

and snowy-looking there was no break until St. Stephen's Day, when snow fell in large flakes. As is usually the case the great Festival was observed in the city churches of all denominations with ceremonies that partook of a special solemnity. In the various hospitals rules and regulations were dispensed with, so as to allow the patients whose lot it was to remain in these institutions at this season of festivity, "a good time." In Barrington's, St. John's, the County Infirmary, the Maternity, and Union Hospitals, everything possible was done to brighten the lives even for a short time of the sick and suffering ones. All the patients who could partake of it without harm to themselves were given plenty of Xmas fare and some sort of pleasant beverage suitable to their case and taste.

A very large congregation attended at St. Mary's Cathedral at both morning and evening services on Christmas Day. In the morning the Lord Bishop preached. The music, which was rendered by a full choir, was specially selected. It included:—"There were Shepherds," "The Angel of the Lord," etc. Chorus—"Glory to God in the Highest." Bass Solo—"For, Behold," and Aria—"The people that walked in Darkness"; "For Unto Us," and for a final the Hallelujah Chorus.

PRESENTATION TO A CITY NURSE.

Miss Dora Lynch, who has been for over seven years head nurse at the Limerick County Infirmary, where she was previously trained, has accepted a post in England, and has left Limerick to take up her new duties. Everyone who knew the manner in which she discharged her duty in the Infirmary (while regretting that that most useful Institution had lost her services), told in their pleasure as well as their duty to wish her a most hearty God-speed and prosperity in her enlarged sphere of work. To mark their good will towards her in a substantial manner her friends met her on the day of her departure, and presented her with a handsome purse of sovereigns. There has rarely been a more hearty demonstration of good will manifested towards one whose quiet and unobtrusive good work has been confined within the walls of a public institution.

HUNTING FIELD ACCIDENT

Mr. R. Grove-Annesley, of Annesgrove, Castletownroche, Master of the Funcheon Vale Harriers, met with a rather serious accident last week while out with his pack near Castletownroche. While taking a stiff bank topped with whitethorns, the horse failed to clear, and falling back, crushed Mr. Annesley's leg, fracturing it below the knee joint. Dr. Quinlan was soon in attendance, and Mr. Annesley was conveyed to his residence in Mr. Thomas's motor car.

SUDDEN DEATH.

A painful case of sudden death took place on Thursday. While Miss Mary Anne Frost was driving into the city from Meelick she suddenly took ill and died in a short time. A medical examination of the body showed that death was due to heart disease.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Dock Ward Committee

A meeting of the Dock Ward Sub-Committee was held at the Carnegie Free Library yesterday. Alderman D. McNeice presided. Also present—P. Kennedy, M. Cuddihy, with J. Ward, Clerk. Eight claims were considered by the Committee at this meeting, five being allowed the full amount, two disallowed, owing to claimants being in receipt of Poor-law relief, and one adjourned to next meeting, which is to be held on January 4th, to allow the claimant to be heard.

This Committee has up to the present considered 137 claims for pensions.

OLD AGE PENSION DAY.

Friday being pay day for pensions, the postal and pension authorities are making every effort to have things in readiness for the old people. Owing to New Year's Day being a Scotch holiday, first payments in Scotland will not be made until Saturday.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

In the case of Thomas Grant, under sentence of death in Mountjoy prison for the murder of

The resolution was then put and carried in silence, and the Board adjourned.

FEARED CITY FATALITY.

An old man named William Nicholson, an employe on the cleansing staff of the Corporation, has been missing from his home since Christmas Eve, and fears are entertained for his safety. He is reported to have been last seen alive about five o'clock in Thomondgate, and then to have gone in the direction of one of the river slips in the North Strand. The assumption is that while sweeping the steps he missed his footing and fell into the receding tide. A rumour was current yesterday that the body had been recovered. Nicholson, who was a man of about sixty five years of age, was an army pensioner, and had been for many years on the Corporation cleansing staff.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IN CYPRUS.

The Limassol (Cyprus) correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says:—The Duke of Connaught and his staff have had a series of little adventures while stranded here by a gale. They landed in the morning to inspect the British detachment known to the War Office as "The Army of Occupation," and owing to the rising sea had to climb at the point of the pier up a small iron ladder.

After the inspection return to H.M.S. Aboukir was impossible, and luncheon was hastily arranged at a hotel. The harbourmaster suggested that a boat might get in from the cruiser at a sheltered bay some fourteen miles from the town, and signal communication to this effect was sent to the Aboukir.

Carriages were ordered for the Duke and staff to drive to the bay, but the last two and a half miles had to be ridden on ponies over swampy ground. Colonel Hamilton, the Chief of the Staff, had a narrow escape. His pony fell into an old well, the rider fell clear, but the pony was dragged out with difficulty. A tedious wait on the beach followed, but no boat could be sent from the cruiser, and the Duke and his party returned to Limassol.

Many walked to avoid the dangers of the swamp. The police sent on a warning, and the Inspector-General and his staff found a dinner ready for them at 11.30 p.m. As they had no luggage they had to sleep at the hotel "as they were." These having moderated in the night they put off next morning.

RUSSIAN PEASANTS FOR SIBERIA.

A new nation of hardy Russian migrants is being formed in Siberia. One of the greatest migrations in history (says the "Japan Advertiser") has been proceeding so quietly that the world generally has not noticed the movement. During the past twelve months over 500,000 Russians have gone to Siberia, or equal to half the number of immigrants the United States received during that period from the whole world. The accounts of Siberia brought home by the soldiers returning from the Russo-Japanese war impressed the poverty-stricken moujiks with glowing ideas of Siberia's wealth. The emigrants seldom go singly or even in families, but gather in colonies for the exodus.

FIVE PERSONS SHOT.

Five persons were accidentally shot at a pigeon shooting match held at Thorrington, near Brightlinea. Fortunately the injuries were not dangerous, though one spectator was hit in the face.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST.

A New Year's honours list will be issued in London and in Calcutta on January 1, containing many navy and military promotions. It is not known on what day the Prince of Wales will be created a Field Marshal, but it is understood this promotion will take place in 1909.

FATHER AND SON KILLED.

Andrew Anderson and his son, Alexander Anderson, were both killed by a fall of roof at the North Motherwell Colliery, Motherwell, and a second son named Andrew Anderson had his legs broken.

sister-in-law had been attacked by tramps at the top of the Hill of Howth. No one in Howth gave credence to the story at the time, and the police, after the fullest investigation, considered that the story emanated from the disordered mind of this unfortunate lady.

Mr. Richard Longfield Lloyd, brother of Mrs. Earls, and husband of the late Mrs. Lloyd, who was killed in the Howth cliff tragedy, gave evidence of identification. He last saw his sister, Mrs. Earls, on the night of November 17th, when she was removed to Dr. Eustace's, Highfield, Drumcondra. She was afterwards put under the care of the Court of Chancery. She had made a previous attempt on her life.

Sergeant Michael Hanlon, D.M.P., Dennybrook stated he was passing along the Anglesea road, on the Dodder side the previous day at five minutes to twelve, when he saw the body of the deceased floating in the water. He brought the body out of the water with assistance.

Dr. Henry Eustace, Medical Superintendent of the private asylum at Highfield, Drumcondra, stated that Mrs. Earls was entrusted to their charge on the first occasion on the 18th January, 1908, and was discharged on the 13th February, 1908. Her previous history as given was to the effect that she was normal up to the time of her husband's death. On January 18th she stated when admitted that she had committed a very foolish act, but she had quite decided not to repeat it. She said she was depressed, but she was really decidedly excited. She continued to improve rapidly, and was discharged on February 13th, both her sister and daughter calling for her.

In reply to the Coroner, witness stated that patients were committed to his asylum on the certificate of two doctors. The relation who signed the order could remove the patient whenever he choose.

Coroner—Even though they are not cured? Yes.

You have no power as you understand it to detain them? No; if the relation insists on removing them.

Witness in further evidence stated that it was with his approval that Mrs. Earls was taken from the asylum in February. She was committed again on November 17th, 1908, on the certificate of Dr. Aherne and Dr. Winder. She was known to be suicidal, and was not let outside the ground, and there were orders that she was not to be left out of the sight of the nurse in charge. On November 21st, four days after her second admission, Mrs. Earls asked that she might have access to her trunk in order to get some jewellery. She was allowed to open it under the supervision of a nurse; and there were discovered in it a small bottle of chloroform and some evannide of potassium. They, therefore, had good reason to believe that she was suicidal. On December 24th she went out in the grounds for a walk in charge of Miss Ryan, one of the nurses. Miss Ryan left her out of her sight for a short time, and she escaped from the garden. She went from the outer grounds through a hedge on to the main road. Witness immediately communicated with the police, and made personal search along the canal banks after her.

Miss Catherine Ryan was also examined, and stated the circumstances under which Mrs. Earls escaped.

After the evidence, the jury found that the deceased had wandered away from the asylum, that she was found drowned, and that no blame attached to anybody.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. ASHE.

The remains of the late Mrs. Ashe, wife of Mr. H. W. Ashe, of this city, were removed yesterday morning from her late residence, Swanson Terrace, for interment at St. Munchin's. Many friends assembled to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of the deceased lady, who had been in failing health for some time past, and to sympathise with her family in their bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Henry Wellesley Ashe (husband), H. W. Ashe, junr. (son), and Rev. George Ashe Earle, M.A. (nephew).

The Service was conducted by the Ven. Archbishop Wynne, assisted by the Rev. George Ashe Earle.

METEORS SET FIRE TO A FARM.

Five meteoric stones weighing from two to sixteen pounds each fell a few days ago in the village of Jubilla del Agua, Spain, setting fire to a farm.

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