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Our Lady in a chapel near the
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The crown was bought two years
ago through the contributions of
Slovak Catholics, hundreds of
thousands of whom make annual
pilgrimages to the shrine. The van-
dals have not yet been found by
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NEW BROTHERHOOD

FOUNDED BY GERMAN PROTESTANTS

According to the Brief (says
"Catholic Notebook") a new Bro-
therhood of St. Michael has been
founded by the Protestants of Ger-
many. It consists of twenty-five
clergymen and laymen who have
determined to live according to the
Franciscan pattern. Their monas-
tery is established in Friedberg in
Hesse.

In 1898, a similar fraternity was
established in U.S.A. In 1909, the
whole community, including the
Sisters who had been established
with them, came into the Catholic
Church and are now the Society of
the Atonement. A convent of these
convert nuns is established at
Rosinver in Co. Leitrim.

LIGHT WEIGHT

Margaret Tynan, merchant, Fresh-
ford, was fined £2 10s. at Ballyrag-
get for having a weighing scales
which was a quarter-ounce unjust.

TURKEYS 7/- PER LB.

Late on Christmas Eve turkeys
made as much as 7/- per lb. in
Dublin shops. Even at that record
price they were hard to get.

DEATH.

LYNCH—At the City Home and
Hospital on 25th December, James
Lynch, E.S.B., Ardnacrusha. Funer-
al took place to Mount St.
Lawrence Cemetery on 27th Dec.
Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

which will be shared by his many
friends throughout the Killaloe
diocese.

A CHRISTMAS PLUNGE

"HARDY ANNUALS" AT CORBALLY

A party of hardy annuals from
St. Mary's Parish celebrated
Christmas Day with a dip into the
"briny" at Lanahrone, Corbally,
and judging from the exclamations
as they dived in to the accompani-
ment of cheers from the big crowd,
it seemed that they enjoyed it.

The group make it an annual
practice to take the plunge on
Christmas Day, and they were for-
tunate on this occasion as the
weather held fine.

The veteran who led this aquatic
squad was Mr. Joe O'Dwyer, and
others who put on the swimming
trunks were Messrs. Joe Gleeson,
Paddy Hayes, George Allen, Seamus
Fennell, Paddy Barry, John
McNamara, Mick O'Sullivan, Phil
Van Eesbeck, Paul Bernard, junr.;
James Frawley, Patrick Frawley,
Paddy O'Driscoll, Joe Allen and
John Mullane.

DEATH OF MRS. QUIRKE

With very deep sorrow we
announce the death, which took
place in Barrington's Hospital on
Sunday, December 26th, of Mrs.
Diana Quirke, wife of Mr. John A.
Quirke, Insurance Broker, Rosbrien,
Limerick. The deceased was a
member of a prominent Clare
family, being daughter of the late
Patrick Duggan, merchant, Ennis.
A lady of marked culture and refine-
ment, and of a very agreeable
manner, she was deservedly held in
the highest regard by a very wide
circle of friends and acquaintances.
After Requiem Mass in St. Michael's
Church on Tuesday the funeral took
place the same day to Mount St.
Lawrence Cemetery, the cortege
being large and representative. To
the highly-respected and widely
popular husband, Mr. J. A. Quirke,
and the other sorrowing relatives
we extend our very sincere sym-
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