

"But modern Liberalism, or rather Socialism of Lord Rosebery, has changed its policy." "Now," retorts Mr Chamberlain, "I am a Prime Minister who boasts with a certain amount of art, on the eve of proposing a revolution, that he is supported by the men who are spell-bound and opposed by almost every man of education; and it is to the former that I am willing to commit the guardianship of the British Constitution and the liberties of the English people." Mr Chamberlain answers for the working people, whom he has lived a longer time than Lord Rosebery, that "the great majority of the people place no confidence in a Government which draws its chief support from ignorance, and which treats the most incapable citizens to the same policy." Lord Rosebery knows best the sure and capability of the members of his own party, and in his own mind he may doubt if there is a man of the party he leads educated to the point of spelling words of two or three letters, surely not a brilliant feat of scholarship. A times past many great men exhibited their skill in the matter of spelling. The Duke of Marlborough was considered to hold the highest views as to the method of putting words together so as to form intelligible sentences. The Great Napoleon did not exhibit his powers in marshalling the letters of words, but as he did in placing battalions in array. But these days are passed, and the interests of the Commonwealth can only be intrusted by the majority to a man whose leader charges with ignorance and incapacity. Mr Chamberlain concludes by saying that "in the other portions of this country Lord Rosebery appears to be suffering from a confusion of thought which has misled his supporters with disquietude, and has led one of the greatest of French statesmen to imagine that he has discovered in the Minister 'a multiple personality.' At Bradford he was one man. At Glasgow he was a third. At London he was all three, with an evident intention to become a fourth. The fact is that Lord Rosebery is not a man at all. He is a Joint Stock Company, Limited."

It is to be able to state that the Limerick Branch of the Irish Industries Association have engaged the services of Miss Dickson for some time during the coming year, as teacher of cookery and needlework. She will arrive on the evening of January 1st, at the Palace, Henry Street, for any country people wishing to form a class. She will call upon her the following afternoon. There is a want of teaching in these two districts so much felt that it is hardly necessary to say much on the subject. The comfort, and cleanliness of all depend upon it. A number of women may be used in favour of

shot—pheasants, 197; woodcock, 20; rabbits, 60; snipe, 4; hares, 5. On Wednesday the number shot was—pheasants, 168; woodcock, 30; rabbits, 150; hares, 4.

REUNION AT RATHKEALE.—Another of those interesting and agreeable musical and literary meetings, which are so popular, was held in the Parochial schoolhouse, Rathkeale, on last Thursday evening. Owing to the fact that there was a plethora of attractions lately in the parish, the attendance was not as large as usual. However the large room was well filled. The following kind friends assisted in the programme:—Mrs Johnstone, Miss B Massy, the Misses Wills, Miss Dickson, Miss McKiernan, Canon Vance, Mr Eyre Lloyd, Mr W Massy, the Messrs Hook, Mr C Wills, and Mr Fisher. The concert concluded with "God Save the Queen."

DEATH OF MRS MICHAEL O'CONNELL.—We regret to record the death of Mrs Michael O'Connell, wife of Mr O'Connell, Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Peace, which took place on Wednesday after a short illness. A great deal of sympathy is expressed with Mr O'Connell in his bereavement and the great loss he has sustained. The funeral, which took place yesterday from St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, whither the remains had been removed from the deceased's residence at Mungret, was very largely attended. Those present included the Mayor, Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr F A O'Keefe, M P; Mr W F O'Grady, J P; Mr Vincent Nash J P; Mr R Nash, solr; Mr F Fitt, solr; Mr F Vaneesbeck, &c. A number of handsome wreaths were sent by friends.

"THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN."

Under this heading a most interesting lecture will be delivered by Dr Ringrose Atkins, of Waterford, in the Protestant Young Men's Association, 97, George-street, on Monday evening next. Dr Atkins is no stranger to a Limerick audience, and we feel certain that the subject he has taken in hands, and which will be enhanced by beautiful lime-light views, will attract a crowded house.

MR STUART CUMBERLAND.

On Monday evening next Mr Stuart Cumberland and Miss Phyllis Bentley will produce at the Theatre Royal their triple programme of Thought Reading, Mahatmaism Unveiled, and the Diversion of Strength. In a previous issue we referred briefly to the wonderful performances of these eminent public entertainers, and we feel assured that the opportunity of seeing them will be very largely availed of by the citizens.

IN TOWN.

We have received an advanced copy of the January number of this high-class magazine, and find it to be beautifully illustrated in various tints. Amongst the more prominent features are four different artists' ideas of Christmas Day abroad, viz—Canada, Australia, Paris, and Prague. There is a peculiarly interesting presentation plate, consisting of a full-page photograph of George Lohmann, the popular Surrey cricketer, which was taken specially at Cape Town for this magazine. Besides these are a series of separate colored plates presented with this issue. The reading matter comprise a complete New-Year's story, by John Strange Winter, and a story also complete by S L de Blowitz, junior. The whole number is bright and attractive, and the extremely moderate charge of 6d should secure for the periodical a widespread circulation, because

had been particularly conspicuous by his rendering of the principal Christmas and Easter Festivals. undertaken by Mr Evans every year. We almost think, an exception, in connection with the Cathedral, and inseparably associated with leading "Messiah," that the opportunity was sure to be eagerly availed of. As Mr Evans was in his old position, he formed what was to him a long Christmas, now so close at hand, and its congregation, will miss his genial, and placid face. He took interest in the choir from the old-time member, and had been Treasurer of the Fund, a member of the Select Committee for a regular attendant at the Synod. Outside Church matters he has to late years prominently identified himself with the affairs of the Society, which was conducted with distinguished success by the late Mr Evans, and it may justly be said that the society, now long since extinct, had frequently taken part in the Hand of the Crystal Palace London, and on a smaller scale, it may be added that he was many a time heard in our midst given for charitable objects. Mr Evans was connected with the Messrs Harrison Lee and Sons' Limerick City Foundry, and proved himself a headed businessman—one who was able for tact and judgment, fair-minded and considerate for him the respect of the employer, the esteem of all classes of the public he was officially connected. Mr Evans took any part in public life, save in the ordinary sense, but it is needless to say he was a man well known in his neighbourhood. He enjoyed the close and intimate acquaintance of a large circle of friends, who deeply regret his death. We understand that a special service will be held and a reference to his obituary tomorrow in the Cathedral. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock on Monday for interment at St Mary's.

WATERFORD AND LIMERICK

NEW PASSENGER TANK

The Waterford and Limerick Railway Company are leaving no stone unturned to meet the increasing demands in their service, and have just added another new engine to their already splendid stock. It is a new engine, designed by Mr Robinson, Superintendent, and was constructed at the Company's workshops at Terminus. The special use of this new machine was built for the branch line trains over the district and sharp curves. The driving wheels are coupled together by a four-wheeled bogie truck behind, the rigid wheel-base considerably reduced for sufficient water and coal with an ordinary tender. The new engine is fitted with a powerful steam brake, and fittings for working the continuous running of the entire train. It is also supplied with modern improvements known in the construction, and may be regarded as one of the other tank engines running on the line some time past, and which have given universal satisfaction. The engine is called the "Roxborough," and readers know, is the name of the late Alex W Shaw, the active local