

hiant, light-reflecting clouds. If tants in Venus that cloud-mantle ervice in making their dwelling- to them, for, as Venus receives wice as much light and twice as e earth receives, a residence with- the brilliant planet would be far outhout the clouds.

#### FINOUS ANNOUNCEMENT.

remember that the war expen- (the war has ceased) has by no an end, and I think that will be when it becomes my duty to lay ndition of the country before the ons.—Mr. Ritchie to Coal-owners.

#### AGE WITHOUT INHABITANTS.

f Soranon, in the French Alps, has oned by its last inhabitant. Two man and wife, had continued to all the young people had left for Alpine villagers have a tendency ld man, however, died the other widow left with her children. The otally deserted.

#### HO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

ublished from time to time of in this country, famed for its long- its, are beaten by the story from of a Russian peasant, an inmate of spital, who is said to be 200 years is not wanting to support the ex- claim. He has quite an array of ich include a passport dated 1763, described as sixty years of age; the e of his wife, dated 1780; and that the age of ninety in 1824. He is tally sound, which is much more the rest of the statements.

#### A YEAR'S GOOD WORK.

ary issue of the "National Waifs" . Barnardo supplies some wonderful es as to the work which his Homes ng the year 1902. The Homes had are on the last day of December . girls, all of them admitted from Moreover, the fresh admissions for 3,501, being sixty-seven for every r eleven for every working-day. ions are just as five times as name- of the next largest society for waif ildren."

#### RISTS AND THE PREMIER.

t Times" is very indignant about which the Nonconformist Liberal ose to give to the Prime Minister "In the days when the Gladstonian as before the country," says our "we felt that there was something nual banquet to meet Lord Salis- h Liberalism and Nonconformity olutely vanished from any man who

## YACHT CLUB FOR LIMERICK.

A meeting was held in the Chamber of Com- merce yesterday, to make arrangements for the starting of an association of the Yacht Owners on the Shannon. Mr. John Boyd, Secretary Lime- rick Harbour Board, presided, and Mr. A. Hall, J.P., who inaugurated the idea, made a state- ment of the objects and prospects of such an as- sociation. It was decided to issue circulars in- viting the co-operation of yacht owners in Lime- rick and down the Shannon, the subscription being fixed at £1. The name of the Association will be the "Shannon Sailing and Yacht Racing Assn." It is intended, if the venture prove successful, to have an annual yacht race for a cup. The general opinion is that the Earl of Dunraven will be the Association's first President.

## LOCAL HONOUR.

The many friends of Mr. Cornelius Charles David M'Cormick, son to the late Head Master of Villiers School will be pleased to learn that he has won the degree of B.A. at a recent examina- tion at Cape Town, South Africa. The announce- ment appears in a late issue of the "Cape Times." Mr. M'Cormick was a member of Compton's Horse, which corps rendered brilliant services in the late war.

## TO ARTISTIC READERS.

Such of our readers as may have artistic talent have just now a splendid chance of demonstrating it, and probably of showing the possibility of a new industry in our midst. Incidentally too they may win a prize and assist in popularising a charitable affair. A glance at the Colleen Bawn advertisement in another column will give the clue.

## SUDDEN DEATH IN THE CITY.

Mr. Coroner DeCoursey held an inquest to-day into the circumstances of the death of Michael Kiely, van-driver, Edward-street. The deceased, who was about 50 years of age, had been at his usual employment on Tuesday, but yesterday he complained of illness, and did not get up at ten o'clock yesterday, and his son on entering his room found that his father was dead. The evi- dence of Doctor Shanahan showed that death was due to natural causes. The jury returned a ver- dict accordingly. Sergeant Murray watched the case on behalf of the police.

## GAELIC CLASS AT CASTLE-CONNELL.

A correspondent writes:—

We have great pleasure to announce that the Irish class started here about twelve months ago by Rev. Fr. Scanlan, P.P., and Mr. Anthony Mackey has proved itself a thorough success. The class since its first commencement has doubled its numbers, and even our English visitors are surprised at it and the proficiency of its pupils.

Clare, was further remanded on stealing a cow and two calves from I

Sir Arthur Vicars, the Ulster-K has obtained in the Irish courts sixt damages from the London and No Railway Company for injury to which he was bringing over for the C

Under the auspices of the Limer Club Quadrille Class, a very "Cinderella" was held in the A Saturday night. The gathering was and dancing, which commenced abou was kept up well into morning.

A Belfast telegram states that neg in progress between an English shipt and the Belfast Harbour Commission of 50 acres of land at New Musgrave shipbuilding purposes. It is rum Tuorneycroft and Co., the well-kno Shiptbuilders, are interested.

The special correspondent of the Gazette" writes from Dublin—It is ru the King has decided not to come t present, but that their Royal Hig Prince and Princess of Wales wi country in th spring. The statel from a trustworthy quarter.

Thomas Earle Weekes, Esq., of Monkstown, Co. Cork, was appointed Lieutenant, on the recommendation of don, Lord Lieutenant of the County Justice of the Peace for the Count sworn in a Magistrate for the County A. E. Horne, R.M., at the Passage Sessions held on Tuesday.

A convention of labourers was he castle West on Sunday in connectio Land and Labour Association, the o "the establishment of branches, if possi parish in the western districts, and so the Association, that the working c brought together in one organisation, a better position to demand the righ they are admittedly entitled."

## THE LAND CONFERENCE REPORT.

In the House of Commons yesterda Redmond proposed his amendment ca- tion to the Land Conference Report. E that was by no means a hostile propos- contrary they were anxious to give ment every opportunity and chance. an attempt to extract a premature stat- the Chief Secretary, but merely to say that there would be an honest atte- effect to the proposals of the Confer- Wyndham declined to commit himsel- the introduction at an early date of a n- intention of which was clearly impl- speech from the Throne. There- matters to be dealt with, but he th- attitude they should adopt was one of not despondency. Mr. John Morl- Saunderson, Mr. Wm. O'Brien and c- tributed to the debate.

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