

assant talk. Lord Rosebery and blame the machinery as the articles of debate, by which a or two might put an almost per- before any measure. Besides all flout to get Parliament to do any- le or practical, and therefore a olution had to be adopted, "a rich had given County Councils Councils, and which would give o Ireland, and possibly elsewhere," those difficulties, which are great d Rosebery thought there was an anger in "groups." He had no "groups" in themselves, but he jected to the movement now going dependent Labour Party, "a party like both political parties." But ough, the section so impartially like both parties, as Lord Rosebery ould effect a change of Govern- matter the power of the Liberals. ally successful," says Lord Rose- Labour Party could bring in a Tory t, and what an incalculable gain ependent Labour Party!" When inister so soon complains of the ommons with its talk, the House d its obstinancy, the Labour Party ititude of hostility to the Liberals, ets of the future are not very bright. ined of a proverb which expresses opinion of the workman who ith his tools. The Prime Minister the legislative programme for the eady laid before Parliament, but there is no sign of that buoyant of mind which marked Lord Rose- decessor in office. The Budget had iant both in conception and expo- d had lifted Sir William Harcourt le bound to the front rank of the financiers. A very extensive naval e has been laid before Parliament, when it had been "demanded by the public opinion best qualified to deal question." Then five bills of the first ce have been introduced, but the tion Bill could not comprise all the they wished to put into it. The Tenants Bill was an "heroic," and, it d, would be a successful attempt to the question. In speaking of the n to the Welsh Church Disestablish- ill, Lord Rosebery referred to the of the Duke of Westminster in a which suggests anything but serenity and placidity of temper. "The

last week in the sixteen principal Town Districts of Ireland was 22.5 per 1,000 of the population. The deaths registered in the past week in the several towns, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000:—Armagh, 14.0; Belfast, 25.8; Cork, 20.1; Drogheda, 17.6; Dublin, 22.8; Dundalk, 4.2; Galway, 30.2; Kilkenny, 37.8; Limerick, 16.8; Lisburn, 21.3; Londonderry, 12.6; Lurgan, 4.6; Newry, 20.1; Sligo, 20.3; Waterford, 20.0; Wexford, 31.6. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the 16 districts registered during last week were equal to an annual rate of 3.2 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in 7 of the districts to 10.2 in Sligo, the 4 deaths from all causes registered in that district, comprising 2 from typhus. Among the 133 deaths from all causes registered in Belfast are 13 from measles (an equal number to that for the preceding week), 5 from whooping-cough, 2 from diphtheria, 4 from enteric fever, and 2 from diarrhoea; and the 29 deaths in Cork comprise 3 from measles and 1 from diarrhoea.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE ARCHDEACON HALPIN, P.P., RATHKEALE.

The funeral obsequies of the late Archdeacon Halpin, P.P., V.G., Rathkeale, who died at the Presbytery on Monday, took place yesterday in the Parish Chapel. There was a very large attendance of the community, all classes and creeds being represented. Requiem High Mass began at eleven o'clock, at which the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer presided. At the conclusion of the ceremonies a procession was formed and proceeded down the nave of the church, out through the front entrance, around the edifice, and re-entering it, proceeded to the spot immediately underneath the confessional of the deceased clergyman, where the coffin was lowered into its last resting place. It was covered with beautiful wreaths sent, amongst others, by Mr and Mrs T. E. O'Brien, South Hill, Limerick, who presented a handsome floral cross; the Sisters of Mercy Limerick, the Sisters of Mercy Rathkeale, Col and Mrs White, Rathkeale; Mrs White, Nantenan; Mrs Minahan, Limerick, and a number of others. There was a very large attendance of clergy. The general public included—Col and Mrs White, Mr Jasper White, B.L.; Mr Peter Griffin, J.P.; Mr G. R. Fosbery, J.P.; Mr P. J. Hartigan, J.P.; Mr Wm Massy, Canon Wills, Canon Hadyn, Alderman S. O'Mara, Mr Michael Cusack, T.C., Limerick; Mr James O'Mara, P.J. do; Mr P. J. Lynch, C.E., do; Mr J. Carroll, National Bank, Charleville; Mr T. G. O'Sullivan, J.P., Kilmallock. The Rathkeale Board of Guardians adjourned their meeting yesterday as a mark of respect to the memory of the Archdeacon.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Limerick District Synod met in this city on Tuesday morning under the chairmanship of Rev J. W. Ballard, for the annual session, and Rev Samuel Weir, secretary, conducted the business. On the roll being called it was found all the ministers were present except Rev John Chambers, who was prevented by illness from attending, and a letter of sympathy was sent to him. Rev W. R. Budd reported on temperance work, including Bands of Hope, which had been earnestly carried out during the year. The day and Sunday schools were reported on by Rev W. S. Carey, and Rev Robert Boyd presented the report on Trust property. This latter showed that there are on the district 35 separate trusts, including chapels, schools, and ministers residences, valued at £20,100; of which £17,160 was covered by insurance, and was all free from

brought by a vandrifer to Barrington where he was attended by Dr Mu was later on visited by Drs Holm Shaughan, and Graham. His condition serious. Constable McCormick was the scene of the accident, and was followed by Sergeant Batty and the of the station, who, with Mr Wm I other residents of the locality, rendered assistance in their power. Michael John Beary sustained injuries to the Patrick Moloney received a contusion the right elbow. Leo was flung on the road, and as soon as he recovered protected the boiler by raking out was a providential occurrence that stood up or else the whole party would have received frightful injuries by such an accident created the greatest excitement in the locality, and it is greatly deplored that sympathy is felt with the Captain in his wife and a large young family dependent on him. It is stated that some time since the Corporation to provide a brake for the engine but that the matter was deferred. It is another instance of the penny-pinching and foolish policy. The engine was severely strained, the funnel is broken, and in fact until she is close to the engine it is impossible to say what the extent of the injuries is or what the repairs will cost. With the exception of the Captain and the other men have been enabled to return home. We may add that the men speak in terms of the police for their prompt assistance. On inquiry at the hospital we learned that Captain Wyld's condition is somewhat improved.

MEETING OF THE FIRE COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the Fire Committee was held to-day in connection with the accident on Tuesday evening. The meeting was held in the presence of the Mayor, and there were also present Mr O'Mara, Mr P. E. Bourke, Mr R. C. Cregan, Mr Thomas McMahon, Cregan, Donnelly, Mr Patrick McDonnell, Gaffney, with Mr M. J. DeCoursey and Mr Wm E. Corbett, City Surveyor. The Mayor said in consequence of the accident that arose, and which they regretted, he thought it better to summon a special meeting of the committee. He deplored what had happened but it was an accident and that he had to look at it. He sympathised with Captain Wyld, who is suffering severely, and he directed the foreman, Mr Lee to examine it, so that it might be repaired. Mr Lee had sent a letter setting forth what is wrong with the engine and it is necessary that something practical be done immediately.

Mr Cregan said he was sorry to see in a newspaper that this man asked for a new boiler but it was refused. He should like to know the truth?

The Mayor—He did.

Mr Bourke—He did several times.

Mr Cregan—He ought have a simple thing to get a brake.

Mr Bourke—Well it stood this pretty expensive thing, and the Fire Brigade were running so high bers thought it time to put up expenses.

The Mayor—My opinion is that it should be asked for, even if he got it, would have prevented the accident. There was imprudence in the matter. The