

whom he visited in Paris. Of him Mitchel wrote to his friend, Martin—"Do you know that you have little idea of the man from his writings. He is a calm, gentle, good-natured and jovial fellow—is occasionally wild and childish in his glee, sings a great deal, badly indeed but heartily, and with right good will. . . . In short, I reckon Kenyon the finest fellow, lay or cleric, that I ever knew."

NOT SO MANY BEGGARS NOW

During the hearing of a begging case against a first offender, who was stated to have since taken out a pedlar's licence, District Justice Flood, at the sitting of the District Court to-day, said that yesterday he had been speaking to a prominent journalist who had written rather sharply about begging in Limerick, and who now stated that there was a big improvement since he was last in the city. The activities of the Guards and the terms of imprisonment imposed during recent weeks had probably acted as a deterrent, and he (Justice) was glad to learn that a good deal of the annoyance caused to visitors had now ceased.

The case before the Court was dismissed.

Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., appeared for the defendant.

DEATH IN U.S.A.

The death has taken place at Boston of Mr. Patrick Rainsford, a native of Cappanahana (writes our Newport correspondent). He left for the States some years ago and was conscripted for service in the Great War, through which he survived. Although wounded on several occasions, the hardships and dangers that he experienced on the battlefield are believed to have been the cause of his demise. Before he left the district he was attached to the local hurling club, and played the game with his native county in Boston. His brothers Ned and Martin helped Newport to win two North Tipperary senior hurling championships.

had not the coat. Defendant, witness added, was under the influence of drink at the time.

John Fitzgerald, who was also in the trap with defendant, said he was so drunk he did not remember anything.

The Justice said defendant seemed to be a respectable man and while drink was no excuse for the offence he would dismiss the case under the Probation Act.

The Justice imposed a fine of £2 on James Stackpool, Tullyleague, who was summoned by Sergt. McKeon for being drunk and disorderly.

Complainant said defendant refused to go home and used bad language.

The Justice said he would not tolerate bad language or shouting in the street when drunk.

SCHOOLS CLOSED THROUGH "FLU"

Knockainey Boys and Girls National Schools have been closed for an indefinite period owing to an outbreak of influenza in the district. Most of the schools in Abbeyfeale town and parish have been closed for the same reason. A number of schools in the outlying parishes of Newcastle West district have also been closed as a precaution against the spread of influenza, which was still raging throughout West Limerick during the week-end.

HOSPITAL PENSIONS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of Hospital Old Age Pensions Committee, Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F., presiding, Mr. John Martin, P.C., was recommended to the County Pensions Committee for the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. George Downes.

ST. ITA'S DAY

Our Kilmeady correspondent writes stating that devotional exercises were held in Raheenagh Catholic Church on January 15th, St. Ita's Day, and not at Feohanagh, as appeared in last week's issue of the "Limerick Leader."