

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

HILL CONVENT.

Attractive entertainments of the Laurel Hill day evening were greatly enjoyed by a large audience, which included the Most Rev. Dr. Keane, the parents and relatives of the students. The entertainments were given in the creation hall, and consisted of a comedy and a Japanese Princess Chrysanthemum. The children displayed a fine and exacting play, which in the fame of "Dentist and the Extractor," who is the play. This role was played by Miss K. Lehane, who kept the merriment at a high pitch, and ended with a dental surgeon after a dramatic effect, while the native language cast showed that this man's education has been given by the Community of the Holy Family. The other parts were played by Miss O'Dwyer, Eileen Hurley, Egan, Bridget Waters, Egan, Birdie Kennedy, Rita McMahon, and Rita McMahon. After a correct rendering of "Toy Town" by the choir, the choir ascended on the stage for the operetta arranged by the choir. The audience were given a pleasant impression of the operetta as an educational effort, the part it is playing of the character of the operetta was emphasised by the choir. The choir addressed the audience in the entertainment. The choir admirably sustained the high standard, while the choir music were rendered with clarity, and richness of the operetta was the choir, which were colourful. The final tableau was a display of stage effect, the choir being spectacular, pretty ensemble. Miss Lehane played a delightful princess, while the role of

CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

John Finneane, aged 70 years, collapsed in the Redemptorist Church on Tuesday night while attending the meeting of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family. He was only after taking his seat in a pew in one of the aisles when he was overcome, and died very shortly after being taken into the Confraternity room, and after receiving the last rites of the Church from one of the Fathers. The deceased, who lived in Mount St. Vincent Cottages, was an employee of Messrs J. Russell & Sons, flour millers. Death being due to natural causes, an inquest was not considered necessary.

COLLISION BETWEEN BUS AND CART.

This morning a collision occurred in O'Connell Avenue between a motor omnibus and a coal cart. At the time the omnibus was travelling citywards, and the cart cutting across the avenue from Wolfe Tone-street. The driver of the bus made a great effort to avoid a collision; but did not succeed, and John Kelly, the carter, was pitched from his seat and sustained contusion of the thighs and legs. He was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, and after being treated by the house surgeon, left for his home.

CHRISTMAS AND THE POOR.

At the meeting of the City Board of Health last night, Alderman P. O'Flynn directed attention to the remarks of Rev. Father McLoughlin, C.S.S.R., this week at the meeting of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, and which were the precept of the foundress of the Presentation Order of Nuns, "Be kind to the poor." In view of the near approach of Christmas he proposed that the allowances for home assistance be on this occasion increased by 50 per cent. The motion was unanimously passed, and arrangements were also made for entertainments for the inmates of the Home and Hospital during the Christmas holidays.

CORPORATION COMMITTEES.

The weekly meeting of the Corporation Committees was not held last night, consequent on it being Christmas week. There will be a meeting of the Electric Lighting Committee on next Wednesday night.

IRISH LIGHTS STEAMER.

The Irish Lights boat, the "Alexandra," which has been on a tour of inspection along the coast, arrived in Limerick last night, and will remain in dock over the holidays.

FASHIONABLE ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced between John Barrington, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, only son of the late Mr John Beatty Barrington, and Mrs Barrington, of Limerick, and Joan Mary, eldest daughter of Mr W. B. Jameson, and Mrs Jameson, of the Roundel, Wittersham, Kent.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr J. McCormack, Chairman, presided at the meeting of the County Limerick Agricultural Committee yesterday. There were also present—Messrs D. J. Madden, Co.C.; J. Blackwell, Co.C.; J. J. O'Donnell, Co.C.; J. Quaid, Co.C.; G. D. O'Sullivan, Co.C.; M. Cahill, Co.C.; M. Quinlan, Co.C.; J. Barry, Co.C.; J. Carroll, and M. Hanrahan, Co.C., with T. A. Hartigan, Secretary.

SUGGESTED TARIFFS.

A letter enclosing copy of resolution was read from the Monaghan County Council stating representation should be made to the Tariff Commission as to the feasibility of putting some form of protective tariffs on the imports of foreign bacon, pork, meat, and butter.

The resolution was adopted, it being pointed out by the Chairman that the Committee had already passed a resolution in favour of a tariff on foreign bacon.

CATTLE AND SWINE BREEDING SCHEMES.

The Secretary stated that with regard to the premium to bulls under the Cattle Breeding Scheme there would be a sum of £201 in excess, available for the purpose, and this question would come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee. Under the Swine Breeding Scheme there would be a surplus available, and in that connection the bacon curing firms had given a subsidy.

It was decided to defer the allocation of the premiums to the next meeting.

SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING EXAMINATIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Education relative to the examination recently held in the Municipal Technical Institute for an Instructor of Shorthand and Typewriting in connection with the Commercial Classes to be set up under the county scheme of technical education. Three candidates submitted themselves for examination—namely, Miss Shelly (who, however, withdrew), Miss O'Callaghan, and Miss Larkin. As a result of the examination, Miss O'Callaghan obtained 79 marks in shorthand and 78 in typewriting, while Miss Larkin's marks were 58 in shorthand and 38 in typewriting. In the circumstances, the Department regretted being unable to sanction the appointment of Miss Larkin, but would approve the appointment of Miss O'Callaghan, at a salary of £120 a year, plus the cost of living bonus.

Mr Madden asked if the report of the examination or what transpired at the examination was quite accurate.