

fourth page this evening. Like every other centre, the war has had its depressing effect on our social happenings. Some of our annual fixtures had, in the circumstances, to be abandoned, but on the whole the year viewed from a local standpoint was comparatively successful. The high reputation so long enjoyed by the city and county for absolute peace and order has been fully maintained, and between all sections of the community the utmost friendship, goodwill and harmony exist—a fact upon which we may once more, with pardonable pride congratulate ourselves. We have not the slightest doubt that such a happy state of things will continue in the year that is before us, and we trust that 1916 will record increased prosperity for Limerick and its people. It is the fervent prayer of us all that the New Year, before it has long progressed, will see the end of a cruel war and the blessings of a lasting peace established between the Nations. To our readers, therefore, we wish, in the fullest sense of the word, a "Bright and Prosperous New Year."

DEATH OF MR T F O'CALLAGHAN.

We regret to record the death which occurred at Droivick on Wednesday of Mr Thomas Francis O'Callaghan, youngest son of the late Mr Edward Hackett O'Callaghan and Mrs O'Callaghan, Yeovil, Limerick. The deceased, who was in his 28th year, was deservedly popular with a wide circle of friends, by whom the news of his unexpected demise has been heard with sincere regret, and deep sympathy is expressed with his respected relatives, and his Limerick family in their sorrow. The remains arrived in the city to day by the 11.30 train from Droivick, and the funeral started for Mount St. Lawrence, where the interment took place. Despite the inclemency of the weather the cortege was large and representative, and identified to the extent in which the deceased was held. The chief mourners were—Messrs Daniel, Eugene, Edward, and Michael O'Callaghan (brothers), and Mr E. J. Long, J.P. The Rev J. A. O'Connor, Adm, St. Michael's, officiated at the graveside.

There was no meeting of Limerick No. 1 District Council owing to its being a holiday. The Chairman, Mr P. K. Hogan, J.P., sent an intimation that meeting would be held on Saturday, the eight instant.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Mr P. J. Kelly, R.M., attended at the Police Court to-day. There was no case for hearing.

The draw in aid of the equipment of the Crescent College Volunteers took place last night. The winning ticket was 1491.

Mr Alexander, Veterinary Inspector, Cork Co. Council, having obtained an army commission, that body appointed Mr J. F. Mahony to do his work temporarily.

Mrs O'Brien returns most grateful thanks for seven guineas (£7 7s) received in aid of Bedford Row Hospital from the men of the Locomotive Department, Great Southern and Western Railway, Limerick.

The accidental drowning occurred near Baltimore on Wednesday night of Mrs Hegarty, South Rath, wife of Mr Timothy Hegarty, farmer. Deceased, while on her way homeward missed her footing crossing a stream and was swept away in the heavy current.

Mr E. Quickenlen, an inspector in the employment of the Great Western Railway, was killed at the Adolph Wharf, Waterford, by a heavy crate of glass which was being discharged falling upon him and inflicting fearful injuries to his head. The inquest has been adjourned till Tuesday for the attendance of a factory inspector.

Mr Michael Falvey, weighmaster, Tipperary, has received a telegram from the naval authorities stating that his son was washed overboard a torpedo destroyer near Devonport during the great storm on Monday last. The deceased, who was only in his 20th year, joined the Royal Navy in September last. He was a great favourite and the news of his death has occasioned great regret.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in the early summer, between John E. Lister-Cooper, son of the late Mr and Mrs Lister-Cooper, of Middlefield, Rawdon, Leeds, and Eva, second daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Ievers, 5 Barrington Street, Limerick, and granddaughter of the late Robert Holmes Ievers, J.P., M.A., T.C.D., of Castle Ievers, Co. Limerick.

Mr Paul Bernard's Musical Variety Recitals next Wednesday will be the attraction for the opening evening of the second part of the season of the Thomson Hall Recitals. The Prison Scene and the Chamber Scene from "Maritana" will be done in costume, the characters being taken by Mr R. Clune, Mr John Cahill, Mrs J. Griffin, and Miss Daisy Boland O'Hartigan. Contributors to the excellent programme arranged will also be—Mrs J. P. Hartigan, Miss Moira Delany, Miss Clare O'Brien, Mr P. O'Donovan Keed, and Master Jerry M. O'Brien.

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