

**CATHOLIC INSTITUTE MUSICAL SOCIETY.**

Catholic Institute Musical Society be heartily congratulated on the successful entertainment they are providing each week in the Lecture Hall of the Institute, and which is nightly attracting a large audience. The programme consists of a variety of musical scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan's ever-popular and brilliant operas, "The Gondoliers," "The Pirates of Penzance," and "Iolanthe," by Jury." This is preceded by a scene from the ever-green "Lily of the Valley." In both a treat of rare merit and variety. The castes have been carefully selected, and, as the saying is, each fits his part like a glove, and the dresses and settings give the finishing touch to the performances, which have evoked the most plaudits and numerous encores. Solo singing is excellent, and the work in the "Trial" is full and interesting.

Orchestration in both productions also deserves the highest praise. Mr J. F. O'Connell, who has appeared in many operas, as producer and coach, Mr Joseph O'Connell is the musical director, and Mr A. O'Connell stage manager, all of whom are to be heartily congratulated on the able manner in which they discharge their respective duties. While Mr J. P. White is a most efficient hon. secretary.

Everyone listened with great pleasure to the beautiful selections from "The Lily of the Valley," so full of pathos and expression. The variety of the soil. These include "The Gondoliers," "I'm Alone," "Eily Maheen," and the chorus at the close. The principal personae is—Hardress Cregan (Mr O'Connell), Danny Mann (Mr John Cahill), Tom (Mr J. O'Donnell), Myles (Mr O'Connell), Mrs Cregan (Miss M. Godfrey), (Miss M. O'Mahony), the Colleen (taken alternately by Miss K. Anglim and Miss P. Kennedy).

"The Trial by Jury," which has not been seen in Limerick for eight years, has during the few nights aroused the risible faculties of the audience to the full, and certain it is could have had more of the opera were possible. It's extravagant and brilliant variety, especially the antics of "The Judge" caused laughter loud and long, and the beautiful melodies and the and tuneful choruses were listened to with pleasure and admiration. The caste, does full justice to the production, is as follows—The Judge (Mr J. Cahill and Mr O'Doherty, who assume the role alternately); The Defendant (Mr M. O'Connell); Counsel (Mr M. Malone and Mr O'Connell, on different nights); Usher (Mr O'Donnell and Mr M. O'Sullivan, alternately); Foreman of the Jury (Mr T. Purcell); Bride (Miss B. Kelly and Miss J. O'Connell, alternately), and the Bridesmaids (the Misses N. Anderson, T. O'Connell, M. O'Carroll, and B. O'Mahony). A very picturesque production, and nothing in attention to detail.

Who desire to spend a most enjoyable evening should not fail to see "Trial by Jury" and "The Lily of Killarney" for the following nights at their disposal.

**SERVICEMAN'S DEATH.**

**Croom Inquest.**

On Tuesday—Coroner Cleary held an inquest at Croom into the circumstances of the death of Michael Fitzgerald, an ex-serviceman, aged 38, who died suddenly during the early hours of Monday.

Mr M. Steers, Maigue View Terrace, Croom, identified the remains and the evidence of deceased staying at her residence since his discharge from the army, during the Great War. Deceased retired, on the previous night in his usual health, and when witness knocked at the door of his room on that morning, there was no response. On entering, witness found deceased dead in bed, as if he had died while sleeping. He had served in the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, during the Great War and received several wounds in the abdomen, for which he was treated subsequently in a hospital, where he made a complete recovery.

**OBITUARY.**

**Rev. Father Carroll, Adm.**

By the death of the Rev. James Carroll, Adm., St. John's Cathedral, which we regret to record, and which took place at the residence of his father, Mr John Carroll, Ballinanima House, Effin, Kilfinane, on Christmas Day, the Diocese of Limerick loses a prominent and highly respected clergyman. Father Carroll, who was in his fiftieth year, was educated in St. Munchin's Diocesan Seminary, and then went to Maynooth, where, after a distinguished scholastic career, he was ordained in 1902. After a term in the Dunboyne establishment, he returned to the diocese on receiving an appointment on the professorial staff of St. Munchin's College. He was subsequently appointed to a curacy in St. John's, and some fifteen months ago, on the translation of the Rev. Fr. MacNamara to the pastoral charge of Patrickswell, he was made Administrator of the Cathedral Parish. Early this year Fr. Carroll's health became impaired, and he was removed to St. John's Hospital, where he remained for sometime. Thinking that he would benefit by a change he was taken to his home, but the hoped for results not accruing he gradually became worse, and he passed away peacefully, as stated, on Christmas Day. Fr. Carroll was a zealous and exemplary priest, who took a deep interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parishioners of St. John's. He took a keen interest in political affairs since the signing of the Treaty, and was for some years Chairman of the City Central Branch of Cumann na nGaedheal, in which capacity his advice was always helpful and encouraging.

The funeral obsequies took place yesterday in Effin church amid manifestations of deep regret and sympathy. At 11 o'clock, Office and Requiem High Mass, at which the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, presided, was sung. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. Rice, C.C., St. John's; deacon, Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C., do.; sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. O'Grady, C.C., do., and master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. Brassill, C.C., do. The chanters were Rev. Fr. Thornhill, P.P., Mungret, and Rev. Fr. Harty, Adm., St. Michael's, Limerick. There were over one hundred clergy, who included members of the Diocesan Chapter, in the choir.

Amongst the crowded congregation were—Mr W. T. Cosgrave, T.D., ex-President of the Executive Council; the Mayor of Limerick (Ald. P. J. Donnellan) and the Mayoress; Mr G. C. Bennett, T.D.; Alderman J. Reidy, T.D.; Colonel Liam Hayes, Dr D. L. Kelly, Inspector Mental Hospitals, and other representative citizens.

The interment took place in the family burial place, Effin, the Bishop officiating at the grave.

**Mr. W. J. Holmes, C.E.**

The death, which we regretfully announce, took place somewhat unexpectedly at his residence, Fairy Hill, Parteen, on Christmas Day, of Mr William J. Holmes, C.E., at a comparatively early age. The deceased was youngest son of the late Mr Robert Holmes, Athlunkard, and brother of Mr R. Holmes, Athlunkard, and of Dr. P. Holmes, Killaloe. He was for many years a deputy surveyor to the Clare County Council, and a member of the Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators. In the discharge of his official duties he displayed initiative and ability, which won for him the confidence and respect of his employers, and his demise has been learned with deep sorrow in Clare and Limerick, where he was very popular. In social circles Mr Holmes was a welcome companion for his cheery outlook and kindly disposition. His untimely death is a heavy blow to his widow and relatives, with whom sincere sympathy is felt in their bereavement.

The funeral, which took place on Tuesday from Parteen Church, after Requiem High Mass, to the family vault in Parteen Cemetery, was one of the largest seen in the district for a number of years.

R. v. Father Moloney, P.P., Parteen, who was assisted by a number of other priests, officiated at the graveside.

**BY WIRE AND PHONE**

**TO-DAY'S NEWS**

**ROSCOMMON MURDER.**

**Execution in Dublin To-day.**

Patrick McDermott, a young farmer, was executed in Mountjoy Prison, Dublin, to-day, for the murder of his brother John by shooting him outside their home at Rosmoylan, County Roscommon, on September 3. Pierpont, the English executioner, carried out the sentence.

About a hundred people knelt outside the prison, and recited the rosary as 8 o'clock approached.

After reading the execution notice the crowd dispersed.

The condemned man spent the night in prayer, and walked steadily to the scaffold.

It was learned that McDermott ate a good breakfast, and walked steadily to the scaffold. The prison bell was not rung.

The condemned man was attended to by the Prison Chaplain, Very Rev. Canon McMahon, Clonliffe College, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Dempsey.

**LABOUR PARTY AND CIVIL SERVICE CUTS.**

**If Persisted In.**

**Will Vote Government Out of Office?**

A Dublin message says—It is freely accepted that if the Free State Government persists in its decision to cut the Civil Service cost of living allowance, the Labour Party, which holds the balance of power in the Dail, will vote the Government out of office at the first opportunity.

**THE BIRMINGHAM FIRE DISASTER.**

**Inquest on Six Children.**

The inquest on the six children who lost their lives in a fire at their home in Birmingham on Christmas Eve, opened to-day and was adjourned until January 12th.

Evidence was given that there were only two rooms in the house, and at times eleven people had lived there.

**MR TOM MANN.**

**Labour Leader's Efforts to Obtain Release.**

Mr George Lansbury, Leader of the Labour Party, told a Press Association reporter to-day that it was almost certain he would travel to Lissiemouth to-night with a deputation with the object of seeing the Prime Minister in an effort to obtain the release of Mr Tom Mann.

**A 1925 INCIDENT.**

**A Prince's Escape from Mental Home.**

**Former Attendant Fined.**

William Pilbeam, a former attendant at a mental home at Ticehurst, Sussex, who was charged on remand at Hastings to-day with complicity in the escape from the home

**STOP PRESS NEWS.**

**LIMERICK FACTORY FATALITY.**

Mr J. S. McNeice, solr., Deputy Coroner, and a jury, resumed the inquest at the County Infirmary this evening into the circumstances under which Edmond Roche, aged 20, met his death on the 21st inst. at Garryowen Bacon Factory where he was employed as a junior clerk.

The evidence went to show that the deceased, with another official, Mr Joseph Calender, was engaged on the day of the accident superintending the loading of goods for the railway station down a skid. When Mr Calender left the platform for a few minutes he heard a thud and returning saw that Mr Roche had fallen from the skid to the ground. When picked up he was badly injured and died next morning in the County Infirmary. It was not the duty of anybody to get on to the skid, and there was a notice to that effect on the platform from where the goods were discharged.

The jury returned a verdict of death from shock and hæmorrhage as the result of injuries received in the discharge of deceased's duty. They were of opinion that somebody should be in charge of the skid, and recommended the parents to the kind consideration of Messrs. Shaw and Sons.

**SPORTING.**

**CHELTENHAM MEETING.**

**WINCHCOMBE 'CHASE**

Ballyspinner (15 to 8) ... 1  
Melrush (15 to 8) ... 2  
Rosecomb (7 to 2) ... 3  
Also ran—Growler and Spanish Thorn.

**TETBURY HURDLE**

Chips (7 to 2) ... 1  
Prince Grosvenor (100 to 6) ... 2  
Norman Invader (7 to 1) ... 3  
Also ran—Rattlin the Reefer, The Tyke, The Undiscovered, Lord Pnttenden, Essex Beacon, Squarcia, Sky Writer, Wild Thyme Pard, Don't Like Him, Cleadsmore.

**STAYERS 'CHASE**

Society (100 to 7) ... 1  
The Ace (8 to 1) ... 2  
Vinicole (6 to 1) ... 3  
Also ran—Wreatham, Egremont, Swan of Avon, Rock Hill II, Snob, Dream of Fortune.

**ROSS H'CAP HURDLE**

Caldey Light (11 to 8) ... 1  
Lion Corrage (9 to 2) ... 2  
Longmynd Lad (10 to 1) ... 3  
Also ran—Magic Moon, Loughbrown, Prince Noir, Back Isle, The Urchin.

**LECKHAMPTON 'CHASE**

Lady Clarion (100 to 7) ... 1  
Delaferme (3 to 1) ... 2  
Wadi Halfa (100 to 7) ... 3  
Also ran—Faithful Garry, Yellow Oriel, Reynoldstown, Vive L'Amour, General Crack, Silver Vic, Bill Shakespeare.  
Won by 5 lengths; bad.

**FAIRFORD HURDLE.**

Captain Ginger (20 to 1) ... 1  
Jawbreaker (5 to 1) ... 2  
D'Eyncourt (20 to 1) ... 3  
Also ran—Briscoe, Decorum, Batt of Traf, Gay Amour, Black Grape, Man of Property, Black Jake, T.D., Santick, Lady Mede, Pompee. Won by a length; 4.

**HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.**

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS