

CHRISTMAS IN LIMERICK

Christmastide has come and gone, and pleasurable recollections will be associated with it. Christmas Day was, as usual, observed with all reverence and praise and thanksgiving. The Services in the city churches were attended by crowded congregations. At St. Mary's Cathedral the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. White, preached at Matins, and at Evensong selections from "The Messiah" were rendered by an augmented choir, with organ and strings accompaniment. Mr F. Muspratt presided at the organ. Holy Communion was celebrated in all the churches at 8 a.m. and at the ordinary morning services.

In the Catholic churches there were the customary Christmas ceremonies. In all the churches Mass was celebrated from an early hour on to noon, when there was High Mass, followed in the evening by Benediction. At St. John's Cathedral the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, presided at the High Mass.

A very pleasing function took place in St. John's Pavilion on Christmas Day, when some three hundred and fifty homeless men were entertained at a sumptuous repast, which was followed by a vocal and instrumental entertainment. The Most Rev. Dr. Keane and the Mayor were present, and wished the guests the compliments of the season. A number of gentlemen acted as stewards and carried out the arrangements most satisfactorily. The entertainment was provided by subscriptions and gifts in kind from the traders and other citizens as the result of an appeal which had been issued by the Mayor.

Christmas Day was, as usual, observed in the usual bright and happy manner in the city hospitals.

From a weather point of view holiday-makers were very lucky. It was fine and dry (excepting St. Stephen's night, when rain fell heavily), and on Monday the chief fixture was the Greenpark meeting, which attracted a great concourse from far and near. Both stands were crowded, and capital sport was enjoyed. Fields throughout were unusually large, and backers were for the most part on the mark, all the winners being well fancied candidates.

The Limerick Harriers Hunt dance at the Lyric on St. Stephen's night was a great social attraction, and proved a brilliant success. The P.Y.M.A. held a very enjoyable dance in the lecture hall on Tuesday night.

The holidays extended into Wednesday, and we were back to the normal on Thursday morning with a general resumption of business in the city.

Christmas Traffic in G.P.O., Limerick.

The traffic in the General Post Office, Limerick, during the Christmas season, on the whole, held its own with that of previous years. Parcels exchanged between the Irish Free State and Great Britain showed a shrinkage, due to Customs restrictions; but to balance this there was a considerable increase in interpal (Irish Free State) parcels. The increase was noticed to consist principally in turkeys, geese, hams, and other edibles. The pressure on the letter section began somewhat later than usual, and from Thursday to Saturday preceding Christmas Day the pressure was extreme. The local postings on Christmas Eve represented a record.

The electrical meter, which passes approximately 65 per cent. of letters posted in the city, indicated that during Christmas week the traffic handled approximated to 400,000 items.

The American mails were not as bulky as in former years, and were received somewhat later than is usual. A large American mail came to hand on Christmas Eve and was promptly disposed of so as to fall into

FUNERAL OF 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 second son of the late Mr John Holmes, Athlunkard, and brother of Mr R. Holmes, Athlunkard, Dr. P. J. Holmes, Killaloe, and the late Dr. John Holmes, Scariff. 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 everyone, 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 at Kilquane Cemetery, was one of the largest seen in the district for a number of years.

The clergy present were—Celebrant, Rev. Fr. Culhane, C.C., Parteen; deacon, Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C., St. Michael's; sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Jerome, O.F.M. In the choir—Rev. Fr. Rice, C.C., St. John's; Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Brassill, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Murray, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Corbett, S.J. (cousin); Rev. Fr. Enright, C.C.

The chief mourners were—Mrs M. Holmes (widow); Mr Robert Holmes, Dr. P. J. Holmes (brothers); Mr Jack Holmes (nephew); Mrs Lily Crowe, Misses Aida and Annette Holmes (nieces); Mr Jim Ryan and Mr Maurice Ryan (brothers-in-law); Mrs K. Holmes and Mrs L. Tighe (sisters-in-law); Rev. Fr. Corbett, S.J., Mr Ernest Corbett, Mr P. Burke, Mr J. Burke and Miss Betty Burke (Woodfield), Mr P. Frost (Rossroe), Mr James Dundon, Miss Eileen Dundon (Crecora), Mr F. Burke, Miss Nancy Burke (Barane), Dr. John Holmes, Mr R. Holmes, Mr and Mrs Gleeson (Shalee), Mr P. White (Tulla), Mr Tighe (Athenry), Mr Geo. McDonnell, Miss Daisy McDonnell, Mr Jack Burke, Mr Mal. Burke, Mr Jack Crowe, Mr Tom Coffey, Mr and Mrs Tim Clune, Mr P. Hedderman, Mr P. Gubbins (Nenagh), Mr and Mrs Wm. Cullen, Miss Agnes Cullen, Mrs Heffernan, Mr Robert Ryan, Mr Jos. Carroll, Dr M. Graham, Mr Denzie Ryan, Mr P. Graham, Mr Ml. Graham (relatives).

It would be impossible to give a full list of the general public. Amongst those present were—Mr J. Dundon, solr.; Dr W. Dundon, Mr P. Carroll, V.S.; Mr M. Tynan, solr.; Dr. James Brennan, Patrickswell; Dr Frank Brennan, Quin; Dr Jos. Humphreys, Dr P. Lane, Mr Wm. Peacocke, Mr Jos. Burke, Mr Stephen Tubridy, Mr Morrison, Ulster Bank; Captain Place, Mr J. E. Chamney (Architect), Dr Tom O'Connor, Scariff; Mr Sparling, Scariff; Mr Tom Lane, Mr Ml. Madden, Mr P. Madden, Mr Ed. Mitchell, Mr Geo. Ross, Mr J. Browne, Mr Geo. Gleeson, Mr John Gleeson, Mr Sol. Frost, Mr L. DeCourcy, Mr P. Gleeson, Mr Jos. McCormack, Supt. Moore, Killaloe; Mr M. McNamara, Mr Ger. McCormack, etc., etc.

Wreaths were sent by the following—"Love and fond remembrance, from Minnie"; "Deepest sympathy," Miss A. Cullen; "Love and fond remembrance, Lily and Tommy"; "Affectionate remembrance, Willie and Minnie Cullen."

Mass Cards—Bob and Kitty, Alice and Alf, Bert and Agnes, John and Norrie, James Dundon.

Rev. Father Moloney, P.P., Parteen, officiated at the graveside.

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