

Christmas tide has come and gone, and it is to be carried with it the happiest recollection of any one. Christmas eve was fine and dry and the city presented a busy aspect till a late hour. On Christmas Day services were held in various city Churches and were attended by large congregations. The weather was mild and fine.

The Churches.

Mary's Cathedral was, as usual, very handsomely decorated with holly and ivy and a Carol Service was held on Sunday and a very bright selection of Carols suitable to the occasion was sung. Special services, as is customary, chosen for Christmas were excellently rendered by an augmented choir. At morning service the opening hymn was "Come all ye faithful." The psalms were Psalms 124 and 134. The Service was sung by Mr. Garrett in D. The second lesson was "While Shepherds Watched." The Bishop preached an impressive sermon. At 11 o'clock the processional hymn was "Hark! Hark! Angels Sing," and the Anthem consisted of selections from the "Messiah," which was rendered with fine effect. Mr. F. Muspratt presided at the organ. The clergy present were: the Dean, the Precentor, Succentor, Organist, and Rev. Mr. Foley. There was a large congregation.

In the Roman Catholic Churches the Festival was observed with due and befitting solemnity. At St. John's Cathedral as well as the other churches there was a succession of Masses until twelve o'clock when Solemn High Mass was celebrated in presence of a crowded congregation. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, as is his custom, preached, and the music was supplied by a select and augmented choir.

Public Institutions.

In the different city institutions, observed Christmas according to custom. In the hospitals every care was provided for the patients. The City Dispensary, St. John's, the Maternity Hospital, the County Infirmary, and District Hospital were very prettily decorated with holly and ivy, interspersed with mottoes of a festive description. In the children's wards were the usual Christmas trees, and the presents were each presented with a Santa Claus present. In the Industrial schools every care was done to make the children happy and

Stephen's Day also turned out favourable. In spite of the wild and inclement weather over the Free-park Races were the attraction for a large number of holiday-makers, while the day was spent a pleasant day in the country. Limerick and Cork received a fair quota of visitors during Christmas tide.

Christmas Day was also observed as a general holiday in the city. This morning business was carried on as usual. The Christmas season passed in a manner befitting the occasion. Every day was peaceful and orderly, and there were no instances of drunkenness, as for hearing of a case in Police Court on Thursday morning.

CHARGE OF LARCENY.

At the Northwick to-day, James Marshall, formerly employ of Brunner, Mond and Co., and Yarwood, assistant timekeeper at the Limerick Locomotive Works, were charged with receiving secret papers belonging to the company. The prosecuting counsel said the evidence was that Yarwood had taken records and documents and passed them on to Marshall. The solicitor said Yarwood had not re-

ferred to attend it at his firm nor in any firm knew of. It was examined by the Inspector of Factories two days previous to the accident. He passed no remark with reference to the mechanism, but suggested some device with regard to the floor. If the rope broke there could not have been an accident as the lift was provided with a safety device which prevented any collapse.

Mr. O'Sullivan—How did the accident occur in your opinion?

I can only form an opinion on examination of the ropes which must have got fouled in some way or other. The deceased was an old employe and one of the best men we have ever had.

In reply to a juror, the witness stated that the ropes were capable of holding 50 tons weight.

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner expressed the hope that in cases of serious accident occurring in the city in future the police should be notified.

Mr. Holliday said in this case he immediately notified the Certifying Surgeon of Factories, which he thought was sufficient.

The jury returned a verdict of death in accordance with the medical testimony, due to the falling of a lift. They added a rider recommending that Messrs. Boyd, Ltd., would place a competent man in charge of the lift, and that in future cases of accident be reported to the Constabulary forthwith.

DEATH OF A LIMERICK JOURNALIST.

We regret to record the death, which occurred in the County Infirmary on Christmas morning, of Mr. Thomas H. Clancy, who for some six years past had been chief reporter on the staff of the *Munster News*. Mr. Clancy, who was a native of Clare, was in his 52nd year. He had been ill but for ten days or so, and his demise came as a great shock to his journalistic colleagues and many other friends in the city. He was a very capable all round journalist, and had a varied experience in the North and West of Ireland. A man of a retiring nature, he was of an invariably kindly and courteous disposition. Those who knew him fully appreciated his worth, and very seriously mourn his premature demise. We tender our sympathy to his relatives in their sorrow. The remains were removed from the Infirmary to St. Michael's R.C. Church on Christmas Evening, and on Thursday night were borne to the Railway Station en route to Drogheda, where the funeral took place yesterday. The coffin was carried from the hearse to the mortuary carriage by the staff of the *"Munster News"* and many Pressmen and other friends also attended to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of the lamented deceased.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN H. QUINNELL.

The death took place on Tuesday morning of Mr. John Hilliard Quinnell, senior member of the printing and publishing firm of Messrs. J. Quinnell and Sons, Tralee. The late Mr. Quinnell in 1883 established the *Kerry Weekly Reporter*, and subsequently the *Kerry News* and the *Killarney Echo*. Mr. Quinnell was popular with all classes in the county. He was in his 76th year.

THE CORPORATION.

A special meeting of the Borough Council has been convened for Thursday night next at 7.30 o'clock. The business for disposal has reference to the adoption of a resolution re the Swivel Bridge, the election of eight members with the Mayor to represent the Council on the Board of the Market Trustees for one year, and the report of the Whole

METHODIST CHURCH (George Street) Night Service (Tuesday), 10.45 p.m. Rev. W. Young Northridge. Everybody

LIMERICK BOUND SHIP EXPERIENCE.

A Limerick bound ship had a fearful voyage from Queenstown on 23rd night. She was in tow of the G. "Hibernian" and all went fairly well till Kerry Head. It was blowing a terrific gale outside the Head the tug was forced to stop. The Master of the vessel ran for the Bay where he found shelter, and the tug for Limerick where she arrived yesterday in a weather beaten condition. In the encounter the bridge was broken and telegraph carried away, and the life boat engaged in attending to the damage at leaves this afternoon for Galway to take to her port of destination.

THE RESUMED PEACE CONFERENCE.

Reuter's Agency learns that according to trustworthy private reports received from Constantinople the sending back to their posts in the Chatalja lines of officers who had leave of absence which they are spending in capital has nothing to do with the possible resumption of hostilities, nor is it a demonstration with the object of impressing the Peace Conference in London, but was dictated by considerations and reasons of internal politics apparently being dissatisfied that officers should be away amusing themselves in Constantinople while the men were completely remain inactive and exposed to the bleak winds of the Chatalja uplands.

KING COMPLETELY RECOVERED.

The Press Association is informed that Majesty's Equerry at Sandringham that no truth in the statement published in yesterday morning that the King was ill. His Majesty, the Equerry said, was shot yesterday, and is very well. A King's Lyon message states that the King is completely recovered from his recent indisposition and he was able to leave York Cottage yesterday and join his guests at the shooting. His Majesty is looking well.

SCOTCH DOCTORS AND THE INSURANCE ACT.

An Edinburgh message states that the Insurance Commissioners will have no difficulty in establishing the panels of the doctors in Scotland, except in one northern county Edinburgh.

A REMARKABLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—My attention being attracted by a letter appearing in your paper some time ago, a person testifying that he had been cured of baldness with the preparation "Vigorene" procured from the Chemical Specialities, 139, Stephen's Green West, Dublin, I was supplied, and it is with the greatest pleasure I now state that by its use my hair has been thoroughly restored, and I am now absolutely free from baldness, which disfigured me for many years. I send you this information for the benefit of your readers who do not wish to be bothered with baldness. I request you will not publish my name and address.—Yours obediently,