

worst. It has already been admitted that this cry of "famine" had been raised in a certain quarter in order to get some money out of the Government," as other people did. But such selfishness should not be permitted to prevent a thorough examination into the present state of things by those to whom the management of the country is entrusted. It is to do to "poh-poh" the warnings of distress as the empty statements of politicians in want of something to talk about, as may be used as a stalking horse, and less is, but it is not improbable that the fiction of a gigantic famine may have a substratum of fact beneath it. Under these circumstances, we are glad to learn the Chief Secretary is about to make a tour through the barren districts of Ireland, in order to see for himself the actual state of affairs and the prospects for the coming winter. Mr Balfour has already made himself acquainted with the various districts of Ireland, and has followed the footsteps of his brother, who undertook a similar tour through the very bleakest parts of the West to see what could be done for the benefit of the people. It has been said over and over again that the Irish difficulty is not so much a political as economical. At the present time Ireland is politically stagnant, and it is gratifying to know that the Chief Secretary is going forward to ascertain the real facts of the case, and supply a remedy wherever and in a remedy is needed. Law and order are maintained throughout Ireland, consequently there is now some chance that the voice of destitution, wherever it exists, will be heard, and that relief, if needed, will be forthcoming. It has been the aim of the Unionist Government to maintain order, and to place within the reach of the people the possibility of a decent livelihood. A great deal has yet to be done in the way of developing the resources of the remote districts. That will come in time, but for as immediate needs are concerned, both the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary will make it their business to examine the outlook for the coming winter, and will be prepared with measures of assistance where such are needed.

Mrs and Miss Phelps have left Kilkee for The Oge, Broadford, Co Clare.

His Honor Judge Adams will sit in the County Courthouse to-morrow, and resume the revision of Parliamentary Voters' Lists for the city.

Dr Humphreys, Mr Dandon, Master of Workhouse; Mr James Kidd, Mr P McDonnell, T.C.; Dr Laird, Mr T Hasset, Mr Pike, Mr P Toppin, Mr A N Barnett, Mr P Hartigan (George Hotel), Mr Riddell (Walker's Distillery), Mr William E Corbett, City Surveyor; Mr H O'Shea, Mr J Lavertine, Mr C W Metcalfe, Mr Thomas Smith, Clarina; Mr T E Bunting, Mr W Elliott, Mr T Bourke, Mr R T Levery, Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr B Plummer, Mr W Leahy, Crown Solicitor; Mr Archibald Murray, Mr Bruce Murray, Mr F Johnstone, Mr McArthur (Todd & Co.), Mr N G Barry, National Bank; Mr W F O'Grady, J.P.; Mr Stephen McCarthy, Messrs. Ebrill, Mr Michael Hayes (Cannock and Co.), Mr Wm Lloyd, Mr A Blood Smith, solicitor; Mr J J Browne, C.E.; Mr Rowan, Mr H Sterling, Mr S Hastings, solicitor; Mr Thomas Hartigan, Mr George O'Dea, Mr Crinin (Todd & Co.), Mr Martin McGuire, Mr Charles O'Donnell, solicitor; Mr W E Counihan, solicitor; Mr Joseph Gaffney, Mr John Ryan, solicitor; Mr J H Parker, Mr Jones, Mr Wm O'Connell, Mr P Herbert, T.C.; Mr W J Howell, Mr W H Owens, the staff of Mr Richard Smith & Co.

Rev F R Carr officiated at the grave.

**THE LATE MR JAMES BENTLEY.**

The interment of the remains of the late Mr James Bentley, Glanlon, Parteen, took place yesterday at the family burial place, Kilsiealy, Co. Clare. The cortege was of very large proportions, all classes and creeds from the surrounding country, and many from other counties, as well as the city of Limerick, attending to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a gentleman whose strict probity, kindness of heart, and unassuming manner, won for him the love of friends. The chief mourners included—Dr Henry K Bentley, Mr C J Bentley, Mr H K Bentley sons; Miss A J Bentley, daughter; Messrs Henry Bentley, Pallas, Co Tipperary, brother; Joseph Bolster, brother-in-law; Thomas Bolster and James Bentley, nephews; Miss Eliza Bolster and Miss Jane Bentley, nieces. Amongst the general public were—Mr Wm M. Beauchamp, Mr Johnstone, V.S.; Col O'Donnell, Mr E H P Hosford, Mr W Bentley, Broadford; Mr John McDonnell, do; Mr Tubridy, Limerick. Numerous wreaths were sent by friends. Rev S W King, Kilsiealy; and Rev W E Bentley, St Mary's, officiated.

**ST. MICHAEL'S R.C. CHURCH.**

The feast of St Michael was celebrated at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church yesterday with due solemnity and in the presence of a very large congregation. His Lordship the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer presided at High Mass, the Celebrant being Rev Fr Griffin, C.C. St John's; Deacon, Rev H O'Donnell, C.C. St John's; Sub-Deacon, Rev J Lee, C.C. St Michael's; Master of Ceremonies, Rev T Lee, Adm. St John's; assistant priest at the throne, Rev M O'Donnell, Adm. St Michael's. The sermon was preached by the Rev Wm O'Dwyer, St Munchin's College, who took his text from the Book of Daniel, chap. 12. The music of the day consisted of an entirely new Mass and Offertory composed specially for the celebration by the talented organist of St Michael's, Mr Augustine Fitzgerald. It is a very effective work throughout, powerful and expressive to a degree, and for beauty and colouring reflects the highest credit on the composer, who had the pleasure of seeing it most ably interpreted by the excellently balanced choir of the church. The first part of the

animously pronounced. His Lordship nominated the Secretary.

The Dean moved, and Canon that the Rev Chancellor Gabbett clerical Hon. Sec.

This was agreed to. Lord Clarina proposed, and seconded, that the Lord Monteaigle honorary secretary.

Passed. Chancellor Gabbett proposed, seconded, that the Rev J T Clerical Hon. Treasurer.

Passed. On the motion of Lord Morton, S E Lee, and J E Mu auditors.

The Rev J. Dowd, Diocesan minutes of last Synod, which The report of the Diocesan Report, reports of Board of M and Temperance were placed c

The President, who on risi Synod was received with a Dear Brethren of the clergy, last meeting of this Synod suffered a serious loss in the d John Coote, of Mount Coote, K crisis of disestablishment cae 27 years ago, he was in the p his keen intellect and well t valuable assistance in the ma tions of the General Synod a Synod and Council. His l Parish of Kilmallock were u and wisdom. He endowe £23,000, and has led to endow the school, tributed largely towards schoolhouse and a rectory. late prevented by the inf taking an active part in interests of the Church of dear to him. He left in £21,000 to the Episcopal F considering that the incor future Bishop would be ir here I cannot forget that he the fund for the restoration man of sterling worth and gracious manners and go gained the respect and reg he had relations (hear, he present are aware that und our Diocesan Board of Educ educational endowments in may be placed under its s of you know how neces was to secure the well-inte generous donors from mis loss. About forty years ag ascertained that scores, hundreds of school endow become inoperative, houses which they were built in possession of persons who fallen back into the hands Schools having become ine to have pupils, and the n possession of the school-ho able to maintain after h period without dispute. that it was the state of cl led to this unfortunate res in the present state of th