

own county members of all creeds seek his advice when in difficulty; they know his kindly nature and be listened to sympathetically; of the respect that is still strong in the "old stock," but chiefly have learned to believe that he is gle-minded and sincere, and that in private he speaks what he is; remember, is not blind here no part of the country are within the Kingdom of Kerry, and where, men are noting the modern liberalism. The safe man is known, so is the learned divine who sits; while the eloquent preacher—whose highest ambition is the being sound—has also occasionally It is because they believe that none of these things that his re so devoted to him, and follow without hesitation.

For another class would be equally Sydney Smith once said jestingly that be atheism among the wives of no man can be heroic to those whom he intimates. By parity of argument there may be a danger of scepticism as assistant, since they see the un- sometimes least admirable side of the great superiors. It can at any rate be asserted that no such danger has attended the faith of curates who are fortunate as to serve their people under the wise guidance of the priest of Limerick. Many of them will find his work as an inspiration, and whom experience has taken away doubts about clergymen, will thank God for their ministry with so single-mindedness. They will think of helpfulness and optimism of crude and ill-prepared they will think too of neglected things were silently carried out by the

which was never a party man, is the one who knows nothing about economy." He could not properly belong to any of the great sects that exist in the Church, though possessing considerable sympathies with the more liberal of them, as Robertson and Kingsley. He is an earnest preacher, not perhaps eloquent, but an adept in "high falutin" language; he has earnestness, the power of convincing people, and his short, terse sentences have a knack of haunting the memory of the well-read professional man, so that he had closely followed the man's preaching—that he never used a word, and that he knew no so short a space could give so much information.

And, too, an exceedingly attractive personality and the power of inspiring in those whom he meets, trust and affection. This is probably one of his wonderful popularities. It is not surprising for Ireland that a Nationalist should be a Roman Catholic town to express the people on the election of a Cardinal as a unitary to a Bishopric! Nor does the testimony stand alone. Some time ago a group of people made a presentation to the Cardinal, and amongst the subscribers was a Catholic Bishop of the Diocese. His name is gratifying to all Irishmen, and it is to show that we are learning to love one another, and that Ireland need not be torn by the bitterness of sectarianism well at the same time to remember the reason of O'Connell's popularity with his

J. L. Frost, D.C.; P. Lane, D.C.; T. O'Grady, Blackwater; Thomas Hartigan, D.C.; J. Byrne, assistant Clerk of the Union; John Lynch, Lattocan; M. Brennan, W. F. Ryan, S. O'Halloran, E. Punch, R. Walshe, James Kelly, Clenagh; J. Forde, James L. Frost, Punch-bowl; J. S. Frost, D.C.; J. McNamara, Waverley; James Flynn, John Frost, Pass; P. Brennan, D.C., Clenagh; Wm. Coffey, Thomas Hastings, J. Murray, M. M'Namara, Clenagh; L. Quinlivan, W. M'Namara, M. Moylan, Michael Marsh, John Lee, Thomas Coffey, Limerick Asylum.

Wreaths were sent by Patrick Frost (husband), Mrs. J. M'Namara, Shelbourne (aunt), James Doyle, Kilrush; Josie and Delia O'Regan, Six-mile-bridge; Miss Scott, Carrigkerry.

Carriages were sent by Captain F. H. O'Brien, R.N.; F. W. Scott, Mrs. Studdert, Buuratty; Dr. Graham, J. Dundon, solr.; etc.

BALLINGARRY PRIEST DIES ABROAD.

Genuine regret is felt at Ballingarry at the receipt of the news of the death, at Kansas, in his 37th year, of the Rev. John Fitzgibbon, P.P., son of Mrs. Geo. Fitzgibbon, the Glen, and nephew of Mrs. Hallinan, Fortwilliam.

THE BUTTER BILL

The Glenwilliam (Ballingarry) Co-operative Society have passed a resolution urging the passing of the Butter Bill into law this session, and declaring that milk blendid butter is the worst of productions, and the making of which should be prohibited in the Bill.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Resolution of Diocesan Council, held 13th inst.:—"That the Limerick Diocesan Council desires to record its deep sense of the loss the Diocese has sustained by the death of Canon John F. Luther, so long an incumbent in this Diocese, and a member of the Diocesan Council, and it also desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Luther and her family."

COUNTY BOROUGH OF LIMERICK

ANNUAL CONTRACTS, 1907-8.

THE COUNCIL of the County Borough of Limerick invite TENDERS for the following WORKS AND MATERIALS for one year ending 31st March, 1908.

Broken Stones	Ironmongery
Brushes, Paints, &c.	Lime
Cart Wheels	Paving Sets
Cement	Paving Work
Dust Bios	Sewer Castings
Flags	Sewer Pipes
Gravel and Sand	Timber
Harness	Verge and Channel Stones.

To be delivered free within the Borough.

Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained on application at the City Surveyor's Office, Town Hall.

Sureties will be required for the due performance of each contract, and their names and addresses must be stated in the tender forms.

Contracts must be signed within seven days after being declared, otherwise the Council will be at liberty to accept the next lowest tender.

THE LATE FRAULEIN SCI

Mannheim is deeply grieved at the charming singer Fraulein Hilda Schöber of the Court Theatre of that victim of the Berlin disaster. This has met her death thus tragically, she was only in the prime of her age of thirty-one, had a specially operatic career before her, her work already been recognised by the critics of Munich, in such rôles as *Meister Faust* and *Agathe* in *Der Freischütz*. Her great musical intelligence had also been shown towards forwarding the success of her own wonderfully beautiful *Rose in the Garden*, in which Fraulein Hilda Schöber had the part of Minneleide. She was an artist of the best type to the tips of

A KIND-HEARTED DUCH

The beautiful Duchess of Portland to win all hearts by never-ending kindness and her kindly disposition. The recent severe weather meant a good deal of suffering amongst the inhabitants of the colliery village Grace's Welbeck estate, and to these the Duchess has been acting as an angel. Almost every day, she is motored through the villages, calling on the unpretentious houses and leaving everywhere a wealth of good cheer. At first the Duchess has shown a keen interest in the miners' welfare. A little while ago a collier sustained a serious spinal injury, the Duchess had him removed to London, and provided funds for an operation, &c., and on his return home presented him with an

FEES OF A PRIMA DON

Madame Melba's reported decision to open an opera house in New York in competition with Mr. Hammerstein must be taken with some reserve, says a contemporary. As is well known, she has no great success in America, though she has made such a fortune of money in the country. More recently she decided not to take any steps that would prevent her from singing at Covent Garden. On the question of money to conduct such an enterprise, Madame Melba is, of course, a very wealthy woman, worth £30,000 as the result of a short career in Spanish South America, and in one season when she did not appear at Covent Garden she received two thousand guineas from singing at four concerts at private houses.

THE REFORMED DRAWING

The enthusiasm for the simple and the modern, says the *Tribune*, to the detriment of the old where every day one sees less and less of the script bric-a-brac, simpler draperies, superfluous tables. A typical reformer's room has its walls hung with a patterned brocade, matching the window drapery, and that a good, adornment. The owner has been inspired by the Japanese of exhibiting only one thing at a time, and can take in only a certain amount of art at the same time. There are no more words speaking about in this room, and there is a slender, graceful silver vase containing lacelike ferns, whose soft green is even a single rose. The furniture is a copy of an excellent copy, and there is a touch of it. A Sheraton cabinet in the corner, but the specimen table, an example of the sand-and-one superfluities of the old are looked for in vain.

SHADES OF MORALITY IN A

The average woman has generally a useful stock of morals which vary very much when it comes to improving their condition. There seems no end to the shades of