

though the Government had created, the Ulster was the only solution, and he jokes of Mr Asquith and Mr Birrell that conclusion. He believed that any Home Rule within Home Rule would be acceptable to Ulster, and that if the became law it would be the signal for the outbreak of civil war. After this debate the Prime Minister would never attempt to pass a Bill of Ulster. Mr Bonar Law pressed for a general election. The amendment was defeated by a Government majority, 78.

## Government Majority

In a supplementary note, the *Morning Post* says: "Fighting! Fewer than the Nationalist shout! So exclaimed, joyfully, in the wife of one of the most active and energetic Unionist members. It was a bad day for the Government at the opening of the session, which may stiffen the feeling against Home Rule, which was manifested among members last night. One Liberal member, Sir Clifford Cory. The other Radical, Sir Clifford, has voted with the Government on Home Rule, supported the Government, and the two very independent Nationalists, Mr. D. P. O'Neill and Mr. M'Kean. The seven members had previously announced that they would not take part in the proceedings of the House until the return of the Government. So the Government was defeated by the extent of these, and of Sir Clifford Cory, who gained the two non-party Nationalists. The Government's majority on paper is 101.

## Mr. Plunkett and the Crisis.

Mr. Plunkett was last night the principal speaker at a dinner given by the Court of the City of Leeds. He said Ireland at the present time was in an extraordinary situation, from which he himself believed there would be a less serious issue than appeared probable at the present time. No solution was worth talking about at the present time until the parties came together. He was surprised to find that his opponent had not thought it necessary to say what was in his mind as an alternative to the present event of the parties immediately not coming to terms. He himself had a way out, and it had commended itself to the Prime Minister.

## Liberal Opinion.

In the last night's debate on the Home Rule Bill, the *Daily Chronicle* says:—"In a debate by consent there can be no question of the exclusion of any member of the Bill, nor of the exclusion of anybody who has fully considered the matter to amount to the same thing. A question of which did so when holding the office of Mr. Asquith's Government would only be a party, but the sovereignty of the House, and the authority of the House of Commons itself, in the face of threats, to suggest withdrawal, which was the most of the Opposition suggested last night to suggest the exclusion of Ulster, Mr. Lansdowne and Mr. Bonar Law did not have the qualifications to the effect that nothing would be given by the Government in exchange for it) is not a path of peace tending to make peace impossible, as the speakers well knew." The *Daily News* is optimistic as to the result of the Home Rule debate. "One thing," it says, "Edward Carson did not do was to support the Plunkett scheme. That one may

she was anxious to get her daughter married, and that it was their intention to deprive defendant of his interest in the holding.

Mr P. J. Kelly said the Magistrates had nothing to do with that aspect of the case.

Mary Laffan, daughter of the complainant was examined, and in the result the defendant was bound in one surety of £10 to be of the peace.

### UNCLIPPED HEDGES.

A number of farmers were summoned at the suit of the Limerick County Council for failing to comply with an order requiring them to have hedges by the roadside, on their lands, clipped so as not to cause an obstruction.

Mr P. J. O'Sullivan, Solicitor to the Council, attended, and Mr J. J. O'Malley, County Surveyor, gave evidence.

The necessary order was made in two cases, the others being withdrawn as defendants had promised to comply.

Adjourned.

## DEATH OF MRS. P. M. SMITH.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Dorothy Mary Smith, which took place at Kevit Castle, Crossdoney, Co. Cavan, on Tuesday, in her seventy-second year. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Mr. Philip Smith, J.P., and the mother of the esteemed and highly-respected County Court Judge of Limerick, his Honor Mr. P. Law-Smith, K.C. Her other sons are Mr. Frederick Smith, D.L., Kevit Castle, Dr. Alfred Smith, Dublin, and Mr. Louis Smith, Crown Solicitor for the County Cavan. She was a lady of high intellectual gifts, possessed of a charming manner, and most charitably disposed. Her death has been received with regret in her native county, and in Limerick the sympathy of the public will be extended to his Honor County Court Judge Law-Smith, and Mrs. Ralph Nash, her daughter, in their bereavement. The interment took place in Ballinagh cemetery, after service in the Office and High Mass in Ballinagh R.C. Church.

## DEATH OF REV. WESLEY GUARD.

The Rev. Wesley Guard, a well-known and highly respected Methodist Minister, died suddenly on Tuesday night at his residence in Ballynaveagh, Belfast. He had retired from the active duties of the ministry in June last after fifty years of faithful service. That his services were highly appreciated may be inferred from the fact that the highest honours the Church could bestow were from time to time conferred upon him. Three times he was elected to the office of Vice-President of the conference, an honour seldom conferred, and on the occasion of the Coronation of the King he was deputed to represent his Church at that historic ceremony. In December last he was made the recipient of a valuable presentation, subscribed by members of all denominations through the whole of Ireland. His death will be deeply regretted not only by members of the Methodist body, but by representatives of the different Protestant Churches outside the Methodist Communion.

## MARRIAGE OF MR THOMAS HARDY.

Mr Thomas Hardy, the distinguished novelist, was married on Tuesday morning, at Enfield, London, to Miss Dugdale, who has acted as his secretary.

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written for information with respect to the efficiency in the Government grants, information in question had been supplied.

The Chairman said that as they were on the subject he might mention that at a meeting he had acted as a member of the deputation that went to Dublin to wait on the Government with regard to the deficit in the grant for local taxation. They had a very long interview with Mr. Redmond who was accompanied by Mr. Dillon and Mr. D. P. O'Neill. He promised to lay the question immediately before the Chancellor, and to do all in his power in the matter. He gave the deputation every assurance that the thing would be adopted. It means a sum of £500,000 for the institution, and for the half year preceding this present year, £500,000, and for the past six half years well over £4,000,000. He felt confident that Mr. Redmond would have the matter arranged satisfactorily.

Mr. McNamara looked on the deputation to Mr. Redmond as most successful.

The Chairman—Yes, I feel confident that the matter will be adjusted in a very short time.

### POTATO SUPPLY.

The tender of Mr. D. Crean, Cloudburton, was accepted for the supply of potatoes for the year.

The other business was routine. Adjourned.

## ASSISTANT CLERKSHIP UNION.

### Permanent Appointment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

At the meeting of the Ennis Board of Health yesterday, Mr John Garvey, Chairman, presided.

The Clerk (Miss E. M. Bennett) reported that the period for which Mr. King had been temporarily appointed Assistant Clerk had terminated, and it would be necessary to renew the appointment or make it permanent.

After some discussion, it was decided to give Mr. King a permanent appointment this day month, with a salary of £60 a year for the Ennis Union and £30 for the District Council.

Mr King objected to this. The salary was £52, and why should they increase it to £60? They should be satisfied with £52, and why should they be moved that the salary be fixed at £52?

There was no seconded for this. Mr King handed in notice of his resignation, and his salary be £40.

This was accepted by the Chairman.

## SUFFRAGETTES AND MR

An engagement which Mr Birrell has accepted to deliver a lecture on "John Wesley" at 27th in a Bristol Methodist Church, has been abandoned, the right hon. gentleman being unwilling to face a suffragette disturbance of worship. The local suffragettes have promised the minister of the church that they would refrain from any active interference.

## MR LARKIN'S TOUR IN BRITAIN.

Mr James Larkin left Liberty Hall for England. He will address meetings in various parts of the country.