

A DANGEROUS GATE

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CHILD FATALLY INJURED

Mr. J. S. MacNeice, City Coroner, with a jury, held an inquest at the County Infirmary on Wednesday to inquire into the circumstances of the death of a 3-year-old child, Bernadette Downey, 23 Garryowen, Limerick, whose death followed injuries received when a gate fell on her at Halloran's Range, on the 20th June.

Sergeant P. Higgins conducted the proceedings for the State.

Dr. B. Crawford said that the child was admitted to the hospital on the 20th June. She was suffering from shock and abrasions over her left eye. Her left eye was also swollen. She died on the 25th June. In her opinion death was due to laceration of the brain. The fracture of the skull would be consistent with the girl getting a fall, or with something heavy falling on the skull.

Celine Downey, 13 years, Garryowen, gave evidence of identification. On the 20th June witness, accompanied by other children, went to Halloran's Range. There were seven children in the party, including her sister, Bernadette. Bernadette was playing at one side of a gate and the other children at the other side. Suddenly witness heard the children screaming and she saw her sister lying under the iron gate. Witness went to the assistance of her sister, but was not able to lift the gate. She screamed for help and Mrs. Moore came to her assistance. They both lifted the gate and Mrs. Moore took the child to the County Infirmary.

PREVIOUS ACCIDENT.

Mrs. J. Moore, 2 Halloran's Range, said that her attention was attracted by a group of children around the gate which led to a passage. When she heard the screaming she went over and saw the last witness trying to lift the gate off the child, who was lying face downwards. When witness lifted the gate she noticed blood on the child's face. During the previous week this gate had fallen twice—once on the foot of her own child.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical testimony, and the jury added a rider to the effect that the gate constituted a danger to the public in not being properly secured.

The Coroner said that it was a very tragic happening and he wished to convey his sympathy to the relatives.

The jury and Sergeant Higgins associated themselves with the vote of condolence.

A LIMERICK-KERRY MARRIAGE

A marriage attracting some popular interest (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) was consummated at Tuagh

O'Reilly, Manager (Cork); Mr. Murphy, Tipperary; Misses Walker, O'Sullivan and Foutsythe, and Messrs. Conway and Bindon, (Limerick Staff), etc., etc.

LATE MR. G. MORAN

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AN APPRECIATION

It was with a severe shock and a deep sense of loss that news of the death of Gerald Moran, ex-N.T., at his residence, Askeaton, was received by all who knew him intimately. He was a member of a very brilliant, highly educated and talented Ballysteen family. His father, the late Mr. James Moran, N.T., Ballysteen, could well be proud of his twelve children, in which there were five national school teachers. Another son, the late Mr. John Moran, engineer, was county surveyor for Galway, whilst still another son, Dr. Michael Moran, was famous as a leading light in his profession in London.

Whenever we see a beautiful flower, a strange plant, or anything unusual in nature, or hear a stirring verse in poetry recited with feeling, we will fondly remember Gerald Moran as the best authority we knew, and the most interesting man for a touching and artistic conversation on these highly stimulating subjects of the cultured mind, which, alas! seems to be ever growing rarer in this too highly commercialised and material world.

His keen, sincere and sympathetic interest in all nature and things poetic revealed to us at least the beautiful mind that lay underneath his calm and pleasant exterior (or manner). We hope and feel he has now realised the full meaning of Pope's words:—

The world recedes, it disapepars;
Heaven opens on my eyes, my ears,
With sounds seraphic ring.
Lend, lend your wings, I mount, I fly;
O! grave, where is thy victory?
O! death, where is thy sting?

TRANSFER OF POPULAR PRIEST

The transfer of Rev. J. O'Byrne, C.C., from the united parishes of Croagh and Kilfinny is very deeply regretted by the people of both parishes where he laboured for their spiritual and temporal welfare, and was loved and respected by all (writes our Adare correspondent). During his time there he took a great interest in parochial work, and amongst his many achievements he was mainly instrumental in providing a curate's residence in Kilfinny, which was very much needed. His interest in the G.A.A., too, is well known throughout Munster. He acted as Chairman of the West Limerick Board for a number

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