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The annual conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians opened in Glasgow to-day. Over three hundred members were present.

## SALUTATIONS ON THE SCAFFOLD.

BY TELEGRAPH.

A later message from Leeds states that Swann, who had verbally confessed her crime to the chaplain, saluted Gallagher on the scaffold with "Good morning, John," and Gallagher replied with "Good morning love."

## THE NOVELIST AND THE NUISANCE.

In the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Carmaud Nordani and Giovanni Cafeldi, organ-grinders from Italy, were bound over to be of good behaviour on a charge of having caused a nuisance by playing an organ in front of the residence of Mr. George Moore, the novelist, at Ely-place, and refusing to go away when requested to do so.

## BIG FIRES IN ENGLAND.

Early yesterday morning, the castle at Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, was destroyed by fire. The castle, which was a large residence, and contained much valuable furniture, belonged to Sir Edmund Lechmere, and was occupied by Mr. E. Kent, who, with his family, had been living at Torquay for some months.

Earls Barton Grange, Northamptonshire, a fine old residence, occupied by Mrs. Hornsby, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. The damage is estimated at £30,000.

## THE FISCAL CAMPAIGN.

### NATIONALISTS AND THE FISCAL QUESTION.

Mr. John Redmond, Chairman of the Nationalist Parliamentary, will visit Waterford on Tuesday, January 15th, and address a mass meeting of his constituents. The Press Association's Waterford correspondent says it is expected Mr. Redmond will make an important pronouncement respecting the attitude to be taken by the Irish Party as a body in connection with Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

## SUDDEN DEATH.

Michael Moroney, a labourer, living at Thomondgate, died rather suddenly on Christmas Day. He had been suffering from heart disease.

## THE FOLLY OF BEING TOO WISE.

We are really a wonderful nation,  
The cleverest people alive,  
Other races are lost in stagnation,  
They will die!—But G.B. will survive.

friends of the institution will note the hour.

A mendicant named Lyons was charged before Mr. Guinane, J.P., on Thursday evening, with being in the illegal possession of a two shilling piece. Lyons was given the coin in mistake for a penny, and electing to restore the florin rather than go to jail he was discharged.

At Newcastle Petty Sessions Edward Dalton charged his brother Patrick Dalton and Thomas McMahon with seriously assaulting him on the 23rd November last. The case against Patrick Dalton and the cross case was adjourned for three months, and McMahon was sentenced to 14 days hard labour.

It is understood that an important communication has taken place between the Chairman of the Irish Party, Mr. John E. Redmond, and the Rev. James Clancy, C.C., Kilkee, relative to the proposal to put Mr. P. J. Linnane forward for the Parliamentary representation of West Clare at the next General Election. Major Jameson is to be superceeded in the constituency.

## DEATH OF LIEUTENANT WILLS

The deepest sympathy of the whole community in which we specially desire to join, will go out to the Rev. Canon Wills, Rector of Rathkeale, in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his beloved son, which took place at Brighton last Tuesday week. Harry Buchanan Wills was only 24. He was the youngest son of the worthy Canon, full of the brightest promise, a splendid young fellow beloved by all. He was until last year, when he resigned his commission, first Lieutenant in Limrick City Artillery and served in the South African War. To the rev. father and the sorrowing family, the deepest and most sincere expressions of sympathy have been tendered, and the memory of the dear and much loved lad, will always be held in tender remembrance by troops of friends to whom the news of his early death will come with a shock of sorrow, unfeigned and earnest.

## THE CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

Tokio, Tuesday.

Ordinances were promulgated last night, completing Japan's preparations for any emergency. The Government is invested with practically unlimited credit for the purpose of military defence.

## THE LATEST FROM THE EAST.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

London, Tuesday.

Telegraphing at five o'clock this evening, the Press Association says it is officially informed that there is no foundation for the report that Japan has stipulated for the receipt of Russia's reply to her note by January 10th. No date was fixed by Japan.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A midnight service will (D.V.) be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, when a short address will be delivered by the Dean of Limerick, followed by a

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