f industrial enterprise, coincident with a wider field of employment, will have the effect in the near future of further stemming the tide of emigration from city and county, and, indeed, rom the country generally.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Registrar-General's Report.

The average annual death-rate represenetd by the deaths registered last week as appertaining to the Dublin Registration Area and the twenty-one principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 18·6 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, 20·6 ; Ballymena, 22·9 ; Belfast, 18·4; Clonmel, 5·1; Cork, 22·5 ; Drogheda, 12·6 ; Dublin Registration Area, 18·2 ; Dundalk, 4·0 ; Galway, 19·7 ; Kilkenny, 5·0 ; Limerick, 17·7 ; Lisburn, 17·1; Londonderry, 14·0 ; Lurgan, 21·5 ; Newry, 21·8 ; Newtownards, 22·9 ; Portadown, 31·1; Queenstown, 26·4 ; Sligo, 9·3; Tralee, 37·0 ; Waterford, 26·6 ; Wexford, 18·2. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered 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 17 of the districts to 10·6 in Tralee, the seven deaths from all causes for that district including two from diarrhœa or *enteritis* of children under two years of age. Among the 138 deaths from all causes for Belfast are one from scarlet fever, four from whooping cough, two from diphtheria, and three from diarrhœa or *enteritis* of children under two years of age.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The St. Michael's Rowing Club Annual Scratch Races have been fixed to come off on Thursday, 4th July, and as usual promise to be most enjoyable and successful.

Amongst a number of Land Commission judgments delivered in appeal cases by Mr. Justice Fitzgerald in the Irish Land Commission Court was the following from County Clare—Margaret Flanagan v. Wilson Fitzgerald—£70; £46 13s—reversed, and originating notice dismissed.

Mr. John Ryan, late Stationmaster at Kilmallock, and now of Lismore, has been presented with a purse of sovereigns from his numerous friends in Kilmallock and surrounding districts. The presentation took place at O'Sullivan's Hotel, Kilmallock. The Rev. P. Woulfe, C.C., presided.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP

DEATH OF MR. E. H. POE HOSFORD, J.P.

We regret extremely to record the death of Mr. Edward H. Poe Hosford, J.P., which took place suddenly this morning at Corbally. Mr. Hosford, as he frequently used to do, was walking into town from his residence, Ashton, to his office, when he was taken ill at the Corbally side of Park Bridge. Some passers by at once came to his assistance, and Dr. Holmes, Barrington's Hospital, and Dr. Malone were on the scene with all speed, but Mr. Hosford was found to be beyond human aid. The remains were conveyed to his residence, and death was due to heart failure. Mr. Hosford's demise will be heard of with very sincere regret by a wide circle of friends in Limerick and the adjoining counties. Up to yesterday he was out and apparently in the enjoyment of his usual good health and spirits. His demise removes from our midst an old and highly respected citizen. A man of unvarying courtesy, he was of a most kind and charitable disposition, and amongst other institutions in which he took a deep and zealous interest was the Protestant Aid Society of which he was Treasurer for a long span of years. As an extensive land agent his name was widely known in Limerick and surrounding counties, and he was always kindly and considerate in his dealings with the tenantry, who entertained for him feelings of very high esteem and regard. Mr. Hosford was also for many years Secretary of the Limerick Fishery Board, in the duties of which he took the most active interest. His sound advice and judgment were ever highly appreciated by the Board, and for the advancement of the fisheries Mr. Hosford left nothing undone, either by his voice or pen. He was an old county magistrate, and while firmly upholding the law, he always tempered justice with mercy. Outside the Fishery Board, Mr. Hosford took little part in public life, but with all classes and creeds he was very popular, and his unexpected demise has been heard of with the deepest regret in the city. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mrs Hosford and relatives in their keen sorrow.

Funeral will leave Ashton, Corbally, at one o'clock on Saturday, and proceed by the 2.5 p.m. train to Ballingrane.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

The Court Adjourns.

At the County Petty Sessions to-day the magistrates presiding were—Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., Mr. Bryan O'Donnell, Mr. Wm. M. Nolan, Mr. S. B. Quin, and Mr. N. Humphreys.

Mr. Kelly, at the sitting of the Court, said the magistrates desired to express their sorrow at the death that morning of Mr. Edward H. Poe Hosford, a member of the Bench. He should say for himself that he was shocked and greatly pained to hear of Mr. Hosford's death, and he was sure his brother magistrates felt as he did in the matter. (Hear, hear.) They knew Mr. Hosford better than he did, naturally, having a longer acquaintance with him, but he knew the deceased gentleman for the past fifteen years, and although having no intimate acquaintance with him, he took Mr. Hosford to be a most amiable, a most upright, and a most

LIFE-SAVING APP AT SEA.

DEBATE IN PARLI

Speech of Aldermar

The provision of adequate boa ships formed the subject of d House of Commons on Tuesday on the Board of Trade Vote, M moved its reduction by £100 to the neglect of the Board to make tions, the present ones being u years, while ships had gone o mensely in size without addi accommodation. Wireless teleg also insisted, be made compul senger ships. Many criticisms Lord Charles Beresford as a resu lesson. He was in favour of a with experts on it and repres lower deck.

In the course of the debate, Alderman Joyce said it was attention should be called to t Mercantile Marine. He believed Portsmouth (Lord Beresford) wa a mistake when dealing with w the Advisory Committee. He since it was set up in 1906. that Committee had practical e were five shipowners on that Merchant Service Guild was re masters, the engineers by two deck by two; the Seamen Union had three delegates. Be was a member of Lloyds and a the shipbuilders and constructor Committee required it they co for various purposes. He the Committee could not be inc results, but he did say that practical Committee (hear, he question which has been brough minds by the terrible catastroph he agreed with every word th said with regard to ship especially with regard to t that were being built nowadays. quired was to see that whate ship should get the longest poss he agreed with every word th said with regard to watertig Everybody knows that every construction of a watertight co would even go so far as the members beside himself and t pened to know what the scutt What everyone would wish watertight compartments const as possible. But when you still wanted boats, and he neve one who said that boats were good work even in bad weathe life on several occasions t ship-wrecked ships in t and to the stability and goodn the seamanship of the men wh they could have too many boa ships. If they had boats they men to man them, and he wou of the Board of Trade in this the question of boat accom passenger ships came up for c pass over the question of bett hear). If they had 100 boats would not save many more liv and he agreed with every naut