

ARE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Satisfactory Report.

The fourth annual meeting of the above Society was held in the Courthouse, Ennis, when the Secretary presented a balance sheet which shows a very desirable turn in the tide of the Society, for, after holding two successful shows—spring and summer—a total of £7 9s 10d was converted into a balance in favour of the Society of £2 17s 9d, with vases and plants to the value of £25.

The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Mr. R. Vere O'Brien, who has been an honorary President for the past two years, resigned, and after many expressions of regret his step had become necessary, it was decided that the tenure of this office in future should be for one year only, to enable all the supporters of the Society having an opportunity of performing the Presidential duty, and Mr. Marcus Keane was unanimously elected in the proposition of Mr. O'Brien for the year 1910.

Mr. R. Scott was re-elected as Vice-President, Mr. Waring, Treasurer, and Mr. Bill, Secretary, and the following ladies and gentlemen were appointed to the committee—

Executive Committee—Mrs R Vere O'Brien, Miss V MacNamara, Mrs B Logheed, Mrs J Sell, Mrs Jackson Harris, Mrs Knox, Miss D, Miss Greene, Rev J Hanna, Rev T H Hall, Rev J O'Halloran, Major S C Hick-Cole F Tottenham, Col J W McNamara, Dr Frost, Dr G U McNamara. Messrs R O'Brien, John Loddell, F W A Scott, J J Giliffe, J King, A N Sharpe, Jackson Harris, McDonagh, A E Carter, J Newton; Hon. Treasurer, N S P Waring, Hon Secretary, H Lifford, Ennis.

COMPLIMENTARY PRESENTATION.

Last week, as already briefly reported in the "Standard," a deputation from Doneraile and surrounding parishes, consisting of Messrs W. G. Mitchell, A. H. Jones, L.P.S.I.; Percy O'Brien, Manager, National Bank, Doneraile; and J. W. Wether, waited at Cruise's Hotel, Limerick, on the arrival of Mr. A. L. Bourke, Doneraile, who has recently resigned from managership of the Bank, and presented him with an illuminated address and a set of sovereigns.

Mr. Mitchell, in making the presentation, alluded to the unavoidable absence of the late Mr. Dr. Wigmore, C.C., Doneraile. He expressed the universal feelings of regret at Mr. Bourke's departure from the locality, and referred to the large development in the business of the bank during the fourteen years of Mr. Bourke's management, largely due to the facilities which Mr. Bourke afforded for the expansion of commercial and agricultural interests of the district, as well as to the unvarying courtesy which he treated the clients of the bank. Mr. Mitchell also referred to the kindness and hospitality which Mr. Bourke displayed in his private life, and concluded by saying they had

visitor, entreating him with endless panegyrics, conferring freedom of cities, and various other worthless distinctions and compliments on him, when sadly wiser, sorrowfully and regretfully he leaves us, mourning over our multiplied follies that penetrate every phase of our public and private life, burdening ourselves with taxes to keep up enormous defensive powers against an invincible enemy. Killing and persecuting for the love of God. The rich crushing the poor, and the poor, alas, crushing himself, and oftentimes selling his birthright for a mess of pottage, at the beck of well paid but ruinous eloquence, all pointing to the truth of the Martian poet's words, "and only Man is vile." Glad to return to the peaceful, prosperous, brilliancy of the home he left 67 years ago, and which he will reach when his now hoary head is 67 years older than when he left, glad to return to what he now looks on as the purest, brightest gem turned out of the crucible of the Omnipotens, glad to return to where nations worshipping the same God do not meet in battle array and ask His blessing and help in carnage and destruction.

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DEATH OF A LIMERICK SPORTSMAN ABROAD

The recent death of Mr. Michael Twoomey, a native of Abbeyfeale, has been prominently referred to in terms of sympathy and regret in the Australian Press and by many public bodies in the country of his adoption. Mr. Twoomey was the proprietor of the Murchison Hotel, and was known all over the Goulbourn valley and Rivernia as one of its leading sportsmen. Amongst his large team of horses none was better known in West Australia than Cardinal, who accounted for some of the most coveted trophies of the turf in that country. His other distinguished performers included The Shrew, Primate (winner of Flemington and Denitquin steeplechases); Tontless (who captured the Prince of Wales' Purse at Williamstown); also Flying Jib, Diodorus, Reprieve, Lady Bartha, Ralph Leigh, Madame Olga, Daisy, Priam, Zenophon, etc. Deceased was also prominently associated with the coursing and football clubs of Murchison. His death at the age of 47 is deeply regretted amongst the sporting patrons of West Australia.

THE PEERS' "WHO'S WHO."

"The Standard" publishes a complete analysis of the membership of the House of Lords.

The list shows that the Peers, taken in the aggregate, represent practically all the leading phases of the manifold life of the country, and therefore they speak with an authority and knowledge which could be rivalled by few other institutions of the kind.

The following table gives the number of Peers distinguished more especially as statesmen, Empire makers, bankers, etc.:

Statesmen	27	Educationalists	3
Railway directors	35	Ecclesiastics	31
Empire makers	30	Captains of Industry	29
Diplomatic services	15	Country workers	28
Military and Naval service	101	Jurists	18
Bankers	35	Scientists	2
		Landowners	15

Thirty three Peers are unclassified, and there are twelve minors.

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KILRUSH PETTY

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Before Mr. A. M. Harpur, J.P., and Mr. Batt O'Connell, District Justice, KILRUSH, DISTRICT OF FRIENDS.

District Inspector McNally, dealer named Michael Butler, on the assault and battery, on the Private William Woulffe, 2nd Irish Regiment, at present in gaol.

Mr. Kelly, solicitor, appeared for the defendant. Woulffe swore that he was in the house having some beer, and his wife came in. After a while his brother and the militia he was in the mouth, knocking out already loose.

The Chairman said it was not way this soldier gave his name, not want to prosecute.

Mr. Kelly—It was all well, we men have been dining and since.

In further examination, The witness said he had taken against Butler for the last time but did not prosecute.

Chairman—Did you give your vocation?

Witness—I might have.

Chairman—But did you?

Witness—I don't know.

Chairman—It is no use asking questions.

Mr. Kelly—Was it because your brother James, who is in the Militia, was resenting your language?

Witness—It seemed some.

Don't you know that it was?

You used that statement?

You and Butler are now?

Witness—We are.

You went to his house and said you would settle the case?

He stood you a drink, best of friends? Yes.

Were you ever in battle?

And got wounded? Witness—Wounded.

Your commanding officer?

so troubled about it as McNally is about the loose?

No, sir.

Mr. McNally said he would