

when there are crowded assemblies. In former years the floor was propped on the occasion of the election of Mayor, when there was invariably a large number of the public present, but for some years past this precautionary measure has not been taken. On two occasions quite recently the Chamber was allowed to be taxed much beyond its normal seating capacity, involving risks to the audience; and that being the general feeling, would it not be much more advisable if the floor was either propped or the admission of the public regulated so as to prevent overcrowding, and, therefore, possible dangerous consequences.

DEATH OF MR JOHN SHANNON.

The death, which we announce with regret, took place rather unexpectedly at his residence, 43 Catherine-street, to-day, of Mr John Shannon, a well-known and respected citizen. The deceased gentleman was at his business yesterday, and not feeling too well, he rested later than usual this morning. Some time later his wife went to his bedroom to see him, and found him partly unconscious. She had a priest and doctor summoned, and after receiving the ministrations of his Church, Mr Shannon passed away shortly after mid-day. The deceased was all his life connected with mercantile business in the city, and for some years past was manager of Messrs James McMahon, Ltd, timber merchants, Alphonse street. He was a highly popular citizen, and a past President of the Shannon Rowing Club, in which he took a deep interest. In musical circles Mr Shannon held a prominent place, and his services were always at the disposal of every entertainment organised for the benefit of charity. He was a member of the Limerick Amateur Operatic Society, and in their productions he played leading parts and always with conspicuous success. He was also a member of the Cecilia Amateur Operatic Society, and last year took a prominent part in the "Gondoliers" produced by the society at the Lyric Hall. Socially Mr Shannon was the best of companions, cheerful and affable to a degree, and his demise will be learned with no ordinary sorrow in the city, and in many parts of the country where he was well known and highly respected.

The remains will be removed to St Michael's Catholic Church at 7 o'clock to-morrow (Friday) evening, and the funeral will leave on Saturday morning at the conclusion of Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock, for Mount St Laurence.

... for the full amount of their arrears, and had to pay same with costs, although the remainder of unpurchased tenants were only asked to pay one year's arrears, less 25 per cent. In most cases these people had to borrow the money to satisfy the Landlord's debt, thereby putting themselves in a position which, if things do not change from what they are, I am afraid they will not be able to extricate themselves from.

Having been in touch with the members of the Dail and Government during the passing of the Land Act I am sure that the men who framed it never intended this to happen and I hope that the case of the above tenants will be brought forward at the adjourned meeting on Wednesday next, and that the Government will try to relieve these unfortunate people from the position in which they are at present.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN SHRAHAN.
 Chairman of Co Limerick Unpurchased Tenants' Association.

THE POOR LAW COMMISSION.

The members of the Poor Law Commission will hold a sitting in the Boardroom of the City Home and Hospital on the 9th instant, when interesting evidence is likely to be forthcoming. The Corporation will be represented in evidence by the Committee of the City Home and Hospital, which objects to the present arrangement, whereby the city is liable for the entire administration and maintenance charges of the institution. Evidence will also be given by the County Board of Health and the Mental Hospital Committee.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge McElligott sat in the County Courthouse yesterday, and resumed the business listed for hearing which consisted of testamentary civil bills, which were of no public interest. His lordship will be engaged until Monday in the city, and on the following day he will sit at Rathkeale, where he will be occupied until the end of that week. He will then return to the city to finish the list, which will take until practically Xmas week.

P.Y.M.A. LITERARY CLASS.

Rev R S Dickey, M.A., will deliver a lecture entitled "The Peoples of India" to-morrow (Friday) night before the P.Y.M.A. Literary Class. The Rev. Lecturer will illustrate his remarks with a number of splendid lantern slides. Admission will be free, but there will be a collection to defray expenses.

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