

Castle and the siege of Buncrana of 1646, its capture by the Irish Army of the Confederation, and its later history.

A very fine day added to the enjoyment of the members, who voted it one of the best outings so far. The next will take place to Askeaton in the near future, at a date to be announced.

## SODALITY RETREAT

## IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES AT KILLALOE

Rev. Father Kevin, O.F.M., Dublin, conducted a very successful three-day Retreat for the members of the Children of Mary Sodality at St. Anne's Convent of Mercy, Killaloe (writes our Killaloe correspondent). At 7 a.m. Mass and lecture it was noticeable that the members from the heart of the country were first arrivals, and from evening devotions there was not an absentee.

The Retreat was brought to a close on Saturday, and on Sunday the annual consecration and procession took place.

Very Rev. Canon O'Molloy, P.P., V.F., conducted the consecration ceremonies.

The procession around the Convent Grounds, the singing of beautiful hymns to Mary, Mother of God, and the Rosary recited at the Grotto have become an institution—something without which the month of May would lose half of its charm—a beautiful observation and a worthy tribute to Our Blessed Lady.

Following the consecration, the members of the Sodality held their annual picnic in the Convent Grounds. The reunion is most popular and provides a pleasant break for old and young—the senior members finding just as much pleasure in the social intercourse as do the juveniles.

The very pleasant afternoon ended with cordial votes of thanks to Rev. Father Kevin, O.F.M.; to Very Rev. Canon O'Molloy, and to Mother Lelia and the Community.

## LOSS OF HUSBAND

## AWARD TO LIMERICK WOMAN

The bursting of a boiler in the Dock Road premises of Messrs. Francis Spaight & Sons, Ltd., as a result of which Thomas Downey, 47 Sexton St., Limerick, sustained fatal injuries on May 27th last, was recalled in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Haugh.

Mrs. Nellie Downey, widow, brought an action for damages against the Company for the death of her husband. The Judge was informed by counsel that a settlement had been arrived at between the parties, and he made a rule of court that the settlement provide for the payment of £1,900 and costs.

Mr. Justice Haugh apportioned £1,300 of the sum to the widow and £600 to her 12 months old child, Mary Geraldine Downey.

were neglected by C.I.E. on wet days. The resolution was passed unanimously.

## CHILD'S DEATH

## EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

An inquest concerning the circumstances of the death of Deirdre Mary O'Dowd, aged 2½ years, who received fatal injuries, as a result of being knocked down by a motor lorry near her home at Ballinacurra, on Friday last, was held in the County Infirmary, on Saturday last, by Dr. J. P. Clery, Coroner, sitting with a jury.

The proceedings were conducted by Supt. P. Colleran; Mr. William Leahy, solicitor, was for Mr. J. J. Upton, Old Mill, Newcastle West, the driver of the lorry; while Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solr., appeared for the next-of-kin of the deceased.

### HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

A statement made by the driver of the lorry was read. It stated that the lorry was being driven with a load of coal from Limerick to Newcastle West on the date in question. As it passed through Ballinacurra the child suddenly crossed the road in front of the lorry and he was unable to avoid her.

Neil Hannan, who witnessed the accident, corroborated Mr. Upton's statement, and said that he saw the child running across the road and the lorry coming towards her. Witness thought that the fatal accident was unavoidable.

Mrs. Rose Keane, Ballinacurra, gave similar evidence.

Dr. Bridget Crawford, House Surgeon at the County Infirmary, said that the child was dead on admission to the Infirmary on Friday afternoon last. Witness carried out a post-mortem examination and this revealed that injuries were caused to the left occipital bone. There was a bruise on the right leg and other injuries to the body. In her opinion, death was instantaneous and was due to shock and haemorrhage following laceration of the brain.

### NO BLAME TO DRIVER.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and they exonerated the driver from all blame.

Sympathy was extended to the parents of the deceased by Supt. Colleran, on behalf of the Gardai, and by Dr. J. P. Clery, and Mr. W. Leahy, solr. (on behalf of Mr. Upton).

## HEAVY FLOODS IN ENGLAND

Storms and floods were reported to-day from many parts of England. In the London area many of the underground railways were badly flooded and cars were marooned in the streets. In one hour the temperature fell by nine degrees.

Lightning also accompanied the storm in the South of England.

the vicinity of the accident, gave similar evidence, mentioning that the only lights on the van were dim and red.

### STATEMENT BY THE DEFENDANT.

Guard Canovan gave evidence of measurements taken at the scene of the accident, and said he found a pool of blood about two feet from the grass margin on the right-hand side of the road facing Ennis. In a statement, which he witnessed, the defendant said he was driving from Ennis to Limerick in the van of his employers, Messrs. Dolan, fruit distributors, when the accident occurred. Immediately before the impact he met a 'bus and switched his lights on and off. The 'bus did not respond, keeping its headlights fully on all the time. Travelling very close to his correct side, at about 12 miles an hour, he had his lights switched on again when he struck something which he did not see, and pulled up immediately. He got out and went back to the point of impact and found Healy stretched on the road.

Sergeant P. Connolly gave evidence of having examined the mechanical construction of the van driven by the defendant. The brakes, he said, were efficient, but the headlamps were very poor, due to dirty reflectors.

The defendant gave evidence along the lines of his statement, and said he had been driving a car for the past three years without an accident.

The Justice said it was time that legislation was introduced to make it compulsory that motor cars, travelling at night, should have a dimming apparatus. Nothing was more exasperating to the driver of a vehicle, he said, than to be approached on the road at night by another vehicle the lights of which were being switched on and off. He would impose a fine of £5 on the charge of dangerous driving, would endorse the defendant's licence and would order him to pay 35/8 expenses within one month.

### THE SECOND CASE.

The second case was one in which John J. Myres, 144 Bank Place, Mallow, was similarly charged.

Supt. Colleran prosecuted and Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., defended.

Mary Kearney said that while crossing the road from her house in Ballinacurra to a shop on the opposite side at 7.30 o'clock on the evening of April 2nd last, a car came along from the Limerick direction and knocked her down, injuring her. She had taken about five paces from the footpath when the car, which she did not see, struck her. She had been in hospital since.

Guard McCarthy gave measurements of the road at the scene of the accident and proved a statement alleged to have been made by the defendant, in which he said he was driving home through Ballinacurra at about ten miles an hour, when a woman crossed the road in front of him. He saw her when he was about twenty yards away, and as he swerved to avoid her, she walked right under the car and he touched her with the left hand mudguard of the car and she fell on the ground.

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