

largely due to the port restrictions
 hannel, and, unfortunately, they
 ess still continue in certain parts
 id and Scotland. So far as the
 rop is concerned, the small area
 nained to be dug when the frost
 fered some damage, though not so
 was expected, which is some
 ov, as supplies are scarce in certain
 the country, with the result that
 eady rule high. In the midland
 catch crops are reported as showing
 braids, but in the southern
 a smaller area than usual has been
 ng to the shortage of seed during
 tion of shipping facilities, and also
 eather prevailing at the time of
 It is satisfactory to learn that a
 y in the yield of mangels is being
 sted for by the bulk of turnips, and
 re is a "fair to good" amount of
 the farms.

IRRENT COMMENT.

oyment.
 turns issued by the Department of
 show that on the 3rd December the
 ber of persons registered for employment
 ish Free State was 34,459, showing a
 of 2,630 compared with the previous
 Dublin the numbers were 10,845 and
 epositively; Cork, 4,683 and 5,667;
 1,594 and 1,831; Waterford, 1,244

ar-General's Report.

the and deaths registered in the Dublin
 on Area and in eleven provincial
 stricts of the Irish Free State, with
 rates per 1,000 of the population repre-
 rophy, which, for the purposes of these
 s estimated at 664,256, are given in
 of the Registrar-General's report for
 ing December 1st. The births are
 d by 23.0 in the Dublin Registration
 rk, 25.8; Limerick, 13.5; Waterford,
 he deaths from all causes apper-
 e the undermentioned areas for last
 l for the past four weeks, respec-
 e equal to the following annual rates per
 the population:—Twelve Town Dis-
 9 and 14.8; Dublin Registration Area,
 15.2; Dublin City, 17.4 and 16.1;
 6 and 12.1; Limerick, 10.8 and
 Waterford, 20.4 and 20.4. The deaths
 in epidemic diseases registered in the 12
 ricts during last week were equal to an
 te of 0.3 per 1,000. Two of the
 rem all causes for Waterford were from
 ough.

PORTRAITS IN OILS.

rs Clancy and O'Callaghan.
 ave been executed for the Limerick
 on portraits in oils of the late Alderman
 ancy and Mr Michael O'Callaghan, B.C.,
 o Whelan, Dublin, a member of the

Limerick, as is Mr. Campson, who was born in
 1843. Both were professed in Holland in 1863,
 and have wide missionary experience.

DEATH OF MR B. FAHY.

The death, which has been learned with
 extreme regret, took place on Saturday at Geneva
 of Mr Richard Fahy, O'Connell Avenue, in his
 thirty-third year. In August, 1922, Mr Fahy
 left Limerick for Switzerland with the object of
 retraining his health, and up to a few days before
 his death he appeared to be doing well. On
 Friday last a letter to this effect was received
 from his medical attendant, Dr Lovell, and the
 following day a wire arrived stating that he had
 passed away that morning. The deceased, who
 was a partner in the firm of Lynch and Spain,
 provision merchants, was of a kind and generous
 disposition, and a great favourite with all who
 know him. The remains will leave Geneva during
 the week, and reach his native place, Oola, on
 Tuesday next, the interment taking place in
 Donohill Cemetery.

**PRESENTATION TO REV A E
 HEWETSON, M.A.**

The Rev A E Hewetson has been presented by
 the parishioners of St Mary's Cathedral with a
 handsome silver tea service. Tea was provided
 at the Diocesan Hall by Mrs Hookett and Mrs
 Day. The Dean presided, and introduced Mrs
 Hewetson to those assembled; and the presenta-
 tion was made by Mrs O'Brien, widow of the late
 Dean. The parishioners of St Patrick's had
 already presented Mr Hewetson with a silver
 salver, the Cathedral Choir gave him a small
 silver tea service, the Church Lads' Brigade gave
 him an afternoon tea set, and the Badminton
 Club an armchair. Mr Hewetson has been Curate
 of the Cathedral for eight years and Sacroctor for
 several years, during which time he has won the
 esteem and affection of all by his faithful and
 efficient work, which fact is borne witness to by
 the valuable presents given him. The Dean, in
 his remarks said that no Rector ever had a more
 loyal fellow-worker, or one who did his work more
 faithfully, and hoped he and Mrs Hewetson would
 be long with them.

DEATH OF MR R S WELSH.

We regret to record the death of Mr Richard
 Studdert Welsh, J.P., which occurred at his
 residence, Newtown, Clonlara, on Sunday last,
 in the 76th year of his age. Mr Welsh, who had
 been in failing health for a considerable time
 past, belonged to an old Clare family. His
 retiring and very courteous disposition, upright-
 ness, and kindness of heart made him highly
 popular with all classes of the community in the
 district, where his life was spent, and there is the
 deepest sympathy with his widow and relatives
 in their bereavement. Mr Welsh farmed exten-
 sively, and was brother of the late Mr Maurice
 Welsh, Diocesan secretary of Killaloe. The
 funeral will take place to-morrow (Wednesday)
 at 11.3).

RECTOR'S DEATH.

Lewes, Monday.—The Rev. Canon Poole, Rural
 Dean and Rector of St John's, Lewes, died this
 morning from injuries received through being
 knocked down by a cyclist when returning home
 from an early service at his church a week
 previously. He was 71 years of age.

BRUREE NEW CHURCH.

The gold watch raffled in connection with

living principally in the neighbourhood
 more, Co Kilkenny, some nine mi
 Waterford.

Last Saturday night a dance was held
 a house in Glenmore district, and was
 by Grant. Military, in the course of
 visited the dance house, and finding Gr
 arrested him. The prisoner, who refused
 his name and address, was placed in chi
 seort, but suddenly broke away from h
 and made a wild dash for liberty. Ha
 the house and was hotly pursued by the
 A chase for a short distance ensued, th
 all the time keeping the fugitive in
 repeatedly calling on him to halt,
 refused to do. The soldiers then open
 warning purposes, but in the course of
 Grant was struck by one bullet in the
 brought down. He was placed in one
 conveyed to Waterford Infirmary for
 treatment.

Stephen McManus and James Partr
 local irregulars, have been arrested.
 made a sensational escape from Wate
 some twelve months ago concealed in
 bread vans supplying the jail.

COLLEGE OF MUSIC

**Formation of a Limerick Co
 re THE BOARD OF THE LIMERICK CMA**

DEAR SIR.—The Board of Trinity
 Music, London, has accepted the requi
 local committee for the formation of a
 Centre for their Local Examinations, wi
 as local secretary.

The work of Trinity College is not
 known to every musician that there is
 to bring its merits before the teacher
 district.

It may, however, be mentioned that it
 was the first musical institution to be
 ex... in music, and since th
 est... over eight hundred thousa
 dated... examined; while there
 upwards of 250 local centres in the
 Kingdom, Ireland, Colonies, and India.

The generosity of the College in its
 ment to young students is without paral
 other examining body, local exhibitions
 value of over 400 guineas being annually
 to those candidates who obtain the
 honours in their respective subjects.

An endeavour will be made to establi
 Prize Fund, the prize being awarded
 candidates in this centre who obtain th
 marks during the year both in prac
 the retical music. The local committee
 of the following members:—Chairman
 Nolan, Town Clerk. Members—Mrs
 Messrs. Thos. J. Loughrey, John Sha
 Guerin (ex-Postmaster).

I shall be happy to forward particu
 examinations, entry forms, etc, upon ap
 —I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
 Dec. 10th. F. VAN DE

FISHERMEN DROWNED

Three fishermen belonging to Bar
 village of Whitehills, were drowned
 Saturday night by the boat sinking in a

TRIAL OF LORD ALFRED DO

In London the trial opened of Lo
 Douglas, charged with having criminal
 Mr Winson Charobill. Lord Balfour
 witnesses were examined, and the cas
 journeyed.

SHERIDAN LE FANU.