

Sad City Tragedy

Boy Drowned at Corbally

Sister's Brave Rescue Attempt.

A very sad drowning tragedy occurred at Corbally on Monday evening as a result of which a boy named James Johnstone Ruddick, aged 11½ years, son of Mr J J Ruddick, Corbally House, lost his life.

The fatality occurred in the river Shannon within sight of the young lad's home. It appears that deceased, accompanied by his sister, Ada, and his brother, Edward, went bathing in the vicinity of the house about 5 p.m. James and Edward got out of their depths, and with a strong current running at the time, they were soon in difficulties. Ada succeeded in pulling Edward to safety, and she then went to the rescue of James, but got into difficulties herself in her gallant efforts. She, however, caught deceased but lost him again. Edward by this time had procured a boat, and brought his sister ashore, but his brother had disappeared.

The body was recovered at 6 p.m., and artificial respiration was tried without avail, Dr. Holmes pronouncing life to be extinct.

An inquest was held by Mr J S McNeice, solicitor, Deputy City Coroner, at Corbally House when a verdict was returned that death was caused by asphyxia due to drowning.

The Coroner expressed sympathy with the relatives, and Sergeant O'Mahony, Mary street, who conducted the inquest, joined in the expression of sympathy on behalf of the Garda authorities.
