

WATERFORD FIFTY YEARS AGO.

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A MUNIFICENT GIFT.

A splendid new side altar, the generous gift of Mr. Patrick Lawlor, Manor, has just been unveiled at the parish church of St. John's. The altar is composed of Irish and Italian marble, and the altar slab, of immense thickness, is of the choicest Sicilian marble more than eight feet long and two feet wide. As a work of art it is believed to be equal to the best altars in the country. The architects who designed it are of the eminent firm of Goldie and Childe, and the manufacturer, Mr. P. J. Mill, Brunswick St., Dublin, is not unknown to the citizens of Waterford, as it was from his studio the carving of the Dominican Church was executed. The first of a series of stained-glass windows was also the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lawlor.

THE CATTLE TRADE.

Two of the Waterford companies' steamers sailed to-day for England heavily laden with cattle and cargo; another sails to-morrow.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening a very large, fashionable and highly intellectual audience assembled in the Large Room, City Hall, to hear a lecture from Ald. Dr. J. F. Scott, J.P., on the "great Edmund Burke," being the second lecture of the season. Mr. J. N. White, T.C., President, occupied the chair. A vote of thanks was proposed after the lecture by Dr. Cutlar and seconded by Mr. J. Strangman.

BICYCLE RACE.

Another of those exciting contests took place on Tuesday, the course being the same as before, from the corner of the Cork road to the Tramore Railway Station. Eight started, Mr. Cherry being seven minutes behind the rest, having won on the previous occasion. The first prize was a silver gipsy kettle with spirit lamp, value £3, won by Mr. J. Hearne, and Mr. J. A. Power, who was second, won a bicycle bag value 10s. 6d. Mr. C. Rodgers acted as judge.

SPORTING.

Mr. T. Widger, Mayor's Walk, has purchased "Flower Girl" from Mr. D. Cullinane, Michael street, for 80 sovs. The hurdle races at Tramore intended for the 5th November have been postponed to St. Stephen's Day.

SMOKER AT C.Y.M.S.

Well-known local vocalists will contribute to an enjoyable programme arranged for next evening at the C.Y.M.S., when the first smoker of the season will be held. It is anticipated the function will be a great success and the forerunner of many such to be held during the winter months. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend and should note the programme commences at 8.30 p.m.

A TRAMORE DANCE.

The Vaudeville Band has been engaged to supply the music for the dances to be held at the Palace Ballroom, Tramore, every Sunday night, commencing next Sunday. The room will be specially illuminated and decorated for the occasion, Mr. McGurk, the leases, having sole charge of the arrangements. A special late train and bus service will be run at 11 o'clock so as to ensure adequate carrying accommodation to Waterford for those attending.

City Inquest.

An inquest was held on Monday by Dr. D. Kennedy, City Coroner, into the circumstances surrounding the death of Hannah O'Keeffe, 1 Grange terrace, who died suddenly on Sunday morning.

Michael Murphy (16), Grange terrace, deposed that he resided at No. 1, and knew the deceased, who was employed for about two years as housekeeper. She was about fifty years of age, and was a native of Cappoquin. He did not know if she had any relatives in Ireland, but had a brother in America. She went to them from the County Hospital, where she had been a patient, but was never ill in the house. On Sunday morning he heard her calling his name, and when he went into her room found her standing up, half-dressed, and gasping for breath. She told him she had had a bad night. Witness called his father and went to No. 4 for a neighbour Mrs. Sinnott, and then for the priest. When he came back she was dead.

Thomas Murphy, horse dealer, stated he called deceased on Sunday morning, and she answered him. When he called her the second time she did not answer so clearly, and when called by his son he heard her crying. He found her lying partly upright in the bed, gasping, and she was too ill to speak. She had not complained of any illness lately; in fact, she was getting stronger. He did not know if she was insured. He thought she had a daughter somewhere in Ireland.

Dr. McCarthy said he was called at 8.15 a.m., and when he arrived she was dead. On examining the body he found a large goitre on one side of the neck, but no marks of violence whatever. Her heart would be likely to be affected in connection with the goitre, and he was of opinion death was due to heart failure.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.

STOMACH UPSET.