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### AN OPEN SPLIT.

The squabble spread itself to the public newsprints, the doctors split, the conservatives siding with the Mayor, a Vereker, who was unwilling to spend the Corporation funds they had so long annexed for themselves, in the relief of the poor; the young and progressive ones siding with Dr. Geary, and pleading with the people to take all steps to prevent its inroad. The common people scoffed at the differences of opinion, and instead of taking all precautions, sat back and scoffed at the doctors, as, indeed, people do even to this day. They were soon, however, to be disillusioned, but not, alas, until the plague had got a firm grip on the city. When the second and following early cases appeared, they refused to allow the "cholera cot," designed purely for their own protection, to be used. This was a box, 7 ft. long, 2 ft. broad, and 16 ins. deep, cushioned and padded but fitted with a hinged lid, in which the patient was to be carried to hospital. We may be sure its unfortunate likeness to a coffin was part of the prejudice against it.

### RAPID SPREAD OF THE EPIDEMIC.

The Central Board also failed at first in their duties, and nothing was done for St. Mary's Parish, whose population of 16,000 were then mostly paupers, with hardly sufficient to keep starvation, much less Cholera, away. As a result the

But the epidemic, like all bad things as well as good, at last came to an end, and although the stupid squabbles and bickering which took place were no credit to those concerned, many brave and heroic deeds were done, not only by the relatives of the dying and the dead, but by many another disinterested citizen. As we have said, close on 1,000 died, but an even greater plague was to follow, the terrible famine of the '40's, which could scarcely be called, as this one was, a Visitation from God.

The Cholera Epidemic of 1832 was forgotten, and not even Lenihan, in his otherwise encyclopaedic history of Limerick, written a bare 30 years later, mentions it.

A relic, in the form of an Address by the Parishioners of St. Mary's to Denis Mulcahy, Officer of Health, printed on silk, may be seen in the City Museum. In it we read:—

"In imitation of the Good Samaritan, you have yourself conveyed the plague-stricken patients to the House of Refuge — like him, you have, though encompassed by death in its most ghastly forms, watched over them in their expiring struggles—pouring the balm of consolation into their wounded minds — supporting them in their last and fearful trials; and when all human efforts were of no avail, and that exhausted nature sunk in the dreadful conflict, you have even dared to pay to their remains the last consoling duty of humanity." An epitaph of which any one of forgetful posterity might be proud!

## DIED WHILE VISITING A NEIGHBOUR DEATH OF MR. M. VAUGHAN

The death took place suddenly of Mr. John Ryan (68), Clonshire (writes our Adare correspondent). Deceased left his home to visit a neighbour's house, which he reached, and after a short chat he collapsed and died immediately.

Deceased has been in failing health for some time and an inquest was not deemed necessary. He leaves a widow, seven sons and a daughter to mourn his loss.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Michael Vaughan, demolition contractor, 1, John's Square, Limerick, which took place in St. John's Hospital yesterday, after a brief illness. Deceased was of a kindly and gentle disposition, and his death at an early age removes a well-known figure from our midst. To his wife, family and relatives we extend sincerest sympathy. The remains will be removed from St. John's Hospital this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock. The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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