

year mackerel have been very abundant, catches fetched rather poor prices. It is admitted that curers could not perhaps pay having regard to the uncertainty of demand in the American market to the absence of a brand guaranteeing

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

lists and others liable to prosecution under the Motor Vehicles Act should light up to-night at 6.23, and on Thursday to-morrow night at 6.23, and on Thursday

PHOSPHORESCENT TREE.

people walking in a wood in the Wishaw district, Glasgow, after dark, were startled by what they took to be an apparition in the wood. On making investigation, they found the trunk of an ash tree in a position giving forth a light resembling phosphorescence, but more brilliant. Those who visited the spot acknowledge that the tree's light is more of an incandescent brightness, and of anything being read in its vicinity. Large numbers were attracted to the place to witness the common spectacle, while young people secured some of the tree and wore them on their clothes in the park.

THREEPENCE A DAY.

A claimant for an old age pension is Robert Jay, Aldborough (Suffolk), who was born in 1810, and did work in the fields at threepence a day, and earned at twenty two on 9s. a week. He never earned more than 14s. a week but on this he supported a family of thirteen children. He has been a great singer of old fashioned folk songs.

OCTOBER PRIMROSES.

The curious effect of the heat wave was in evidence on the grassy slopes of the Norwood hills the other day when primroses of a second growth were picked by school children and others. Bunches of these flowers were sold by the youngsters at sixpence

AN IRISH 'WISHING CHAIR.'

It is understood that the famous "Wishing Chair" at Dunluce Castle, County Antrim, has been sold to a friend of Mr. Pierpont Morgan for 200 guineas. The tradition has it that those troubled with a run of bad luck will leave it behind having once sat on it. This well known relic is a fine specimen of the furniture of the Stuart period, dating back to the reign of Charles.

AN AGED PENSION APPLICANT.

An old man, Mr. Bernard Sweeney, residing at Ballynarey, who is hale and hearty, and has attained the patriarchal age of 98 years, walked five miles to his house at Lirnavidy to prefer his claim for a pension.

we are pleased to learn that Mrs. Hamilton who sustained a fracture of the arm in a car accident in the city last Friday is progressing most favourably at her residence, Military Road. Having regard to the exaggerated reports which have got about relative to the matter, we are very glad to be in a position to announce this very satisfactory information as to the injured lady's progress towards recovery.

The tenants on the Waller and George estate, situate at Barabaha, near Nenagh, have agreed on the purchase of their holdings. The terms agreed on are—first term rents, 20 years' purchase, 7s reduction in the £; second term rents, 23 years' purchase, 5s. reduction in the £. The interest was fixed at an eighth less than 3½ per cent. All arrears have been wiped out up to May last.

CO. LIMERICK FARMER FIRED AT.

A determined attempt was, it is alleged, made on the life of Thomas Collopy, a farmer living at Rathkeale, on Sunday. Collopy's own account is that while walking over his lands he was encountered by a man, and some heated words took place, eventuating in four shots being fired at him. Soon afterwards the police were apprised of the outrage, and arrested a half-brother of Collopy, named Buckley, who was remanded. The injured man was attended to by Dr. Magner, and last evening conveyed to the County Infirmary, Mulgrave-street, for treatment.

DROWNING FATALITY IN THE CITY.

The body of a man named Thomas Coll was discovered this morning lying against the grating of the Lock Quay mill race. The deceased, who was about 35 years of age, had been missing from home since the 28th ult., and his relatives had no knowledge of his whereabouts. They were communicated with to-day by the police, and identified the remains. The deceased served in the South African war, and was in the Army Reserve. He left home after tea on the evening of the 28th ult., in the usual way, and the appearance of the body which was discovered this morning by a man named John Humphries showed that drowning must have taken place some days ago. The Coroner was informed of the occurrence, but as he is somewhat unwell it is understood that an inquest will be held this evening before two magistrates. The inquiry will be merely formal as the inquiries made by the Constabulary have convinced them that the fatality was the result of accident.

MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

Additional Class in Elementary Shorthand and

As the class in Elementary Shorthand had to be closed at the end of the week, owing to the number of applicants being in excess of the accommodation, it is proposed to establish an additional class in this subject of students desirous of being enrolled should call at the office immediately, as the number is strictly limited to 20. No entries will be received on account of students who do not comply with the Department's regulations.

am thankful to be in a position to observe the progress of events since we last met. I have been in the Diocese, and from observation, as well as what I have gathered from other sources such as the Rural Workers' Association and communication with my Archdeacon, has been much to encourage. Divine Services and the Holy Communion on the part of the various congregations in the Diocese, parishes a healthy state of spirit as these indications can show. The Schools, too, have been carefully conducted, and the result, in the report of the Education Committee, manifests this, in the percentages obtained in the examinations. This cannot fail to be a source of encouragement for good on the minds and character of the young generation, fitting them for the discharge of the duties of life into which it may please God to call them. I am glad to hear by giving them sound instruction wherein their faith may be assailed. With regard to the Diocese, I think we are to be congratulated on having such wise and careful management as the Diocesan Council. Every item of expenditure is watched with care, and to this, no doubt, is largely due their sound financial position. A study of the report of the Diocesan Missions will show what has been effected beyond merely giving various collections for mission opportunities might be arranged for special missionary meetings. Missionary organisations might be formed for united sympathy, and united action. I think there is one subject which frequently be brought before the Bishops feel. In former days—Establishment—the parishes were largely by the sons of our country as the study of the Church's direction will show, but of late years marked absence of such names. I appeal to our modern representatives, families, and ask them to encourage their sons to take the legitimate way their sons to take the ministerial office, it is the highest and happiest position a man can occupy. I am glad to hear that you are going to do Our Blessed Master's work. regards the prospects of our Diocese and Parochial Schools, I am glad to hear that you are going to do Our Blessed Master's work. I did in addressing my Primary Education in this country is in a most uncertain condition. The present state of schools is exceedingly precarious, and I trust that when public opinion is aroused on the matter it will prevent such elementary justice as was shown in reference to small schools. The rumours of changing the plans cannot but affect disastrously the interests at stake. In matters of higher education, the last Diocesan Synod, Parliament and the law the Irish Universities Bill, which will result in the spread of education, deserving of the name of a large section of our fellow-countrymen. Our intellectual capacities make them the highest attainments and cultivate a generous rivalry between these cities, and the ancient foundation of the College may develop a higher learning. Every true patriot will wish to see success and broad-minded wisdom direct their destinies. Since the last Synod last met there have been