

was, he lent a willing ear to all. He truly no respecter of persons, except his kindly nature leaned more decidedly towards the poor and unbefriended. As one who had unwillingly to trouble him on behalf of some importunate and often undeserving one, I know how many owe their advancement, or their restoration to some forfeited position, to the influential word or letter of him whose hand is now cold in death, and his tongue silent in the coffin. In speaking of him thus, I feel as if his gentle spirit was rebuking me, though many here well know that I am not unduly glorifying him; and when I think how sorrowful we shall miss his genial presence at all our public gatherings, and no longer hear his eloquent winning speech, I know not where we can look for one to fill his vacant place. His absence will indeed be sorely felt at our Church Councils and Diocesan Synods in our own city, especially at the General Synod in Dublin, as he so often spoke with so much quiet dignity and effect, that few in that august assembly (in which there were many persons of greater power), were listened to with more respect, or deeper attention than he do not dwell longer now on his labours as a parish churchman, or speak of the numerous parishes to which as a layman he was appointed and was so deservedly elected, it is because we shall have so many opportunities in our Diocesan Committees of referring to the heavy burden we have sustained by his death. I am one of those who think our burial service is better left undisturbed by any address, but this is indeed an unusually sad and solemn occasion, and the words which it prescribes home upon us all should be no words of mine to enforce them. Can there be one here who does not feel that God is speaking to his conscience and his heart, pleading with him, inviting him, warning him, it may be, remember how very soon the summons may come. "This night thy soul shall be required of thee," and saying to each of us, oh, believe I am thy loving Father who "sent my Son into the world not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." Yes, all everywhere, and at all times, who come unto Me, I will receive Him!" My loving heart is open to you. My Heavenly Home prepared for you all—did not my Son tell you He is "the way, the Truth, and the Life." Was He not lifted up upon the Cross, that "all the ends of the earth" might "look unto Him and be saved"? Oh! take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him to be pure and loving, gentle and forgiving, meek and lowly of heart, and thus find rest unto your souls. All sinners found in Him a living, perfect Saviour when on earth, and "he who hath thus seen Jesus hath seen the Father." I could not this blessed revelation be a comfort to us all, now "that the Angel of Death is abroad in the land, and we can almost hear the beating of his wings"? How little we thought a few days ago, when sympathizing with the Nationalists and uniting in messages of condolence to the members of our Royal Family, that Death's rude hand would be felt so very near to ourselves, moving so prominent a figure from our midst, and calling forth such true and Christian sympathy as will, I trust, be some consolation to her upon whose bitter sorrow we may not otherwise trudge; and is it not a happy thing to know that pleased God to call our dear and valued brother so graciously and so peacefully away as to spare us any sore struggle at the last, and "he whose heart was as that of a little child" in its simplicity and guilelessness "passed thus into the presence of the Master" in whom he truly trusted for his soul's health, and whose Divine Precept he so consistently and unaffectedly obeyed, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples,

suggestion meeting the approval of those present, it was thereupon

Proposed by Mr Cleve, seconded by Mr Power, and adopted—"That a subscription list be opened for the purpose of raising a fund to provide an oil painting of our late president, Sir James Spaight."

The list was immediately opened, and a considerable number of handsome subscriptions handed in.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV DEAN CREGAN.

With feelings of deep regret we announce the death, which took place yesterday, of the Very Rev Dean Cregan, P.P. Bruff. The venerable clergyman had attained the advanced age of 80 years, and was in the fifty-third year of the priesthood. He was born at Shanagolden, County Limerick, and having studied at Carlow and Maynooth, was ordained in 1838. As curate, he was stationed at Cooleappa, Newcastle West, and Adare, where his qualities as priest were generally recognized. As parish priest, he had charge of the parishes of Bruree and Bruff, and for 27 years was Vicar-General. On the celebration of his Golden Jubilee three years ago, he was presented with an address from the people of the parishes in which he laboured, expressing their admiration for his virtues as a good zealous priest, and for the many qualities of head and heart which endeared him to the people, for whose welfare, spiritual and temporal, he so long and zealously laboured. His death is sincerely regretted by those with whom, in the performance of his sacred office, he came in contact, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT AT THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
Dublin, Saturday Evening.

Another accident occurred at the office of the new Dublin Parnellite paper, the *Independent*, to-day. This time the boiler exploding and injuring a man so severely that he is now in hospital. This is the ninth accident since the paper started, and several employees are in hospital. Last week a fire under the machine rendered printing impossible, and the *Independent* and *Evening Herald* had to be printed elsewhere.

NEWCASTLE WEST UNION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Newcastle West, Friday.

The guardians of this union met as usual at the workhouse yesterday. Mr Edmund Mulcahy presided, and the other guardians in attendance were—Messrs W O'Sullivan, L. Curtin, J. Kennedy, E W O'Brien, J P, D L; T Ambrose, C Curling, J P; M Cremin, and J R Mulcahy.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Admitted to the workhouse during the week, 22; born, 1; discharged, 10; died, 1; remaining on Saturday last, 206; number at corresponding period last year, 222; on out-door relief, 544, or 4 more than last year.

FINANCE.

Received during the week, £93 12s 2d; paid, £197 10s 1d; balance against the Union, £644 7s 0d.

THE NATIONAL TEACHERS.

The Local Government Board wrote requesting to be informed whether the union would become contributory within the meaning of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act.

LATEST NEWS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

LIMERICK CHRONICLE OFFICE

SATURDAY EVENING

THE ROSSENDALE ELECT

THE POLLING—THIS DAY

The Press Association's correspondent Rawtenstall telegraphs at nine o'clock, a poll opened in mild and dull weather, in prospect of rain. Great activity prevailed in the constituency, both parties being well equipped with carriages.

Mr Maden's health has improved.

Rawtenstall, 10.

There is a bright display of colour on the sides. To all parts of the Division bill net distributor's have been despatched, and pass from house to house. The great bulk of literature so distributed relates to Home Rule.

Bacup

A fog has set in accompanied by rain. Liberal candidate is visiting the polling station. A bill has been posted accusing the Liberal dirty work in placing on Maden's vote the statement that, as Brookes lives at the expense of the voters, his votes given for him will be lost. This trick is strongly condemned.

HEAVY FINE FOR SELLING DISINFECTED MEAT.

George Wright, butcher, was fined five pounds at Edinburgh, to-day, for exposing for sale the carcass of a bullock which was infected with Anthrax.

WINDSOR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The public are being allowed to enter the Memorial Chapel, Windsor, to-day, through the doorway. People are arriving from all parts of the country by train, and by ten o'clock some hundreds had passed through the cloisters.

THE INFLUENZA.

The Bishop of Mashonaland, at Salisbury, England, is suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

Mr Henry Wardle, M P, is lying at Burton from influenza.

A SINGULAR DIVORCE CASE

A singular case was heard to-day in the Divorce Court. Mr William Wild, a merchant, Nottingham, sought a divorce from his wife alleging her adultery with a Captain at Hearn Bay, Kent. The respondent denied the charge, stating that after separating from her husband she was employed to nurse a child who was an invalid. She admitted that in America she was charged with being