

ly thus saved should be utilised in sanatorium treatment or providing of insurance for married women, and he that the Bill should be re-committed ally the House did not approve of such cation of the funds available. In the of last month, however, Mr. George id that he had settled with the Friendly 'authorities that the money should be increase the rate of sick benefit in the weeks of illness. But now we gather explanations" and actuarial reports dated 30 that even this "settlement" has gone board, and that the money is to go to the of sickness benefit in the second weeks of illness from 5s. to 10s. a week. re various new schemes, it may be said at t in intention they constitute improve- upon the Bill as introduced, but it is to be that owing to lack of opportunity for examination of the wording there may y flaws and anomalies in their actual Would not the whole scheme have been of improvement if elasticity had been from the beginning?

URGENT COMMENT.

remier.
 umoured among the supporters of the ment that Mr. Asquith will receive a in the list of New Year honours. The , a contemporary states, is not liked he Liberals, but it is said that the right tleman seeks elevation to this higher n order to find a more restful atmosphere. t is further said, is beginning to tell upon forever, there is a whisper that the n would bring great satisfaction to the n. gentleman's domestic circle, and that iably mindful of the fact. His successor adership of the House of Commons will be yd George.

inventor of the Telephone.

was the inventor of the telephone? A paper declares that the inventor was a of the name of Reis. It seems that the blic exhibition of the apparatus from which sent telephone has developed took place at art on October 26, 1861, and that this e. belonged to Reis. Like most great rs, he began his work when a young man, a boy of eighteen he designed an instrument mitting the sound of music. This was t idea; for the transmission of the human was regarded as a mechanical curiosity uch later. It was not, a contemporary s, until 1876 that a Scotsman of the name l perfected and patented a telephone in this

to Major the Hon.borough O'Brien, M.P.
 Gentleman Cadet G. E. G. Staacpools, from the Royal Military College, has been gazetted to the Royal Irish Regiment.
 Mr. S. B. Quin, J.P. presided at the City Police Court this morning. Thomas O'Mahony, of the labouring class, was charged with drunkenness last night, and he was discharged.

District Inspector H. B. Molony, who has been in charge of the Northern District of Cork City, is leaving for Bray, and will be succeeded by District Inspector Simey, of County Limerick.

The officers of the Depot Force entertained Sir Heffernan F. Conaidine, Deputy Inspector-General R.I.C., to a farewell banquet on Monday evening, on the occasion of his retirement from the service.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning Michael Fleming, New Ross, rowing a boat up the Barrow, collided with the bridge, overturning the craft. He was drowned before assistance arrived. Deceased was married.

A fire occurred to-day in the joist connected with a flue in the upper storey of a house in Henry-street, but it was immediately extinguished, before any material damage was done. Mr. A. Wyld writes to us complimenting the Fire Brigade, under Captain Sheehan, for being at the scene eight minutes after he had phoned for it.

Last evening Captain Lillie, Adjutant of the Depot and 3rd Reserve Battalion Royal Irish Regiment, left Clonmel for Guernsey to join the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment. Major St. Leger, Commander at the Depot, has also left to join the 2nd Battalion. Major Gallway replaces Major St. Leger, and Captain Gregorie replaces Captain Lillie.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD WHITE.

We regret to announce the death of a highly esteemed gentleman, Mr. Edward White, which took place at his residence, Fort Etna, Patricks-well, on Tuesday, after a protracted illness. The deceased gentleman was well known and respected in the county, and his demise at the fine old age of 93 years will be heard with sincere regret. To his son, Mr. Arthur White, J.P., and the other members of his family, the sympathy of the public will be extended in their bereavement. The funeral will be strictly private.

DEATH OF MRS. COOPER CHADWICK.

Widespread regret is felt in Tipperary at the death of Mrs. Cooper Chadwick of Hallinard House.
 The late Mrs. Cooper Chadwick was very popular with all classes. She was an extensive landowner, and sold to her tenants liberally under the Land Act. She took a great interest in every branch of sport, and was a familiar figure at the leading Irish Race meetings. She came from an old sporting Tipperary family, her brother, Mr. John Langley, being a Master of a well-known pack of hounds in that county. Her late husband Capt. W. Cooper Chadwick, was Master, in succession to his father, of the old Arrarde Hounds.

P.Y.M.A. LITERARY CLASS.

Opening Lecture.

The P.Y.M.A. Literary Class opens to-morrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock, with a lecture on "Colour Photography," by Mr. Walter Spott, M.F.N.A. F.R.M.S. of Dublin. The lecture

Of Unionist Part

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Mr. Balfour yesterday announced tion of the Leadership of the Unioni speech to the Executive of the C Conservative Association. Considerat have induced Mr. Balfour to take t will remain a member of Parliam continue to sit for the City of Londo tion of the election of Mr. Balfour's Leader of the Opposition in the Coi decided at a meeting of Unionist me Carlton Club on Monday next.

Speaking at the meeting of the E City Conservative Association, Mr. Balfour announced for resigning in the fut ability on account of his health to tinued strain of his office. He also c his successor the opportunity of before it became necessary for the P in the great controversies of the Ho establishment, and electoral reform The meeting passed a resolution of a

The Leadership.

One of Mr. Balfour's most constan supporters stated yesterday afterno was no question of a leader of t whole. There would continue to be the Lords and another in the Com Unionist Party in the Lower doubtless meet early and consider tl of a successor to Mr. Balfour. As the likely man, our informant (Press Association) there were sever suggested themselves from which selection, but he did not know, certain Mr. Balfour did not know, selected.

The interviewer suggested the ment would be a very severe Party, and the reply was—"Mr. B in a thousand; but the party w demoralised as the result of his r would be the first to admit that world is indispensable, and the believed his action would have ri his Party he would indubitably hav whatever cost to himself. His ripi acoumen will be placed unreservedly of his Party."

There was much discussion in th Mr. Balfour's probable successor. of Unionists declared their desire f the right hon. gentleman to reconsi and resume command under cor would assure him the increased l he feels in need. There is reas however, that Mr. Balfour's anno be accepted as final. Indeed, he much in the plainest terms in com intention beforehand to the Whips

Unionist members attending the Carlton Club on Monday next, call Opposition Whip, Lord Balcar doubtedly have the opportunity new leader, and it is understood of ex-Ministers that they shall unfettered in their choice. No o of any kind will, it is understood these circumstances it is natural ti be heard of the claims of the two