

ature of the National Reserve, which may be drawn upon in time of emergency to mobilize the force up to the full strength and stiffen it with veterans. Behind the distribution of the Territorial Force there lies the plan of a long line of fast defence troops, with concentration in the most suitable centres of units from which can be formed a central force to be brought to the aid of the coast defence troops at any point which may be the subject of attack. It is needless to say that the object of the Territorial Force is not to increase our offensive power abroad, but with a view of strengthening home defence. Conscription is a form of service which the majority of British subjects are certainly not prepared to adopt, but between them and that demand lies only the Territorial Force. It is incumbent, therefore, upon all to assist the progress of the Territorial Army. In this matter employers of labour can, if they choose, render very material assistance. By granting facilities to the young men in their employment to attend the annual camps, they can do much to give an impetus to the movement. In order to make it easier for employers to release their men, a series of new regulations have been made by the War Office, the most important change being with regard to allowing alternate periods for camp, an arrangement which should work out very satisfactorily.

LABOUR AND LIBERAL PARTIES.

The rift between the Liberal and Labour Parties which has been in evidence at Hanley and Crewe, so far from narrowing gives evidence of extending, as the distinctly interesting situation which has arisen at Mid-Lothian proves. A Parliamentary vacancy in that constituency has occurred by the retirement of the Chief Liberal Whip, the Master of Elibank, on his elevation to the peerage. The Mid-Lothian miners desired to put forward Mr. Robert Brown, Provost of Dalkieth, as a candidate in the Labour interest, and on Friday last the retiring Chief Whip despatched a telegram to the Mid-Lothian Liberal Association advising them "to concentrate" on Mr. Brown. The suggestion was received with mixed feelings in Liberal circles. It has been disregarded, and the result is that the Hon. Alex Shaw, son of Lord Shaw, has been recommended as the official Liberal candidate. On the other hand the miners' delegates have decided to recommend Provost Brown for selection as the Labour nominee, and with Major Hope, the Unionist candidate who contested the seat at the last election, again in the field, a three-cornered fight is now inevitable. The result of the contest will, therefore, be looked forward to with no ordinary interest. The friction between the Liberal and Labour sections in the constituency renders the Unionist candidate's prospects all the brighter, and if he does not win the seat will, at all events, pull down the Liberal majority which, at the last election, stood at 3,157. Midlothian is not the only instance of the developments of the Liberal-Labour quarrel, for

1911 for drunkenness, or riotous, or disorderly behaviour while drunk being 9,258, or 40 per cent. of the total number of convicted prisoners committed to prison, while in 1911 the figures were 10,088, or 39 per cent. of the total number received or convicted in that year. On this subject the report adds:—"We have frequently called attention in our previous reports to the uselessness of sending habitual drunkards to prison for short terms, and we again desire to point out that it is hopeless to endeavour to effect any reformation in persons of intemperate habits by short terms of imprisonment." During the year 29 inmates (10 males and 19 females) were committed under sentences of detention to Ennis State Inebriate Reformatory.

DEATH OF A DUBLIN JOURNALIST.

Mr. Andrew Dunlop, a well known Dublin journalist, died yesterday at his residence, Rathmines, at the age of 77 years. Born in Eaglesham (Scotland), he early took up his residence in Ireland, and we find his first writings in the *Coleraine Chronicle* so far back as the year 1857, but his first close connection with journalism dates from 1862, when he joined the staff of the *Wexford Constitution*. Having served for a period on the *Limerick Chronicle*, he early migrated to Dublin to join the staff of the *Daily Express*, of which paper he was sub-editor until 1875. Later on he was connected with the *Freeman*, and subsequently he joined the reporting staff of the *Irish Times*, on which he remained up to the date of his retirement two years ago.

SUDDEN DEATH.

William Doyle, a newsagent, Edward street, Limerick, who was spending a holiday with some friends near Kilrush, died suddenly on Saturday. It appears that the deceased, with a friend named Cleary, was on his way to Knock Cemetery to see the grave of the Colleen Bawn when he collapsed and died soon afterwards. The sad occurrence created the greatest sympathy in Kilrush, and was received in Limerick with unfeigned regret. The remains arrived in the city on Sunday night, and were met at the terminus by a large body of mourners.

W.N.H.A. AND INSURANCE ACT.

In response to a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Conjoint National Insurance Committee of the British Medical Association and the Irish Medical Association, alleging that the Women's Health Association of Ireland were attempting to usurp the functions of the local authorities in carrying out provisions for sanatoria benefit under the Insurance Act and the Tuberculosis Prevention Act, the President of the Health Association yesterday wrote, pointing out that the scheme now being carried out by the Association was unanimously approved at the special Health Conference of representatives of local bodies in Ireland held last May, when many members of the medical profession were present.

THE TWELFTH.

Good Sport on the Moors.

The 12th opened most favourably on the Scottish, Yorkshire and Derbyshire moors. The

roll knocked him down, until he Stationmaster Sampson.

The Irish Cattle Trade Association, Cork, received a letter from the Government of the Great Southern and Western Railway stating that no alteration could be made in the arrangements for computing the tickets. It was decided to convene a Clearing House on the subject. This was read at a meeting of the Irish Cattle Trade Association, and Vice-Chairman (Mr John Collins) appointed.

EARTHQUAKE

Death Roll of Three

Aid for the Sufferers

A telegram from Constantinople reports that large quantities of food and medicine will continue to be despatched to the scene of the earthquake disaster. The Government offers of assistance made by foreign Governments, as it is itself taking ample relief of the sufferers. An account of the places the number of deaths, not less than 3,000, and describes of the surviving population as lamentable. President Fallieres has telegraphed to the Sultan of Turkey expressing his sympathy on the occasion of the disaster.

Constantinople. Three earthquake shocks were felt, and the hotel was destroyed by fire. A further batch of persons rescued from the earthquake and of fugitives from the disturbance arrived here.

MR. CHURCHILL'S

Mr. Bonar Law's

In a statement issued last night Mr. Law replied to Mr. Churchill's statement yesterday, on the subject of Home Rule. He says that he has begged the question in dispute, by a course of political trial, no member of the Government could possibly have been guilty, and that they could carry Home Rule through by which they passed their law only without the consent, but as against the will of the majority of the United Kingdom. Mr. Churchill is right in thinking that he did not start a war. There would have been no war if the Government had been more blindly towards the precipice, and warning of the danger in front of them. Now know that if they attempt to obtain the sanction of the United Kingdom, the a resisted not only by the loyalists but by an overwhelming majority of Great Britain, and the attempt made.

KILMALLOCK

At the meeting of Kilmallock Guardians Mr. J. Kearney, presiding, was read from Dr. P. J. C. Medical Officer Kilmallock District, requested by the Guardians, I beg to say as to the condition of the the children when I was called in to see her.