

In some instances, owing to deaths not having been registered within the week in which they occurred, the rates do not fairly represent the mortality:—Armagh, 20'6; Ballymena, 28'7; Belfast, 21'7; Clonmel, 15'4; Cork, 19'9; Drogheda, 24'5; Dublin Registered Area, 18'4; Dundalk, 4'0; Galway, 3'9; Kilkenny, 9'8; Limerick, 19'1; Lisburn, 18'2; Londonderry, 9'6; Lurgan, 4'4; Newry, 12'6; Newtownards, 17'2; Portadown, 25'8; Queenstown, —; Sligo, 19'2; Tralee, 42'3; Waterford, 13'6; Wexford, 28'0. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered as appertaining to the 22 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1'5 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0'0 in 16 of the districts to 12'3 in Drogheda, the 6 deaths from all causes for that district including three from whooping-cough. Among the 163 deaths from all causes for Belfast are five from measles, two from scarlet fever, and 12 from whooping-cough. Of the 14 deaths from all causes for Limerick one is from whooping-cough, and one from diarrhoea. Two deaths from whooping-cough are among the four deaths from all causes for Lisburn, and two deaths from whooping-cough are also included in the eight deaths from all causes for Tralee.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under the Lights on Vehicles Act should light up to-night at 7.26, to-morrow night at 7.28, and on Thursday at 7.30.

NO SWORDS FOR YEOMANRY.

Mr. Haldane states in Parliamentary papers that it is not proposed to add a sword to the equipment of the Yeomanry, even in the case of those who accept Imperial service conditions, as the shortness of their annual instruction is barely sufficient for their training in the use of horse and rifle.

X-RAY DANGERS.

A St. Petersburg telegram to the *Petit Journal* announces that an important discovery in medical science has been made by a working locksmith named Lautzevitsh, who found a method of effecting the concentration of X-rays. The discovery, however, had an unfortunate sequel, for the inventor who experimented with his apparatus on his right arm suffered considerable pain, and his medical attendant has diagnosed the commencement of gangrene.

BENGAL LADIES AND LADY MINTO.

The ladies of Bengal, including many purdah ladies have presented Lady Minto with a valuable diamond brooch. Lady Baker, in making the presentation, alluded to Lady Minto's deep interest in the women of India, in female education, and in the hospitals, and to her ladyship's kind and lavish hospitality. Lady Minto, in reply, said that she was deeply touched by the gift, and regretted her early departure from India. She added that she would always retain the keenest interest in India.

PLUMAGE OF WILD BIRDS.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., has brought forward a bill to prohibit the sale or exchange of the plumage and skins of certain wild birds. Under the provision of this measure it will be an offence to possess the plumage or skins of such birds for commercial purposes, and the court, imposing a fine not exceeding £5, must order the forfeiture and destruction of the articles. Reservations are made in respect of specimens for natural history museums or for scientific research, but in these cases the importer will be required to produce a special declaration as to the purpose for which the specimens are required.

DECLINE OF SOCIALISM.

The report of the Executive Council of the Social Democratic party, to be presented at the annual conference this week, expresses disappointment regarding the General Election. With the exception of Mr. H. M. Hyndman, who

£47 5s 2d from the amount payable to the North Tipperary Council out of the local taxation grants. This debt was incurred by special police at Holy-cross, and which amount the Council refused to pay.

The election for five members of the Council on the Catholic Literary Institute has resulted in the re-election of the following gentlemen—J. G. O'Brien, B.C., 234; J. M'Mahon, 225; E. Bourke, 214; M. Kelly, 206, and M. Quaid, 190. Mr. J. Enright received 186 votes, and Mr. J. Lawler, 104.

The death occurred on Sunday morning at the State Reformatory, Ennis, of the Matron, Miss Davis, as the result of an attack of influenza. The deceased lady, who was daughter of Mr. W. Davis, late D.I., R.I.C., had been five years' Matron of the Home and her gentle, kindly disposition made her very popular with all with whom she came in contact. Her premature demise is very much regretted.

CLARE EMBROIDERY AND WOODWORK.

Specimen Purchased by Princess of Wales.

At the late Irish Industries Exhibition held in Grosvenor House, London, on St. Patrick's Day, a very handsome woodwork fire-screen with panels of Clare embroidery which was made in Ennis, and exhibited at the Clare Embroidery Stall, attracted the attention of the Princess of Wales, and was purchased by her. This is not the first purchase of Clare handiwork by her Royal Highness.

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Easter Quarter Sessions commence on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, when the City Grand Jury will be sworn, and the Crown business proceeded with by the Court. There is but one criminal case from the city, a charge of larceny, and the criminal business from the county is nil. There are two appeals. The number of civil bills from the county is 274, of which 30 are defended, and from the city 158, 25 being defended. Seven of the 16 ejectments entered for hearing are defended, and no land cases are listed for trial at the present Sessions. The workmen's compensation cases total 17, and the applications for transfers of spirit licences, 8 from the county, of which one is for a new licence, and three transfers from the city. There is a sensible increase in the civil business of the Sessions as compared with the sitting this time 12 months.

LUCKY NENAGH LABOURER.

Becomes the Owner of 94 Acres of Land.

William Gleeson, farm labourer, who resides a short distance outside Nenagh, has just become the happy possessor of a splendid farm of land, situate at Boultheemy. The farm, which was owned by Mr. John Dagg, was put up for public auction on Thursday, and after spirited bidding was knocked down to Mr. P. Gleeson, who has recently returned from America, where he had accumulated some wealth by his sobriety and industry, for the handsome sum of £1,880 and handed it over to his brother William, who had been in Mr. Dagg's employment as labourer on the farm. Needless to say, poor William was the recipient of numerous and sincere congratulations on his stroke of good fortune. There is 94 acres on the farm.

DEATH OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred on Sunday morning at his residence, of Mr. Michael Naughton, of Ballynacana, Ballysteen, Askeaton, and a member of the Limerick County Council, since the Local Government Act came into operation. Mr. Naughton was in town a few days since, apparently in the enjoyment of his usual health, and the announcement of his death, after a very brief illness, caused quite a shock among his friends. The deceased had a very strong connection with the district in which his people have so long resided. He was a member of the Rathkeale Board of Guardians for years past. He was also a member of the Asylum Board, and took a prominent part in the politics of the county of Limerick. He was highly esteemed by all classes and creeds, and his demise is very sincerely mourned.

THE WEXFORD TRAGEDY.

Yesterday, at an inquest in Wexford on Mr. George B. Parke, cashier of the local branch of the Ulster Bank, who was found shot in his bedroom on Saturday the jury found that death was due to a revolver wound, which appeared to have been accidentally inflicted. It was stated that Mr. Parke's accounts at the bank were in perfect order and there was no reason why he should take his

as well as Doonass, which of late years has become the Mecca of bank holiday cyclists. In every respect the holiday was one which may be termed an open-air festival, and the various popular resorts must have benefitted considerably. Stay-at-homes were given two football matches in the market enclosure, and these were the sources of great attraction. In the evening "Dick Whittington," by the members of St. Ita's House, was presented at the Theatre Royal, and there was an attractive bill of fare at the Athenaeum.

DROWNING FATALITY IN THE SHANNON.

Thomas McInerney, 30, labourer, unmarried, New Road, Thomondgate, was found drowned on Saturday night in a creek of the Shannon at Parteen. From the particulars gathered, it seems that the deceased went out to fish with a rod and line about 5 o'clock on Saturday evening, and being subject to epileptic fits, it is assumed that he was overcome and fell into the water. Two hours later his body was picked up by some people walking along the bank. It was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest.

COLONEL SAUNDERSON MEMORIAL STATUE.

The memorial statue to Colonel Saunderson was unveiled at Portadown to-day. Lord Londonderry, Mr. Walter Long, and other Unionist leaders spoke.

NATIONAL TEACHERS' CONGRESS

Opened To-day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dublin, Tuesday evening.

The Irish National Teachers Congress opened to-day with a formal reception in the Mansion House. Lady Aberdeen made a speech appreciating the teachers work, and appealing for co-operation in the Women's Health Movement.

THE LATE MOST REV. DR. BOYLAN.

The remains of the late Bishop Boylan were interred to-day in Cavan. Cardinal Logue and a great assemblage of Bishops, Priests, and people were present.

EXPLOSION ON A U. S. WARSHIP.

Eight Men Killed.

Manila, Monday.—It is reported that a gun exploded on the United States cruiser "Charleston" during target practice. Eight men were killed and several injured. The accident occurred off Olongapo Island. The breechlock of a 3-inch gun blew off and flew across the deck, mowing down the men. Rear-Admiral John Hubbard, Commanding the Asiatic Fleet, has ordered an investigation into the occurrence.

The "Charleston," which is the flagship of the United States Asiatic Fleet, is a protected cruiser of 9,700 tons displacement, with a maximum speed of 22 knots. She carries 14 6-inch guns and 54 lighter guns and four torpedo tubes, and her complement as flagship is 564.

Washington, Monday.—Rear-Admiral Hubbard, in a report to the Navy Department, ascribes the accident on the cruiser "Charleston" to the premature discharge of one of the 3-inch guns.

LORD CROMER'S WORK FOR THE EMPIRE.

"Lord Cromer seems to have brought back from Egypt a touch of the Orientalism he so long wrestled with and so often overcame," says Mr. G. W. Smalley in his "Anglo-American Memories" in the March number of the *Pall Mall Magazine*. "He proved himself in Egypt more than a match for the astucy of the Egyptians and Turks together. But there was no Orientalism about him then. He set against the cunning of the East the straightforward honesty of his country and his own nature. That is how he won. At their own game they would have been beaten. He won because he played his own game in his own English way. The pacha thought him hard and blunt. He lacked suavety and suppleness. In that lack lay his strength. The French thought the same thing. They complained of Lord Cromer's 'rudeness.' He had not the drawing-room manner in presence of French aggression which they expected. Harassed by French complaints all through those weary years when the French were trying to retrieve the mistake of 1882, and to recover by stratagem the positions they had flung away for want of courage, Lord Cromer never shrank from plainness of speech. They trumped up fantastic grievances. The French Agent-General came to him one day to complain that the British regimental bands playing in the square made too much noise. 'If they were not there, you would not be here in Egypt,' answered Lord Cromer, with the glint of fire and steel in his eyes which appears there on

warren hears of the loss of a val means that he is ruined, unless daughter Alice married to L, whom she has no affection. I and his cat next appear in Lo work and fail to get it. H warren's kitchen, and through Al appointed scullery boy. Jack, th takes a dislike to Diak, and Se the cat, and so they make up t rid of Dick and his cat. An between Slightall and Alice, w lord that she does not love coroneted peer's sentiments ap same stamp. By a mutual un keep the matter a secret from iddle apprentice finding Alice s ardent love for her, while th arrival of Whittington she is attentions, and in order to comp renders things disagreeable fo Selina hide Fitzwarren's watc Through the instrumentality of Whittington is saved from ruin in the next act, the third, th picture are unfolded, when appears and declares that Dic Alice and be Lord Mayor o splendour and luxuriansness of t at Morocco are next opened phase reveals Whittington ba prevent the marriage of Alice t and the fulfilment of the propl Queen.

In the role of "Dick Wh Matthews never betrayed the timidity. She gave a finishe interesting portrayal of a pa abilities eminently suited her, a and a rare conception of artistic with appreciation in the natu Her principal song was "Won't to Madeira?" which was give effect. As "Lord Slightall," Mi striking figure. She made the materials at her command, a character with the dignity due Her number was "Moonstruck brought all the charms of a voice into play. Mrs. Griffith part of "Alice" (Fitzwarren's capability in keeping wi expected from her "Jose "Pinafore." Most of the singu and she was always equal to the her vocalism. She supplied a o the coquettish "Alice," and use effect. Her songs were "Come the Garden Wall" and "Miss of the brightest and most attracti olla-podrida of the score. Anothe well defined role was that entri Gilligan. She portrayed "Idle teristics with a rare felicity, a laughter which the house induly buted to her funny cues which, descended to burlesque. "I re that top note," was the she evening, and was ac Mrs. Jack Hartigan's presentation "Fairies" was a delightful concept ably interpreted. She sang he sweetly, and imparted a histrion role, and which constituted her with the audience. Her songs w the World to Give You," and "E topical number, in which great hit, and received As "Abdul-el-Hamish" (Empere Miss Airey was an instantaneous the song "Shadow Land" her voice was readily appreciated, a demanded. Master Carrick wa nimble a cat as could be conceiv the cook was typically delineated The other members of the caste rendition all round; without leav hand reel which was a finished ite were admirably rendered, and the the whole reached a very fine stan be seen to be appreciated. The pantomime will be repeat during the week.

INDEPENDENT LABOUR CONFERENCE

At the opening conference of Labour Party in London yesterd re-affirming confidence in the Lal congratulating them on their worl year gave rise to an animated amendment was moved with the o ing the congratulatory part of t number of delegates complaine action of the Parliamentary Labo Keir Hardie declared that it had with the Government, and urged and militant policy. The attitu the Party in Parliament were d Ramsay M'Donald and others, a card vote, the amendment was r resolution adopted.

TIPPERARY RAILWAY

Shunter's Sad F

The shunter, James Hannon, shocking injuries by being knoc