

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CATHERINE PLACE.

Minister, Rev D Tilsley.—Subjects for Discourse on Sunday, March 10th—Morning, 11.30 "In Christ." Sunday Evening, March 10th, "How much owest thou my Lord?" Bible Class, Monday evenings at 8 o'clock. Subject under consideration, "Paul's Epistle to the Romans."

HER MAJESTY THE EMPRESS FREDERICK AND THE IRISH INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.

Her Majesty the Empress Frederick, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg, paid a visit yesterday to the London Branch of the Irish Industries Association, 20 Motcomb street, Covent Garden square. Both the Royal Ladies made several purchases of lace, embroideries, etc, the Empress buying for her own use a handsome black driving cape, saying that she would have very much pleasure in wearing it because it was "Irish." Her Majesty and the Princess Beatrice expressed themselves greatly pleased with the various kinds of work made by the cottagers of Ireland for whose benefit the Association has been working for five or six years.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

Recently the men of the City Fire Brigade, who are regular hands in the employment of the Corporation, resigned because their demands for increased pay, amounting in the aggregate to £1 a year, were not granted. A few days subsequently Captain Wyld succeeded in getting eight volunteers to take their places at the old rate of wages. Formerly much delay was used owing to the fact that the men lived a considerable distance from the Fire Station, but this difficulty is now removed, as all the men live within one hundred yards of the station. They attended their first practice on Thursday evening. The Fire Brigade Committee have, at the suggestion of Captain Wyld, recommended the Corporation Council to appoint two or three permanent men, who would be of the greatest possible advantage and would make the Brigade efficient to the fullest degree. Capt Wyld is evidently having nothing undone to attain this result.

STRIKE OF LABOURERS IN THE CITY.

Yesterday the labourers in the employment of Messrs Ryan and Son, Builders, struck work, as the result of a demand for increased wages not being acceded to. At present the strike is confined to the firm of Messrs Ryan, but this circumstance is accounted for by the fact that the working week with their labourers begins on Monday, and it is understood there will be a general strike of the builders' labourers in the city should the concession which they now seek be not granted. The wages paid to the labourers by the Messrs Ryan is 14s per week, and an increase of 2s per week is asked. The advance, if granted to each man, would mean an increase of 17 per cent on the cost of labour, while the contract price of the work on which these labourers are employed is subject to no variation in the interest of the contractor. The Limerick Branch of the Trades Council have kindly intervened for the purpose of making an amicable arrangement between the labourers and the contractors, but the labourers do not appear to have given any heed to the kindly interest exhibited by the Council, which it is believed is opposed to a strike, and

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE CITY.

Mr M J DeCourcy, Coroner, held an inquest last evening at Barrington's Hospital on the body of John Lynch, a pork butcher, who died that morning in the hospital from injuries sustained by falling from a ladder leading up to one of Messrs Denny's lofts.

Head-Constable Feeny conducted the inquiry, and Mr Beauchamp, solicitor, appeared to watch the proceedings on behalf of Messrs Denny.

Anne Lynch deposed that the deceased was her son; he was nineteen years of age, and was a victualler; she was present at his death at 7 o'clock that morning; he made no statement, except "God help you."

William Turner deposed that he was in the employment of Messrs Denny, and was present when the deceased met with the accident; he was trying to imitate the clowns in Mr Transfield's circus; he got off a barrel and stood on the shoulders of a man named John Delaney, who staggered under his weight; the deceased fell forward, his head coming in contact with the floor, which was made of wood; he was stunned for a couple of minutes; when he recovered consciousness he said "Frank, I am done"; he did not get up; deponent went for help, and returned with two men, who lifted the deceased out of the loft; he was eventually conveyed to hospital on a cot; while on the ground he complained of pains in his legs and arms.

Head-constable Feeny deposed that he proceeded to the hospital, where he saw the deceased, who stated that he fell from a ladder, and it was purely accidental, and nobody was to blame; in consequence of conflicting accounts he (witness) arrested John Delaney, who made a statement, after having been duly cautioned, to the same effect as the deceased had done, but he did not say anything about the ladder.

Mr Beauchamp asked the Head-constable what was his inference from the statement of the deceased that he fell off the ladder?

Witness—Simply to keep Delaney from any blame that might be attached to him.

Dr Mulcahy, Resident Medical Officer, deposed that the deceased was admitted into the hospital on Wednesday evening; he was suffering from paralysis of the limbs; he died about five o'clock that morning; there were no external marks of violence on the body; his death was due to injury to the spinal cord, which could have been brought about by a violent fall.

The jury returned the following verdict:—"That John Lynch met his death by injuries received to his spinal cord, the same being accidental, no blame being attached to John Delaney, who was with him at the time."

Mr Beauchamp, in reply to a juror, said that Messrs Denny intended to defray the funeral expenses, as the deceased and other members of his family had been some time in their employment.

A Juror—Messrs Denny are never backward when there is a charity to be supported.

THE SPORTING CHRONICLE.

This Spring Annual contains a wonderful amount of information connected with the turf, to which it is entirely devoted, and no sporting man should be without a copy of it. Amongst the contents are the entries and weights for the various important meetings up to the Alexandra Plate of June 21st. The "Travelling Correspondent," as in previous years, contributes a description of the horses engaged in the Guineas and the Derby, and a new feature is "Likely Horses for Ninety-Five," by Kettle-drum. There

MR WM O'BRIEN M.P. IN C

SCENE WITH MR M-HEALY

Last night Mr W O'Brien, M P, arrived to address a National Federation of... As the procession passed through... he was alternately cheered and hissed or twice an encounter between opposites was averted by the timely interposition of police, who mixed with the crowd in... Mr O'Brien addressed the confused multitude from a window in George's street, there was hissing and cheering no other took place.

Mr O'Brien said he came amongst the name of Mr Justin McCarthy, to mean of maintaining the Irish party minister for Ireland's sake and he did not believe in the cry of apathy and which was raised against them at that time. The Archbishop of Cashel... them they should either condemn or support. Could any of them be asked, without dismay what would happen were they not supported? They would have party taking their place, and they the young men of the country drive methods which always landed them and suffering. He condemned the Party for having opposed the Government referring to the Land Bill he said it was a measure of Irish land reform that every Minister laid upon the table of the Commons. A significant incident at the close of Mr O'Brien's speech... resolutions were adopted, and in one following phrase—"Taking a very deplorable example of the fatal reaction and factionism, we solemnly pledge and discountenance any measure which might impair the unity, discipline, and of the Parliamentary party."

Mr M Healy, M P, in the course of his speech said he did not agree with the principle of a shillelagh and saying "You are unity or we will bring the black kno to your head." He did not agree with calling on the Irish party to do what might call Lynch law.

Mr Wm O'Brien, after Mr Healy's speech, addressed the crowd for some time. He said he was sorry Mr Healy had said that subject. He had not thought it necessary to say one word in support of the Government. He did not differ from the Irish party on any single practicable point, but proposed some things which could have no effect except to shake the confidence of the people in the Irish party (cries of disorder). He did not wish to proceedings there that night by doing with Mr Maurice Healy, because of the silence with which he was listened to at an enormous gathering—dead and silent. (Here there were considerable cries from the room from which Mr O'Brien and the close of the sentence was interrupted.) The proceedings soon afterward excitement prevailing.

NEWCASTLE WEST BO. GUARDIANS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Mr E Mulcahy, Chairman, of the Newcastle West Guardians present—Messrs P O'Sullivan, Thomas Ambrose, J Downey, J...