

to improving the breed of cattle and all diseases affecting live stock appeared, with the exception of swine. Farmers have not obtained the right to expect, on account of its being intercepted by the middle. We are informed that a movement which, it is hoped, will secure better the competition of American bacon, of which is every day improving, or, telling very strongly against the the Irish butter is holding its own, creameries are turning out butter of a quality. There is greater activity in poultry breeding and cottage industries. Number of cattle exported in 1895 is that for 1894, but very much above 1893. The figures for sheep show a diminution in two years. The number of sheep exported in 1893 was 1,107,960. These have fallen off to 655,279. Doubtless owing to foreign competition contrast is alarming. The figures for show a marked increase for the last years. The organisation of the farmers' associations is pronounced to be one of the promising and hopeful facts in connection with the prospects of agriculture. Since the formation of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, no less than 18 societies have been organised in non-dairying districts. The primary object of enabling the members to purchase jointly their agricultural implements such as machinery, manures, &c. An amount of £6,000 was effected in the purchase of local manures alone, which are supplied by Dublin firms. The sales of the Co-operative Dairy Societies are expected to amount to £200,000 for the year; and the turn of the Irish Co-operative Agency Society is £100,000. The number of societies has increased from 67 to 87, and the quality of the prizes won at Islington, &c. and other places. Owing to expected legislation, there is a falling off in the number of applications for land purchase under the Act of 1891. Under that act, loans to the amount of over two millions pounds have been issued. Of the ten millions advanced under the Ashbourne Act, almost all has been advanced, and the balance is being repaid. In October last, there were about 10,000 tenant purchasers paying annuities under the Ashbourne Act, and about 4,270 under the Act of 1891. The total amount of accumulated arrears, was only £8,673. The Board of Works advanced half a million pounds for the year; and whilst the issues for health loans, and loans to landlords and tenants has diminished, there has been a considerable increase in the amounts for lunatic asylums, labourers' cottages, and dispensary buildings. The Irish Fisheries have not been as successful as usual during the year. The total

agree to the proposition to appoint a special day to discuss the subject.

The canonry of Tulloh, in the diocese of Killaloe, vacated by the death of the late Rev H Fry, has been conferred by the Bishop of Killaloe upon the Rev George Ffrench, B.A., Rector of Shinrone.

Amongst the army changes to take place in Ireland during the year will be the transfer of the 1st Bat Royal Irish Regiment from Limerick to Dublin; 1st Bat Inniskilling Fusiliers, Kinsale, to Limerick; and the 1st Bat Royal Munster Fusiliers, from the Curragh to Fermoy.

**THE FREE LIBRARY**—The number of visitors to the Free Library, Lower Glentworth-street, for the week, ended Saturday, Jan 11th, was as follows:—Sunday, 43; Monday, 316; Tuesday, 330; Wednesday, 309; Thursday, 309; Friday, 316; Saturday, 266; total, 1889.

#### SUDDEN DEATH IN THE CITY.

We regret to record the death of Miss Polly Belcher, aged 28, daughter of Mr Belcher, Boot Warehouse, Patrick Street, who died rather suddenly at her residence on Saturday night. The circumstances connected with the sad event are set out in the report of the inquest held yesterday by Mr Coroner De Courcy and a jury. The utmost sympathy is expressed with Mr Belcher and his family in their bereavement. At the inquest, Mr Belcher, father of the deceased young lady, deposed that for some days previous to her death the deceased had been complaining of a floating sensation in the head and also of dizziness. She appeared to be in her usual health on Saturday night previous to going to bed; he last saw her alive at eleven o'clock, when she retired to bed; her mother went into her room to say good night, when she saw deceased sitting in a chair with her head resting on the table; she at once suspected that something was wrong and sent for the doctor, who stated that she was dead.

Dr Fogarty deposed that he examined the body; he was of opinion that death was due to internal hemorrhage.

The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

#### SUICIDE IN A POLICE CELL.

A man named John Mackay committed suicide to-day in a cell of the William street Police Barrack. It appears that Mackay was arrested this morning about 11.30 for drunkenness, and put into the cell and placed under the customary supervision of the guard, who about 12 o'clock discovered him in the act of endeavouring to hang himself. He had tied himself up to one of the bars of the window by his braces, which he then knotted tightly around his neck. In this position he was making a desperate effort to strangle himself when the Constable on duty discovered him and immediately cut the suspenders. The unfortunate man lingered for about ten minutes. Dr Shanahan was summoned, but the ill-fated man was beyond his aid. Mackay belonged to Carey's Road, and followed the occupation of a jarvey.

#### LIMERICK TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended meeting of the Limerick Traders' Association was held in the Chamber of Commerce this evening, Mr J E Goodbody presiding, in reference to the dispute with the Limerick Steamship Company, and the conditions offered by the Company. These were:— "To bring no goods from Dublin to the Shannon. All Liverpool goods to Shannon to be discharged at Limerick. Direct boat weekly between Liverpool and Limerick, calling at Tralee. All goods for stations on the Lower Shannon from Liverpool to pay the sum of the ordinary Liverpool to Limerick rate, plus the usual Lower Shannon rate, except flour and bread stuffs, which latter may be carried to

councils of our Church. Particularly was it observed, in the general Synod, where calm deliberation was sometimes wanting. Whether his command of temper was the result of severe discipline or of natural disposition, it was a priceless gift from God, and as such he valued it. Does not his example in this respect, as in other ways, speak to us and remind us of a possession beautiful in the possessor and conducive not only to the harmony of life and the happiness of social intercourse, but also to the advancement of all that is good and true. In the Providence of God, inscrutable to us, our good Primate has been removed from his work on earth, and in calm and peace a life of vast usefulness in the cause of God and man has been taken from the church militant to join the ranks of those whose warfare is ended, and who are now in the presence of their Lord. His truly was a life of energy and zeal, and we can now, without difficulty, imagine how his earnest soul, after it had left its mortal tenement, entered at once on that work which God permits disembodied spirits to engage in while they await the general resurrection—the time when they shall have their perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul in God's eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S.

At S. Michael's, the Archdeacon, preaching on a text from one of the morning Psalms ("My soul waiteth still upon God," in view of unknown events that may seriously affect our own future lives) remarked—"How unexpectedly strange providences of God surprise us! Only yesterday we were all gladdened by reading in the paper accounts of the marked improvement in the health of the Lord Primate, and later on there came the sad telegram announcing that he had passed away! It would be impossible to over estimate the loss of such a Prelate to the Church of Ireland at a time when he could so ill be spared. The youngest of all the Bishops, he was unanimously chosen to their head, not only on account of the invaluable help he had for so many years afforded by his indefatigable labours and wise counsel, in matters of the deepest importance concerning the well-being of the Church; but also because of the natural hope that he might long be spared to preside at the General Synod, and be the trusted leader of our Councils during anxious and difficult times that may await us—of that hope the Church now bereft; but in all troubles, whether private or public, the God who has been "our help in ages past," must be our "Hope in years to come," and so as we have just been singing, "labour on!"

Awake with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
By feeblest agents can our God fulfil  
His righteous will.

#### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The final arrangements for the late Primate's funeral have now been completed. The remains will be laid in the private chapel of the Pall Mall the first thing on Wednesday morning, instead of Tuesday, as originally arranged. The chapel will be open to the public from 10.30 to 12 o'clock. A special service will be held and an address delivered by the Archbishop of Dublin, who will be supported by the majority of the Irish Bishops. At one o'clock the cortege will be re-formed, and proceed to the railway station where special carriages will be attached to 2.10 Dublin train to convey the funeral party to Cork. At Dublin carriages will be transferred via Loop Line, to the Great Southern, attached to the Cork train, which is expected to reach its destination at midnight. The remains will be conveyed to St Finn Barr's where they will rest until morning. Service will then be held, and the final procession will leave Frankfield, where the late Primate will be to rest beside his wife.

#### THE VACANT PRIMACY.

Last evening's *Westminster Gazette* has the following comments on the death of the Archbi-