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READERS

As usual custom, and to participate in the holidays, attention of the Chronicle on our next issue will be on

CHRISTMAS

"The Christmas story" once again brings us back to the days of Christmastide, and the Christian Festival will be observed throughout the year. Pessimists may say that Christmas is declining, that the old days arouse the same joyous enjoyment which of our forefathers. But gainsaying the fact that we to-day looked forward to pleasure and zest as have great festival of peace and joy; Christmas to all is a fails to animate us, and our fashion and condition the glad season with that of heart which becometh cherish the Christmas never fade, though it comes of reflections, some of which a home is concerned this a general and broader view no season of the year which Christmastide—according to— for the re-assembling of friends and relations about the year is cast far as they love so well. So it is, *par excellence*, a time of greetings and good-fellowship hearts and takes us from the and routine of life in this its ever-increasing stress is, therefore, essentially a

several districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000. In some instances, owing to deaths not having been registered within the week in which they occurred, the rates do not fairly represent the mortality:—Armagh, 13.7; Ballymena, 14.4; Belfast, 17.7; Clonmel, 15.4; Cork, 20.5; Drogheda, 24.5; Dublin Registered Area, 19.8; Dundalk, 8.0; Galway, 19.4; Kilkenny, 29.5; Limerick, 21.9; Lisburn, 13.6; Londonderry, 20.4; Lurgan, 48.7; Newry, 25.2; Newtownards, 11.4; Portadown, 15.5; Queenstown, 26.4; Sligo, 9.6; Tralee, 10.6; Waterford, 35.1; Wexford, 23.3. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered, as appertaining to the 22 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.0 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in 17 of the districts to 26.6 in Lurgan, the eleven deaths from all causes for that district including six from measles. Among the 133 deaths from all causes for Belfast are three from measles, two from scarlet fever, and three from diarrhoeal diseases. Of the 30 deaths from all causes for Cork one is from whooping-cough, and one from diarrhoea, and included in the five deaths from all causes for Galway is one from enteric fever.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Knight of Glin has returned to Glin Castle. The election of Borough Electrical Engineer will take place at the meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday evening, the 5th January.

The Sallow-Glen demesne preserves were recently shot over by the Knight of Glin, Captain Finch, Major Leslie, and other gentlemen, and good sport was enjoyed.

The body of John Kelly, son of a farmer at Inniscarra, Co. Cork, who had been missing for a fortnight, was discovered on Thursday evening in the river Lee, near Carrigrohane. He had been on a fishing expedition, and disappeared during the temporary absence of a companion.

Mr. Patrick F. Moloney, Derrylea, Kildysert, Co. Clare, who recently completed the three years' course of training provided by the Department Faculty of the Royal College of Science, Dublin, has been appointed Assistant to the Principal of the Agricultural Station of Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

There were six candidates for the position of Relieving Officer for the Charleville and Bruce Dispensary Districts at a meeting of the Kilmallock District Council, and on the final poll Mr. John O'Donnell received 27 votes and Mr. D. Walsh 24, and the former was declared elected, and returned thanks.

Major Fitzgerald and Captain Fitzgerald, of Petworth Manor, Gloucestershire, who shot the Vandeleur demesne preserves this week, stayed at the Vandeleur Arms Hotel, Kilmallock. They were accompanied by the following guns—Captain Leslie, Major Morton, Colonel W. C. V. Burton, Mr. H. Finch, the Knight of Glin, Mr. R. R. Studdert, J.P.

THE CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Christmas Day—Holy Communion, 8 a.m., Choral Hymn; 8.7—Matins and Holy Communion, 11.30 o'clock; Opening Hymn, 79; Venite, Killivay in D; Chants, Dupuis in A, Goss in D; Service, Garrett in D; Hymn, "Nazareth" (Gounod); Introit, Sanctus (Garret in D); Communion Service, Garrett in D; Preacher, The Bishop. Evensong, 3.30 o'clock—Opening Hymn, 83; Chants, Goss in E, Barnby in C, Macfarrin in A flat, and Killivay in D flat; Service, Garrett in D; Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," "Glory to God," "For Behold," "The People that Walked in Darkness," "For Unto Us," "Hallelujah" (Messiah); Hymns, 38.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—Christmas Day—7 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.50 a.m., Military Service, Holy Communion; Preacher, Rev. Chancellor Hackett, D.D. 11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Holy Communion; preacher, Rev. Chancellor Hackett, D.D. No Children's Service and Evening Service.

TRINITY CHURCH.—Christmas Day—Holy Com-

DEATH OF MR. AUGUSTUS NESTOR.

The death of Mr. Augustus Nestor took place at St. John's Hospital early yesterday, and the melancholy event, which was not altogether unexpected, was heard with unalloyed regret by a large circle of friends and acquaintances with whom the lamented deceased was deservedly a very great favourite. Mr. Nestor, who was in his sixty-fourth year, had been ailing for some months, but it was only within the past fortnight or so that his complaint, an internal one, took a serious and acute form. All that medical skill, and the attention of a devoted family, could do was done for him, but to no avail and he passed peacefully away in the small hours of yesterday morning. Mr. Nestor was a very successful man of business being the owner of the well-known sporting requisites establishment in George St., while his intelligence and courtesy were greatly appreciated by an ever increasing clientele. He also did a very extensive cigar and fancy tobacco trade in other establishments in the same thoroughfare.

Last evening the remains, encased in a panelled oak coffin, were removed from St. John's Hospital to St. Michael's Parochial Church. There they remained overnight, and this morning the funeral started from the Church for interment in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was a large one, and representative of the entire community.

The chief mourners were—Augustine, Aleck, Louis, and Harry Nestor, sons; Wm. Ebrill and D. Broderick, sons-in-law; S. Ebrill, T. Ebrill, C. Ebrill, Dr. Broderick, and C. Broderick, relatives.

The clergy present were—Rev. J. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. J. O'Shea, C.C., do.; Rev. F. Devane, C.C., do.; Rev. F. Duane, C.C., do.; Rev. F. McWilliams, S.J.; and Rev. F. O'Loughlin, S.J.

The general public included: The Mayor, the City High Sheriff, F. C. Cleeve, D.L.; W. B. Fitt, P. R. Toppin, A. Murray, R. McNamara, solicitor; W. Lloyd, H. Coyle, P. O'Connor, J. J. Peacocke, City Surveyor; E. O'Toole, J. Thomson, Manager Ulster Bank; J. Quin, J.P.; R. Ryan, H. Troussell, W. G. Peacocke, M. O'Loughlin, R. Normoyle, A. J. Barnett, E. Christy, A. E. Goodwin, A. J. Eakins, J.P.; J. Gilligan, B.C.; M. Leahy, B.C.; J. F. McDonagh, D.C.; W. Byrnes, R. Gibson, T. Leonard, E. Baker, M. Russell, J. J. McMahon, T. Geraghty, J. McNamara, D.C.; Alderman McDonagh, P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor; W. O'Leary, W. Griffiths, J. Hannan, J. E. Bennis, W. M. Kidd, J. Ryan, W. W. Whitaker, E. G. Fitt, M. Dooley, B.C.; S. O'Mara, J. Egan, J. A. Bourke, D. Donovan, A. Woodhouse, S. McCarthy, R. Baker, V. Browne, Wm. Waugh, J. J. O'Callaghan, Michael O'Callaghan, John O'Neill, J. J. Scanlan, J. A. Quirke, C. Broderick, E. A. Wickham, — Lalor, M. Normoyle, S. O'Grady, R. Keatinge, Jas. G. Boyd, P. N. Tracey, T. Riordan, P. Riordan, R. J. Lee, W. Cromer, R. Wallace, solicitor, — Wallace, J. J. O'Toole, Michael O'Toole, S. Millar (Model School), Alderman P. McDonnell, J.P., Michael Ryan, John Kenna, Stephen Hanratty, E. G. Stokes, J. Stack, H. Russell, P. Hamilton, J. Prendergast, Maurice Fitzgerald, J. O'Leary, V.S., G. Goodwin, James Clune (Crescent), E. Holliday, P. J. Barry, Wm. Kidd, P. Coyle, P. Mulcahy, D.C., District Inspector White, J. Flynn, R. Levery, M. Fitzgibbon, J. H. Roche, J.P., A. Hall, D. Thompson, P. Cronin, J. Killeen, B. O'Donnell, J.P., J. O'Mara, T. O'Brien, M. Quillinan, M. Egan, W. DeCourcy, Austin Hall, T. A. Hartigan, M. Kelly, M. Spain, M. Sheehan, M. O'Toole, D. Begley, T. Ledger, B. McCann, J. Begley, J. Murray, D. Hannan, S. Tubridy, E. O'Connell, R. Frost, B.C., J. Casey, T. Ryan, P. Liston, A. Hodgkinson, J. Kelly, John O'Mara, James Joynt, E. O'Connell, J. G. O'Brien, B.C., James Clune, Michael Hayes, R. T. Hartigan, James Gaffney, solr.; P. Kennedy, B.C.; J. Barry, M. Kelly, P. Kelly, R. Kelly, A. M. DePrins, T. Leonard, W. Halpin, A. Barry, James Doyle, solr., E. Barry, Daniel Quaid, A. Gloster, Wm. B. Joyce, B.A.; James Forrest, John O'Donoghue, J. G. Wilkinson, Joseph Halpin, Cork; Michael Sheahan, P. R. Toppin, J. Murnane, J. Riordan, W. Riordan, James J. Delany, J.P.; C. Devane, T. Brinn, Michael O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Quaid, P. Hartigan (George Hotel), H. O'B. Moran, solr., W. Halpin, Gerald Goodbody, F. G. M. Kennedy, J.P.; John Dundon, solr.; P. Grant, J. Clarke, J. Clune, Messrs. Todds; Peter Griffin, E. J. Sexton, Hugh Kearney, W. South, Daniel Sullivan, William Walshe, J. F. Treacy, S. O'Grady, E. J. Long, Thomas Regan, P. Graham, J. Conroy, E. Colopy A. Gleeson, P. Sheehan, Henry Breslin, H. J. Cronin, etc.

Rev. J. O'Connor, assisted by Rev. Fr. O'Shea, officiated. Messrs. P. McCarthy and Sons, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

VILLIERS ENDOWED SCHOOLS

PRIZE DAY.

The Annual Prize Distribution in connection with the Villiers Endowed Schools, Henry street, took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Boys' Schoolroom.

The Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab), Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided; and the other Governors present were—Rev. T. B. Robertson (Honorary Secretary), and Mr. T. A. Ferguson.

The Rev. T. B. Robertson read a portion of Holy Scripture, and offered prayer.

The Chairman, having mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr. J. O'G. Delmege, D.L., Governor, greatly regretting his inability to attend, said that as for various causes it had been found impossible to combine this year an entertainment programme with the prize distribution, the Governors had thought it best that the successful boys and girls should receive their prizes before the Christmas holidays, and so for this occasion they were meeting privately, on their own premises, in that room which had recently been enlarged to such handsome proportions. The Governors wished to congratulate teachers and pupils, both in the boys' school and in the girls' school, on the excellent work which had been accomplished during the past academic year. The marks obtained at the Christmas and Easter examinations showed that they had not spared themselves, the boys in particular having made notable improvement. The results of the internal examinations were confirmed by the examinations conducted by the Intermediate Board, the pupils maintaining almost the same absolute and relative positions. It was pleasant to observe how well some of the candidates at the latter examinations had acquitted themselves. On the Boy's side, W. H. Barker, who passed in the Preparatory Grade, scored seventy-four per cent. in French, a most creditable performance. (Applause). In the Junior Grade, G. D. Webster had won Honours in two subjects, and also fifth highest average marks in French in all Ireland. (Applause). In the same Grade, H. Paul passed with Honours in all subjects, gained eleventh highest average marks in Latin in all Ireland, and was awarded the distinction of a £2 prize in Mathematics, and a £2 prize in the course of Experimental Science. (Loud Applause). Higher testimony could not be borne to the range and thoroughness of the teaching, and to the industry and diligence of the scholars. The Girls' School had an equally honourable and encouraging record. In the Preparatory Grade, I. Merrick scored seventy-eight per cent. in German, eighty-two and a half per cent. in French, and eighty-four per cent. in Mathematics; in the Junior Grade, V. Joranson scored sixty-nine per cent. in German, and sixty-five and a half per cent. in French. (Loud applause.) The Governors were delighted that the young people being educated on that ancient Foundation were taking advantage of their privileges, and were so zealously preparing themselves for useful careers, and for the duties of enlightened citizenship. Masters and mistresses were animated by the highest ideals, and they had every reason to feel rewarded with the fruit of their labours. It was a cause of sincere sorrow to them all that Miss Watson (Head Mistress) had been temporarily laid aside from work; they sent her their warm sympathy, and hoped that she would soon be able to return in restored health to the post which she adorned. (Applause) The Chairman added that before the prizes were given out he wished to refer to some former pupils. One old boy, J. Beckett, had during the year crowned his school achievements by winning a Second-Division Clerkship in the Civil Service, and was now filling an important place in Dublin Castle. (Loud applause.) They were proud of his success, and augured still greater things for a man of his energy and talents. (Applause) Another old boy, J. S. Dunn, had during the year, and direct from school, passed, at his first attempt, the Preliminary Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society for Ireland. (Applause.) Still another old boy was with them that day, and sitting at that table, Mr. T. A. Ferguson, to whom they had now been indebted for many years for his generous gift of prizes in Technical Subjects. He was happy to say that Mr. Ferguson, who took a deep interest in the welfare of the Schools, was continuing his liberality, as was evidenced by a long row of beautiful volumes, which were so soon to be in their hands. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

The prizes were then distributed, the Chairman explaining that they were awarded only to pupils who had gained at least sixty per cent. of the aggregate maximum marks in the previous Easter and Christmas School examinations.

At the close of the distribution, a vote of thanks on behalf of the Teaching Staff and the Pupils to the Governors, to Mr. T. A. Ferguson, and to Mrs. Semple for her special prize, was gracefully