

in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean, and is further pointed out our sea power has been in other respects. "In 1906 British protected cruisers destroyed 26 German. In 1907 there were 69 against 11 torpedo-boat-destroyers. In 1908 the date of their destruction was against 43 in 1906, and 11 last January." These figures show that "the wide superiority which was shown by the Unionist Governments in 1904 when Lord Salisbury's policy was of great ability, and 1905 when the Government has been parted with the Liberal voters, and a swamp of time that this should be recognized that the Liberal voters have not stood, and the islands cannot continue to be hoped that the use of Lords—which is of the traditions of that matters affecting natural something to influence those who believe that the peace is to invite

Constable McCarney, the demented policeman who fired at and wounded two members of the police force and a civilian, was captured on Tuesday after a two days' chase. He was remanded on a charge of firing with intent and wounding.

The engagement is announced of Major R. G. Parker, the King's Own Regiment, of Garrykennedy, Portroe, Co. Tipperary, and Castle Lake, Sixmillsbridge, Co. Clare, second son of R. G. Parker, of Ballyvalley, Killeloe, Co. Clare, and Elinor Joan Courthope, of Burwood, Rotherfield, Sussex, second daughter of the late G. J. Courthops, of Whiffh, Sussex.

THE LOUGH GUR FATALITY.

A verdict of "accidental drowning" was returned by the Coroner's jury in the case of James Dunlop, of Glasgow, who sank while bathing in Lough Gur, Co. Limerick, where he had been the guest of Mr. Antoine de Salis, son of Count de Salis, English Ambassador to Montenegro. Deceased was an expert swimmer; he was light-weight champion of Scotland, appearing very successfully at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, in March last, while he was also an expert wrestler, and gave an exhibition at the recent Ovada Bazaar at Ballsbridge.

THE CORPORATION.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Corporation Committees last night. A deputation from traders in Patrick-street and Rutland-street attended to ask to have the roadways in these thoroughfares paved with durax. Sometime since they objected to block-paving owing to the noise it would cause. It was decided to comply with the wish of the deputation in the matter, subject to the approval of the Council.

THE GOVERNMENT AND LICENSING.

There is authority for stating that the Revenue Bill now under the consideration of the House of Commons is not so comprehensive as was first intended by the Cabinet. Several matters were omitted, says the *Daily Telegraph*, because of the impossibility of dealing with them in the limited time at the disposal of the Government this session. It is fully intended that these matters shall be embodied in the Revenue Bill next year. Amongst them are certain questions affecting the Licensing Laws.

In conclusion the President said—A few words must suffice as to the prospects of our Church in view of the crisis through which our country is at present passing. The text of what I desire to say is found in the message which in troubled times the Prophet was bidden to bring to the people of God—"Say to them that are of a faithful heart, be strong, fear not." Fear not, the Lord of the Church ruleth over all. No Act of Parliament can touch the real life, the real usefulness of His Church. And again it has happened that what was dreaded as a direful calamity worked out by the overruling Providence of God, an abundant and abiding good. Let us go forward strong in the strength of God, strong in the patience of Jesus Christ, strong in the spirit of love and joy and peace. It is only a faithless Church that has cause to fear. (Hear, hear). In humble dependence upon the power and the protection of God let us steadfastly do His work, and the answer to every foreboding fear will be found in the repeated refrain of the psalm—"Why art thou so cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for he shall yet praise Him Who is the health of our countenance and my God." (Applause).

PRESENTATION TO DIOCESAN SECRETARY.

On the motion of the Rev. Chancellor Gille the Standing Orders of the Synod were suspended, while an address and presentation were being made to Mr. Maurice G. S. Walsh. The presentation consisted of two handsome silver rose bowls (made by West and Son, Dublin). The address mentioned that for nearly forty years Mr Walsh had acted as Diocesan Secretary, and that it was largely owing to his assiduity, ability and energy that the financial position of the diocese could be so easily ascertained, and that the ordinary working of diocesan affairs ran smoothly. His unvarying courtesy and earnest endeavour to help all who applied to him for advice or assistance had increased his obligations to him.

The President, in formally making the presentation, said he had known for thirty years an excellent service that Mr. Walsh had rendered to the diocese, and he was very glad to be the mouthpiece of the Synod in transferring to him this small recognition on the part of the clerical and lay members, of the valuable work done by Mr. Walsh, and of their desire that Mr. Walsh's services may be continued for many years to come. (Applause.)

Mr Walsh expressed his gratitude to the members of the Synod for the handsome presentation which they were kind enough to give him. It was a great pleasure to him to think that his long services, poor as he thought them, had met with the approval of the Synod.

COMMENT.

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Character was one which and it is not surprising that