

beral friends in the House of so severe that it was found "the clause" in favour of the "disconnection reference to Sir James's gift was appropriate. Amid renewed cheers, "one of the wisest and the best-rich man has ever made, and questions as to the provision of wages for the working classes that they can afford to pay; for with a magnificent gift it would be possible to solve them." Lord Salisbury, working men against joining a strike, the building of houses or breaking agreements already made. "Confiscation are pleasant at the time, but I warned his hearers they would be repented ten times more by losing their jobs. Parliamentary and legislative action they can possibly save by what they would have lost of ill-gotten gains from the tax they may have made, and that is the lesson which is to be preached in season and out of season." It is as necessary to preach "in season and out of season" in all parts of England.

In Ireland, Lord Salisbury pointed out that as a population which cannot be supported by agricultural production alone, other industries are fostered there to bring prosperity or comfort. Other industries, though they produce a surplus, do not produce as much as they should in a certain amount of time. It is not possible to be able to maintain its daily needs otherwise in Ireland. Capital is not used in the mines, to use the water-power going to waste; but before we can have public confidence, we must have a development of home industry," he said. "wherever investments are made, looking for some decent return, whether capital may be used in those investments and scatter investments which such investment population, will depend upon the confidence on which the government of the country is made." Every business man should be of these plain, practical features of future policy. The Prime Minister was that they should do their utmost, by "a scheme for land," to increase the number of employers. As to extended efforts

can Communion, appointing a certain season to be observed for United Intercession on behalf of missions. The time which has been recommended for that purpose is some day of the week on which the festival of St Andrew falls, with preference for the eve of that day. There is no special form of Service for use at that time, but it is suggested that special collects, Psalms and lessons may be used at the Service.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.—The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week in the sixteen principal Town Districts of Ireland was 24.2 per 1,000 of the population. The deaths registered in the several towns alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000:—Armagh, 10.3; Belfast, 29.5; Cork, 22.7; Drogheda, 25.4; Dublin, 23.5; Dundalk, 26.2; Galway, 23.5; Kilkenny, 4.2; Limerick, 21.6; Lifford, 19.3; Londonderry, 25.0; Lurgan, 41.0; Newry, 14.0; Sligo, 14.4; Waterford, 20.8; Wexford, 8.6. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the 16 districts were equal to an annual rate of 1.9 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in ten of the districts to 5.2 in Armagh; the 2 deaths from all causes registered in that district comprise 1 from diphtheria.

DEATH OF MR. L. O'KEEFE, T.C.—We regret to record the death, which took place this evening at his residence, George-street, of Mr. Laurence O'Keefe, T.C., after a lengthened illness. Mr. O'Keefe was a gentleman highly respected by all who knew him, and his courteous and unassuming manner won for him many friends. Four years ago he filled the office of High Sheriff of the city. For about ten years he was a Town Councillor for the Abbey Ward, and while his health permitted was most assiduous in looking after the interests of his constituents. He was also a valued worker of the St Vincent de Paul Society, and other benevolent institutions in the city. Though he has passed away at a ripe age his demise is universally regretted, and public sympathy is this evening expressed with the Mayor of Limerick and other members of the deceased gentleman's family. The date of the funeral, we believe, has not yet been fixed.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

At the County Petty Sessions to-day, before Mr. John Vanderkiste and Mr. W. F. O'Grady, Alexander Duffy, Michael Roche, and John McNamara were brought up on remand, charged at the instance of Sergeant Hoban with the larceny of 6s 5d from a pauper named Myles. The prisoners had been inmates of the house up to the 19th inst, the day the robbery was committed, and from further evidence given to-day by Mr. Lee, ex-hall-porter, it appeared they were not seen in the house since. It was also ascertained that they had been drinking on that evening in a publichouse. Sergeant Hoban having given evidence, the prisoners were returned for trial. Myles had been an inmate for twenty-five years, and 6s 5d, the amount which he alleged was taken from him by the prisoners, was his savings for eleven years.

for a second quartette, "a very nice quartette," sort of marching by Messrs S. Hewson, V and R. J. Lee, and a closed with the Nation Gibbons, as usual was gentlemen performed the we must not conclude hon. secretary, Mr. L. R. thing he takes in hand carrying out details.

AMATEUR PERFORMANCE OF THE ORDNANCE

On Tuesday and yesterday, a performance, which will be repeated at the Ordnance Barrack, Barrackmond Institute. The performance was large and represented a selection of the best selected were thorough and were they and so admired. The programme began with "Box and Cox," which was a laughing matter. Mr. Birch, R. his "get up" being right burly, as "Cox," was called "Miss Minnie Lysaught Bouncer"—the shrewd one so to speak, to kill two birds with one stone. The farce was followed by a performance entitled "Naval Engagement," which was a success. The principal characters were Admiral Kingston and his son. They have lived together father and son, and so reposed in each other's arms to marry without the objection that the lady chosen was older or younger than the other. Unfortunately the latter was decidedly awkward, for love with a true heart 15 years older than his. The Admiral is engaged to a girl only 30 years his junior. The son meet after two years. A certain hypothesis based on the fact above referred to is that the lady chosen was unaware of the other's age. The facts coming to light threatened until, at the medium of the ladies, the difficulty is arrived at. The widow, and the Lieutenant he recognised as his comrade. The play ends, and it is given it will be seen where is centered in it. Addable manner, in which without a single hitch be realised that the audience to their heart content "Admiral Kingston," matters of love is any very good indeed. He is the part, and pourtra ability. Captain Bunton" was equally good.