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SDAY EVENING, JUNE 4, 1896.

The Presbyterian Church has published a report on Statistics, which has been most satisfactory. The report states that as far as the statistics can reveal it, the Church has not only held her own during the year, but in most departments has advanced. In all departments the advance has been marked; in some at least it has been marked, the general rate of progress has not been retarded, it cannot be said that in anything has gone seriously backward. Comparing the losses and gains we may say with confidence the balance is on the right side." The report is supported by columns of figures showing the relative position this year as compared with last year. Under the heading "Parishes and Agencies," there are increases recorded; these are increases under the items of Ministers, Families, Stipend payers, teachers and scholars. In only one instance does the report run into four figures, and that is in the case of Temperance Societies. The increases are not large, but they show that progress is being steadily maintained. The number of sittings in Church is 238,340; the number of Communicants is 104,858. There are 1,151 families, and the number of ministers is 11. The contributions from congregations exhibit increases, with the exception of some missions, where there is deficiency, but a slight one. The total amount raised in congregations and Sabbath Schools is £188,090, which is £4,255 larger than for the previous year.

THE LATE CAPTAIN CROKER, D.L.

The business of the Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Captain Croker, D.L., who was for many years an ex-officio member of the Board. Mr John M'Inerney presided, and there were present—Dr. O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Alderman Hall, J.P.; Alderman Riordan, Wm Nunan, Thomas Donnellan, P Knox, Major Wilson Lynch, D F M'Namara, John Guinane, J.P.; P Connolly, Alderman Ryan, Terence Carmody, Thomas Bourke, P Herbert, R Nix, M M'Namara, John O'Connor.

Mr O'Brien, Assistant Clerk, having read the minutes,

Mr D F M'Namara said it was customary on the death of a member of the board that the proceedings be adjourned after the reading of the minutes. He had a melancholy pleasure in proposing that they adjourn in consequence of the death of Captain Croker, one of the oldest and most respected guardians attending at the union, and he wished that the sympathy of the guardians be conveyed by the Clerk to the family of the late Captain Croker.

Dr O'Shaughnessy seconded the proposition.

Alderman Hall said he did not think there could be a second opinion as to the feelings of every member of the Board when they heard of the death of Captain Croker. There was nothing any of them could say of him that was not well deserved, and the highest compliment he could pay to him would be to refer to his uncle, in whose footsteps he walked. Limerick, he should say, would sustain a great loss by the death of Captain Croker, who was distinguished by everything coming within the scope of a thorough Irish gentleman. It was doubtful if they could yet find one to replace him; he was so universally liked, and he need only remind the Guardians that when the times were strained, and the relations between landlord and tenant were disturbed, there was never the slightest fault found with Captain Croker, and when others were stopped hunting, he was always welcomed wherever he turned out. The elections that were to take place to-day were of some importance, and he (Alderman Hall) presumed it may be necessary to go on with them before adjourning the Board.

The Chairman—We always on such occasions adjourn with out going on with any other business, but to-day we have two elections.

Mr D F M'Namara—I propose that we adjourn, and do not go into the elections.

Mr Knox said he could not refrain from paying his tribute of respect to the memory of Captain Croker, and he endorsed all that Alderman Hall had said of him. He lived in Captain Croker's locality, and knew what a great loss he was to the poor and others.

The Chairman, in putting the resolution, said although he differed from Captain Croker in politics; he found him to be the most appreciative man who sat at that side of the house during the 22 years that he (the Chairman) had been a Guardian.

The proceedings of the Board were then adjourned.

RESOLUTION OF THE FISHERY BOARD.

At the meeting of the Fishery Board to-day, it was proposed by Mr Peter Fitzgerald and seconded unanimously:—"That we, the Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators, wish to place on record our deep regret at the death of Capt

LIMERICK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The examinations for the parishes of Askeaton, Kilmoran, and Ardcanney, were held in Askeaton Schoolhouse, on Tuesday, the 2nd June. There were 54 children examined. The examiners were the Rev Canon Wills and the Rev Canon V ASKEATON.

FIFTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Wm. Ruttle, *Annie Pe
*Wm Perrott, *Richard O'Grady.

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Wm G. O'Grady, *Amy Griffin.

Second Rank—Mary O'Grady.

THIRD CLASS (senior division).

First Rank—Kate Ruttle, Thomasina O'Gerald, *R E Foley, Edward Ruttle, Maria E
Second Rank—Robert H Hunt, Matilla E Joseph Perrott.

THIRD CLASS (junior division).

First Rank—Standish Hugh O'Grady, Ruttle.

FIRST CLASS (senior division).

First Rank—Rose Hall, Harriet Doupe, E Foley, and Louisa Doups (equal); Fred Ruttle, H Frank P Foley.

Second Rank—Louisa Hunt, Wm Hall.

KILCOERNAN.

SEVENTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Alice Lynch, *Elsie Drew, Smyth.

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Herbert Drew.

THIRD CLASS (senior division).

First Rank—Alice Weir, Annie O'Brien Drew.

Second Rank—Edward Johnstone.

THIRD CLASS (junior division).

First Rank—Richard O'Brien.

Second Rank—Charles Weir.

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—John O'Brien.

FIRST CLASS (senior division).

First Rank—George Reidy, Charles M

FIRST CLASS (junior division).

First Rank—Robert Reidy, Nehemiah Charles Drew, Harriet M Drew.

ARDCANNY AND CHAPEL RUSS

SEVENTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Anna Smyth.

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Wm M Smyth, *James

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—Richard Gloster.

FIRST CLASS (senior division).

First Rank—George Smyth.

FIRST CLASS (junior division).

First Rank—Anna Gloster, Aleck J D. P. Gloster, Richard Johnstone.

CROOM.

The examination of the children of Croom was held on Wednesday the 3rd June. The examiners were—Rev C V Atkinson, F Abbott. The Rev Chancellor Gabb was present.

SIXTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Hugh Levins.

FIFTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Percy Furnell.