

FATALITY IN CLARE,

CHARGE OF HOMICIDE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

At a special Court held at Kilrush yesterday before Mr. Michael S. Brews, J.P., three prisoners named John Walsh, Catherine Walsh, and Patrick Walsh, husband, wife, and son, respectively, were charged with the wilful murder of a herdsman named John Bhan, at Doonbeg, on Friday last.

District Inspector Conlan prosecuted, and Mr. D. B. Hilliard, solr., appeared for the defence.

After hearing the evidence, including that of Dr. Connihan, that death resulted from laceration of the bowels probably caused by kicks, the Court returned the accused for trial to the next Clare Assizes, but allowed the female prisoner out on heavy bail.

DEATH OF MR. P. JOHNSTONE, V.S.

We regret to announce the death of a highly esteemed citizen, Mr. Peter Johnstone, V. S., which took place at his residence, Brunswick street, last evening. The deceased, who was a younger son of the late Mr. Peter Johnstone, of Rosmadda, County Clare, belonged to an old Scotch family, a branch of which came to Limerick generations ago, when the milling trade was in its heyday, Mr. Johnstone's father being a large operator and employer who developed an extensive trade. He was the eldest surviving member of the veterinary profession practising in Limerick, and was recognised as a gentleman of great ability and eminence in his calling. Early in life he developed a taste for his profession, and graduated with success M.R.C.V.S. at Edinburgh College. His urbanity of manner and genial disposition endeared him to his numerous friends, and his thorough knowledge of his profession secured for him an ever-increasing circle of clients. Amongst his many friends and his brethren in the profession he will be long remembered and regretted. For some time past he has been in failing health. His premature demise is sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends in Limerick and the adjoining counties, and deep sympathy is expressed with his family in their great sorrow. The funeral is to take place for St. Munchin's Church, on Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

CLARE ASYLUM REPORT.

The 36th annual report submitted by Dr. F. O'Mara, Resident Medical Superintendent, which was adopted by the Committee on Monday, shows that on January 1st, 1903, there were 390 patients (206 males and 184 females). 145 were admitted during the year, 75 males, and 70 females, of which 65 were readmissions, making 535 under treatment. The daily average was 397, one less than in 1902. First admissions and readmissions were in each 6 more than in 1902. Hereditary insanity was responsible for 43 per cent of the admissions and intemperance for 11 cases as against 5 in 1902. 45 were discharged cured, 9 relieved, 46 not improved, sent to Workhouses. The percentages of recoveries was 31.0, against 26.3 in the previous year. The deaths were 30, or 7.6 per cent, 11 more than in 1902. In the Asylum on December 3, 1903, were 218 males, 187 females. Five fatal

Purposes Committee, with the addition of Mr. Gubbins to the former.

The only change in the Asylum Committee is the substitution of Mr. Hurley for Rev. W. Casey, P.P., Abbeyfeale.

On the motion of Mr. Barrington the Staff Committee was re-elected, as was the Roads Committee with the exception of Mr. Coleman who went off vice Mr. Feheaney.

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS.

Saturdays were substituted for Wednesdays for the holding of the half-yearly meetings.

REVISION OF SALARIES.

The next item on the agenda was "that the Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the applications for the revision of salaries."

Mr. Coleman did not think that the Council should transact in private, but in an independent and manly way. It would look like the Council having no case, to discuss their deliberations with closed doors, and the best thing they could do was to discuss this very important matter openly. To simplify matters, he proposed that the consideration of the salaries of the clerical staff and officials of the Council be adjourned until the 13th April, 1905, as they would then be in a better position to deal with the subject.

The Chairman pointed out that according to procedure Mr. Coleman was out of order.

Mr. Coleman held to the contrary.

Ultimately, on a division, it was decided to proceed with the business of the Council by 13 votes to 8.

IN CAMERA.

The Secretary next asked the Council to deal with some matters concerning the collection of rates.

The Council having agreed to do so, the Chairman pointed out that according to procedure, these matters could only be discussed in the absence of strangers, and requested all but officers to leave the Council Chamber.

The Press representatives present were about taking their departure when a Councillor at the extreme end of the Chamber remarked that the Press ought to be asked to remain.

The Chairman observed that as the rules of procedure alluded to strangers, it affected the Press representatives.

Mr. Gubbins then proposed that the Press remain.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy (Bruff) in reply said if the gentlemen of the Press concerned had what he chose to call "decency" they would retire.

To this a stinging retort was given by one of the reporters, who then left in a body, and did not return to know what the deliberations of our County Parliament were *in camera*, although they were invited to return when the private proceedings were over.

METHODIST CHURCH.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The mornings sitting of the Methodist New Connexion Conference at Drewsbury yesterday was taken up by discussing with closed doors the question of transferring its missions and its church property in Ireland to the Irish Methodist Church. The question has occupied the attention of the conference more than any other matter. It was announced at the close that the conference had decided to arrange for the transfer of their work in Ireland.

WEDDINGS.

MR. BENNETT AND MISS O'CALLAGHAN.

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