

embodying them were passed. It is only unlikely that drastic measures can be taken in the immediate future to secure concessions from the railway companies, but it is idle to deny that the strike is spreading among the men, and the activities of the extremists. The various branches of organised labour and the various forms of unrest are equally noticeable, notably in South Wales and the north, where they are dissatisfied with their position, and it would occasion little surprise if grave developments ensued in the near future. Then there are the transport difficulties among whom several sectional strikes have taken place within the past few weeks. Discontent has long been rampant in the quarter, and doubtless another strike would have been engineered had it not been for the fact that most of the men are practically destitute of funds. It is impossible to view the present outlook with equanimity. At the present time it is difficult to see what they have gained by constant resort to the strike as a weapon. We are continually being misled by the leaders of the trade union movement that the conditions of the workers are as deplorable now as they ever have been, and that the exceptions wages have remained the same. The fact is that organised labour has lost a good deal more than it has gained throughout the country have been financially ruined by the strike mania of the last few years, and in several cases the workers have been brought nearly to the verge of bankruptcy. There are two outstanding reasons which quite a number of people are unable to account for the present position of the labour world. The first is the attitude of the Parliamentary Labour Party towards those whom they are supposed to represent. The Labour Members elected to Parliament in the belief that they would champion the cause of the workers and further their interests in every way, but their action has been entirely the opposite, and the allegation is made that the Government have done nothing to render support to the Radical Govern-

James Moran, as town rate and water rate collector, in room of Mr Jeremiah Buokley, resigned.

A water famine is feared in Kenmare, where the present supply is meagre, and the reservoirs are running dry. Notice has been given at the Rural District Council to consider the question of providing a supply, which the engineer estimates would cost £5,500.

Rain fell pretty heavily in this district and throughout the South of Ireland yesterday, and coming after a period of some five weeks of continuous dry weather was very refreshing and beneficial to crops and pasture lands. To-day was bright and fine, so that anything like a serious "break" does not seem likely.

It will be seen by advertisement that lessons in piano, singing, organ, harmony, etc., are given, and pupils prepared for any professional examination by Mr. A. D. Fitzgerald, Triton Villa, Military Road, who intends in future devoting all his time in the city. Mr. Fitzgerald is a prolific composer and very many of his past pupils now hold important professional appointments.

TRAGIC FATALITY AT CROOM.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday a shocking fatality occurred at Croom, which resulted in a mill-hand named P. O'Leary, of Meelin, being practically cut to pieces. O'Leary was clearing the spout at the Croom Mill, and while so engaged he got caught in the machinery. Finding a check on the machinery, the head miller called to the engine-driver to stop the machinery. This was immediately done, and on making an inspection to discover what was the cause of the check, the head miller and driver were horrified to find the body of O'Leary caught up in the belting, fearfully mutilated and mangled. To mourn his sad and untimely death, O'Leary, who was in the employment for the past thirty-five years, leaves a widow and young family. He was highly esteemed in the locality, and the tragic occurrence is deeply regretted.

MR. MARCONI.

The *Daily Mail* says—Mr. Marconi had every justification to repeat before the shareholders in the Marconi Company the sort of personal protest which he made at an earlier date before the Committee. He is a very distinguished man in spheres outside any commercial or political concern. It is a sorry business that the name of such a man should be used as "a peg for scandal," or that the "sledge-hammer power of Parliament" should confuse his work and dissipate his concentration.

THE LATE MR. D. L. MEANY.

The friends of the late Mr. D. L. Meany, clerk, Great Southern and Western Railway Company, are arranging to erect a memorial to one who was so highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The deceased, by his personal worth, his great business capacity, and his literary attainments, made many friends, and they will be all disposed to participate in the erection of the memorial, which is to take the form of a Celtic cross over Mr. Meany's grave. Subscriptions can be sent to the hon. secretaries, Messrs. J. P. Maher and J. Gubbins, or to the hon. treasurers, Messrs. D. Cantrell, B. C., and R. P. O'Connor.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil Street) August 24.—Morning, 11 o'clock.

The Late Rector of Bruff

The Right Rev. Dr. Orpen, Lord Bishop of the Diocese, held a special service in Bruff on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at one o'clock for the purpose of dedicating a handsome stained glass window and a fine brass tablet, which was inscribed for and presented by the parish of the Union of Bruff and Tullybracky, to the memory of their late Rector, the Rev. J. R. Mills, M.A., who was their minister and friend for 36 years. The project from the first was a popular one, and many old parishioners and friends living in Dublin and elsewhere subscribed liberally.

The service was well attended, the Church full. A number of clergymen from the surrounding parishes attended, and their robes assisted the Bishop in the service. A procession was formed in the church and proceeded down the aisle, the congregation singing the hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." The following took part in the procession:—The Rev. Canon Adderly, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral; the Rev. Canon Rector of the Union of Kilmallock, B. Athlaca; the Rev. W. C. Bourchier, Rector of Knockany; the Rev. T. de C. Rector of Croom; the Rev. W. E. Shackleton, Rector of Bruff; and the Lord Bishop. At the close of the service, the Bishop, with the clergy, proceeded to the window and read the dedication.

His Lordship gave an excellent address, in which he referred in the most affectionate and feeling manner to the late Rector, imparting advice to the clergy as to the manner in which they should conduct the affairs of their parishes, and their conduct towards their parishioners, which lives were doing their Master's work, and the love and affection of their people.

The window was very much admired by the Bishop, clergy, and people present, and being The Good Shepherd, and the Bruff Rector recorded the fact:—

"To the Glory of God this window is dedicated by the parishioners and friends in grateful remembrance of the Rev. Canon John R. Mills, Canon of Limerick, Rector of Bruff, from 1844 to 1911, and of the United Parishes of Bruff and Tullybracky 1884-1911. 'Peace be to his death until life.'"

The other clergymen present were Canon W. Mills and the Rev. H. Mills, of the late Canon Mills, England; the Rev. J. Keillor, Holy Trinity, Limerick.

The window was designed and executed by A. E. Child in the studio of Miss Purse, glass works, Pembroke street, Dublin, who supplied the window.

LIMERICK YOUTH'S SUCCESS.

Mr. Francis Joyce, son of Mr. Wm. Joyce, B.A., late Principal of Leamy School, passed to the Head Mastership of the Central Model Schools, took second place in the recent first Medical examinations in Dublin, and with the National University of Ireland last week he received his £10 exhibition award from him by the examiners for distinguished success.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT.

At the meeting of Rathkeale Board of Health on Wednesday, Mr. John Fitzgibbon, J., presiding, discussed the question of the