

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's Chronicle, should be ready to let us have them on Friday, where at possible. Other than 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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AN OBSOLETE SYSTEM.

The case attempted to be made against the Commissioner system in civic administration at Thursday night's meeting of Limerick Borough Council was extremely feeble and the arguments advanced will not succeed in convincing public opinion on the subject. The ex-Mayor, Councilor Keegan, the chief advocate for the rescission of the resolution to dissolve the Corporation and replace it with a Commissioner, exhibited a lack of the conditions appertaining to the modern methods of local government in pleading for the retention of a system that is admittedly faulty and obsolete. He was, however, able to convince the majority of the Council that under the present regime "there is nothing wrong with Limerick," presumably the Corporation, and consequently no change is either desirable or essential. This is the dictum that the citizens are invited to accept, and the only cure for our present municipal ills would appear to be in a general revaluation of the city, according to the protagonists of the existing method of running the civic machine. In their minds the views of the Chamber of Commerce and Ratepayers' Society count for little in the matter of local government. The members who comprise these bodies apparently have only one function—to foot the municipal bill and remain silent. There must be no criticism of the civic affairs, even though the rates soar to 30s in the pound. That is a position which will not be taken with equanimity, and must be challenged at the risk of offending the tender susceptibilities of those who have failed to learn the lesson of the Commissioner system in other cities in the Saorstát. Judging from Thursday night's proceedings nothing constructive or helpful can emanate from the Ratepayers Society, whose sole desire, it would seem, is to blast the Corporation out of existence. That is a rather puerile argument to advance, one that will find few adherents. The Corporation, it is generally conceded, as at present constituted, has ceased to be an effective instrument of efficient and economical administration, and when a change takes place it will be welcomed by the citizens. That change is overdue, and if self-effacement is a disagreeable pill to swallow, the alternative of being forced out by legislation is not less humiliating. Until the Minister gives Limerick an Act similar to Cork or Dublin, the citizens must be content with the present administration, the majority of whom cannot visualise the needs for a change in an effete method of

REV. W. FENTON'S DEATH.

Evidence at the Inquest.

Dr J. P. Brennan, Coroner for South County Dublin, sitting with a jury; held an inquest at Monkstown Hospital on Thursday concerning the death of the Rev. William Fenton, P.P., Athes, County Limerick, who sustained fatal injuries on Wednesday evening, as the result of being knocked down by a tramcar at Williamstown, County Dublin.

Station-Sergeant Breslin represented the Civic Guards, and Mr Gerald Byrne, solicitor, appeared for Thomas Daly, the driver of the tramcar.

The Very Rev. Dr. Leen, C.S.Sp., the President, Blackrock College, identified the body, and said he saw Father Fenton the previous evening. His age was about 67 years.

Daniel Breen, 10, Fleming's place, Meapil road, said he was driving a commercial van at Williamstown at 4 p.m. on Wednesday towards Blackrock. At Williamstown he saw a private car and a tramcar stationary between the college gates and Keegan's publichouse. He saw the clergyman step off the tram and cross the road towards the college. Just as he was about to make a run across the road another tramcar, going towards the city, struck the clergyman. Witness signalled to Mr. Keegan, who brought over his car, and took the clergyman to hospital. The driver of the tramcar pulled up his car within its own length after striking the clergyman.

The Coroner asked the driver of the tramcar sounded his gong, and the witness replied that he could not say.

In reply to Mr. Byrne the witness said that the clergyman, after stepping off the tram, walked close behind it, and made as if to "dash" across the road. The right side of the tram struck the clergyman.

William H. Tennant, Rathgar, stated that he saw the clergyman get off the tram and pass behind it. He seemed to be "rushing" across the road. Another tramcar was coming from the opposite direction, and the clergyman went straight into it. He was carrying his coat and appeared to have seen the approaching tram, but was unable to get back. He was evidently in a hurry, and got excited when he saw the tram approaching. The driver of the tram did his best to pull up. He could not say if the gong was sounded.

The Coroner said that he understood that the driver of the tramcar had been arrested, but as he had not yet been brought before a Justice, he proposed to finish the inquest that day.

Dr. E. C. Hicks, Monkstown Hospital, said that in his opinion death was due to shock and heart failure. The heart was not in a good condition, and the fact that the ribs were fractured would have accelerated death.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

The Driver Remanded.

Thomas Daly, driver of the tramcar, was charged at Kingstown District Court, before Mr Cussen, Senior Justice, later in the day with causing the death of the Rev. William Fenton. Mr Gerald Byrne, solicitor, defended.

Station Sergeant Breslin gave evidence to the effect that, after being cautioned, Daly stated that he was driving tramcar No. 313 along the road at Williamstown at about seven miles an hour. When between the gates of Blackrock College and Keegan's public-house he saw another tramcar and a private car stationary on his right. He sounded his gong when he was near the other tramcar. The clergyman came out from behind the other tramcar and was struck by the right step of his car and knocked down. He pulled up within the length of his tramcar and helped to put the clergyman into Mr Keegan's motor car. He could not have avoided the accident.

Daly was remanded on bail to Wednesday in the Dublin District Court.

The Funeral.

The funeral obsequies took place yesterday in the Parochial Church, Athes, where the remains arrived on Thursday night by motor hearse. The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Donnell, P.P., V.G., Rathkeale, presided at the Office and Requiem High Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. D. Fitzpatrick, C.C., Adare; deacon, the Rev. M. Fitzpatrick, C.C. St. Michael's, Limerick; sub-deacon, the Rev. P. O'Callaghan, O.G., Foynes. There was a large number of clergy in the choir. The interment took place at the church grounds.

FUNERAL OF MR J. C. GRIFFIN

The remains of the late Mr James G. Griffin, Newenham street, and for many years a trusted

HORSE SHOW CONCLUDES.

The Attendance Figures.

The Aga Khan's Trophy. Brilliant sunshine favoured the concluding day of the Royal Dublin Society's Horse Show, and the attendance at 38,237 showed a considerable increase on last year's figure. The attendance for the four days at 99,840 was the second largest in the history of the Show.

The general opinion was clearly that the magnificent array of exhibits in the various sections constituted the finest exhibition yet presented by the Society, and it is accordingly gratifying that the Show should have proved so successful.

The Jumping Enclosure was filled to capacity for yesterday's events, chief of which was the International Military Competition for the Aga Khan's Trophy. Switzerland won this coveted event, and it is worthy of note that the winning horses were Irish-bred.

The Consolation Jumping Competition was won by Captain O'Dwyer's Corriin. Large numbers again visited the Industrial Hall, where the various exhibits continued to attract much attention.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; Matins.—ProceSSIONAL HYMN, 394; Venite, Dyce in F (163); Psalm 77, Staak in F (681); Te Deum, 5th Set (Byrne, &c.); Jubilate, Kewlay in D (40); Anthem, Solo, Mrs. Metcalfe, "O Love Divine"; Introit: Kyrie-Credo, Tours in F; Hymn, 416; Preacher, Rev. J. G. Russell, B.A. Evensong, 3.30.—Psalm 42, Wesley in G (280); Service, Gadsby in D; Anthem, "The Radiant Morn" (Woodward); Hymns, 496, 39; Preacher, the Dean.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 6.30. Preacher, the Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30; Evening Prayer at 6.30. Preacher, the Archdeacon.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer at 10.30; Preacher, the Archdeacon. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, Rev. J. G. Russell, B.A.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer, 10.45; Evening Prayer, 6.30.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parson).—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer, 12 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (Newport).—12.30 p.m., Litany and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer. Preacher, the Rector.

KILLOSULLY CHURCH.—10.45 a.m., Morning Prayer. Preacher, the Rector.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street)—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30.

METHODIST CHURCH (O'Connell-st.).—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. J. Mathers, B.A.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Sunday Services: Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30; Preacher, Pastor J. W. Pearce. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting; Friday, 8 p.m., Sisters' Prayer Meeting.

MALLOW STREET HALL.—Lord's Day—Morning, 11.30; Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.; Gospel Meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday—Bible Reading, 8 p.m.

FRANKIE'S MEETING HOUSE (Cool-st.).—Sunday, 11 a.m.

COOL STREET HALL (36 Cool-street)—Sunday School 3 o'clock; Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m., Monday—Bible Reading, 8 p.m. Wednesday—Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

FREE STATE EXCHEQUER RETURNS

Total revenue into the Free State Exchequer from April 1 to Saturday last was £7,892,322, as compared with £7,570,888 in the corresponding period last year, and the expenditure was £8,279,943, against £8,079,240. Total receipts were £18,973,322 (which includes £8,055,000 from the Third National Loan), against £8,555,188, and the total issues were £11,934,216, against £9,051,845.

LADY TEACHER KILLED ON ROAD.

Mrs. Nolan (55), N.T., Ballinagh, County Cavan, was coming out of Bundoran P.O. when she was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor car. She was attended by Dr. Gordon, Ballyshannon, and Rev. Eugene Coyle, Garrison, but died in five minutes. She was on holidays at Bundoran; She was a cousin of the Bishop of Kilmore.

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