

temperance Societies. The income is large, but they show that progress steadily maintained. The members in Church is 238,340; the communicants is 104,858. There are 1,000 families, and the number of ministers and contributions from congregations increases, with the exception of some, where there is deficiency, but none. The total amount raised in parishes and Sabbath Schools is £188,090, 15% larger than for the previous year. The items of which may be included in the Endowment Fund, £22,460; Seats, £9, and Total Ministerial Income, £18,000. Investments for 1896 have yielded a total of £1,068,391, and show for the year a substantial increase of £9,669, or 1,000 hundred pounds. The largest decrease occurs under the heading of the Orphan Society, £2,485; Aged and Infirm Ministers, £1,000. Under the heading Donations and Bequests it is noted that in some items there has been a falling off, in others a large amount. On the whole it is to be observed that this year is marked by large increases both to the Endowment Fund and to Missions. The result of the total decrease under this heading is to be replaced by a slight increase. The fact that this year the contributions of the Robert Getty and Fortune have been deducted, as they ought to be, from the total income. Bequests to Missions from all sources for 1896 is £1,000. Congregations and Sabbath Schools, including local endowments, £192,261, an increase of £4,351; proceeds of parishes and bequests, £15,067, with £2,000; giving a total income of £247,947. This shows an increase of £247,947. This shows an increase of £3,880 7s 2d, with an increase last year of £1,000 and this increase is all the more remarkable as the report states, because it comes entirely from congregational sources, and the gain in congregational income is a still larger sum of £4,351 16s 6d, from congregational sources, an average contribution of £2 9s per family, considering the circumstances and the majority of the people, is a very gratifying contribution. In rural districts there

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 E. Croker, of Grange, one of our most respected and valued members, and that we offer our sincere sympathy to Miss Croker and the members of his family."

**FATAL OCCURRENCE AT CROOM.**

An unfortunate occurrence took place at Croom a few days ago, resulting in the death of a man named Kiely, who followed the occupation of butcher in the village. It appears that on Friday last a dispute arose in connection with the local poor rate, and Kiely is alleged to have been assaulted, and on yesterday morning the poor man succumbed to his injuries. James Butler, P L G. Croom, has been arrested in connection with the occurrence.

**LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.**

The usual monthly meeting of Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst, Very Rev The Dean of Limerick, Chairman.

A special report from one of the locations was received.

Arrangements were made for apprenticeship of one boy in the counting house of a large establishment.

At the next monthly meeting, on 7th July, the Committee will consider the subject of having a Bazaar this year, in aid of the funds of the Society.

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**" QUIET DAY " IN ENNIS.**

The Bishop of Killaloe held a " Quiet Day " for the members of the Killaloe West Clerical Union in Ennis on Wednesday, 27th ult. The following attended, and were afterwards hospitably entertained by the Bishop in the " Old Ground " Hotel:—Very Rev the Dean of Kiltenera, Ven. the Archdeacon of Clonfert, Revs J H Griffith, D D, W Waugh, J B Greer, Gordon Greer, M E O'Malley, Robert Bennett, W Wood-Smyth, R J Mitchell, J G Birch, Thomas Taylor, S W King, Robert Haire, J Foot, Robert MacLaurin, and C W M'Dowell, Hon Sec.

**SHANNON ROWING CLUB SCRATCH RACES.**

We learn that the Shannon Rowing Club will hold scratch races for pairs, fours, and eights, on the 17th instant, in behalf of the Thomond Fete. The crews are training hard, and the events are sure to be most interesting.

**CLARE ARTILLERY MILITIA.**

- SECOND CLASS.  
First Rank—Richard Gloster.
- FIRST CLASS (senior division)  
First Rank—George Smyth.
- FIRST CLASS (junior division)  
First Rank—Anna Gloster, Alice Dorothy Gloster, Richard Johnston

**CROOM.**  
The examination of the children was held on Wednesday the 3rd inst. The examiners were—Rev C V Atkinson, F Abbott. The Rev Chancellor G was present.

- SIXTH CLASS.  
First Rank—\*Hugh Ievers.
- FIFTH CLASS.  
First Rank—\*Percy Furnell.  
Second Rank—Violet Johnstone
- FOURTH CLASS.  
First Rank—\*Albert Johns Williams.  
Second Rank—Elmer Johnstone
- THIRD CLASS.  
First Rank—Richard Furnell.  
Second Rank—Harriet Williams.

- SECOND CLASS.  
First Rank—Leap Furnell.  
Second Rank—George Osborne
- FIRST CLASS.  
(Senior Division).  
First Rank—Ethel Johnstone  
Amy Johnstone.

FIRST CLASS.  
(Junior Division).  
First Rank—Molly Williams.  
Those marked \* are entitled to Silver Medals and higher Book Medal Examination in the Province of H I on Friday the 12th inst. As requested to be in their places at 10.15. As Sunday next is the day appointed by the Lord Bishop of Limerick, it is hoped that the collection made in aid of the funds of the Society of Education will be made on that day. The response will be a liberal one, as the heavy expenses incurred by the subscribers are also reminded. Subscriptions are now due, and will be received by the Treasurer.

Sunday next being the last day appointed by the Bishop as " Ed for this Diocese, the collection is at morning and evening services for the funds of the Limerick Diocese of Education.

**KILKEEDY.**  
The examination for this year at the school house, Clarins, on the 3rd. The examiner was Rev V The Rev J. W. Hudson, A.M, who conducted the examination.

- SEVENTH CLASS  
Second Rank—William Walsh
- SIXTH CLASS.  
First Rank—\*Edith Parsons Redding.
- FOURTH CLASS  
Second Rank—George R Walsh.
- THIRD CLASS (junior division)  
First Rank—Ruth Walsh.  
Second Rank—Lizzie Redding
- SECOND CLASS  
First Rank—Robert Parsons.
- FIRST CLASS (junior division)