

and he compared them with Hourigan's admitted writing. He could not see any similarity between the two. He had also compared the receipt with Moran's writing in Court, and considered that the writing on the receipt and form was far more like that of John Moran than it was of Hourigan, as the "h's" in John were in the same handwriting. He would therefore exclude Hourigan of any fraud in the case. Mrs Starke was undoubtedly on friendly terms with her brother, as they were living in the same house up to 1928, and he (Judge) did not believe that Moran was ignorant of the existence of the policy that his mother had taken out on him. He would therefore reverse the decision of the District Justice.

DEATH OF MR. R. H. CROKER.

We regret to record the death of Mr R. H. Croker, which occurred at his residence, The Retreat, Thomondgate, last Saturday, in his 68th year. Mr Croker had been an official of Limerick Post Office for forty years or more, and for several years was Superintendent of Telegraphs, in which position he displayed high ability, courtesy, and zeal. He retired a few years ago on pension. He was a cultured musician and a man of very retiring and unassuming disposition. The sympathy of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance is extended to his widow and family in their bereavement.

The funeral took place yesterday morning for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. At 11 o'clock Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Munchin's Church for the repose of the soul of the deceased, and the funeral left subsequently for the last resting place. There was a large attendance of the general public in the cortege, which included members of the Postal Telegraph staffs, members of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, and of the Third Order of St Francis.

The chief mourners were—Mrs Croker, widow; Rev Fr. Martin Croker, O.F.M. (Athlone), Rev Fr. A. Croker (Liverpool), Rev. Fr. G. Croker (Middlesboro'), and Mr F. Croker, son; Miss Lily Croker, Miss Geraldine Croker, Miss Genevieve Croker, and Miss Teresa Croker, daughters; Miss E. Croker (Dublin), sister; Mr Fred Croker (Waterford), nephew; Mr and Mrs O'Gorman (Kilkee).

The officiating clergy were—Rev. Fr. Martin, O.F.M., celebrant; Rev. A. Croker, C.C., deacon; Rev. C. Croker, C.C., sub-deacon; Rev. Fr. Mortell, C.C., St. Munchin's, master of ceremonies.

In the choir were—Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. Fr. McCarthy, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Halpin, P.P., Glonroe; Rev. Fr. Moriarty, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. Baptist, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Fridolin, C.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Dermot, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Colombar, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Vergil, O.F.M., Athlone; Rev. Fr. Michael, O.F.M., do.; Rev. A. Gerard, O.F.M., do.; Rev. Fr. Carter, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Fr. Whelan, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Fr. Scanlan, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Fr. Murray, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Dooley, Liverpool; Rev. Br. Cummins and Rev. Br. Ryan, Christian Brothers' Community.

Second Round.

A. Hanley bt D. A. McKay—8-6, 6-3.
E. O'Toole bt P. Shaw—7-2, 7-5, 6-4.

DEATH OF REV. W. W. MERCER.

Many old friends in Limerick will regret to learn of the death of the Rev. William W. Mercer, M.A., late Rector of Desertmartin, Co. Derry, which took place suddenly at Millisle, where he was spending a holiday. He entered the Ministry in 1896 as curate of Stradbally, Loughis, and was Rector of Killymard, Co. Donegal, for ten years before his appointment to Desertmartin in 1916. He was also a Rural Dean. He retired in November last. The funeral took place to Desertmartin to-day. The Rev. Mr. Mercer was a member of an old Limerick family and was very highly respected and esteemed.

THE ECONOMIES ACT.

The Minister for Local Government has written to the Acting Town Clerk, Mr P. T. Conlan, stating that all employes of the Corporation in continuous service and in receipt of a salary of £210 a year and over are liable to reduction under the provisions of the Economies Act. When the Acting Town Clerk submitted a statement showing the employes affected by the Statute, Mr J. Casey, B.C., said it did not apply to the ordinary workers in the service of the Council, and it was consequently decided to have the opinion of the Minister on the subject. This has now been obtained and confirms the view of the Acting Town Clerk.

NEW ENNIS FACTORY.

The tender of Mr P. C. McMahon, Clonroadmore, Ennis, at £6,000, was accepted for the erection at Ennis of a factory for the manufacture of boot and shoe laces and cork insoles. The contractor was instructed to start work this week, so that the company may be in a position to start manufacture early in September.

DIOCESE OF KILLALOE.

The Rev. J. E. C. Lawlor, Curate in Charge of Ballinaclough and Templeberry, Diocese of Killaloe, has been unanimously elected Incumbent of Cloughjordan.

The annual Synod for the Diocese of Killaloe has been fixed for September 6th in the Synod Hall, Killaloe.

BOWLS.

A match between I.C.I. Young Men's Association, Cork, against P.Y.M.A., Limerick, was played on P.Y.M.A. ground, Limerick, Saturday, 14th inst. Result:—
First Rink—Cork 21, Limerick 12.
Second Rink—Cork 17, Limerick 23.
Third Rink—Cork 24, Limerick 18.
Total—Cork 62, Limerick 53.