

... exhausted themselves with that effort, though canvassing is carried on vigorously, but carried on quietly. Mr Davitt is going with a bandaged head, but this does not prevent his displaying a lively vigour in the defence of the cause which he has made his own. Last night Mr Davitt addressed a meeting in a hall adjacent to the National Commercial Club rooms. He wisely recoiled from boasting, for, as he told his audience, one good boast after the election would be worth fifty before it. He criticised Mr Redmond's attitude, and explained his own, referring to the recent speech he had delivered in London, when he declared his readiness to support the measure of Home Rule Mr Gladstone was willing to offer, Mr Davitt said he was not going to forget that in 1886 the late Earl of the Irish people, and the entire Irish Parliamentary party, including Messrs Redmond and Pierce Mahony, declared before the House of Great Britain and the whole of the civilized world that they accepted the measure of 1886 as a final and satisfactory settlement of the struggle between Ireland and Great Britain.

He was content to stand by the friendly relations entered into between the democracies of Great Britain and Ireland on the basis of Gladstone's Home Rule measure of 1886. On his way yesterday he crossed the Suir, and had been visiting the portion of the county lying on the Kilkenny side of the river. He met with a satisfactory reception, and no hostility marked his progress through the district. Mr Redmond made an extensive tour in the city, accompanied by the Mayor, and addressed a meeting of workmen at the Druggist's Brewery. In addressing such a meeting he confined his remarks to the labour question, and endeavoured to show that he, and not Mr Davitt, was the real labour candidate. He told them that an ancestor of his was the first to introduce railways and steam engines into Wexford, and turned six thousand acres of slob land into the most fertile land in the country; therefore the labourers of Wexford were every man of them for him. He said what had Mr Davitt done for the workmen. He encouraged strikes, and those strikes, carelessly entered into and badly managed in almost every case, injured the labourers, and brought about night misery and suffering on their families. He said his rival, Mr Redmond, is in favour of an eight hours' day, a measure which, if passed, would wipe out the little trace there is of industry in the greater part of Ireland. It seems extraordinary that both candidates should agree in expressing approval of an arrangement which, however necessary for men engaged in mining operations under ground

by the leading party of the day, and approved by the band of the regiment, and the band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, which alternately played funeral marches. The cortege proceeded along the Northern line of quays to the North Wall. Six officers of the 10th Hussars acted as pall bearers, and following the coffin were eight soldiers carrying beautiful floral wreaths sent by the officers of different regiments. The character of the procession was most led in the procession, and then came officers of the 10th Hussars, the 18th Hussars, the Coldstream Guards, the Royal Sussex Regiment, the Gloucester Regiment, and the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. There was a constant downpour of rain during the time the procession was proceeding from the railway terminus to the North Wall. Amongst the numerous wreaths and other floral tributes supplied for the funeral of the lamented officer by Mr James Thornton, of Grafton street, may be mentioned one five feet in diameter, formed of the choicest flowers, and which bore the inscription "From his brother officers." The Crown and letters K.O.H. were formed of violets. The remainder were the choicest white flowers.

#### DEATH OF MR. E. B. MAHONY, J.P.

The many friends of Mr Edmond Bonayne Mahony, J.P., will learn with deep regret of his death yesterday at Ardfoile, Blackrock, Co. Cork. He was closely connected with the commercial prosperity of the South of Ireland, for many years being a director of the Cork and Macroom Direct Railway, a director of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, and many other industrial undertakings. As a man of shrewd judgment he was highly esteemed by brother directors and all those with whom he had dealings. The funeral will take place on Friday morning.

#### THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES' ACT.

A meeting of the Public Libraries' Act Committee was held in the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, Mr F A O'Keefe, M.P., in the chair. Also present—Mr William Spillane, J.P.; Rev J Dewd, Mr T H Kenny, solr; Alderman O'Mara, Mr M Cusack, TC; Mr Donnelly, TC; Mr M A Hennessy, CE; Mr N A Brophy, and Mr B Barrington, solicitor.

The following was read.—Report of sub-committee appointed to consider as to suitable premises to start Public Library.

The following were present—William Spillane, J.P.; T H Kenny, solr; Michael Cusack, David Begley, M A Hennessy, CE, and B Barrington, solr.

Mr Barrington intimated that he had made inquiries as to premises in Bedford Row, formerly used as an Independent Chapel, but that same was subject to a rent of £60, and was not at present in the market.

The suitability of the lower room in the Athenaeum was then suggested by Mr Begley.

Mr Hennessy regretted that he could not agree with Mr Begley, much as he would like to do so, as he considered the premises at present available for science and art, were too limited to allow of any development of the teaching of those most important subjects. He suggested that far more suitable and central premises would be those on the ground floor of the Town Hall, formerly occupied as a reading room, and he had great hopes that arrangements might be made with the present occupiers to carry out the objects in view.

The committee then visited the Athenaeum, and as it was the only place at present available, although agreeing with Mr Hennessy that the room in the Town Hall would be a more suitable one, they agreed that in order to start a library as early as possible, the library in the Athenaeum would be the best place to start in; and that arrangements be made with the Athenaeum Committee to carry out same.

M. A. HENNESSY, Hon. Sec.

Some members were appointed a deputation to

it is a very pretty and so appropriate to the season, and has noticed a very large stock of dolls, immense variety, several fans and a horse, writing desks, plush brackets, mirrors, card cases, albums of every work boxes, lined with satin, and in fact, everything suitable for Christmas. We should direct attention to the fine Christmas cards which are to be had separately or made up in boxes. A lot of visitors will be directed to the Bohemian vases, Majolica ware, and in the furniture department numerous and substantial presents will be found, fire screens and draught screens, basket trays, flower stands, etc. As the jewellery department is fully supplied, the ladies' department will be found very complete, the latest novelties in mantles, coats, seals, etc. Of umbrellas, hosiery, handkerchiefs, we found a very extensive select stock; and in the ready-made clothing of all kinds may be had at very reasonable figures. Goods intended for societies are marked at specially low

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