

INCREASES TO OFFICIALS

Discussion at Last Night's Meeting

THE LATE PIUS X

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL

The Mayor (Alderman P. O'Donovan) presided at a special meeting of the Corporation last night. The names of the other members present will be found in the division list below. Mr. D. M. Namara, Assistant in the City Surveyor's Office, acted in the capacity of Town Clerk.

The following recommendation of the Electricity Committee was moved by Alderman M'Neice:—Increase of wages to employes—That in the case of all applications except Mr. Thornhill's, the increases will date from the 25th June, 1914, Mr. Thornhill's to date from the 1st April, 1914.

Mr. M. Griffin said as regards the increases granted to the officers mentioned he would refuse to sign any paying order till the matter was brought before the auditor, and anyone who signed it would do so at his own risk. He wished to know if Mr. Nolan took a note of what the Law Adviser said in reference to the matter at the previous meeting. He hoped the Town Clerk had for he (Mr. Griffin) intended to bring it before the auditor. The payment was not legal as it was not provided for in the estimates. Other employes had looked for increases in their pay, but they were not granted the advance because it was not provided for in the estimate. He had no objection to pay Mr. Thornhill because that was part of his appointment, but as regards the increase to the others he held they were illegal.

Alderman M'Neice said the increases had been already granted, and he only moved that the payment be made retrospective from the time at which they were first recommended. As he said the increases were granted and they could not be rescinded without a notice of motion.

Mr. Donnellan said the payments made to the several officials appeared on the finance sheet and he would second Mr. Griffin's amendment that they be not paid as they were illegal.

Alderman M'Neice—The finance sheet is already passed.

Mr. M. Griffin—I think the meeting was unduly hasty to-night.

The Mayor said they intended adjourning the meeting and they had not read the minutes. The meeting was not unduly hasty.

Several members enquired where the Town Clerk, Law Adviser and Deputy Town Clerk were, and

Mr. Downey observed—We have no business here when we have no officials present.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Griffin's amendment, and the voting was:—

For the amendment—Messrs Downey, Frost, Kenny, Lawlor, Cusack, Donnellan, M Griffin, and Alderman O'Brien—8.

Against the amendment—Messrs D Griffin, O'Connor, O'Callaghan, Dalton, Davern, Johnson, M'Grath, Duggan, M M'Donnell, Greany, and Alderman M'Neice—11.

The proposition was then declared carried.

Mr. Dalton at this stage moved the adjournment of the Council as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Pope.

The Council then adjourned.

HELD OVER

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we have to hold over several important items, including two letters on the Limerick Volunteer controversy—each, by the way, taking a different side—and the continuation of the interesting article in our last issue dealing with the question of German espionage methods in Belgium.

THE LIGHTEST LADY BICYCLE

Is the 1914 sheet-steel "Shannon," built by COLE, NELSON & CO., Ltd., Limerick, at £5 5s. cash, or from 6/3 per month. Gent's from £5 17s. 6d. (—)

point of the bayonet. The Limerick Volunteers know what value is set on the public penitence of the Limerick Sinn Fein party.—Yours faithfully,

LIMERICK NATIONALIST.

"WHAT IS WRONG?"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER.

DEAR SIR—At the parade last Wednesday night the Volunteer Committee, through their Organising Secretary, was forced to offer an explanation as to their position with regard to Mr. Redmond, and Home Rule—but the "explanation" was very much lacking in detail. If the resolution read out was passed by the committee, why were the Volunteers not acquainted of it before Wednesday night? Why was not the explanation which was tendered accompanied by dates, etc? The rank and file are not yet satisfied, and will not be, until the position of the Committee is honestly and fully defined. When Limerick poured out its population to rejoice at the passing of the Third Reading of the Home Rule Bill, there were many thousands of men—men in the prime of manhood as well as old men—in the procession. Why are not all these young men in the Volunteer Regiment? It is not because they are less daring, less embued with the martial spirit, or one whit less patriotic than the men who comprise the corps, but because something is wrong somewhere. What is wrong? Everyone in the street knows it, and when matters are set right Limerick will have double, aye, treble, the present comparatively small number of Volunteers.—Yours,

DISSATISFIED.

BATHING TRAGEDIES

Sad Occurrences in Limerick Two City Boys Drowned

DISTRESSING SCENES

THE INQUEST TO-DAY

A sad drowning fatality occurred in the Shannon, adjacent to the City Distillery, on yesterday evening. About six o'clock two young men named John Bourke, Cross Road, Thomondgate, and Patrick J. Punch, Cash's Lane, Thomondgate, went for a bathe. Bourke, who was a non-swimmer, got into difficulties, and Punch at once jumped into the rescue. Both men became entangled, and after a short struggle they were noticed by a few people who were on the scene to sink. A man named James Ahern, Cash's Lane, made a plucky attempt at rescue but his efforts were unavailing. Half an hour subsequently, when the tide had receded, the bodies were recovered quite close to the shore. The families of the deceased young men were present and a distressing scene ensued. At the spot where the unfortunate victims of the sad tragedy went to bathe, a lifebuoy was placed some time ago, but some young vandals destroyed it. Had there been a lifebuoy available yesterday evening the lives of the two young men would probably have been saved.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held to-day by the City Coroner, Mr J F Barry, J.P., a verdict of accidental drowning being returned. The plucky action of James Ahern was recommended by the jury to the authorities.

THE LATE POPE

The Charleville District Council adjourned its last meeting as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Pope Pius X.

LIFE OF PARNELL

A notable volume announced in Messrs Constable's autumn list of publications is "Charles Stewart Parnell," a memoir by the great Irishman's brother, Mr. John Howard Parnell.

defendant had written admitting the offence.

Mr. Moran—I only saw the summons half an hour ago.

Mr. Gaffney—It was Mr. Moran's father got the case adjourned.

Mr. Moran—It is not a case of personal expense. The Department bears the expense.

Chairman—It is a case of public expense, and it is unnecessary.

Mr. Moran said as it was the first case of its kind before the court he would ask the Bench to inflict a small fine.

The Chairman said the Bench should prevent people from repeating a similar offence, and they would impose a penalty of 10s. which was extremely lenient. They would give 20s costs.

In connection with the application made on the last court-day by Rev. Father O'Carroll, C.C., St. John's, for the committal of an orphan named Stephen Cussen to an industrial school.

Sergeant Kelly reported to the justices that he made inquiries into the case and found that both parents of the boy were dead.

The Bench granted the application, Father O'Carroll stating that a vacancy was available in St. Joseph's Orphanage.

Patrick Daly, who was in custody charged with an assault on his sister-in-law, was put forward, and

Head-Constable Healy applied to have him bound to the peace. The defendant assaulted his sister-in-law, cutting her dress with a razor, but the woman declined to prosecute.

The Bench ordered the defendant to find bail, himself in £10 and two sureties of £5 each, or in default one month's imprisonment.

JOURNAL FOR BOYS

We have pleasure in announcing the publication of a new monthly journal for boys. It is being beautifully produced and profusely illustrated, and is being edited under the title of "Our Boys," by the Christian Brothers. The first number will be ready in a few days, and will be for sale on the Limerick Vigilance Committee's Good Literature Barrow on next Sunday week. It will provide interesting, instructive and wholesome reading matter—everything that boys enjoy—and a large circulation is anticipated for this latest admirable enterprise in Irish journalism.

HIBERNIAN ORDER

Limerick City Division

A quarterly general meeting of the Limerick City Division (550) of the A.O.H., will be held in Hartstronge House, on Sunday next, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp, not at one o'clock as stated in our last issue through error. As a number of very important and urgent matters are to come up for consideration, a full attendance of members is requested.

Newcastle West Town Commissioners

Adjournment on Pope's Death

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

At a meeting of the Newcastle West Town Commissioners held on Wednesday last, Captain Curling, J.P., in the chair, it was proposed by Mr. Jeremiah Clifford, and passed unanimously:—"That we, the Newcastle West Town Commissioners, have, in common with the people of the whole world, learned with profound regret of the death of the Venerable Pontiff his Holiness Pope Pius X, the wise and benevolent ruler of the Roman Catholic Church, and that we adjourn this meeting without the transaction of any business as a mark of respect to his august memory."

Votes of condolence were also passed to Mr. Thomas Hurley, J.P., on the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. Mulcahy, and to Mr. David M'Coy on the death of his brother; and to Mrs. M'Coy on the death of her husband.