

away, and West Clare from the ... and Londonderry City from the ...

With regard to the majority, there is some slight confusion as to the number which the Government would divide. The net Unionist gain is counting 180 on a division, which is by 8, the majority of the late ... is 152 as the Conservative ... it being presumed that no change ... in the Orkney and Shetland ... election for which has yet to come ... Mr. Gully be elected Speaker, as is his vote will be lost to the Radicals, ... the working majority of the ... is 153. This involves also a ... on that the election for ... City will be cancelled immediately ... issued, and that the person ... ed will be capable of taking a seat in ... it. ... to the results of the ... appeal of the country, the majority is ... for the ... any since the Reform Bill of ... that occasion the newly enfranchised ... electorates returned the Liberals to ... with a majority of 370, and it was ... that Conservatism was practically ... led in the United Kingdom. In ... e Liberal majority dwindled to ... 1837 ... stood at 18; and the first ... tive Government under the Reform ... returned in 1841 with a majority of ... nine years after the passing of the ... which was supposed to have wiped ... t. Since 1835 there have been only ... tions that returned a majority of ... gure. These were—the Liberal ... ent of 1869, with 117; the Liberal ... ent of 1880, with 115; the Unionist ... with 114; and the Unionist of 1895.

The Conservatives of 1874 were on the three-figure majority, as ... 98. This is the state of the great ... in Parliament—the Home Rule vote, ... is practically independent, not being ... either way for the period 1874-1880, nor ...

In the two last elections it was ... with the Gladstonians. Taking into ... the Home Rule vote, and judging the ... position on another way, it may be ... at the present Government is the first ... sixty years that could count on 400 ... and it has 411. It is not a majority ... into sections, and running after fads ...

THE RECENT FISHERY PROSECUTION AT ADARE

—In the case of John Cosgrave, who was convicted of illegal fishing at Adare Petty Sessions, on the 7th May last, and fined £10, the defendant petitioned the Lord Lieutenant to have the fine reduced, with the result that it was reduced to £2. A further petition having been forwarded, the result was announced at the Petty Sessions on Tuesday, reducing the fine to £1.

**MORTALITY STATISTICS.**—The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week in the sixteen principal Town Districts of Ireland was 21·6 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, 28·0; Belfast, 22·7; Cork, 21·5; Drogheda, 8·8; Dublin, 23·0; Dundalk, 20·9; Galway, 18·9; Kilkenny, 23·6; Limerick, 19·6; Lisburn, 21·3; Londonderry, 18·8; Lurgan, 22·8; Newry, 16·1; Sligo, 5·1; Waterford, 15·0; Wexford, 13·5. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the 16 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 3·5 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0·0 in five of the districts to 9·1 in Lurgan; the 6 deaths from all causes registered in that district comprising one from whooping-cough and one from enteric fever.

DEATH OF MAJOR PLUMMER.

We deeply regret to record this evening the death of Major Richard Plummer, of Mount Plummer, County Limerick, who died at his residence, 36 Catherine street, last night, in the 73rd year of his age. The deceased gentleman had been in his usual good health up to Tuesday morning, when he rather suddenly became unwell at his residence, and notwithstanding the skilful care of Drs Fogerty and Kennedy, he gradually sank, and passed peacefully away at ten o'clock on Wednesday night. Major Plummer was connected with some of the most respected county families, being the second son of the Rev Richard Plummer, of Killurey Glebe, Causeway, Kerry, and Mount Plummer, and he was grandson of Mr Thomas Lloyd, of Castle Lloyd, County Limerick. For many years he served with the Kerry Militia, retiring with the honorary rank of colonel. His exceedingly genial, unobtrusive, and hospitable disposition won for him the highest esteem of all with whom he came in contact during his long life, and a large circle of friends in the city and surrounding districts deeply lament his death. Funeral leaves at 9.30 on Saturday morning for St Munchin's.

TOURIST TRAFFIC.

Limerick and district are receiving their share of the tourist traffic. This is only as it should be, considering the many places of interest that are within easy reach of this city. Yesterday sixty-five tourists connected with the Ramblers' Club, London, arrived here from Dublin by the 1.25 train and put up at Cruise's Hotel, where the arrangements carried out under the supervision of Mr Flynn left nothing to be desired. The visitors after a short stay in town resumed their journey, and Mr S J Glynn, Superintendent on the Waterford and Limerick Railway, system saw that their comfort and convenience were duly attended to. This is the first of a number of contingents who are expected to avail themselves of the facilities offered by the Irish Tourist Traffic

Poe, 5; Captain Gibson, 5; W C J Studholme, 4. Ex-officio—Lord Garvey, and J C Darby.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL'S RE

This Report, which is a very states:—

The meetings of the Eastern S in Nenagh, the days of the ordi being the first Friday in the mo June, September, and Decembe Western Section are held on the s day in the same months. The meetings are held alternately i Limerick.

Since last Synod, the Eastern five meetings and the Western besides the joint meeting, whic Limerick. The Lord Bishop pre meetings in Nenagh, at three in the joint meeting.

EASTERN SECTION.

The Council wish to place o sorrow at the death of the la Massy, whose constant attendanc ings of the Council, and deep int matters will be greatly missed.

They have also to express the regret at the resignation, can health, of Mr J J Poe, Hon Sec of Council, and their sense of th services in the past, and of l welfare of the Church. The Hemphill, D D, succeeded to the Canon Massy's death. Mr Poe's the Hon Sec of Synod, remains election of his successor. The Co in his stead, as Hon Sec of C Darby. Rev Canon Gillespie, D D auditor of stipend requisitions in Massy.

The question of amalgamatic having been expressly brought u of the Council, it was thought adv special meeting, where it was very fully discussed, and it was resc following resolution be the Diocesan Synod for adoption much as it becomes evident from of recent years that the question tion of parishes must be seriously Synod in further pursuance of passed by the Diocesan Synod c 1892, hereby authorizes the Dioc take this question into considerat port on same to next Synod; but or more parishes shall agree as to immediate effect may be given mation, subject to the consent Council and the Representative I

WESTERN SECTION.

The Council desire to record t gret at the sad and unexpected de Rev Canon Lloyd, who for some Hon Treasurer for the Western constant attendant at the m Council, and took a warm interes of the Church. His seat on the C ex-officio one, remains vacant til his successor by the Synod. Council have appointed the R D D, to discharge the duties of surer pro tem.

After a good deal of delay, arisi culty as to the source from which a portion of the equivalent to mee bequest to Tomgraney (according noted in last report), the rep. b