

finished setting to the surroundings. In the scheme of ornamentation employed, art drapery had a foremost place, but not monopoly, and in this way the decorators exercised a discretion which was thoroughly appreciated. There was a charming blending of colour in evidence relieved by garlands of flowers, deftly arranged, and mottoes symbolical of the occasion which brought them into existence. In the ball room especially the best of good taste was displayed in the matter of setting, while the stage which was utilised as the supper room was bedecked in graceful fashion as were the lounge and annexes. It was ten o'clock when the Ball commenced, and by this time nearly all the company had assembled. The valse, "Remembrance," furnished the opening dance, and to the onlooker the spectacle was dazzling in the extreme. With graceful rhythm, the ladies and gentlemen moved in the mazes of the Queen of dances, to the soft music of Mr. Albert May's Band. The dresses worn by the ladies were singularly attractive and smart, while the hunting costumes donned by many of the gentlemen, the uniforms of the military and the modest though ornate evening dress were all studies in the philosophy of dress. From a social view point this year's Hunt Ball was an unqualified success, and from the standpoint of attendances, eclipsed those of former years, a fact which shows the popularity of the County Limerick Chase and those who are at the head of it. Every detail in connection with last night's function was carried out on well arranged lines, and with befitting regard for the comfort of the company. The programme of dances was arranged with nice discrimination, while the catering, in the hands of Messrs Mitchell, Dublin, was excellently carried out. Mr. John F. Power, as hon. secretary of the Ball, had an arduous role to fill, and discharged every phase of it successfully, while Mr. G. V. Fogarty looked after the structural side of the proceedings prior to the decorations being put up, and discharged his duties admirably.

The following is the programme, which, as stated, does ample justice to Mr. May, under whose supervision it was played:

Valse.....	Remembrance
Valse.....	Quand L'amour Meurt
Valse.....	A Waltz Dream
Two-Step.....	Nip-I-Addy
Valse.....	Mondaine
Valse.....	Vision of Salome
Lancers.....	Our Miss Gibbs
Valse.....	The Drink's Prayer
Valse.....	Song d'Automne
Valse.....	The Dollar Princess
Extras	
Valse.....	Espana
Valse.....	Malmaison
Two-Step.....	Billy Possum
Valse.....	Venus on Earth
Valse.....	Ciribiribin
Valse.....	Nip-I-Addy
Lancers.....	Girls of Gottenborg
Valse.....	Vision d'Amour
Valse.....	Barearolle (Comtes D. Hoffman)
Two-Step.....	Mickey's Birthday
Valse.....	La lettre de Manon
Valse.....	White Heather
Valse.....	Blue Danube
Galop.....	John Peel

A—Mr. T. D. Atkinson, D.L.; Mrs. Atkinson; Miss Atkinson, Miss Adams, Mr. R. Allen, R.F.A.; Mr. D. L. Arthur, Captain C. Arthur, Mrs. C. Arthur, Mr. R. E. Anstruther, Royal Highlanders.

B—Mr. Nigel Baring, M.F.H.; Hon. Mrs. Baring, Mr. D. R. Browning, Mrs. Bannatyne, Miss Bannatyne (Haldon, Essex); Mr. James F.G. Bannatyne, 11th Hussars; Miss E. Bourke, Mr. J. B. Barrington, Miss Barrington, Mr. H. P. Blake, Mrs. Ballingal, Miss Blennerhassett, Miss Hilda Blennerhassett, Miss Vera Blennerhassett, Mr. T. H. Brett, Captain A. H. Beaumont, Mr. A. Bourke, R.E.; Mr. J. T. Barry, Mrs. Grene-Barey, Miss Grene-Barey, Mr. E. A. Britten, Mrs. Britten, Miss Brownfield, Miss Ruggles-Brise, Colonel St. George Burton (Royal Highlanders), Mrs. Burton.

C—Lady Clavin, Mr. M. Critchton, Mr. C.

important posts to decision has yet been arrived at. The list, so far as Cabinet Ministers are concerned, will, doubtless, be submitted by the Prime Minister to the King at the interview expected to take place towards the close of the week, but some of the minor vacancies may not be filled up until after Parliament meets. There is no doubt the changes in the Cabinet will be numerous and important.

Interviewed in his retreat at Oldham after visiting Mr. Runciman, the President of the Board of Education, at Newcastle, Mr. Alfred Emmott, M.P., assured a Press representative that he had not received any communication from the Prime Minister on the subject of his probable appointment to the Duchy of Lancaster. It followed, therefore, that he did not know what Mr. Asquith's intention might be in regard to that matter.

The Press Association says it is probable that for the general convenience of members the Labour Party in the new House of Commons will be asked to sit on the Ministerial side below the Gangway. Nationalists of both sections will retain their old quarters on the Opposition side.

## DEATH OF DISTRICT INSPECTOR T. HOBBS

A very painful feeling was caused among a large circle of friends in the city on its becoming known that District Inspector T. Hobbs in charge of Cahiroiveen district for the past twelve years, and, who was well and favourably known here, died rather suddenly yesterday while proceeding to Cahiroiveen Petty Sessions. The deceased officer was for years on service in this city, all through the trying time of the Land League agitation, and there was no member of the Force more highly respected by his colleagues, and even in Nationalist circles for uprightness, probity, and an impartial discharge of onerous duties. Those traits won the approval of the authorities, and left no trace of resentment, owing to the thoughtful, courteous and considerate manner in which his duty was invariably carried out. His death was quite unexpected and came suddenly, and the many friends of District-Inspector Hobbs were greatly stirred over the sad news. He was a native of Tipperary, aged about 60, with a length of years in the constabulary that would entitle him to retire in a short time on pension. His intelligence, ability and wonderful foresight in matters of duty and public service marked him out early for promotion, and he passed speedily the intervening grades from constable to district-inspector with unvarying steadiness, and the highest character any constable or officer in the constabulary could possess. His wife is a Limerick woman, and she is the mother of a large family, whose trial over the sad event is great indeed. The remains of the deceased officer will arrive in Limerick to-morrow for interment at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

## RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Mayor and members of the Corporation, with the officers, were present, by invitation, at St. John's Cathedral, on Sunday, when High Mass, *Coram Episcopi*, was solemnised at noon, a large congregation taking part in the ceremony. Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presided at the Throne, and the assistant priests were:—Very Rev. Andrew Murphy, Adm., St. John's; Rev. Fr. Keane, President, St. Munchin's College, and Rev. Fr. Hogan, do.; Rev. R. Fitzgerald, C.C., St. John's, was celebrant at the High Mass; Rev. M. Murphy, C.C., do., being deacon, and Rev. Fr. Connolly, do., sub-deacon. Rev. T. F. McNamara, C.C., do., was master of ceremonies. The members of the Corporation present included:—The Mayor (Mr. T. Ryan, B.C.), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Miss Ryan, and attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the High Constable

graceful state of the streets, rooftops in and around Kilkee. In their plain and uncleaned state, it was standing menace to the public health, filthy condition, and for want of ever constant danger to life and strongly protested against that which would inevitably lead the City into litigation before very long to the ratepayers.

With reference to this matter, the from Mr. B. Hemmery forwarded signed by a large number of ratepayers at about £2,000, relative to the state of Kilkee.

The Chairman inquired of Mr. I had to say to that condition of this. Mr. Dobbin (County Surveyor) re amount allowed by the Kilrush Council was only 1s. a perch, which really keep the streets clean. They population in Kilkee during the summer. The Chairman—For what did the work?

Mr. Dobbin replied that the took it at 9d. a perch. He did not and he was trying to get the work money at his disposal. The Council had rejected an application a higher sum than 9d. The street a way that he asked them to give of them at 5s. a perch.

The Chairman—Hasn't the work under the new direct labour scheme? Mr. Dobbin—Yes, but we have scheme yet in which it is included.

The Chairman—At what price? Mr. Dobbin—I could not tell you the present moment we have not our credit at all. I have to ask you authorising me to go on with the roads for which no provision was made. Of course there are at now in the whole county at present. It won't do to let them out.

Mr. Harwood, of Mr. Dobbin's the Chairman that 1s. 3d. a perch allowed for the streets of Kilkee.

The Chairman considered that should be referred to the Council they could not do otherwise with it. The Secretary—He says he is application to you now.

Mr. Dobbin observed that he the Kilkee Town Commissioners required to have the town clean now Town Commissioners, and their functions.

The Chairman—Is it compulsory undertake this? If they can refer of that work they won't do it.

Mr. Dobbin—The Town Commissioners and the Commissioners in other always do the cleansing of the quite clear that the amount insufficient.

The Chairman—You had better at all events. If such a state of cannot be allowed to continue.

The Chairman subsequently, he some documents, stated that he had contract price was £52 17s. 6d., placed it at £152 17s. or £100 million.

Mr. Dobbin—I am not getting.

The Chairman—Whatever you must attend to the streets, you them in a impassable state, such Kilkee. Kilkee has suffered a great deal.

The Commissioners' resolution Mr. Dobbin for his attention.

## MR. O'BRIEN AND T PARTIES.

In a letter dated Cork, February 1st, the *Daily Telegraph* of yesterday, Mr says—The English public, who