mr. Kendal Irwin. Distribution of Prizes. Pianoforte Duet, "Danse des Bouffons," W. H. Squire—1st Piano, Miss Felkins, Miss Cook; 2nd Piano, Miss Frost, Miss Levers. The prize list is a very numerous one and a striking testimony to the distinguished position which Laure Hill Convent holds as a high class educational establishment. Prizes are given under the following heads:—General Satisfaction, Religious Knowledge, Royal University of Ireland and Intermediate Examinations, Laurel Hill Convent Examinations, Reading, Writing, General Improvement, Incorporated Society of Musicians, Vocal Music, Needlework; Application, Order and Department, Order, and Regular Attendance.

His Lordship, in the course of an interesting address, complimented the Nuns on their excellent teaching, and their pupils on their performance, and on their pronunciation of the modern languages, expressing the hope that at the next distribution of prizes they would have recitations in the language of their own country (hear, hear). The Irish language revival was a spontaneous movement promoted and worked by persons having no material interest in it. In fact it seemed to have come out of the hearts of the people, and it was a natural, a healthy, and honest manifestation of true national feeling, and His Lordship would be very glad that that school, and all the other schools in his diocese, should do their part in furthering it (hear, hear). He also was glad to see that Intermediate education this year had taken a new turn of a more practical character. He had sometimes assisted with great pleasure in their scientific classes, and seen the girls learning, not only out of their books, but using their hands, and he could not help saying that when the time came when they would have nothing to do, it was a pleasure now anyway to teach them to do something (laughter). Dealing with the question of

TECHNICAL EDUCATION. His lordship said if technical education was ever to come to anything it must be based upon the work of the schools; the foundation must be made in the school time, and on that they may be able to erect a superstructure of technical science. In connection with this question, it was a very unsatisfactory thing for the Irish people to see that not only at the head of the technical system in Dublin, but throughout every town and county of Ireland, in order to make any attempt whatever at teaching technical knowledge, it had been found necessary—whether it was necessary or not, as a fact it had been done—they had brought over to this country a number of Englishmen and Scotchmen to educate them, and of course these gentlemen were not Catholics; they were English and Scotch Protestants. To some extent, his lordship supposed, there was need of that; their country had been so governed that in order to learn the very elements of what every other country in Europe had carried to a high degree of perfection, it was necessary, now in the 20th century, to go outside their own boundaries for teachers. With regard to those teachers His Lordship should like to make this remark: They were Englishmen and Scotchmen, and knew very little about this country and its people. It was a great advantage when administering any system in a country to know something about that country. But of course their masters did not require to know anything about any country. They were ready to administer in every quarter of the globe and to dispense with the knowledge of the natives. He supposed they would very likely carry out that principle in connection with the technical education system throughout this country, but if they do they would very soon find out that they were making a great mistake, and that they could not carry their scheme much further. In his humble opinion the first thing that these gentlemen would have to do, particularly the chief organisers, who were the expert advisers of the Department of Agriculture, was to put themselves in communication and in connection with the established system of education in their country. If they thought they could set up in Ireland a spik and span new system, that they could put aside the Catholic clergy, that they could put aside the Catholic schools in a city like this, and that they could build up a technical system without any co-operation on the part of the Catholic schools that had been established for years and years, they would find that they had made an utter mistake, and that after a few years they would simply have to begin again (hear, hear). His Lordship concluded—With regard to the state of things connected with Technical Instruction in

OUR OWN CITY OF LIMERICK. I really don't want to speak because I could hardly discuss the matter without giving expression to views and feelings which would be out of place in an assembly such as this. All I can say is this, that so far as any help is given to the Catholic schools in Limerick, or so far as any help is received from the Catholic schools in Limerick we might as well be under a

MUNICIPALITY OF FRENCH INFIDELS as under the municipality that have charge of technical education in Limerick (laughter and applause), and that ladies and gentlemen, is for me, a Catholic Bishop, a very painful and a very humiliating thing to have to say for a city that is, I believe, as good, as religious, and as Catholic as any city in the world (applause).

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wrecked some time since on Staten Island, and who have been landed at Southampton.

Every medically fit "duty man" in the Provisional Battalions at Aldershot has been placed on order for South Africa, and will embark early next month.

A boy named John O'Connor, 67, Upper Dominick-street, Dublin, found a parcel containing £880 in notes and gold in Dame-street, Dublin, and also managed to find the owner.

At the Munster Assizes a young woman named Bridget Nealan was sentenced to four months' imprisonment from her committal in September for concealment of the birth of her child.

The King on Tuesday conferred the Victoria Cross on Lieut. Duxat of Warwickshire Imperial Yeomanry, and Distinguished Service Order upon Captain Lascelles of Durham Light Infantry.

On Tuesday, the 12.35 train from Cork to Waterford, due at the latter place at 6.16 met with a mishap at Kilmecan station, about six miles from Waterford. The traffic was delayed, but no injuries resulted.

In the chapel of the Royal Hospital, Kilmalmain, Dublin, the Rev. Dr. Mullins, Senior Chaplain to the Forces, dedicated a lectern to the memory of the late Lord Roberts, only son of Earl Roberts, who was killed at the battle of Colenso.

It is rumoured that General Walter Kitchener who arrived home from South Africa somewhat unexpectedly a few days ago, will shortly be appointed to the command of the Belfast Military District. The General is a brother of Lord Kitchener.

The bodies of Mrs. Janet Butler and her infant, aged two years, were recovered from a pond at Heywood on Tuesday. The woman went to feed the ducks, carrying the child, in her arms. She did not return, and was traced to the pond by her footsteps in the snow.

The three keepers of the lighthouse at Cape Griz Nez have been fined 50s. for poaching by spreading nets to catch the birds attracted by the reflectors of the lantern. No fewer than 5,914 birds were captured between October 10 and 14, the majority being larks, thrushes, and cornorakes.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH AT RATHKEALE.

On Monday last Dr. Hannigan, Coroner, held an inquest at Rathkeale on William Hayes, who died in that town on last Saturday under somewhat suspicious circumstances. The deceased was an inmate of the Workhouse until the previous Friday, when he applied for his discharge and got it. He returned to the Workhouse that same evening about 4.30 o'clock somewhat under the influence of drink, and left it again about six o'clock. The porter at the Workhouse stated he was quite sober when leaving. He was arrested about nine o'clock that night near the railway bridge for being drunk and incapable, and taken to the barrack, where he was detained until 11.30 p.m. He was then discharged at his own request, as he said he wanted to go to his lodgings. The constable in charge stated that he was perfectly sober, strong, and apparently well when discharged. About 3 o'clock a.m. on the morning of Saturday he came knocking at the door of a Mrs. Aylmer, who lives on the fair hill. She (Mrs. Aylmer) asked who was there, and the deceased replied it was some one looking for lodgings. She answered from her bed, to go away, that she had no lodgings. The accused then pushed at the door, which gave way before him, and he fell across the doorway. Mrs. Aylmer then got up and went for her son who lives close by. He returned with her and removed Hayes, placing him in a sitting posture against the wall, between Aylmer's house and William's.

John Aylmer, son of the previous witness, corroborated her statements as to his own action in the business.

In reply to the Coroner as to why he left the poor old man evidently in such a pitiable condition, exposed to the bitter cold of Friday night, the witness said he thought nothing would happen to him, and that it was a common thing on fair nights to see tramps and others in the same condition in the same place.

Dr. Thomas Hayes said that in his opinion death was due to alcoholism, cold and exposure. The deceased was found in the fair hill about 8 a.m. on Saturday morning by John Neville, servant of the D.I., he was then in a state of collapse. He was immediately attended to by Dr. Hayes although until the evening he never recovered consciousness. There were some slight wounds on deceased's head, and bruises about his body, which the doctor thought were self-inflicted, and caused by falling about.

In his remarks to the Jury, the Coroner commented on the action of the male witness, Aylmer, and said if did not shelter the unfortunate man under his own roof he, the Coroner, thought the least he might do was to report the matter to the police which was close by.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We cannot guarantee to insert letters sent to us on day of publication. They should be sent in on the previous days—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION—A CORRECTION.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
7 Upper Mallow street,
19th Dec., 1901.

SIR—In the list of prizes given by the above, which was published in the Limerick Chronicle of last Saturday, you state that the prize for painting the "Best sketch out of doors" was decided between Miss Shine and Miss Hanrahan. The prize referred to was divided between Miss Shine and Miss Costello.

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