

Judiciously exercised, it will lead to a Turkey solid in progress and strong in independence. Abused it will perpetuate that weakness and uncertainty of the Porte which has been the cause of a large proportion of European unrest in the last quarter of a century.

## ABDOL HAMID.

The impression is strengthening that any peaceful solution of the crisis in Turkey will not be possible without a price, and that the price required will be the abdication of the Sultan. The part played by his Majesty in the revolt of last week is, to put it at the softest, obscure, and at the most probable, sinister; while the Young Turks are understood to regard him as the villain of the piece, remarks the "Daily Chronicle."

## LORD DROGHEDA'S BIRTHDAY.

Lord Drogheda, who kept his twenty-fifth birthday yesterday, succeeded his father as tenth earl last year, and it is only a few weeks since his marriage in Edinburgh to pretty Miss Pelham Burn. As Lord Moore, Lord Drogheda was for some time a clerk in the Foreign Office. He is a fine shot and a good horseman, his tastes inclining much more to sports than did those of his father, who was musical and artistic.

## DOG-FISH AND THE FISHERIES.

Dogfish continue to infest the English southern and western fisheries in increasing numbers, and do much damage. No remedy has been found, and it is evident that the fisheries are surely and rapidly being depleted by them. While there is a considerable consumption of dogfish in Plymouth and other large places in England, it is not at all in proportion to the number of fish. Dogfish have been sold up to 1s. 9d., and lower than 6d. per score, but the latter price will not pay for the labour of catching. The person who can devise a way of ridding the waters of this plague will, it is stated, confer a great boon to the industry.

## A STONE COFFIN.

In the churchyard at Repton, workmen who were excavating came across several large pieces of carved stone, which, when placed together formed a slab on which there had evidently been carved a full length figure, which was partly effaced. It has every semblance of being the lid of a stone coffin of the fourteenth century, as several coffins of the description have at various times been found near the churchyard. The slab is about seven feet long.

## DAYLIGHT BILL IN CANADA.

The idea of getting up an hour earlier and quitting work an hour earlier each day during the summer months seems to be growing in favour in Canada. Western Canada, the "Canadian Courier" tells us, is not so interested as Eastern Canada. In the West the evenings are long, and reading in the open air can

## DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS A. O'KEEFE.

We regret extremely to record the death of a very highly esteemed Limerick gentleman, Mr. F. A. O'Keefe, ex-M.P., which took place yesterday at Athy, the residence of his brother Father O'Keefe, A.M. The deceased gentleman who had been in failing health for some time last year was born in 1836, and was son of the late Mr. Lawrence O'Keefe, George street, who was High Sheriff in 1886, and for several years a member of the Corporation. Mr. O'Keefe was educated in the Jesuit College, Limerick, Clongowes Wood College, and Trinity College, Dublin, and he obtained first place in Equity Jurisprudence at the Sessional, and a special certificate of merit at his final examination for Solicitor. He was an eminent classical scholar, and took a great interest in literary pursuits. He entered the Corporation some time in the eighties, and in 1897 was elected Mayor, an honour which was again conferred on him for the two succeeding years. During his Mayoralty the Corporation built arizans dwellings in Sir Harry's Mall, Mary street, and Athlunkard street, and he had the distinction of turning the first sod of the new water works scheme at Clareville. It is interesting too, to note that it was on Mr O'Keefe's motion the Public Libraries Act was first adopted in Limerick. In 1888 Mr. O'Keefe was elected Nationalist Representative of the City in Parliament, and he continued to do so till 1900. Mr. O'Keefe retired from his profession as a Solicitor (practising in Limerick) several years ago, and since then has resided in Dublin, though frequently paying visits to the old city, especially in the Summer season when he always patronised Kilkee. He was a gentleman of a most genial, entertaining, and kindly manner, and was highly esteemed by very many friends in Limerick and elsewhere, who were heard of his demise with great regret. The funeral is to take place to-morrow (Friday), at 1.30 p.m. from Limerick Terminus for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

## NORTH MUNSTER

### ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first general meeting of the North Munster Archæological Society was held yesterday at their rooms, Gientworth street, the principal business being the election of officers for the current year. The Society, which was but recently formed, will include the districts of Limerick county and city, the County of Clare, and North Tipperary, and its object will be to promote the development of antiquarian and historical research through the districts named, from a local point of view. The Earl of Dunraven has consented to act as president of the Society, the membership of which already numbers 119, and which there is every likelihood of being considerably increased.

Mr. P. J. Lynch, C.E., presided.

The attendance included—Rev. J. Begley, C.C., St. Munchin's, and Mr. J. N. Wallace, hon. secretaries; Dr. G. Fogerty, R.N.; Dr. McNamara, Corofin; Mr. J. Conway, F.G.S.; Mr. James Grene Barry, J.P., D.L.; Rev. M. Canty, P.P., Dromin; Mr. George Ryan, C.E.

## EASTER VI

### KILMURRY.

The meeting of above, on Monday, was held on the R. S. Ross-Lewin in the showing a debit balance following appointments were Synodamen—Captain F. Castle Troy, and Dr. Roelawr.

Churchwardens—Colonel Castle Troy House, and Castle Troy.

Parochial Nominators Milford; Captain F. Ver and Arthur Blood Smyth

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Rev. Canon Hyde presiding appointments were made

Parochial Nominators H.M.L.; H. G. Supple, Diocesan Synodamen-Williams.

Churchwardens—Vicar People's: M. Williams.

Select Vestry—Ex-officio G. Supple, M. Williams Vandeleur, James Allen Brows, J. Brews, J. J. J. J. Bradley, J. McNa F. Fitzmaurice.

Parochial Treasurer—

### KILFARBOY PARISH MAL.

The following appointments Parochial Nominators T.W. Browning, R. Diocesan Synodamen-ham, R. G. E. Ellis.

Churchwardens—F. A. Ellis.

Select Vestry—John A. V. Barrington, T. W. Tottenham, James Irons, Moore. The incumbent E. Ellis ex officio.

A resolution expressing the sense of the late Major Geo. unanimately passed.

### KILMANAHL

The Rector of the P. McDowell, M.A., presiding. The following appointments Rector's Churchwardens Jones.

People's Churchwardens Diocesan Synodamen D.L., and Dr. C. H. B. Parochial Nominators D.L., W.W. A. Fitzger Parochial Treasurer—Select Vestry—H. V. Macnamara, Constable Swanton, Robert Wardens, ex-officio.