

which, as appertaining to the 22 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.3 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in 15 of the districts to 6.9 in Armagh, the five deaths from all causes for that district including one from whooping-cough. Among the 146 deaths from all causes for Belfast are one from typhus, six from whooping-cough, and one from cerebro-spinal fever. Included in the 37 deaths from all causes for Cork are one from measles and one from diarrhoea or enteritis of a child under two years of age. One of the three deaths from all causes for Lurgan was from whooping-cough, and one of the eleven deaths from all causes for Kilkenny was from measles.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Herbertstown Drag Hunt Point-to-Point Races will be run on the 15th of February.

The Marquis of Lansdowne and his eldest son and heir, the Earl of Kerry, both kept their birthday on Sunday last.

The Earl of Bandon has appointed Mr. R. H. Beamish, of Ashbourne, Glounthane, City High Sheriff, Cork, a D.L., for the city.

Inquiry yesterday elicited the information, that Mr. Justice Madden's condition is regarded as most satisfactory. He is going on well after the operation performed the previous day.

The G.S. and W. Railway Co. have agreed to give 150 feet of wharfage at the North side of the River Suir at Waterford for the use of steam drifters which land their catches at the city.

The P.Y.M.A. Literary Class re-opens after the Xmas. Holidays to-morrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock, when the President, Rev. T. F. Abbott, B.D., will deliver an address entitled "Literature: Old and New."

Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., presided at the City Police Court to-day. Patrick O'Dea, stated to be a tramp from the Charleville district, was charged with being drunk on the streets last night. The accused was sent to gaol for seven days failing to pay a fine of ten shillings.

The Representative Church Body was yesterday awarded £7 6s. at Cork Quarter Sessions as compensation for the malicious destruction of shrubs in the grounds attached to Kilbonane Church, and for injury to a pillar of the church gate. This outrage was much discussed recently in connection with the Kingston boycotting case.

While a young man named Clarenham was practising on Monday with a rifle in the yard attached to the house of his aunt, Mrs. P. McGrath, Ballymackey, near Nenagh, a bullet penetrated the door on which the target was fixed, and entered his aunt's hip. She has been ordered to Dublin for the removal of the bullet in one of the city hospitals.

DEATH OF A LABOURER.

Francis Lynch, a labourer, while working at a vessel on the 2nd December was injured and had the tibia of his right leg fractured. He was admitted to Barrington's Hospital for treatment after the accident, and died in the institution last night. Doctor Holmes, Resident Physician, communicated with the City Coroner and the police in reference to the case.

GALWAY MATRIMONIAL CASE.

Marriage Declared Valid.

Judgment was delivered yesterday by Mr. Justice Kenny in the petition brought by William Arland Ussher, of Eastwell, Loughrea, County Galway, for a decree of nullity of his marriage with Mary Ussher, otherwise Caulfield, on the ground that it was not carried out in accordance with the rights, regulations, and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, or according to law, and that there was only one witness present.

His Lordship said it was clear from the evidence that the petitioner and respondent contemplated a marriage that would be valid according

Intelligence, is again to succeed that officer as Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies. Admiral Slade was appointed to the East Indies Squadron March 3, 1909, and assumed command on April 17, 1909. Admiral Bethell was decorated with the K.C.M.G. last week, when the New Year honours were bestowed.

York and Lancaster Regiment, 65th and 84th.—The next dinner of the Sergeants' Dinner Club will take place at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Friday, Feb. 16, when Lieut.-Col. G. E. Branson, commanding the 4th (Territorial) Batn., will preside. Tickets for the dinner (2s. 6d. each) can be obtained from the hon. secretary, Lieut.-Col. E. C. Broughton, Castle Donington, near Derby.—Capt. Salmond, 2nd Batn., at present employed as instructor at the temporary School of Signalling, Bulford, has been appointed commandant of the school, with effect from to-day.

Royal Army Medical Corps.—Major A. C. Fox, from Tientsin, has been appointed to Dublin for duty from Feb. 1. Major A. J. MacDougall, from Ceylon, has been posted to Belfast. Capt. H. L. Howell and W. C. Smiles have each been granted eight months' leave from India. Capt. H. C. Sidgwick, from Jamaica, has been appointed to London for duty. Capt. V. T. Carruthers, from Ceylon, will join at Cork for duty on the 19th inst.

DEATH OF COLONEL McNAMARA, R.A.M.C.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at his residence in London recently, of Colonel James McNamara, R.A.M.C., a member of an old Limerick family. The deceased officer, who was youngest son of the late Mr. Denis McNamara, T.C., of Corbally, and brother of Surgeon-General W. H. McNamara, C.B., had a distinguished military career. He entered the Service as an Assistant Surgeon (Staff) in 1871, became Assistant Surgeon 10th Foot in the same year, and after rapid stages of promotion was appointed Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel of the Medical Staff in 1891, Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel Army Medical Staff in 1895, Colonel in 1900, and in March 1908 he was placed on retired pay. He had seen very considerable war service, including the Perak Expedition in 1874, being present at the attack and capture of Kopayang Stockades, and he was awarded medal with clasp. He was next in the Afghan Campaign 1878-80, covering the retreat from Maiwand, Siege of Kandahar, and battle of 1st September. Was mentioned in despatches, and granted medal with clasp. He also served in the Egyptian Expedition of 1884—Soudan, battles of Teb and Tamai—and was again mentioned in despatches and awarded medal with clasp, and bronze star. Colonel McNamara had been in failing health for some time past. His demise will be heard of with much regret by many old friends in his native city.

CONVENTION AT ENNIS.

Mr. Dillon And Land Purchase.

At a Convention of tenants and delegates from Clare at Ennis yesterday, a letter was read from Mr. John Dillon, M.P., to the effect that the best way to induce or compel landlords to fall in with the policy of Parliament, and sell their estates was a really active and vigorous agitation in favour of Home Rule. If it became manifest within the next few months that Home Rule was about to pass, the land question would settle itself without difficulty. If Home Rule were hung up by the Lords, it would probably be necessary to institute a vigorous campaign on the land question. Mr. W. Redmond, addressing the convention, said that Parliament had intended that all landlords should be bought out on fair terms. He advised the tenants to make fair offers to their landlords; then, if the owners did not meet them, it would be for the tenants to organise a campaign for the purpose of showing that the landlords would not be allowed to maintain the old system.

THE COAL TRADE.

The price of coal in Limerick to-day was 31s.

Rathkeale Dispensary to the Medical U. The Clerk.—What about Shanagolden On the proposition of Mr. J. Fitzgibb decided to refer that portion of the report of the Dispensary and the Eng

CONDOLENCE.

A letter was read from Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, Loughill, thanking the Board for the kind resolution of sympathy tendered on the death of her husband, O'Shaughnessy, Chairman of the Board of Health for some years.

An order was made to have the letter on the minutes.

It was agreed to hold the election of the Board at the next meeting, and to elect a member in place of Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

THE RATES.

The clerk stated that a special meeting of the Board (a report of which appears in another column) was held on Monday last, to estimate for the ensuing year. The estimate for the ensuing year was compared with last year but this was balanced by an increase of £540 in the for the District Council. The rate was practically the same as last year but he could not say what the county charges would be.

The Chairman—What about all the injuries? Did you take these into consideration? The Clerk—These will be for the Co. Co. Mr. Fitzgibbon—Will they all be Union? The Clerk—That depends on the County Judge.

Mr. M. Fitzgibbon said it would be made the division in which the outrages pay the compensation awarded.

The estimate was then adopted.

COAL CONTRACT.

Tenders were received for the supply of tons of coal from Mr. C. Collins, Newcastle at 28s. per ton, and the Limerick St. Company at 28s. 2d. per ton.

After a conversation, it was decided to purchase 50 tons from Mr. Collins at 28s. per ton.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

With reference to the collection of pensions from inmates in receipt of pension the Clerk stated that he was still in correspondence with the Clerks of Kilmish and Bantry Unions on the subject.

WARDSMAIDS.

Subject to the approbation of the Medical Officer, Miss Franklin and Mrs. Donnell, appointed wardsmaids in the workhouse.

District Council.

The Board then resolved into a meeting of the District Council, over which Mr. Fitzgibbon, J.P., presided.

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH REPORT.—Extracts from the reports of the Medical Officers of Health of the Rathkeale, Pallas and Shanagolden districts were received from the Local Government Board. In the Rathkeale district the water supply was inadequate and unable to flush the sewers.

The Chairman—That is being reported for the last forty years.

The Engineer remarked that the water was sufficient; the pumps at Well Lane were kept in the town going.

The Clerk—The complaint is that the supply is inadequate for flushing purposes.

The question was not further discussed.

Several houses reported as being unfit for habitation still existed in the town, and were at high rents.

This matter was referred to the Sanitary Officer to ascertain if the houses could be taken down under the new Labourers Act.

The question of providing a sewer in Pallas Lane, Pallaskey, was referred to the Engineer and Medical Officer of Health for the district.

DAIRY CATTLE SCHEME.

Concerning the Council's letter of the 15th ult., the Department of Agriculture Technical Instruction forwarded a copy of their Dairy Cattle Scheme. The Department observed that they were not that an inspection was held in Shanagolden on the 3rd November, and that referred to was held under Clause III. of the Dairy Cattle Act on the 2nd November. The cattle were shown the purpose of being selected with a view to future registration, but no provision was made for the award of prizes to animals exhibiting