

...d there were registered throughout a total of 25,728 births, a number to an annual birth rate of 23.5 in 1,000 of the estimated population. would appear that the birth rate for quarter has been 0.2 below the average for the corresponding quarter of the years 1900-1909, and 0.1 below the rate of the first quarter of 1909. It is also below that of England and Wales, where the birth rate was 24.5 in every 1,000. Coming in the provinces, Leinster and Ulster head the list. Leinster, at the same figure, 22.2, and Connaught, 22.3. There were 21,283 deaths in the first quarter, representing an annual rate of 19.5 per 1,000. They were 769 more than those registered in the corresponding quarter of 1909, and the rate was 1.8 below the average for the first quarter of the corresponding period already referred to. When we bear in mind the exceptionally severe weather associated with the winter and spring, this decline is a matter of congratulation. The birth rate in Leinster was 21.5 per 1,000 population; Munster, 17.1; Ulster, and Connaught is the lowest with 16.5. The ravages of tuberculosis in its various forms are evidenced by the fact that the statistics provisionally returned by the Registrar show that in the aggregate the deaths of 22 persons were registered during the first quarter, this number corresponding to an annual mortality rate of 2.40 per 1,000 of the population. As in previous reports it is noticeable that some of these deaths from tuberculosis were of persons who had emigrated to this country from abroad. In view of the fact that emigration it is regrettable to find that the exodus of the "bone and sinew" of our shores continues undiminished. The number of emigrants which left Ireland in the first quarter ended 31st March last year was 2,471 males and 1,398 females—3,869 more than in the corresponding quarter for the year 1909, and, as we know, recently there was a record "rush" of emigrants to the United States and elsewhere. It is to be hoped that this will counterbalance a reduction in the number of past quarter of 595 compared with the corresponding quarter of the

pathetic message of condolence at the death of his Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII."

At the Corofin District Council the resolution from the Ennis Urban Council favouring the appointment of delegates to interview the Chief Secretary with the object of rescinding the order made for the conversion of Tulla into an auxiliary asylum, was read, as was also a resolution from the Scariff Board of Guardians to the opposite effect. Seven members voted for adopting the Ennis resolution, and five against. Delegates were appointed to join the deputation to the Chief Secretary.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Whole House of the Limerick Corporation on Thursday night, the Mayor presiding, an invitation to attend the Killeely meeting to-morrow at which Mr. Dillon is to speak was received. Alderman McNeice proposed and Councillor Johnson seconded that it be accepted, and that an address be presented to Mr. Dillon. Councillor Bourke proposed and Councillor M. O'Brien seconded that no address be presented. On a poll there voted against the amendment—12 for 6. Alderman McNeice's resolution was declared carried.

CO. LIMERICK CRICKET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

[] Tuesday next, Club day, tea will be given by Mr. D. L. Arthur. By kind permission of Colonel Rose and officers the band of the Black Watch will attend.

FATAL MACHINERY ACCIDENT AT CAHERMOYLE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dr. John M. Ambrose, Coroner, Newcastle West, held an opening inquiry into the death of Francis Patrick McCormack, who sustained injuries at the Saw Mills at Cahermoyle on Wednesday, which proved fatal a short time after the sad occurrence.

Mr. Bierne, D.I., conducted the proceedings. The further hearing of the inquiry was adjourned to Friday, June 3rd prox., for the attendance of the Inspector of Factories and Workshops.

It appears that while engaged at the machinery a spar of timber fell or "kicked" back and struck the poor young fellow, who was only about 18 years of age, on the stomach. A clergyman and doctor were promptly in attendance, but McCormack died in about a quarter of an hour after the accident.

OUTRAGE IN CLARE.

Police Escort Fired On.

An extraordinary occurrence is reported from the Ruan district, where on Tuesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, as Mr. Patrick Casey was returning to Ennis, with his usual police escort, eighteen shots were fired at them from a distance of several hundred yards. Six of the shots were from rifles, the bullets passing over the heads of Mr. Casey and his escort, and the rest were revolver shots. The police fired a number of shots in return, but they could not see the opposing party. This is the third time Mr. Casey has been fired at, in connection with the dispute over the Rhineen farm.

1. March..... "Cherry Blossom"
2. Overture..... "Poet and Peasant"
3. Selection..... "Haddon Hall"
4. (a) Song (Cornet Solo) "I hear" [calling m Soloist—Lance-Corporal.]
- (b) Sketch... "Ireland for ever"
5. Valse Lente... "Enchanted Bell"
6. Selection "Harry Lauder's Song"
7. (a) Song (Cornet Solo) "O" [those T
- (b) March..... "Punchinello"
8. March..... "Coronation Bells"
9. Waltz..... "Sizilietta," and
10. Selection... "The Whistler" E. T. MURRAY

Rowing Detail PAIRS.

1st Heat—M. Roche, R. Fahy, 1st. W. Ievers, T. Hannan, B. 2nd. M. Ryan, M. Hanly, B. Fit 2nd Heat—M. Grimes, W. Franklin (cox)—1st. J. Cregg, Fitzgibbon (cox)—0. Final—Fahy secured the verdict by a length.

JUNIOR FOURS.

J. Meers (bow), J. Quilligan O'Toole (stk), J. Kelly (cox)—1st. A. Grant (bow), R. Shanahan Creaney (stk), B. Fitzgibbon (cox) T. Lynch (bow), M. McInerney Fitzgibbon (stk), B. Franklin (cox) Won a capital race by half a length.

SENIOR FOURS.

J. Grant (bow), M. O'Dwyer, Healy (stk), B. Fitzgibbon (cox)—J. Brinn (bow), J. McCarthy, Glazer (stk), J. Kelly (cox)—2nd J. Bowles (bow), G. McCann, O'Brien (stk), B. Franklin (cox)—Half a length was the verdict.

SENIOR EIGHTS

J. Bowles (bow), G. McCann, O'Dwyer, J. Brinn, R. Shanahan Healy (stk), B. Franklin (cox). J. Grant (bow), P. McCarthy M. McInerney, M. Stapleton, McGrath, J. Glazer (stk), C. O' A well contested event ended the decision by a canvas.

Judges—Messrs. P. O'Connor, Healy, and M. J. O'Brien. M. S. Fitzgibbon, D. O'Connell Messrs. W. H. Walpole, M. Har Messrs. P. O'Flynn, J. O'Riordan J. Shannon, W. Forsythe, E. O A. McNeice, T. J. Loughrey. Hartigan. Vice-Captain—Mr.

THE CHURCH

Limerick Diocesan Choral Festival.

The above will be held in St. on Thursday, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. Lord Bishop of Limerick. The entertained to lunch and tea Diocesan Hall. Railway vouchers the music may be had from the Diocesan Hall, Limerick.