

## FATAL ACCIDENT.

A slater and plasterer, named James Sheehy, who was at work at the buildings now being erected at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Clare street, fell a distance of 26 feet from the ground on last evening, and was killed on the spot. An inquest was this day held at Cathedral Place on the body of the deceased by Mr Coroner DeCoursey and the following jury:—Patrick Sheehan, William Stutten, John Earls, John Holmes, Michael O'Doherty, Michael Hartney, William Wheeler, Edwrad O'Callaghan, John Cross, James Deegan, Michael Ryan, and Michael Carey.

James Lamey deposed that he was working with the deceased at the Convent of the Good Shepherd; the deceased was a slater and plasterer; I saw the deceased go to the top of the second scaffolding of the building. he was then up 10 feet from the ground; I did not again see the deceased until I saw him dead on the ground; Sheehy was going to put tiles on the ridge; I saw no men on the scaffolding when the deceased was going up; he appeared to me to be perfectly sober.

John O'Grady deposed—I am a slater and plasterer; I am employed at the Convent; I was at work on yesterday; the deceased, James Sheehy, was also at work there; I saw him between two and three o'clock alive; in about three minutes afterwards I saw him dead; I was speaking to him previously; he was perfectly sober; he had only one pint of porter taken, which he took in my company; he was well able to attend to his work; he had no quarrel with any one; he was on friendly terms with all that were employed at the building; can't say from what part of the scaffolding he fell; he was going up for a cold chisel; he wanted to cut a tile; I examined where deceased fell; I did not find the cold chisel; where the cold chisel was is 26 feet from the ground; I found no part of the scaffolding broken; everything is in

good order; there were no workmen where the chisel was; he must have fallen when he was returning down the "well hole;" I knew the deceased from his youth; he was a sober, well conducted man; I don't know whether he was subject to fits; he was in America eight or nine years.

James Ryan, contractor, deposed that he saw deceased at about two o'clock on yesterday; he was then perfectly sober; I did not see him alive afterwards; I was on the scaffolding to day; it is perfectly safe; he must have tripped; the ground on which he fell was perfectly smooth and was inside the building.

Dr John Holmes deposed—I saw the body of deceased; I am of opinion from the appearance of the body that death resulted from concussion of the brain caused by a fall; there were no external marks of violence.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death, caused by falling from the scaffolding of the buildings at the Convent, Clare street, and that the deceased was perfectly sober at the time.