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THE COUNTY INFIRMARY.

Foremost amongst local topics is the attitude of the Ministry of Local Government with regard to the County Infirmary. As has already been stated in these columns its proposal is, as a sequel to the recommendations of the Poor Law Commission, to abolish the Committee of Management of the Infirmary, and "relieve the County Council of their financial obligations" in connection therewith. The County Council do not wish to be "relieved"; they fully recognise the advantages of the Institution to labourers and farmers, who, as patients in the Infirmary have the benefits of the best medical and nursing skill at quite a moderate cost. And as one of the members pointed out at the meeting of the County body last week, if the Ministry should carry out its proposal to abolish the hospital it would only mean that further extensions would have to be carried out in the County Hospital at Croom in order to provide for patients who would otherwise have been treated at the County Infirmary. Where, then, does economy in? For we must assume that this is the motive of the proposed abolition. The county is providing but £1,495 annually towards the upkeep of the institution, plus any deficit in its working, and the County Council are evidently quite satisfied that they are receiving good value for the money, all the more so as the hospital revenue is supplemented by the generosity of private citizens, and also by fetes, which have been held from time to time, such as was the case last year. The County Infirmary is performing an excellent

SAD CITY FATAL ACCIDENT.

Organist Fatally Injured.

Mr John Fallon, aged 50 years, unmarried, a native of Waterford, died in Barrington's Hospital last night as a result of injuries sustained last Wednesday evening by accidentally falling from the roof of his house No 8 Barrington Street. In addition to serious internal injuries he had a fracture of one of his legs and arms, and little hope had been entertained of his recovery.

Mr Fallon, who was a musician of high repute, came to Limerick last Summer from Sligo on his appointment as organist of St. John's Cathedral. His tragic death is deeply regretted in the city, and sympathy is extended to his relatives in their sorrow.

An inquest was opened to-day by Mr J. S. McNiece, City Coroner, without a jury, and adjourned till Monday, after evidence of identification was given by Mr P. Kelly, a resident of the house in which Mr Fallon resided.

Funeral arrangements appear in another column.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

Hobbies Exhibition.

On Thursday last the Church Lads' Brigade exhibition of hobbies was held at the L.P.Y.M.A. The exhibition is organised annually by the officers, with the very desirable object of encouraging the lads to interest themselves in definite hobbies, and the success achieved was very creditably shown on Thursday.

Mrs F. W. Kennedy, in opening the exhibition, expressed her great pleasure at finding so much industry and ingenuity reflected in the excellence of the very many and varied exhibits. She complimented the lads and their officers on the success of the Limerick Company, and in particular for their frequent efforts in the cause of charity.

The exhibits included a large number of meccano and other models, many of which worked effectively; a number of pieces of beautiful fretwork, as well as collections of stamps, coins, postcards, cigarette cards, curios, and natural history collections. Of special interest was a collection of photographs of the C.L.B. in Limerick taken at various dates from 1896 to the present time.

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