

church in which the stone, built in a critical time in Irish and world history, was filled with works of art and objects of veneration associated with the glorious days of the Faith. These objects had been constructed with few facilities but their workmanship was inspired by faith. The minds and hearts of the people who saw this exhibition must inevitably be turned to the spirit of those ancient days. Even if those of the present times lived in a stricken world, they lived in an Ireland free to devote itself to any work it chose, free to develop its society as it chose and free to build up its civilisation.

Thousands of Irish people who made the Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome had looked upon the ancient churches of Italy and France with jealous eyes, wishing they could worship in the old Irish monasteries which now lay in ruins. Yet they should not be downhearted about the destruction of their old churches and monasteries. The Ardagh Chalice alone should be sufficient to inspire the people. The craftsmanship which went into these relics of the past was not for the eye of man, but for the all-seeing eye of God. These works now served to link the people of to-day with the past.

The Minister concluded by congratulating the people of Limerick on the work they were doing, particularly on the wonderful array of exhibits.

#### TALK ON THE ARDAGH CHALICE.

Dr. Rafferty, curator of the National Museum, then gave a short talk on the Ardagh Chalice, describing its finding together with a bronze cup and four brooches, in a potato field at Ardagh, County Limerick, in 1868 and describing its workmanship.

The Minister for Local Government, speaking on behalf of the Committee, thanked His Lordship the Bishop for opening the exhibition.

The Exhibition will remain open until 3rd December.

#### FATAL FALL FROM BICYCLE

Stephen Lynch, labourer, aged 50, fell off his bicycle while cycling to his work at Punchbowl, Meelick, on Saturday morning. He died soon afterwards. It is thought that he had a seizure.

The deceased was employed on the construction of a bridge and had cycled three miles when he collapsed.

#### BISHOP UNAVOIDABLY ABSENT

The ninth annual meeting of the Irish Bacon Trade Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society was held yesterday at St. Michael's Temperance Hall, Cecil St., Limerick. The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, who is Patron of the Branch, could not attend, due to the Holy Year Exhibition at St. Munchin's New Church. The attendance of members was also affected for the same reason.

A full report of the meeting will appear in our Wednesday evening issue.

#### FOUND DROWNED IN STREAM

An unmarried old-age pensioner named Patrick O'Neill, a native of Ballylanders, was found drowned in a stream at Ballysheedy, near Limerick, on Saturday.

It would appear that while walking across a field in the darkness he slipped into the stream. When found the body was partly covered with water. He was employed in the district as a casual farm hand.

#### CITY'S WEEK-END OF FROST AND FOG

The frost and fog of the week-end caused several accidents in Limerick's streets, none of which was serious. At Belfield Park on the Ennis Road, where there was a very slippery road surface, five cars skidded and barely avoided serious crashes. Buses had to slow down because of the danger of brake application on the icy thoroughfares. Many pedestrians had mishaps also on the slippery pavement.

#### A SILVER 1½d. BIT

A silver 1½d. bit, bearing an 1839 date, reign of Queen Victoria, is among the coin collection of Mr. J. P. Quirke, Upper Main Street, Asklow. The coin is about a quarter of an inch in diameter.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLLEGE PLAYERS

"There is an extraordinary coincidence between my visiting Limerick to-day and my departure for the U.S.," said Mr. Walter Mack, well-known Irish author-actor, on his way to Shannon Airport Special Constellation for New York Saturday night.

"As I walked through the streets of Limerick I was pleased to see that the publishers have my latest novel 'On The Wind,' on sale, and my return to America is partly in connection with its publication there by the McMillan Company, of New York, who are bringing it out next month," he continued. "Then I see you college players are putting M. J. Molloy's 'The King of Friday's Men,' at present. That interests me very much, as my previous engagement in the U.S. is to produce 'Bartley Dowe' (Mackey Tyrawely), when the play was produced on Broadway in January." Mr. Macken, who is also the author of "Mungo's Mansion" and "Possession," said "The King of Friday's Men" would have had a preliminary run in Boston after Christmas.

#### LIMERICK VICTIMS

#### NEW YORK TRAIN CRASH

One of the victims of the train crash in New York last week was a Limerickman, Mr. Patrick Trehy, 17 Shannon Street.

Mr. Trehy, who was employed by C.I.E. before he left Limerick last July for the United States, was well known in Limerick circles. He was aged 36 years and unmarried.

Very sincere sympathy is expressed for his sister, Miss Ita Trehy, whom he lived at 17 Shannon Street, and his brother, Mr. A. Trehy, farmer, Cratloe.

Arrangements, if possible, will be made to bring the body of Mr. Trehy to Limerick for burial.

#### FIFTEEN FARMERS FINED

Fines totalling £21 5s. were imposed on 15 farmers in Castlemore, Co. Kerry, for keeping unlicensed bulls.