

## SAD CITY DROWNING FATALITY.

A sad bathing fatality occurred near the city on Thursday evening somewhere about five o'clock. It would appear that two lay brothers named Bernard Cooke, 23, and Thomas Mangan—Redemptorist Community, Limerick, went to bathe at Shannon Fields, Corbally. Brother Cooke was first in the water, and whilst his companion was undressing himself sank five yards from shore, having apparently got a cramp, and never rose to the surface. Brother Mangan rushed for assistance, and some men, with Sergeant Beatty, Constable Grady, and Dr. O'Donnell, were quickly on the scene. The body was recovered immediately in five feet of water, but all efforts at resuscitation failed. Deceased was a native of Cootehill, Cavan.

### THE INQUEST.

Mr. M. J. DeCoursey, City Coroner, and a jury, of which Mr. P. Hartigan, George Hotel, was foreman, held an inquest yesterday afternoon at the Redemptorist Convent on the body of the deceased.

Head Constable Moore represented the police authorities. Very Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., was present.

Thomas Mangan a lay brother, stated he accompanied the deceased last evening, both going out for a walk. Coming towards the Shannon near Athlunkard Bridge, his companion proposed they should go out for a bath, but witness said he did not care to do so. Bernard Cooke then undressed and went into the water. He came ashore, and went into the water again. After going a few yards he sank, and never rose again. Witness got the body out of the river, which was only five feet deep at the spot.

Sergeant Beatty deposed to being apprised of the occurrence, and bringing Father Carroll, Dr. O'Donnell, and assistance. Everything was done to restore animation but without success.

Doctor Thomas O'Donnell deposed that the body bore no marks of violence. It presented the usual appearances where death resulted from drowning.

In answer to Father Creagh,

The witness stated he could not say if death resulted from heart disease. The sinking down suddenly and not rising would suggest that the heart might have been affected.

In answer to the Coroner,

Father Creagh said the duties of the deceased were very light. He was in his usual health yesterday, but the man was not over strong. He was very pale and rather delicate. Witness, however, had heard that Cooke was able to swim.

The jury found death resulted from accidental drowning.

Mr. Hartigan said as foreman of the jury he might express his own sympathy and the sympathy of all the jurors with the relatives of the deceased and with the Redemptorist Fathers (hear, hear). It was a very sad occurrence, and they all regretted it (hear, hear).

Head Constable Moore said he would like to associate the Royal Irish Constabulary with the vote of sympathy.

Father Creagh thanked the speakers for their sympathetic observations. They had only to bow to the Providence of God in this matter. The Fathers, of course, felt it very much, more especially on account of the deceased being so young a man, and but lately joined the Order. They all felt very sorry for the relatives, and communicated with them at once when the sad news was learned.

Mr. Hartigan said it would be a consolation to the relatives that deceased had joined the Order before his end came.

Mr. DeCoursey said he also wished to be

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