

LIMERICK NURSING ASSOCIATION.

At Thursday's meeting, reported in our issue of that evening, a long and interesting report from the Ladies' Committee of Management was read. The following are extracts:—

"This Committee held the first of their meetings on the 5th and 14th of July, 1897, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the two Queen's Jubilee Nurses supplied by Miss Dunn, General Superintendent of the Queen's Institute in Ireland, at the request of the general meeting held in Limerick on the 4th of June, 1897. The Committee engaged a residence for the Nurses at 57, Catherine Street, and the two ladies—both Queen's Nurses—Nurse Gardiner (Head Nurse) and Miss Browne, arrived in Limerick on August 2nd, and presented themselves before the Committee. They were instructed to wait upon as many of the medical men, and clergymen of both denominations in the city, as time permitted, leaving cards with their addresses, and to hold themselves in readiness for such cases as might be brought under their notice.

"The work carried on from that day to the present time is set out in the following summary, as taken from the books kept by the Nurses and examined weekly by one of the secretaries and a member of committee.

"The cases were sent in as follows:—1897—August, 14; September, 7; October, 11; November, 13; December, 20. 1898—January, 17; February, 22; March, 23; April, 14. Total, 141.

"Number of visits paid by Nurses:—1897—August, 147; September, 240; October, 309; November, 410; December, 408. 1898—January, 201; February, 508; March, 626; April, 382. Total, 3,511.

"Result of Nursing Treatment:—Recovered or convalescent, 96; transferred to hospital, 12; died, 16; removed from the books for various causes, 10; remaining on books 30th April, 1898, 7.

"Cases sent in by—Medical men, 67; personal application, 36; friends of the patient, 23; clergy, 10; Rev Mother St John's Hospital, 3; found by nurses, 2.

"The Committee held their meetings with regularity on the first Wednesday of every month, and have kept a minute book of their proceedings. The attendance at these Committee Meetings was very full and regular, and on two occasions special meetings were held for consideration of particular subjects.

"For those who are not familiar with the work of District Nursing, it may be as well to here enter into a few particulars. The Nurses act under medical supervision, and are bound to carry out the directions of the medical man in attendance. Should he wish to have a patient transferred to hospital, a Nurse superintends the removal. Sickness and poverty are the sole conditions necessary to secure the attendance of a Jubilee Nurse, and this nursing is not confined to the very poor—though the latter have always the first claim—artisans, teachers, clerks, shop assistants, and others who cannot afford the luxury of a Resident Nurse may also be attended; but in these cases it is usual for the patient to give a small donation to the funds of the Association, or to become an annual subscriber of a few shillings. From this source there has already been lodged with the Treasurer a sum of £204 6d. There has been a general recognition among all patients of the value of the Nurses' services, for which the deepest gratitude is frequently expressed, and one case may be cited in which a man suffering under the acute form of disease, which at length proved fatal, having been persuaded with difficulty to consent to the attendance of one of the Nurses, declared that she was worth a dozen other women." The Nurses have often been met with the difficulty of being offered presents which by the rules of the Association they are strictly forbidden to accept, but as this rule becomes better known it is hoped the gratitude of patients will take the form of donations to the Society.

A loan collection of sheets and blankets, together with flannels and other articles needed for the treatment of the sick, such as water-pillows, etc., has been procured and brought into general use, and the Committee wish to observe that up to the present the Nurses have been successful in obtaining the return to stock of these articles when no longer needed. By the medical profession in Limerick the Jubilee Nurses have been cordially received and treated with the greatest kindness and consideration, and the Committee have every reason to be satisfied with the progress the system has made, remembering its recent introduction and that its full merits are not yet generally understood or appreciated.

"In the course of the discharge of their duties the Nurses have encountered cases of extreme poverty amounting to destitution, and as in such cases neither medical skill nor trained nursing can avail without the necessities of life in the way of food and clothing, grateful thanks are due to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the kind attention readily shown to any case brought under their notice by a Jubilee Nurse or one of the ladies of the Committee.

FUNERAL OF MR JAMES WALLER O'GRADY, B.N, J.P, RATHERIDY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Newcastle West, Thursday.

The informant of this esteemed and respected gentleman took place to-day at the family vault, Kincanev, the cortege being exceptionally large and most representative. The deceased was second son of the late Hon Waller O'Grady, of Castle-garde, Co. Limerick, and the Hon Grace Elizabeth Maesy, of Hermitage, Castleconnell, and nephew of the late Baron O'Grady, of Port Grady, and Viscount Guilmamore, of Caher Guilmamore. He served with distinction in the Crimean and Chinese wars, and the medals conferred on him commemorative of these events were proudly cherished by him. Since his retirement from the Navy, Mr O'Grady mostly resided at Rathridy. As a landlord, he was kind and indulgent, as a county gentleman, magistrate, and grand juror, he was highly esteemed. The deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs O'Grady and her family by the people of the surrounding districts, and of Newcastle West, where he was so highly regarded and respected. He is succeeded in the estate by his son, Mr Richard O'Grady. The remains were enclosed in a leaden shell, which was encased in a massive oaken casket, and was borne on the shoulders of the family from the house to the entrance gate, thus paying a last mark of respect to the kindest and most generous of landlords.

The chief mourners were:—Mr Richard O'Grady, Captain Standish Bruce O'Grady, Clondegad House, County Clare (sons); Rev William Waugh, The Rectory, Kildysart House (brother-in-law); Mr Owen Waller O'Grady Young, J.P., Castlebar (nephew).

The clergymen present were:—Rev Canon Vance, Rathronan; Rev D. E. L. Dickson, Killeedy Rectory; Rev Canon Hemphill, Knockanoy.

Amongst the general public were:—Messrs. E. W. O'Brien, D. L.; J. B. Levers, J. P.; T. D. Atkinson, J. P.; Thomas E. Lloyd, Heathfield; Ed. Lloyd, do; Wm Phelan, Newcastle; Wm O'Sullivan, do; J. G. McDonald, Provincial Bank; Dr J. E. McDonald, Newcastle; Michael McCoy, do; James Browder, do; C. C. Haruett, do; Edward Mulcahy, Chairman, Newcastle Board of Guardians; James F. Sheehy, V. S.; Bryan E. F. Sheehy, C.E.; Rev Fr John Quinn, C.C., Newcastle; Rev Fr Reeves, C.C., do; P. S. Palmer, Manager National Bank, Newcastle; G. L. Sheehy, J.P.; Herbert Sullivan, J.P.; Jonathan Bruce Maesy, J.P.; D. Leonard, Newcastle; J. D. Leahy, C.E.; W. A. Roche, Maurice Roche, John Leonard, J. Ringwood; P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; E. J. Palmer, John Condon, solicitor; Harry McDonnell, Bionical High Constable; Timothy McCoy, solicitor; Mr. Richd'll. Curling, The Castle, Newcastle West; Captain C. Bain, D.I.; Dr Thomas Hayes, J.P.; Rev Fr O'Shaughnessy, P.P., Knockaderry; Rev Fr Murphy, C.C., do; Maurice Ahern, Hoarsbrook; J. Nash, Newcastle; Matthew O'Mahony, do; John Costello, do; David Kennedy, do; Robt Cussen, solicitor, do; James Cussen, Killeolan; R. Coplen-Langford, J.P., Kilsgriff; Wm Power, Chartfield; C. F. Drew, Drawseart; O'Grady Conyers, Ashbury; James Furlong, Killeine House; E. O'Fl. Hanigan, J.P., Brook Lodge; J. Cussen, Glenquin Castle; E. J. Sheehy, Castleview; E. O'Grady, Rathkeale; Col White, Rathkeale; Laurence Curtin, Newcastle; Michael Riordan, Ballynoe; James Riordan, do; Thomas Reeves, James Liston, Michael Phelan, Walshstone; P. Grogan, Knockaderry; Michael G. Barry, J.P., Lisansky House; John Enright, Castlemahon; Patrick Kennedy, do; M. O'Callaghan, do; John Kennedy, do; C. Foley, Michael Quaid, Ballinakit; Thomas Normoyle, Robert Dora, Patrick Riordan, James O'Connor, John Clifford, Michael Sullivan, Ballynoe; Willie Sullivan John Sullivan, Pat Ahern, Darby Flanagan, David Flanagan, John Donegan, John Nash, Wm Nash, Michael Kennedy, Tom Sullivan, F. Cremon, Killeuliban; D. Normoyle, E. Condon, Ardine; D. Normoyle, Ballinakill; M. Callaghan, Ballynoe; Jeremiah Sullivan, Ballydoherty; James Leahy, do; John Liston, James Liston, Ballynoe Castle; John Liston, Lisansky; E. Liston, do; John Walsh, James Liston, Bathfridy; T. Gaffney, Killeubinn.

There was a long line of carriages, which included that of Lord and Lady Fermoy. Wreaths were sent by Mrs J. S. Furlong, Killealine House, "With true sorrow for an old and valued friend"; Mr Richd'll. Curling, J. P., The Castle, Newcastle West, "With sympathy"; "In loving memory from his wife and family"; "From the Newcastle West Club, with kind sympathy." Floral tributes were also sent by Lord and Lady Fermoy. The officiating clergy were—Rev Mr Canon Hemphill, and Rev Mr Waugh.

On the motion of Mr George Sheehy, J.P., the Newcastle West Board of Guardians was adjourned to-day as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr O'Grady who was an old member of the board.

Mr Wm Phelan, Undertaker, Newcastle West, carried out the funeral arrangements.

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY.

CITY PETTY SESSIONS—YESTERDAY.

(Before Mr Hickson, R.M., and Dr O'Shaughnessy, D.I.)

ALLEGED BURGERING.

Mrs Bridget Byrne, Denmark street, was charged, at the suit of Head Constable Feeney, under the Licensing Act, with illegally having a quantity of porter in her house for sale.

The defendant was not professionally represented. Head Constable Feeney stated that he visited the defendant's house on Sunday, 22nd inst, about twelve o'clock, acting on a warrant, and accompanied by Sergeant Wickham; he told Mrs Byrne the purpose of his visit, and she stated she had two dozen of stout upstairs for the use of her lodgers; on searching the house he found four bottles of porter concealed under the counter, and in another part of the house he got 21 whiskey flasks, 26 full porter bottles, and 45 empties; Sergeant Wickham searched the kitchen and found a tumbler with traces of porter in it under a child's cot, and near this was a man named Whelan; there were two other men in the kitchen named Brown and McClaine, a Scotchman; witness proceeded upstairs, and was told by Mrs Byrne that the Scotchman had ordered a dozen of stout from her.

Mr Hickson—They always drink whiskey (laughter).

Head Constable Feeney remarked that it was porter this time; eight full bottles of stout were found in the room and four empties and in Mrs Byrne's presence, McClaine denied that he ordered the stout from her; another lodger named Sullivan stated that he got three bottles from the defendant the previous night for which he paid her.

Mr Hickson—What sort of house is this? Head Constable Feeney—A lodging-house.

Mrs Byrne said she would plead guilty as to having the porter in her house for her lodgers. If they were good enough to adjudge it to enable her to get a solicitor, she would have these witnesses here.

Mr Hickson—This occurred on 22nd May, which gave you plenty of time. Sergeant Wickham deposed to finding a tumbler with the appearance of porter in a concealed place, and three men were standing near.

Mr Hickson asked Mrs Byrne if she required the adjournment to get a solicitor.

Mrs Byrne—I do.

Mr Hickson—Very well; we will adjourn it for a fortnight.

Head Constable Feeney said he should state that at this stage of the case the adjournment was highly inconvenient.

Mr Hickson—I quite agree, but at the same time we will not take any one short. The case accordingly was allowed to stand for a week.

LARCENY.

A young fellow, named James King, was charged with the larceny of a iron box from the Waterford and Limerick Railway.

Mr Counman appeared for the defendant. Mr Isaac Ray gave evidence of having detected the accused taking the iron.

Sergeant Quin stated the young man's character was very bad. He had been in a reformatory, but was sent back because the Corporation would not contribute.

Mr Hickson—And I suppose they will do the same now?

Mr Counman cross-examined the sergeant as to whether he believed all the slanders hurled at this young fellow by the Head Constable.

Mr Hickson—Oh, nonsense, that is most improper. The Head Constable only gave evidence. He did not hurl slanders.

Mr Counman—I did not mean that seriously. Mr Hickson—Then why did you ask it?

Sergeant Quin stated that the young fellow was actually living on larcenies.

It was ordered to imprison him for two weeks, and then to commit him to Philipstown Reformatory for three years.

ASSAULT.

Robert Hayes was charged in custody with having assaulted William Prendergast on Sunday last in Boherbunoy.

Prendergast stated he was a baker, and on passing through Boherbunoy the defendant struck him with a stone on the head. He gave him no provocation. There was a procession passing at the time.

Mr Hickson—What sort of a procession—was it a John Daly procession?

The complainant—No, it was labourers' demonstration.

The defendant was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

FISHERY PROSECUTION.

Two fishermen named Daniel Farrell and Thomas Tobin were prosecuted by the Shannon Fishery Company for fishing on their fishery below the Wellesley Bridge at two o'clock on the morning of Friday, 20th May.

Mr F.M. Pitt prosecuted, and stated the defendants admitted the charge. One of them (Tobin) was already fined 10s. John Wells, water bailiff, gave evidence of this with the you

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