

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS

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THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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A PLEASING FUNCTION.

The presentation of white gloves to a Judge is, as everyone knows, emblematic of peace and order in the community where he exercises his judicial functions. In Limerick, in the past, these ceremonials were not of uncommon occurrence, and to-day the city once again proves true to its traditions, from the point of view of immunity from serious crime. Minor offences there will be from time to time in a populous centre such as ours, but anything of a serious nature is conspicuous by its absence. We may, therefore, well feel proud of the fact that at the opening of the City Circuit Court last Tuesday, there was not a single criminal case for trial, and so the Sheriff had the pleasing duty of presenting white gloves to the learned judge. When everything is taken into account this outstanding position is highly gratifying. It can be ascribed to various causes, as Judge McElligott pointed out in his address. First of all, as he so well and truly said to "the innate virtue and goodness of the citizens of all classes." Next, to the excellent and abiding work performed by the various Confraternities and Societies of the city, and by the other religious communions, who, as he added, are earnestly working in promoting peace and harmony. Immunity from crime is all the more creditable when we bear in mind the "appalling conditions of poverty and housing" under which many people are obliged to live in this city, and yet there is, as his lordship says, "practically no criminal class." We earnestly hope, with him, that the city's

BROTHERS' FATAL QUARREL.

Tragedy Near Oola.

Last evening Sergeant Ward arrested Patrick Quilligan on a charge of murdering his brother, Michael Quilligan, at Ballyfreen, a mile from the village of Oola, Co. Limerick, on Tuesday night. The deceased man, who was forty-five years of age, belonged to the tinker class, and was a native of Rathkeale. Both were drinking together in Oola at 10 o'clock p.m., and then left for Ballyfreen, where they took shelter in a cattle hut belonging to a farmer. It is stated they had an altercation, and fought outside the hut. It is alleged an iron poker was used. Being badly worsted in the fight, it is stated that Michael was dragged into the hut in a dying condition, and died in a few hours.

Yesterday morning the accused walked into the Civic Guard Station and informed Guard Lynch that his brother had died at Ballyfreen during the night. He was detained for inquiries, and Guards Curran and O'Rourke repaired to Ballyfreen, where they found the body of Michael Quilligan lying on the ground. It bore unmistakable signs of maltreatment. The head was badly smashed in, the forehead being virtually split open.

Information of the tragedy was sent to Limerick, and during the day Chief Supt. Burke, with Inspector Chambers, Detective Sergeant Mulroy and Detective Guard Renny drove to the scene of the alleged murder and instituted inquiries.

After being arrested and charged and cautioned, the accused made a statement to the effect that himself and his brother had a row, and that his brother had succumbed

The Inquest.

Dr M. R. Clery and a jury opened an inquest at Oola last evening. Inspector Chambers conducted the inquiry. Evidence of identification was given by Patrick Quilligan, Taylor's Row, Limerick, nephew of the deceased man.

Dr John Clery, Kilmallock, who held a post mortem examination, stated deceased had an incised wound an inch and a half long near the right eye, a similar wound in frontal region, a lacerated wound above the nose, and a long punctured wound terminating in a fracture of the skull. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage, due to these injuries.

The proceedings were adjourned pending the criminal charge against Patrick Quilligan.

Accused Remanded.

Patrick Quilligan, brother of the deceased, was remanded this morning at Oola in custody by Mr M. Hayes, Peace Commissioner.

LIMERICK CIRCUIT COURT.

County Criminal Cases.

Judge McElligott, K.C., resumed Hilary sittings of Limerick Circuit 11 o'clock this morning with the criminal cases.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

James Dillane, Shanagolden, guilty to attempted suicide on 21 September.

Mr J. J. Power, State Solicitor, present in this and other criminal charges.

Mr M. Tynan, solicitor for the accused, stated he bore a very good character was very much attached to his mother before this unfortunate occurrence up several nights in succession while she was ill. He had been drunk for sometime, and which was the cause of his present position.

Dr Agnes J. Nolan stated the accused was a decent man, and had been in custody about six months.

The Judge—What would you do with him?

The Witness—I would let him go.

Will you, asked the judge, go with him, and the witness promptly replied she would.

His Lordship—Very well, I will give your bail of £10 that he keeps the peace for two years.

The accused was then discharged.

CHARGE OF LARCENY.

A youth named John O'Shaughnessy from the Manister district, was indicted pleaded not guilty to the larceny of a donation box containing 23s. from the Catholic Church on the 13th October.

The evidence for the prosecution was given on the date in question the witness in charge of the church, Mary O'Shaughnessy, left the sacred edifice at 3.30 p.m. at the time the collection box was in its position near the entrance door.

She returned twenty minutes later the box was gone, and after a search she removed thirty feet away at the police station. Mrs Kate Aherne, a worshipper at the church, stated she saw the accused walk quickly down by the side of the edifice. Subsequently she found the collection box was removed from its customary position.

In his evidence the Rev. John O'Shaughnessy, Manister, stated that the box contained about 26s.

Evidence of arrest was given by Sergeant Gallagher, who stated that when the accused denied that he was in the church that day.

District Justice C. J. Kenny