

in audible expression of prayer.

ACT OF HOMAGE.

From an artistically decorated altar specially erected in the cathedral parvis, the Lord Bishop imparted solemn benediction to the concourse of worshippers that had assembled in front of the cathedral facade.

As the Blessed Sacrament was elevated, an army bugle sounded the royal salute and the military guard of honour stood to attention.

On descending the predella, the Lord Bishop spoke aloud in a clear, well modulated voice the Divine Praises, and as the vast congregation, kneeling in adoration, fervently repeated each phrase, a tremendous crescendo of praise from that great chorus of voices ascended in homage to God.

The Benediction Service concluded with the vigorous singing of "Faith of Our Fathers," in perfect unison, by all who were present.

NEW DISPENSARY

Newcastle Premises Question

ATTITUDE OF MINISTER

THE Minister for Local Government has informed the Newcastle West Town Traders' and Ratepayers' Association that he is not at the present stage disposed to receive a deputation from the Association to discuss the proposal of the Limerick Co. Council to acquire the premises at No. 21 Bishop St., Newcastle West, for use as a new dispensary and clinic.

This information was disclosed at the monthly meeting of the Association, when the Joint Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. Nash) told the members that he had, as instructed at the previous meeting, written to the Minister and Deputies for the constituency asking them to arrange for the reception of the proposed deputation.

LETTER FROM ALD. REIDY, T.D.

Mr. Nash added that while he had received no direct reply from the Minister, the following letter had been received from Ald. Reidy, T.D.:

"Dear Sirs—I saw Mr. Keyes, Minister for Local Government, to-day, and put your request before him. He is not disposed to receive

sterling public representative and all that remained for him (Mr. Madden) to do was to endorse all that had been already said about their late colleague.

RATHKEALE MAN'S

DEATH

GAELS' TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

It is with deep regret (writes Mr. Michael Madigan, Rathkeale) that I record the death of our very dear and very much respected townsman, Mr. James Cregan. The end of his most exemplary life came in the most unexpected circumstances. On Sunday week he attended a hurling match in which his nephew, Master Bernie Sheahan, our now coming county star, was engaged. At this time he was in his usual health and spirits. On the following day he supervised all his various land holdings and had his evening tea at 6.30, after which he passed away immediately. By his death our town is bereft of one of the very oldest stock. For generations past the Cregan family lived on the site of the present Munster and Leinster Bank, which was built as far back as 70 years ago. His business calling in life was that of cattle dealer and victualler. In both lines he was always looked up to as a man of strict honesty and uprightness.

The members of the local G.A.A. Club, headed by their Chairman, Mr. John Fitzgerald, shouldered the remains to their last resting place at the old burial ground in Church Street. "Bill" Sheahan, Paedy Flaherty and Mick Madigan, represented the veteran G.A.A. section. The funeral was large and representative.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. B. Sheahan (sister) and Mr. Bernie Sheahan (nephew).

Clergy present were:—Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Rev. J. Costelloe, C.C., and Rev. J. Neville, C.S.Sp.

WHISKEY DID NOT AGREE WITH HIM

Summoned at Newcastle West Court on Friday of last week for being drunk and disorderly in the

rick and elsewhere because of a failure of cyclists to repair their machines with the result that the cost of the repair cannot be the cost of the machine. This is merely nominal, and prevents them from proceeding to the reflector. Their neglect and disrespect must be attributed to carelessness and a disinclination to observe the law. In the interest of offenders should be amenable for their violation of a very necessary regulation.



WILL BE EYESORE.

The new transformer on the course of erection at Newcastle West will be an eyesore, so before the foundation is even completed; now even saying the same thing. But the opinion asserted itself in the E.S.B. might have been to build their transformer in a less conspicuous place. It is an open secret that the Board advised by their own architects chose another site, but for the reason that is anything but a main thoroughfare in our principal suburbs, with an unsightly pile of pylons and a network of wires.



FEWER PATIENTS.

The daily average number of patients in the Limerick Hospital for 1949 showed a decrease as compared with the previous year. This development is to be welcomed for it indicates that progress is being made with the scientific treatment of mental disorders. In the past people looked askance at mental hospitals, regarding them more as places of detention than as institutions in which a particular ailment was treated. The attitude is now, happily, changing for the public has come to realize that mental diseases are no different from other human afflictions.