ole additions to astronomical science. in 1892 Sir Robert Ball was ited Lowndean Professor of Astronomy Geometry at Cambridge and Director University Observatory his departure this country was very much regretted, n the other hand, we rejoiced to know his great talents and brilliant qualities still more scope in the wide sphere of ch to which he had been called. His e removes from the world of science a whose name will long be cherished in ionate remembrance by the people, and ounger generation especially.

CURRENT COMMENT.

re Women are M.P's.

e. Hilja Parssinen, M.P., the Finnish ist and Poetess, is in London studying problems. "There are now twenty-one n members in the Finnish Diet," she said to *ly Mail* representative, "and thirteen of belonged to the Social Democratic Party. political life both sexes work harmoniously ner. We have no distinct women's party. en do not speak so frequently in the House men. We have, as you, to 'catch the er's eye.' If we are not going to talk for than two minutes we may do so from where and; but if longer we have to mount a little rm by the Speaker's side. The Speaker of House could be a woman. There is no rule st it. Miss Hagman once acted as presiden of the Parliamentary Committees."

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average annual death-rate represented by aths registered last week as appertaining to ublin Registration Area and the twenty-six pal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was per 1,000 of their aggregate population' for the purposes of these returns, is ted at 1,199,180. The deaths registered the past week, as appertaining to the l districts, alphabetically arranged, corres- d to the following annual rates per 1,000; Registered Area, 18·1; Dublin City, 19·8; t, 16·6; Cork, 10·2; Londonderry, 12·7 ick, 16·2; Waterford, 20·9. The deaths certain epidemic diseases registered in the tricts during last week were equal to an

to meet a sub-Committee of the City Insurance Committee with the object of arranging a draft scheme for the carrying out of the tuberculosis provisions of the Insurance Act. The money available for the purpose is between £1,200 and £1,300 and this, it appears, is not sufficient to meet the requirements of a scheme recently considered, and which, in the financial circumstance, will have to be recast with a view to a successful scheme being put in operation.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Currency of Contribution Cards.

The notice of employers is directed to the fact that it is intended at the end of the current quarter to substitute a six months contribution card for the quarterly card now in use. No alteration has been made in the size of the card, and it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in adapting automatic stamping machines for use with it. In the case of all employed contributors' cards, the space for the contributor's name and the spaces for the stamps will be on the same page as at present. Employers can obtain specimen cards on application to the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland), Pembroke House, Upper Mount-street, Dublin.

SHIPPING CASUALTY ON THE SHANNON.

The steamer Clandeboy, which went ashore on Tuesday on the Spit, near Grass Island, in the Shannon, has been successfully refloated, after the jettisoning of some 100 tons of her 700 tons of basic slag cargo.

DEATH OF MISS DELANY.

We regret to record the death of Miss Jane Delany, which occurred at her residence, 2 Alexandra Terrace, yesterday morning, after a protracted illness. A member of an old Limerick family she was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. She was widely known for her works of benevolence and charity, and for many years she worked most energetically as Hon. Secretary in arranging the annual ball in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Association of St. Vincent de Paul, of which she was President. The funeral is announced to leave St. Michael's R. C. Church immediately after High Mass which commences at 10.30 to-morrow morning.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

The magistrates presiding at the County Petty Sessions to-day were—Mr P. J. Kelly, R.M., Lord Emly, and Mr John G. Kelly. A number of defendants were fined in nominal penalties for not having lights on their conveyances at the prescribed time.

Mr. J. N. Russell, having had an intimation from Deep Sea Fishermen's Society that they need literature for the fishermen, will be much obliged for any beneficial and interesting periodicals that people will send to his care at office, Henry street,

the past three years, he woul 3s 4d pension.

Mr. Doherty moved that th and in doing so said it was n to say anything regarding an them well and faithfully for c

Mr. John Carroll seconded was passed unanimously.

COUNTY HIGH S

The names of gentlemen by the Judges of Assize as el office of High Sheriff during They include the following:—

Clare County—Thomas Stu House, Quin; Thomas Studde Reginald Edward Gore, B laghan's Mills.

Cork County—Sir James La Rockforest, Mallow; Captai Oliver Bramston Newman, Manor, Mallow; Hughes Mar reine, Carrigtuohill.

Kerry County—Captain Blennerhassett Chute, Chu Daniel Charles O'Connell, J.P Derrynane Lane, Mastergeel Colomb, J.P., Drumquinna,

Limerick County—Colonel O'Grady, C.B., D.L., Kilbally R. Browning, Bruree House, Dermod O'Brien, D.L., Cahir

Tipperary County—Major Gartside-Spaight, Derry Ca Clare; Major Francis Herbert Cahir; Charles Mayne Going, hill.

DEATH OF SIR RO

Sir Robert Stawell Ball, the died on Tuesday evening a Cambridge. He had been ill

Sir Robert Ball was created He was LL.D., F.R.S; Lo Astronomy and Geometry, C of the Cambridge Observatory of King's College, Cambrid Dublin on 1st July, 1840, and Ball, LL.D., Dublin, the wel He was educated at Abbot's G Trinity College, Dublin. Ho 1892; LL.D., Dublin, Royal land, 1874-92; Scientific Adv sioners of Irish Lights from 1 the Mathematical Associatio the Royal Zoological So His publications were ve include—"A treatise on Screws," 1900; many memo astronomical, and physical following works on Astrono Spherical Astronomy," " Heavens," 1885; "Starland," Realms," "In the High H Tide," 1889; "The Cause of of Astronomy," 1892; "The 1893; "Great Astronomers," Beginning," 1901; "Pop Heavens," 1905, etc. The was well-known in Ireland a be remembered by many I several years ago he delivered at the Protestant Young Men