

GALA OR OUTING?**Treat For Mental Patients****ANNUAL EXCURSION NOT SATISFACTORY**

DR. N. B. O'Higgins, the Resident Medical Superintendent, told a meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Board on Saturday last that the annual excursion to the seaside for the patients was unsatisfactory, since only 200 of the 800 odd patients in the Institution were well enough to avail of it. The officials were seriously considering, instead of the usual excursion, providing a gala day for all the patients either in the hospital grounds or on the Board's farm.

IN FAVOUR OF SPORTS.

Ald. M. Hartney said he would favour a sports fixture for the patients, since the excursions, of necessity, catered for so few of them.

Mr. J. Connery, B.C., suggested that the Board provide both an excursion and a gala day.

The City Manager (Mr. M. Macken) said the officials wanted to know whether the Board wanted an excursion or a gala day.

Ald. Hartney proposed that the Board approve of the gala day, since, by so doing, the members would be providing a day's outing for nearly all the patients.

Mr. J. J. McNamara, Co.C., seconded.

Mr. Connery proposed that both an excursion and gala day be provided.

Mr. P. Langan, Co.C., seconded.

The City Manager said it could

ONLY ONE OR THE OTHER. be only one or the other. An excursion would cost £200 and would only be of use to about a quarter of the hospital's patients. He would even prefer to treat all the patients to two gala days than to take the few on an excursion.

The R.M.S. said that nobody knew better than the officials what was best for the patients, and suggested that all arrangements for the patients be left in their hands.

Mr. M. J. K. Dore, solr., Co.C., proposed that a decision on the matters discussed be left in the hands of the officials.

Mr. Connery said it was the officials' business to carry out the instructions of the Board, the ratepayers' representatives.

Mr. Dore—We might not be here at all the next day.

Manager—We will have another meeting before the annual meeting.

REFERRED TO R.M.S.

After some further discussion, the Board unanimously adopted a suggestion by Mr. O'Connell that the R.M.S. should submit to the next meeting a recommendation in favour of either the excursion or the

DOCKS TRAGEDY**Little Boy Drowned****PATHETIC STORY AT INQUEST**

SIX and a half years old William Flanagan, 1 Prospect Hill, Edward Street, Limerick, went to the Limerick Docks on Sunday evening last with Anthony Culhane (7). The two boys played at fishing, young Flanagan being equipped with a thread reel and a length of twine. They climbed down the pier steps at Russell's Quay to the water's edge, where William cast the reel into the river. Putting in his hand to recover the reel, he went down and fell into the Shannon. When two hours later, after extensive dragging, his body was recovered, he was dead. A Red Cross ambulance took the little body to Barrington's Hospital.

INQUEST STORY

That was the story told to Deputy City Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr., at an inquest yesterday evening into the circumstances of Wm. Flanagan's death.

Dr. Francis Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, swore that when deceased was taken into Barrington's at 7.15 on Sunday evening, he was dead of asphyxiation following immersion in water.

William Flanagan, father of the drowned boy gave evidence of identification. He had last seen his son alive at the house of the boy's grandmother in Parnell Street early in the afternoon of Sunday.

Anthony Culhane (7) said he and the deceased played on the steps of Russell's Quay for some time on Sunday evening. Young Flanagan had a reel and twine in his hand, pretending to be fishing. Witness saw him put his hand into the water to get the reel out and, on bending down, he fell into the river.

RECOVERY OF BODY

Patrick Mescall, a dock boatman, swore that on hearing some commotion near the scene of the tragedy, he went there immediately and searched for the body which he located later. He assisted in taking it out of the water.

The Coroner returned a verdict that the deceased died from asphyxiation caused by accidental drowning. He paid a tribute to Mr. Mescall and the other persons who helped in recovering the boy's body and condoled with the parents in their loss.

Inspector Griffin, on behalf of the Gardai, joined with the Coroner's expression of sympathy.

FOR PROTECTION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—Don't you think it is time for the Limerick Harbour Board to appoint watermen along our quays?

DRIVER INJURED**When Motor Cars Collide****WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIM**

A COLLISION between two motor cars on the night of the 14th October at the junction of Shannon Street and Henry Street, in which a hackney motor car driven by Ml. O'Loughlin, 10 Cecil Street, Limerick, was involved, resulted in an application for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, being brought by Michael O'Loughlin against John Joseph Grimes, Back Clare Street, Limerick, the owner of the hackney car, in the Limerick Circuit Court to-day, before Judge Barra O Briain, S.C.

Mr. M. V. Fitzgerald, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr.) was for the applicant; while Mr. G. Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. P. J. O'Sullivan and Son, solrs.) was for the respondent.

APPLICANT'S EVIDENCE.

Michael O'Loughlin, motor driver, said he was employed by the respondent on the 3rd October as a hackney driver. He had no regular hours, and he was responsible for the car once he went out in the morning until he finished at night, which sometimes was around 12 o'clock. On the 14th October, he was driving the car on that night at about 10 o'clock when after doing business at Thomondgate he returned to town for something to eat and he became involved in a crash at Henry Street. It was his intention to return to the stand after having a meal. As a result of the accident he suffered injuries, namely, strain to the right hip, side and back, and cuts on forehead and head injuries, and was removed to hospital. He was under the care of Dr. Foley for six months, and during that time was totally incapacitated.

Cross-examined, witness disagreed that Martin Grimes, an uncle of the respondent, said to witness to return to the stand immediately after dropping the fare in Thomondgate. The accident occurred at about 10.55 p.m. Since the 25th April he was doing full labouring work, but he was still incapacitated. He was offered several jobs before he took his present employment. Severe pains in his hip prevented him from taking employment hitherto.

HEADACHES AND PAIN IN THE HIP.

Dr. Tadhg Foley gave evidence of seeing the applicant and treating him about a week after the accident. He suffered from headaches

MAYNOOTH**Likely To £500****LETTER FROM OF CAS**

THE following letter which has been for publication, has been written by his Grace, M. Kinane, to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly thanking them for their generous support of the aid of Maynooth College.

Very Rev. and Right Rev. Brethren,

On behalf of the Board of Maynooth College, on my own behalf I thank you for your religious and laity of the diocese of Cashel and Emly for your very generous appeal for financial aid for Maynooth College made at their general meeting on the 10th October. The total amount contributed by the Board of £15,331 1s. 4d. This is more than one and a half times the quota which on the basis of the 1880 Act of Cashel and Emly would be £300,000, more than the Bishops in their appeal.

Whilst I feel deeply indebted to all contributors, and to the numbers were very large, your support, I shall not think of as invidious, but as a special mention in the Archdiocese. I am truly grateful for the fine sum contributed by the Board and their generosity.

The well-being of Maynooth College, as you know, is the interests of religion and hence you will be glad to learn that the Board has been most successful in the country generally, and that the Board's estimated that the Board will ultimately reach a total of £500,000. This will go a long way towards dispelling the worries and enabling the Board to charge its functions in a befitting manner, and the importance of the work for which it caters.

Again thanking you for God to bless you for your support of a great cause, I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

J. KINANE
Archbishop

Copies of photographs of the "Limerick Leader" bought at the Office, 54, O'Connell Street, Dublin.