

verage annual death-rate represented by us registered last week as appertaining to in Registration Area and the twenty-one provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 1,000 of their aggregate population, for the purposes of these returns, is fixed at 1,149,495. The deaths registered the past week, as appertaining to the districts, alphabetically arranged, correspond to the following annual rates per 1,000 instances, owing to deaths not having been registered within the week in which they occurred, the rates do not fairly represent the actual rates:—Armagh, 20·6; Ballymena, 18·3; Clonmel, 25·4; Cork, 22·5; Drogheda, Dublin Registration Area, 18·0; Dundalk, Galway, 19·7; Kilkenny, 34·7; Limerick, Lisburn, 21·4; Londonderry, 8·9; Lurgan, Jewry, 13·1; Newtownards, 34·3; Portadown, 9; Queenstown, 6·6; Sligo, —; Tralee, Waterford, 9·5; Wexford, 9·1. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered during the week were equal to an annual rate of 2·1 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0·0 in 13 of the districts to 10·1 in Clonmel, the five deaths from measles for that district including two from measles under two years of age. Among the 124 deaths from all causes for Belfast are one from typhoid fever, three from whooping-cough, and five from diarrhoea and enteritis of children under two years of age. Included in the 33 deaths from measles for Cork are one from measles and one from diarrhoea of children under two years of age. Among the seven deaths for Londonderry are two from diarrhoea and enteritis of children under two years of age, and one of the three from all causes for Lurgan is from whooping-cough.

**ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.**

**Accused Returned for Trial.**  
P. J. Kelly, R.M., attended at the City Office yesterday for the purpose of taking possession in the charge of obtaining goods by false pretences from various city traders, preferred by Kate Keogh, of Ballysheen, Sixmiletown District Inspector Craig prosecuted, and Mr. H. Moran, solicitor, represented the accused. In the evidence it appeared that on divers occasions during the present year the accused visited various shops in the city, and on the strength of the representations obtained goods to the value of £8. In one instance, at Messrs. Hanna's, George-street, she attempted to obtain £5 and some articles, but the management grew suspicious and refused to accommodate her. The firms affected were Messrs. Leverett and Fry, Ltd., Messrs. Brown, W. M. Kidd, and Messrs. McBirney. The solicitor of District Inspector Craig

connected with this city, have existed between him and his colleagues of the Bench. For some time past Mr. Hickson has not been in robust health; his retirement is, therefore, all the more regretted, but he has the best wishes of the community at large that he may enjoy very many years of well-earned retirement and rest from official life. Mr. P. J. Kelly, Resident Magistrate for Clare, who has been doing duty in Limerick during Mr. Hickson's indisposition has, as already announced, been permanently appointed to succeed him in this district.

**WINTER ASSIZES.**

A supplement to the "Dublin Gazette," published last night defines the winter Assize counties. The Munster Assizes will be held at Cork, and the Assize County will consist of the Counties of Waterford, Kerry, Cork, and Tipperary, and the Cities of Waterford and Cork. The Leinster Assizes will be held at the Commission Court, Green street, Dublin. The Connaught Assizes will be held at Limerick, and the Assize County will consist of the Counties Leitrim, Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Clare, and Limerick, and the City of Limerick.

**LATE MR. WILLIAM O'DONNELL, BALLYRUNE.**

The funeral of the late Mr. Wm. O'Donnell, Ballyrune, which took place on Sunday, was very large and representative, though the inclemency of the weather no doubt kept many at home who would wish to have associated themselves with the manifestations of respect for the memory of the deceased, and sympathy with his family, relatives and connections. The chief mourners were:—Messrs. Laurence, John and Michael O'Donnell (sons); Bryan O'Donnell and James O'Donnell (brothers); Jack and Chas. O'Donnell; Laurence, Thomas, Jerome and Jim McDonnell, L. J. Curtin, M.B. and Daniel Curtin (nephews); Laurence and Maurice L. Curtin, James Curtin (brothers-in-law); M. Enright, D.C. Denis and John O'Connor, John J., David, and William Quaid, Edward and Gerald Fitzgerald, Patrick and Thomas O'Shea (cousins). The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, P.P., Rev. Fr. Connolly, C.C., Rev. Fr. Reidy, P.P., Cappa; Rev. J. O'Gorman, C.C., Patricks-well. There was an immense attendance of the general public, including the Mayor and several officials and members of the Corporation, and residents of the city and county. Wreaths were sent by many relatives and friends of the deceased gentleman.

**ASTRONOMICAL.**

Those interested in such matters who care to rise at between 5 and 6 a.m. will, if clear, see a most interesting comet with a tail 10 or 15 times the diameter of the Moon, a little below to the left of the brilliant Planet, and not far from where the Sun rises in the East.—J. F. BENNIS.

**POLICE COURT.**

At the Police Court yesterday, before Mr. P. J. Kelly, P.M., three persons were presented

K.C., and Mr. Hugh Ken Messrs. Kerin and Hickman For the defendants—Mr. Herbert Wilson, K.C., and instructed by Mr. F. F. Cull Mr. Metcalf, accountant, half of the defendants to present examination of the books of the Master of the Rolls. It was for the benefit of interested that the hotel should proceed divided. An account to be taken. Mr. Matheson asked that given to the Taxing Master expenses of Mr. Edward O' who were in attendance but examined. Mr. Brown said, Mr. The wife were in the same position. Mr. Matheson said there with the Taxing Master over not examined. The Master of the Rolls were properly in attendance Master who did not allow guilty of a grave error.

**NEWCASTLE WEST SHIP**

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) Newcastle  
At a special meeting of Commissioners held last week, Mr. Flanagan, the only member of the Council of Ireland, who was elected three months ago in succession to his late husband, Mr. John Flanagan, resigned the office of Mayor of Newcastle. His resignation was accepted and it was ordered that Mr. J. J. Flanagan be his successor.

**RAILWAY MENS' UNION**

**Sitting Report.**  
The representatives of the various Railway Unions resumed their consideration of the Commission's report on the subject of the railway men's strike this morning. The official communication from the Government at the meeting is expected to be of interest. The Conference adjourned at 11 o'clock. Mr. Williams stated no statement would be made later in the day. The afternoon session will consider the report of the Commission's meetings.

**TAXI STRIKE**

Owing to the strike of seven thousand taxi cabs to-day.

**WELL KNOWN SCOTSMAN**

Rev. Dr. William I. Arbuthnot, the well-known theologian, died to-day, aged 80.