

number of operations performed during the year has been 115, as against 80 in 1896. Of these were cases of great gravity, but the results were highly satisfactory, and this can be seen due to the skill of the Medical Officer in conjunction with the general proficiency of the Matron and Nursing Staff to whom all thanks are due. In view of the increasing numbers of those requiring admission it was found necessary to provide additional wards, and as the number of serious surgical cases had largely increased it was considered necessary to secure the services of a fully qualified Resident Medical Officer and Surgeon. Dr Laird was accordingly elected to fill the post on New Year's Day, and suitable apartments were fitted up for his accommodation. In addition to those already existing, extensions, repairs and improvements were effected in connexion with the operating room, the laundry, and the introduction of hot and cold water, all of which involved an extra outlay. The total expenditure of the year was £1,270, of which £111 was incurred in extra expenses to meet the increased requirements of the hospital. The main source of income is the Grand Jury presentment of £1,000, besides a Parliamentary grant of £286, interest on W L & W Stock, and the Duke's bequest interest producing £270. The total item of expenditure in dietary, salaries and wages, £303. Coal, gas, and other expenses for stimulants is £21. The cost per bed per annum has been £47, as against £44 in 1896. The result is attributed to the greater number of patients treated, and to the careful system of management. In concluding their report the

noticed, as suggestive, that the Barony of Innishowen was then, and perhaps is still, proverbial for illicit distillation.—Faithfully yours,
AD REM.

FOUND DEAD IN A FEW FEET OF WATER.

On Tuesday evening the dead body of Mr Michael Begley, a farmer and cattle dealer, was found in a ditch which contained a few feet of water. It appears deceased resided at Clounagh, not far from Knockaderry, and attended the fair of Drumcollough that day. Returning home he took a short cut by Curragh and Clouncorran, and was noticed at some distance by a man laboring in the fields, who remarked his disappearance from view, and later on went in the direction and found the body in the ditch with the head slightly under the water. Information was conveyed to the police at Knockaderry, who had the body removed, and the Coroner (Dr J M Ambrose) held an inquest yesterday. Evidence was given as to finding the body face downwards in the ditch in about 2 feet of water, and deceased's hat, pipe, and stick a short distance away in the field. It was believed that while suffering from some fit Mr Begley fell into the ditch. The Coroner stated that death was due to cardiac syncope, and a verdict was found accordingly. It is stated the deceased had £109 8s 11d in his possession at the time of the fatality.—Cos.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in June, between Henry Thesiger White-man, son of Claremont Daniell, late Bengal Civil Service, and Maud, daughter of the late Colonel Griffith-Phibbs, Royal Irish Fusiliers, of Knockbrack, County Sligo.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place on the 3rd of May, between Mr Henry La Touche Darley, Royal Marine Light Infantry, eldest son of the Rev W S Darley, University Square, Belfast, and Lillian Milcent, daughter of the Rev W J Mellor, Dalton, Hengist Road, Bournemouth, late Vicar of Rodmersham, Kent.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in April, between F J C Howard, 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, only son of the late Mr F J Howard, Charleville, Blackrock, County Dublin, and Blanche Sophia, youngest daughter of Mr Samuel Perry, J P, D L, Woodroof, Clonmel.

now in their possession nine, which were returned in the usual office; the remaining ticket was also issued one third class ticket from Limerick to Nenagh; that ticket on the 3rd of Dec. had been produced by Mr Maher of having been nipped at Limerick. Mr Hickson—Should it have been nipped at Limerick? Mr Walsh—No. Mr Ryan—If that was produced, would it have been nipped there? Mr Walsh—No. Mr Ryan—What train was it for? Mr Walsh—The 3.20 p.m. Mr Ryan—And that is a ticket to Nenagh? Mr Beddoes stated that he was at Limerick on 20th November, the train was being checked; he saw him go towards the train; he pointed out to the checker, and gave certain directions; the checker told, and subsequently reported regards the ticket then held and Mr Maher; in consequence of that he travelled in the train; at Killonan tickets issued were taken up; with Birdhill, and Mr Maher got out there until the train for Nenagh reached the platform; he then got into one of the class carriages; before the train reached the booking office; with Mr Ryan, and Mr Maher asked for a ticket to Nenagh; witness then said "where is the third class ticket for Killonan?" Mr Maher made a motion, but answered nothing definitely. Mr Durdon—Did he tell you he was travelling to Nenagh on a third class ticket which he had purchased that evening? Mr Beddoes—No; the Station Master refused him the ticket and I said "I will give him a ticket"; I then turned to Mr Ryan and said "Mr Maher, I charge you to go to the Station Master with travelling to Birdhill with the intent of avoiding the fare; he said all right or something, and witness produced a document from the office at Nenagh, which showed that an excess fare was collected from Mr Ryan who travelled from Birdhill to Nenagh. Mr Ryan—What bearing has that on the case? Mr Beddoes—It proves that