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Mr. John G. Kelly, J.P., presided at the County Petty Sessions to-day, and disposed of a number of charges on the sheet. In the absence of a second magistrate several cases were adjourned for hearing to next court day.

Amongst these who have passed the preliminary examination of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland are, Messrs Ernest St. John Whelan, Rathkeale; Thomas Patrick Blake, Limerick; Mark Huston McCormick, Castleconnell; and Patrick Joseph Kennelly, Listowel.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place on the 30th inst., between Harry Prince, only son of the late Henry Prince, M.Inst.C.E., of 11 Clanricarde Gardens, and Susan Barbara Cox, daughter of the late Wm. Sydney Cox, of Ballyneale, County Limerick, and 66 George-street, Limerick.

His many friends of the Clonmel Coursing Club presented on Monday a costly piano to Mr. Philip Brennan, hon. sec., on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. In a happy speech the gift was bestowed by Mr. P. Walsh, Co.C. President of the Club. The subscribers to the testimonial included Count de la Poer, H.M.L.

RATHKEALE QUARTER SESSIONS.

THIS DAY.

White Gloves Presented.

At eleven o'clock this morning His Honor County Court Judge Law-Smith opened the business of the Rathkeale Quarter Sessions.

There being no criminal business for hearing, Mr. B. K. Lucas, Sub-Sheriff, presented his Honor with a pair of white gloves.

His Honor, in reply thanked the Sub-Sheriff for the presentation, and congratulated him on the peaceful condition of the county. He said he had already received white gloves on opening the Sessions at Limerick recently for the eastern division of the county, and now a similar presentation was made to him on opening the sessions for the western division. This showed the county at large to be in a state of profound peace.

The licensing business was then taken up. Mr. L. O'B. Kelly (instructed by Mr. Windle, solr., Tarbert) applied for a new license at Glin for Alice Mangan. He stated that the applicant had made application for a transfer at last Sessions, but owing to some fatality the proper notice had not been served. She had in the meantime memorialised the Lord Lieutenant, who allowed her to trade.

In the circumstances and there being no opposition on the part of the police the Bench granted the application.

DEATH OF FATHER MCKENNA, S.J.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred yesterday morning, after a short illness, at Mungret College of the Rev. Charles McKenna, S.J., in his seventy-fourth year. The rev. gentleman had a distinguished course at Maynooth College, and was a contemporary of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, on the Dunboyne Establishment. Father McKenna joined the Jesuit Order early in life, was a Master of Novices and Professor at Miltown Park, Dublin, for many years, and came to Mungret College only a year ago.

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENON.

On Wednesday, the 13th, I witnessed the most interesting and rare occurrence of the moon eclipsing the planet Mars at about 10 p.m. As the moon moves round the earth at the rate of 27 miles per minute, or, in other words, its own diameter in an hour, it could be seen rapidly approaching and then suddenly extinguishing the planet, and in about 45 minutes afterwards it as suddenly appeared, and the interval between the two as rapidly increased, so that in an hour they had again separated about 1/2 a degree or the diameter of the moon. Under a magnifying power of 20,000 the movements were very rapid, and the sight a most fascinating spectacle, which will not be seen again for 101 years.

J. F. BENNIS.

Another correspondent writes:—An interesting astronomical phenomenon was witnessed last evening by two local gentlemen. An occultation of the planet Mars by the moon. It was rendered more interesting by the fact of our satellite being just four days old, and the darker portion being unusually bright. At ten o'clock precisely the ruddy planet disappeared, the suddenness of the disappearance being due to the moon having no appreciable atmosphere.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Patrons of the Theatre Royal this week are

should be far as possible try to follow in the footsteps of these men—men like the late Mr. Godfrey Massey and Mr. George Maxwell (applause). These and some others were the pioneers in this movement, and from what he knew of the Society it deserved their warmest support and sympathy (applause). He then called upon the Secretary to read the annual report.

The Rev. Mr. Abbott submitted the report as follows:—

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The seventy seventh Annual Report of the Society is very satisfactory on the whole, as it bears witness to the continued good-work that is being done in relieving those who through no fault of their own have been left practically destitute.

The fact that, since the foundation of the Society; 1,842 orphans have been cared for and given a good start in the battle of life, shows the absolute necessity that exists for such a society.

The Committee endeavours to place the orphans in good situations according to their different abilities, and when it is thought advisable, they are sent to the Technical Classes and given extra tuition in shorthand, typewriting, etc.

During the year, 1909, there were 70 children on the rolls and three more for whom allowance was made. Six children were only on temporarily, and have since been taken off. Three orphans besides these were taken off, one going to service, another to business, and another being admitted to the Masonic Orphan Schools. Fourteen children were admitted during the year.

The actual number of children under the charge of the Society on January 1st, 1910, was 60, and three for whom maintenance allowance was made. Since that date four more orphans have been admitted, making a total of 67 at present, supported wholly, or in part, by the Society.

The Female Orphan Home has been very full during the past year, and at one time there were 20 girls under the charge of the Matron. The average for the year was 15. The Matron and Teacher are to be congratulated on the way the girls are looked after and taught. Rev. Precentor Adderley kindly examined the girls and reported that the general progress was very good. Miss Gregg inspected the girl's needlework and reported very favourably on it.

The reports of the lady visitors were very satisfactory, and we hope now that as, thanks to the Bazaar, the Home is at present out of debt some very necessary painting will be done.

At the annual Sunday School examination 14 girls obtained first rank, and one second rank. Some of the girls have been attending the technical classes, and two of them have been learning typewriting and shorthand.

The total income of the Society for the year 1909, apart from the grant given by the Westropp trustees to the Home was £1,164 18s. 2d. This sum includes £306 0s. 8d., from the Bazaar. The expenditure was £1,242 5s. 9d. This included a debtor balance from 1908 of £176 15s. 11d., of this sum £74 7s. 10d. represented the debt on the Home account. The total debtor balance at the end of 1909 was £77 7s. 7d.

The actual expenditure apart from the debtor balance was £1,065 4s. 8d.

The Bazaar Committee handed over the sum of £306 0s. 8d. This sum has been expended as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Debt on Protestant Orphan Society, Dec. 31st, 1908	102	7	3
Debt Female Orphan Home, Dec. 31st 1909	74	7	10
Exceptional legal expenses	19	1	8
Paid for Clothing, 1907	50	0	0
Total	245	16	9
Balance used for ordinary expenses	60	3	11
	306	0	8

The Branch Associations contributed about the same amount as last year.

As will be seen from the capital account the £5,000 mortgage which was paid off in 1909 has been re-invested in Railway Securities and Indian Stock. The loss on this transaction will be about £37 per annum.

On the other hand the fact that the Diocesan Council has taken over the working of the Hall for a number of years will mean a considerable saving to our funds. The improvements effected in the Hall have been very extensive, and the Diocese has now a fine Hall and offices for all Church work. To avoid any misunderstanding it may be well to state that none of the expense of the alterations fall on the funds of the Society.

It is necessary again to hold the Bazaar this year, as the ordinary income is insufficient of itself to meet the necessary expenditure, and if it is not held, the Society will certainly be in debt at the end of the year for a large sum, as of course we cannot count on bequests.

Our best thanks are due to all who worked so hard towards the success of the Bazaar, and to those who contributed towards its funds.

Our thanks are again due to all the honorary collectors and superintendents, and also to our Honorary Inspector, Rev. Canon G. Luther, for their continued interest in the work of the Society.

We also desire to thank Mr. C. H. Fitt for auditing the accounts of the Society, and Rev. J. T. Waller, as Westropp Trustee, for auditing the Orphan Home Accounts.

The Committee would conclude their report by expressing the hope that the old friends and subscribers will continue to help them in their work,

tributed the prizes won by the children at the recent examination.

In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Mr. Thomas, the Dean delivered an instructive address to the children.

The collection was then taken up, and it is satisfactory to note that the amount realised nearly double that of last year.

The proceedings then closed with a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding, and for the interest taken by him in the Society.

FUNERAL OF MR. P. J. FROST.

This morning the remains of the late Mr. Patrick J. Frost, whose death took place on Tuesday at the County Infirmary, were laid to rest in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. At 10 o'clock High Mass for the dead was celebrated in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, where the remains rested since Tuesday night, and at a quarter to eleven the coffin was borne out to the hearse. The funeral was of immense dimensions, and representative of every class in the community, and was an eloquent testimony of the esteem in which the lamented deceased was held.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. George, Robert, Thomas, and Solomon Frost, brothers; Dr. Graham (Shinrone), Messrs. Patrick and Michael Graham, nephews; J. McNamara, D.C., E. J. Mitchell, Hospital, James Enright, Thomas Gleeson, and Patrick Frost, brothers-in-law.

The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. R. Devane, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Hannan, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Duane, C.C.; Rev. Fr. O'Carroll, C.C.; Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, S.J.; Rev. Fr. McNamara, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Keane, Rev. Canon Langbridge.

The following represented the Asylum staff:—Dra. O'Neill, Irwin, and Lee, Mr. J. J. O'Malley, Architect; Rev. Canon Langbridge, Messrs. R. Cartledge, T. Coffey, M. O'Donnell, T. Ward, M. Martin, John Lee, Joseph Lee, P. Flynn, J. Condon, R. Walsh, J. Buckner, M. Birrane, T. Murnane, M. Mulcahy, E. Dinneen, W. Hinchy, R. Galligan, Jas. O'Brien, J. Slattery, D. Sullivan, W. Dwyer, J. Berkery, P. Casey, W. Murphy, E. Barry, T. Ryan, J. Hedigan, J. Mulqueen, J. O'Reilly, P. Ahern, P. Hayes, H. Toomey, Head Nurse; Nurses B. McMahon, M. Greaney, H. Creminna, M. Doody.

Among the general public present or who sent carriages were—The Mayor, Lord Emly, Sir Vincent Nash, D.L., Dr. Graham, J. Dundon, solr., P. J. O'Sullivan, solr., W. R. Gubbins, J.P., M. P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P., R. Frost, solr., District Inspector White, J. McMahon (Inspector National Schools), Mrs. O'Brien (South Hill), Dr. Roberts, C. Morris, W. O'Connell, J. J. McMahon, Dr. O'Mara (Ennis), Dr. Laird, W. Ryan, J. Enright (Ennis), Dr. Cohen (Ennis), Dr. Coffey (Maryborough), A. Sexton, W. E. Counihan, solr., Robert Roche, Maurice Fitzgerald, J. J. Quaid, E. Mitchell, J.P., Dr. Sullivan, A. De Prins, P. Hurley, T. A. Hartigan, M. Kelly, D. O'Donovan, W. G. Peacocke, J. Gilligan, B.C., D. O'Callaghan, solr.; J. A. Bourke, D. Begley, J. Fitzgibbon, J.P., J. J. O'Mahony (Rathkeale); M. Leahy, J.P., J. Begley, A. Spain, T. McGrath, J. H. Ryan, J.P., M. Cahill, P. Mulcahy, D.C., John O'Neill, E. J. O'Riordan, V.S., T. O'Malley, W. Dundon, solr., P. J. Barry, J. Flynn, R. Ray, Dr. Holmes, L. Leonard, T. Lane, D.C., S. E. Lee, J.P., W. Holliday, J.P., T. Riordan, C. Kearney, P. B. Malone, E. J. Cunningham, T. H. Brett, W. M. Nolan, J.P., T. Buckley, S. Tubridy, Dr. Holmes (Barrington's Hospital), D. Mulcahy, T. McNamara, D. Graham, J. Frost, B. O'Donnell, J.P., E. O'Toole, G. Hogan, D.C., B. Hanna, R. Wallace, solr., T. Enright, solr., J. Boyd, Dr. Kelly, J. Wallace, D. Condon, D.C., T. B. Mitchell, J.P., Dr. McGrath, J. J. Peacocke, C.E., Alderman Donnellan, M. Griffin, B.C., M. McInerney, B.C., M. McGrath, M. Sheehan, A. J. Eakins, J.P., F. Herriott, J. Barry, Alderman McDonnell, R. T. Lavery, J. J. Delaney, M. O'Callaghan, J. Quin, J.P.; H. Coyle, W. Lloyd, P. Coyle, R. McNamara, solr., P. Fitzgerald (Rosbrien), H. J. Guinane, C. O'Neill, D.C., J. O'Donnell, O. Ryan, K. O'Brien, D.C., J. L. Frost, D.C., P. Fitzgerald (Greenhills), R. Nix, D.C., J. O'Regan, Co.C.; T. O'Grady, P. R. Toppin, W. McArthur, J. Fitzpatrick, T. Ryan, V.S., J. E. Barry, J.P., M. Egan, A. Murray, A. Hall, E. Dundon, J. Ryan, solicitor, W. A. Delany, D. Donovan, A. Nestor, P. Hartigan, L. O'Donnell, B.C., J. P. O'Mahony (George Street), M. O'Toole, M. Ryan, J. Kerr, J.P., T. Hurley, J.P., P. Godfrey, J. P. Griffin, U.D.C., J. Flannery, J. Stack, J. Halvey, P. Dillon, U.D.C., J. P. Lynch, J. G. O'Brien, B.C., W. Frost, U.D.C., P. Lane, D.C., T. McMahon, U.D.C., D. Naughton, J. Killeen, Dr. Shanahan, P. Cronin, L. O'B Kelly, solr., J. P. Hartigan, — Keane, solr. (Youghal), M. Sheahan, D.C., J. Egan, etc.

Father O'Connor officiated at the graveside. Wreaths were sent, amongst them:—Dr. O'Neill, "With Sincerest Sympathy"; Miss Cregan, Officers and Staff of the Limerick Asylum, "Sincere Sympathy"; Dr. Nolan, Downpatrick Asylum, "Sincere Sympathy"; uncle Jack and Frank Keane, "Our dear loving uncle, Josie and May"; "In loving memory of our dear brother, Patrick," from Jem and Delia Enright, members Limerick Press Club, Mr. and Mrs. Garry, John O'Neill, "his broken-hearted sister, Mary Graham," uncle Patrick, Eddie, and Josie Mitchell, members of the Limerick Institution.

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