

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for publication in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these of brief, are requested to let us have them by Friday, where at all possible. Otherwise they will not appear in Saturday's issue, owing to want of space, but can be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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STORMS AND FLOODS.

It was not surprising that the spell of interruptedly hot weather which had prevailed since the early days of June should at last have given way to heavy rain, thunder, and lightning. The south of Ireland has not experienced the visitation of the present week to any serious extent, but in the north the storm, which broke on Thursday morning, caused considerable damage to property in various places. In Newcastle, County Down, a seaside town, it is described as the most intense experienced for half a century. The peaks of the Mourne mountains were illuminated by vivid flashes of lightning, and in many instances were bared of their foliage, and telegraph and telephone instruments put out of action. Similarly in England the storm was felt with exceptional severity. Lightning struck the spire of the tower of the Canadian Pavilion at Wembley, causing much damage to the structure, while in Leeds district falling telegraph and telegraph poles obstructed the traffic. Motorists had a lively and anxious time of it. In one instance a car, struck by a terrific flash of lightning, was hurled bodily off the road on to the grass, and the occupants of the vehicle escaped unhurt. The track of the storm found its way to or from Continental countries. In places where floods were responsible for

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

Child's Death.

An inquest was held at the County Infirmary, yesterday, by Mr J S McNeelce, City Coroner, into the circumstances connected with the death of Bridget O'Shea, aged seven years, of Cloughnadromin, Caheroonlish, who succumbed to injuries sustained on the 20th ult., by being knocked down by a motor car.

Superintendent Desmond, Newpallas, appeared for the authorities, and Mr P J O'Sullivan, solicitor, for the owner of the motor car, Mr T F Ryan, C.E.

Dr F W Kennedy stated the deceased was admitted to the County Infirmary at 2 p.m. on the 30th June, suffering from a wound in the back of the head, and fracture of the skull. Yesterday she became worse, and death was due to septic meningitis.

Bridget Bourke, of Cloughnadromin, Caheroonlish, deposed to being chatting on the road at Cloughnadromin, on the 30th ult., to Mrs O'Shea. Two of her children were on the road when a common car driven by Jerry Ryan came along, and as he was pulling up slowly the deceased jumped on the shaft and was swinging on it. A motor car coming from the direction of Limerick passed along and Mrs O'Shea called to the child to mind the motor. Another motor passed along immediately afterwards, and after Mrs O'Shea calling again to the little girl to mind the motor the deceased ran across the road, and was struck by Mr Ryan's car, which knocked her.

Answering Mr O'Sullivan, the witness said if the child had remained after the common car nothing would have happened.

Elizabeth O'Shea, mother, identified the body, and corroborated the evidence of the first witness. She added that Mr Ryan immediately went to Caheroonlish for a doctor, who bled and examined the child half an hour later. By his directions the little girl was taken to the County Infirmary.

Jeremiah Ryan, shopkeeper, Caheroonlish, stated on the date in question he was driving in a common cart to Limerick, and at Cloughnadromin he saw Mrs Bourke and Mrs O'Shea on the roadway. After going a distance from them he heard a woman calling, and looking round he saw the deceased stagger on the roadway, and the mother running towards her. Immediately before that a motor coming from Limerick direction passed him.

Thomas F. Ryan, C.F., Thomas-street, Limerick, stated that on the date in question he was driving to the Limerick Junction races, and was following a car belonging to Major O'Brien. When passing Mr Waters' gate, at Cloughnadromin, he saw two women and children on the roadside. As Major O'Brien's car passed them a common cart came along in the direction of Limerick, and one of the children ran behind the cart and hung on to the shaft. As witness was passing she ran from behind the cart across the road, and in swerving to avoid her, she was struck slightly by the front mudguard of the motor car. She fell backward on to the running board. Witness promptly stopped the car, took her into the cottage, and motored to Caheroonlish for Dr Corboy, who was not at home, but he left instructions for him to attend the deceased. On his way back in the evening witness called at Dr Corboy's and was told that the child had been sent to the County Infirmary.

The jury found that Bridget O'Shea died from the effects of injuries accidentally received.

CO. HEALTH

Salaries of Nursing

Mr M. Quinlan, Co.C., president of the County Limerick Health Board, presided at a meeting of the Board held at the County Home, Limerick, on Friday evening last. There were also present—Messrs C. O'Connell, Co.C.; D O'Malley, Co.C.; J B O'Connell, Co.C.; J J O'Donnell, Co.C.; J J Tobin, Co.C., and J D O'Connell, Co.C.

The official in attendance were Messrs Hassett, Secretary, and J Kinahan, County Home.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Health, Government, under date 3rd July, regarding the salaries of the Matron and Sisters Conway employed as nurses in the County Home, Newcastle West, and pointing out that the Board would not regard any arrangements for the increase of the county scheme as a permanent effect in view of the expense of the measures taken at the time. It was added that the Board should have the opportunity of fixing more reasonable salaries for these officers. In most other County Homes the salaries were paid salary of £130 less than that allowed to the Matron and Sisters Conway.

In connection with the above, the Home in a letter pointed out that the Matron and Sisters Conway each at a salary of £130 a year. At that time she informed the Board that she did not consider three nuns on the work efficiently, but the Board was an experimental measure to appoint a number of nuns if the number was insufficient appointments would be made.

It was pointed out that the fact that the number of patients in the County Home was in excess of what was provided for in the parent house at Limerick necessitated the appointment of additional sisters without remuneration. For the past few years the work had been performed by three of whom were on salaries set out were not sufficient for the County Home Convent, with the exception of the Mother Superior, Mary's, Limerick. On the application was made from her sister at the same salary as the Matron, but the Ministry objected to the request to the Health Board to provide an inadequate total salaries paid to the Convent could not exist with the Mother Superior, Limerick, and in order to support the request she asked that the Matron be retained, and one other sister be appointed. This was nothing unreasonable as the salaries paid in other County Homes were as follows: Roscommon, which had ten nuns, a matron at £91 a year, and a matron at £100 a year, and a cook at £100 a year, and sisters at £100 a year, and sisters with 12s 9d a week a each ration. The Very Rev Canon Lee, P.P., who attended, supported the request of the Matron, and added that it was not the duty of the County Home to be dependent on the parent house.

Mr Bourke proposed that the Board should accede to the letter of the Ministry of Health, and that the three at the existing salary of £130 a year