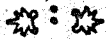


to be said in support of what Mr. J. J. Delany, J.P., said before the meeting in favour of a Saturday half-holiday, and his views were more or less upheld by Mr. A. J. Eakins, J.P., and Mr. P. E. Bourke, J.P. The majority, however, looked on Thursday as the better day of the two in the peculiar circumstances of the trade of Limerick, as set out by Mr. William Lloyd, and in the result a give and take policy was adopted, in view of Thursday finding most favour with the great majority of the traders present. Thursday was accordingly unanimously adopted as the most suitable day for the weekly half-holiday.



## Registrar General's Report.

The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week as appertaining to the Dublin Registration Area and the twenty-one principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 21.0 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 1,149,495. The deaths registered during the past week, as appertaining to the several districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000. 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, 13.7; Ballymena, 9.2; Belfast, 19.6; Clonmel, 25.4; Cork, 20.4; Drogheda, 16.8; Dublin Registration Area, 23.4; Dundalk, 15.9; Galway, 11.8; Kilkenny, 19.8; Limerick, 20.4; Lisburn, 12.9; Londonderry, 12.7; Lurgan, 30.1; Newry, 30.5; Newtownards, 22.9; Portadown, 20.7; Queenstown, —; Sligo, 18.7; Tralee, 15.9; Waterford, 9.5; Wexford, 13.7. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered as appertaining to the 22 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.8 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in 16 of the districts to 5.0 in Kilkenny, the four deaths from all causes for that district including one from scarlet fever. Included in the 147 deaths from all causes for Belfast are nine from whooping-cough and three from diarrhoea or enteritis of children under two years of age. One of the 15 deaths from all causes for Limerick is from whooping-cough, and one death from scarlet fever is among the six deaths from all causes for Portadown.

## OUT AND ABOUT.

The Hon. Mrs. Vansittart and her daughters have returned to Coolbawn, Castleconnell.

Major Richard Alfred Poer O'Shea, C.M.G., Gardenmorris, KilmacThomas, County Waterford, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the county.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place at "Murrie," India, on the 21st of May, between Captain Donal de Courcy O'Grady, R.A.M.C., youngest son of the late Captain Standish de Courcy O'Grady, and Mrs. O'Grady, Shanacloon, Castleconnell, and Marjorie Drake, only child of Major E. J. M. Wood, General's Staff, N.P., India, and Mrs. Wood, Agra.

## THE MUNSTER UNIONIST MEETING.

## DEATH OF VEN. ARCHDEACON GABBETT, M.A.

We announce with very sincere regret the death of the Ven. Edward Gabbett, M.A., Archdeacon of Limerick, and Rector of Croom, which took place on Tuesday night at the Rectory. The rev. gentleman had been in failing health for some time past, and recently it was announced that it was his intention in August next to retire from the Rectorship, which he has held for the past forty years. The Archdeacon, who belonged to an old Limerick family, was educated in Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in 1852, taking his M.A. degree three years later. In 1856 he obtained his Divinity Testimonium, and was ordained and appointed Curate of Kilmore. After some years in the North, the rev. gentleman came to the Diocese of Limerick, to which he was admitted in 1869. He was Vicar of Bruce 1869-72, and in 1872 was instituted to Croom Parish. He was Treasurer Limerick Cathedral, 1883-91; Chancellor, 1891-1904, and became Archdeacon, in the latter year. The ven. gentleman was a recognised authority in Diocesan financial affairs, and took an active part in formulating the Scheme passed by the Synod many years ago. He filled various offices in the Church — was Clerical Honorary Secretary for many years, which position he resigned in 1910, and on that occasion was appointed Clerical Hon. Treasurer in room of Archdeacon Wynne. He was a Diocesan Nominator, a member of the Diocesan Court, Diocesan Council, Board of Education, Representative Church Body, and General Synod. He was one of the Bishop's Chaplains. He also took a deep and life-long interest in the Protestant Orphan Society, of which he was a member of the governing body. The death of Archdeacon Gabbett, who was the oldest surviving clergyman in the diocese, has been heard of with deep regret throughout the city and county by all classes and creeds, by whom he was held in the highest respect and regard. He was a most courteous and charitable gentleman, and his demise has cast a gloom over the parish with which for so long a span of years his Ministerial life has been identified. Deep sympathy is expressed with Mrs. Gabbett, son, and daughter, and relatives in their bereavement. The funeral will leave Croom at 11 o'clock on Saturday for St. Mary's Cathedral.

## Resolution of Croom District Council.

At the meeting of the Croom District Council to-day, Mr. John D. Dwyer, presiding,

Mr. Power said the melancholy duty devolved on him of proposing the following resolution which, he was sure, would meet with the sympathy of the entire Board. The resolution was:—"Resolved—That we, the members of the Croom District Council and Board of Guardians, having heard with regret of the death of the Venerable Archdeacon Gabbett, Croom, who for the past forty years was a most respected official of this Board, being Protestant Chaplain of the Workhouse, beg to tender to Mrs. Gabbett and the other members of the family our respectful sympathy in their very sad bereavement, and as a mark of respect to his bereavement, we hereby adjourn the Board after transacting the urgent business which could not be postponed." He remarked that no words of his could adequately convey the respect entertained for the Venerable Archdeacon Gabbett by the people of Croom and district. He was an officer of that Board for forty years, and had always discharged his duties conscientiously. The poor had cause to regret his loss, as by pen and purse he was ever ready to help them since his advent amongst them.

Mr. Clifford seconded the resolution, and remarked that the late Archdeacon was a very amiable, courteous, and kindly gentleman. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

# THE TITANIC DISASTER.

## CARPATHIA WITH 700 SURVIVORS.

Notwithstanding rumours that survivors of the Titanic were on board various ships which had been attracted to the scene of the disaster, it appears certain that the Carpathia is the only ship having rescued passengers and crew.

The Carpathia is expected at New York to-night.

King George has sent a gracious message of sympathy to President Taft.

Sympathetic messages have been received from the White Star Co. from the King and Queen Alexandra, the German Emperor, the Emperor of Connaught, etc.

Relief funds for the relatives of those who lost their lives have been opened in London, Southampton, and many generous subscriptions have already been received.

The number 705 given above may include living passengers as distinguished from the total of survivors as over 800 may include passengers and crew.

## THE SURVIVORS.

### Message from Commander Olympe.

#### Officers Saved.

New York, Wed

A message from Cape Race says that the Haddock, commander of the Olympe, has received the following wireless message:—"Please inform the Virginian that the Titanic has no survivors. The Tunisian also has no survivors. The second, third, fourth officers and the second Marconi operator only officers reported to have been saved."

London, We

The Imperial Merchant Service Company state they have been officially informed that the following officers, who are all members of the Titanic, were in charge of the Carpathia:—Mr. C. H. Lightoller, second officer; Mr. H. J. Pitman, third officer; Mr. J. G. Box, fourth officer; and Mr. H. G. Lowe, fifth officer. No news is to hand of Lieut. H. F. W. Moore, first officer, or Mr. J. P. Moody, sixth officer, as reported in the Press. All named officers are well-known to the members of the Imperial Merchant Service Company, and they are enthusiastic supporters. They have been sent by the Guild to the relief of the members who are reported saved.

New York, W

A telegram received at Halifax and the wireless operator of the cable had received a message announcing the Titanic's passengers were aboard the Baltic is not credited here.