

have been visited with a succession of hail, rain, and snow, desperate gales, and abnormal floods, and having regard to such untoward conditions, it is not surprising to find agricultural operations very backward, and vegetation more or less at a standstill. Consequently it is a relief to all of us, to the city man as well as the rustic, to feel that the ruthless blasts of winter have at length disappeared, and that we have now approached that refreshing and buoyant season of the year "when spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil"; and so the few days' holidays associated with Easter-tide come to us with unmistakable pleasure, even though they arrive this year somewhat earlier than usual. The festival of Easter, we are told, was instituted about A.D. 68, and after much contention between the Eastern and Western Churches it was ordained by the Council of Nice, 325, to be observed on the same day throughout the whole Christian world. Easter-day, an authority tells us, is "the Sunday following that fourteenth day of the calendar moon which happens upon or next after the 21st March; so that if the said fourteenth day be a Sunday, Easter-day is not that Sunday but the next." Accordingly, Easter-day has fallen on various dates between the 22nd March and the 25th April. It has very frequently occurred on some date in April, to go no further back than ten or fifteen years. In 1906 Easter-day fell on the 15th of that month; 1907, March 31st; 1908, the 19th, and 1909, the 11th April. Consequently Easter-tide comes to us this year much earlier than usual, the nearest approach to the present date being that in 1907. No doubt, we would prefer a later period, that is in the genial days of April, but be that as it may, we feel assured that holiday-makers will make the most of the brief period at their disposal, when they may cast aside the cares and worries of everyday life and enjoy well-earned rest and recuperation. The weather has picked up very satisfactorily during this week, and with a continuance of such favourable conditions there can be no doubt that the train excursion arrangements for getting to town or country between the 24th

W. B. Meikleham.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil Street)—Sunday, March 27th, 11 o'clock.

CITY DISTRESS FUND.

Further Contribution.

The Town Clerk as Secretary of the City Distress Committee received a letter from Sir Henry Robinson, Vice-President of the Local Government Board this morning, stating that a cheque for £300 was being forwarded as the final contribution towards the relief of distress in the city. A sum of £200 has already been received, and the entire amount of £500 will be spent in paying the wages of the men engaged in carrying out much needed improvements in the various wards of the city, the Corporation supplying the materials. So far the Committee have done excellent work in this respect and received valuable help from Alderman Joyce, M.P., in obtaining these grants.

DEATH OF MR. M. DORE, GLIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The death of Mr. Michael Dore, builder, Glin, at the age of 65, and after a brief illness, evoked great regret among his friends and neighbours here. His funeral on Wednesday was attended by the entire people of the parish, and by contingents from Loughill, Ballyhabill, Foynes and Shanagolden.

The clergy in attendance were—Venerable Archdeacon Roohe, P.P., Glin; Rev. Fr. Foley, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Coleman, C.C., do.

The chief mourners were—Miss Mary and Miss Ellie Dore (daughters); Rev. Brother Gerald Dore, Messrs John, Michael, James, Willie, and Joseph Dore (sons); Mrs. Mullane (sister); Messrs Edward Dore, R.O., Gerald Dore, N.T. (brothers); Mrs. Walshe, Mrs. O'Reilly, Miss Mary Dore, and Miss Bridget Mullane (nieces); Messrs Patrick J. Dore, Edward Dore, Willie Dillane (nephews); Mrs. P. Cregan, and Mrs. Gerald Dore (sisters-in-law); Mr. M. Dillane (brother-in-law).

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS.

Citizens who have not yet made up their minds how to spend the Easter Bank Holidays should consult the posters issued by the Great Southern and Western Railway Company. In these, information is tendered which will, doubtless, solve the problem. On Monday next the Company will issue tickets at low fares to Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Castleconnell, Killaloe, Foynes, Listowel, etc.

For those who prefer to remain in the city, attractions in the way of football will be provided at the Market's Field when Garryowen meet Cwmcarn (Wales). At night, the children of St. Ita's House will open a week's engagement at the Theatre Royal with the pantomime "Dick Whittington and his Cat."

COOK'S TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

In another column will be found full particulars of conducted inclusive tours which Messrs Thos. Cook & Son have arranged to Lourdes, The Passion Play, The Rhine, and Brussels International Exhibition. The trip to Lourdes is a distinct tour in itself, and leaves on June 1st, at the low inclusive figure of £13, and takes 9 days to do. The tour which embraces The Passion Play The

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The Committee an Aid Home grateful "Pound Day" gifts ladies and gentlemen G. E. Goodbody, A Snell, Mr. Cromer, A and Mrs. J. T. Walle Shaw, Anonymous, friends in Todd's a 10s. Small sums, £ 24lbs.; bacon, 28lbs; 3lbs.; butter, 8lbs.; coffee; 1lb.; prunes, 2lbs. candles, 7lbs. f 1 dozen eggs, 3 sacks

GLIN PETTY SE

At the Glin fort Thursday—Mr. Jam presiding over a full who has been acting Clerk, was unanimou tion at a salary of £5 ances. Mr. Corry's Cor.

EXPLOSIO

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An alarming explos in the Bridgeton Cross of Scotland, at Gla closed for the holiday Fleming, was engage light in her hand, she source of a gas leakage room door. Instantly which blew out all the plaster from the ceiling hair took fire and s where several people extinguished the fla Irvine, who was passin time, received the full was thrown clear off promptly surrounded

JOURNALIST

Journalists from all attended the annual Union of Journalists v to-day. Mr. G. H. presidential address, since the formation of of triumph. The u members, and at the