

MOUTH DISEASE.

PORTS CLOSED.

erred Amongst Irish at Birkenhead.

Department of Agriculture re-birkenhead of a suspected case disease amongst a consignment and. In consequence all the ng Dublin, are again closed to , sheep, and pigs.

er receiving the information ent sent over some of their kennhead to investigate the view to tracing the source of other officials to Newry, where, infected consignment was de-

ivity is being displayed by the the Irish Department of Agri- ion with this latest developme- eak, and it is feared that, as a Birkenhead case, the ports of sed for some time.

at another suspected case was lay morning also in Birkenhead ment of swine sent over from firmation of this report has, eived by the Irish Department

E CHURCH

E CLASS.

ev. Canon J. T. Waller, B.D. ebruary, at 8 o'clock p.m. Sub- Death, and Burial (John xviii., nvited.

iday Services.

CATHEDRAL.—Sexagesima Sunday ion, 8 a.m.—Matins and Holy 5 o'clock:—Venite, Barnaby in B; A), Aldrich (A), and Miller (E); in E (Te Deum), Goss in A, 335 (215 Ancient and Modern); Introit, 622 (386 Ancient and munion Service, Goss in A; scentor. Evensong, 3 30 o'clock: ley's Quadruple Chant in F; in F; Anthem, "They that go a" (Attwood); Hymns, 295 and e Dean.

S CHURCH.—Sexagesima Sunday ion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, r, Rev W. A. E. Foley, B.A. ce, 3 30. Evening Prayer, 6.30; x. L. Swain, M.A.

URCH.—Sexagesima Sunday.— on behalf of the Limerick Asylum ales.—Morning Prayer at 11.30; at 6.30. Preacher at both Ser- Rev. R. J. S. Devenish, M.A., Children's Service at 3.30.

CHURCH.—Sexagesima Sanday.— r, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 7.0. h Services, the Rector.

S CHURCH (Parteen)—Sexagesima ng Prayer, 11.45. Preacher, Rev. B.D.

S CHURCH.—Sexagesima Sanday— e, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Canon Robertson

the Irish Parliamentary Party, and pledge them our fullest support in their fight for self-government for Ireland."

The Council then adjourned.

THE LATE MRS. D. M. SMITH.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Electricity (Whole House) Committee of the Borough Council, held on Thursday evening, the Mayor presiding, Councillor O'Flynn took occasion to refer to the recent death of Mrs. Smith, mother of County Court Judge Law Smith, of whose courtesy, impartiality, uprightness, and legal ability he spoke in warm terms of praise. He proposed the following resolution, which was supported by the Mayor, and the Town Clerk, and declared passed unanimously:—viz:—Resolved:—That we offer our very sincere sympathy to the highly-esteemed and respected County Court Judge and Revising Barrister of Limerick, His Honor, P. Law Smith, Esq., K.C., on the death of his dear and beloved mother, Mrs. Smith, of Kevit Castle, Co. Cavan, and that our Town Clerk be asked to convey this expression of our condolence with the members of her distinguished family and her relatives, to Judge Law Smith, and to Mrs. Ralph Nash, daughter of the deceased lady."

CARMEN AND STOREMEN'S STRIKE

Owing to a dispute in connexion with a yard man being absent from work at Messrs. J. & G. Boyd's, William-street, the carmen and storemen employed by the firm, to the number of thirty-five went on strike to-day, the Carmen and Storemen's Society, it appears, having taken action in the matter through their secretary, Mr. C. Moore, B.C.

HOUSING QUESTION.

The Town Clerk has received a letter from Alderman Joyce, M.P., stating that he has presented the petition from the Corporation relative to the housing question, praying that Parliament may take steps to grant loans for housing purposes at a cheaper rate of interest than at present. The Alderman states that the Limerick petition was one of the very few that were in order, and that it will come before the Committee of the House in due course.

P.Y.M.A. LITERARY CLASS.

Mr. E. Bennett gave a most interesting lecture at the P.Y.M.A. Literary Class last night, entitled "A Trip to Sweden and Back." In addition to the many splendid views which the lecturer showed of Sweden (which he lucidly described), he had also a number of views of Hamburg and Holland projected on the screen, having visited those places on his homeward journey. The quaint costumes and scenes of Dutch life and activity were much appreciated. The Rev. T. F. Abbott, B.D. (President of the Class), on behalf of the Association thanked Mr. Bennett for his lecture.

"EFFECT OF MILITARISM ON WAGES AND PRICES."

The Marquis of Londonderry said that people of Ulster of all classes were determined to resist Home Rule to the utmost. The women as well as the men were determined to oppose Home Rule, and one lady had declared that she would rather be the widow of an Ulster loyalist than the wife of an Ulster traitor. All Ulster asked to be left alone, and, by God's will, they would be left alone. He hoped that the Prime Minister would keep his promise, because if he did not he would carry to his dying day the reflection that he was responsible for civil war, because he would have to take the verdict of the people on the question of Home Rule.

Earl Roberts said that in his opinion it was unthinkable that the British Army should be called upon to fight against the Ulster Volunteers. Lord MacDonnell confessed that he was frightened by threats, though he fully realised the evils of civil war. He thought a spirit was abroad in England which would not permit even a hundred thousand men to dictate that the Constitutional Government of the country should be the ground.

The Duke of Bedford declared that the Government gave no mandate in 1910 for a civil war in Ireland. Lord Clonbrock made a strong plea for the protection of Unionists in the South and West of Ireland.

Lord Farnham commented upon the change in front on the part of the Government, which was now apparently quite convinced of the necessity of the opposition to Home Rule.

Lord Curzon said that the speeches of the Ministers in both Houses, was a recognition of the gravity of the crisis. The Government had admitted that the initiative was theirs, and that the responsibility for the next step rested with them. The bill must be substantially altered if it was to have any prospect of success. The Government could only deal with Ulster by totally excluding it from the operation of the bill.

The Marquis of Crewe said that the Government in regard to this matter was to settle a difficult question amicably. The Government was prepared to meet the fears of Ulster, assuming that the Home Rule Bill was carried in its present form. It was their duty to neglect no opportunity of arriving at a peaceful solution, on his honor and conscience he believed if this bill were passed it stood no class of persons in Ulster or elsewhere would stand in peril of their conscience, their persons, or their purses. If he did not believe that, and did not know that all his colleagues believed it, he would not stay for a day in the office of the Government.

The House divided, when the amendment was carried by 244 to 55. The Address, as amended, was then agreed to.

LIMERICK VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

Good Literature Barrow

The Franciscan Friars were last Sunday holders of the winning numbers for both the first prize and the special prize. The second prize was won by Mr. Murphy, Carey's Road, and the third prize by Francis McMahon, Lansdowne.

At a meeting of the Vigilance Committee last Sunday evening, the establishment of a branch was heartily approved of, and the proposal of converting the Committee into a Literary Association, with a newly-elected secretary and a responsible working committee to enlarge its scope of work and sphere of activity was under discussion. Both matters will be again for further consideration at the next meeting of the Committee to be held on the 22nd inst. The Committee was