

attacks by the enemy, at 5 a.m. and 11.45 p.m. During the former, when the barrier had been blown down and all the bombs buried, he sent back his remaining comrades to get more bombs, and held up the enemy single-handed till reinforcements arrived.

## Five Sons in the Army.

### King's Letter to Clareman.

Mr Patrick Keane, The Glen, Kilkush, Co Clare, has received the following letter from the King:—

“Privy Purse Office,  
“Buckingham Palace, S.W.,  
“6th January, 1916.

“Sir,—I am commanded by the King to convey to you an expression of his Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted your five sons to give their services to the Army.

“The King was much gratified to hear of the manner in which they have so readily responded to the call of their Sovereign and their country, and I am to express to you his Majesty's congratulations on their having contributed in so full a measure to the great cause for which all the people of the British Empire are so bravely fighting.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant.

“F W PONSONBY,  
“Keeper of the Privy Purse.

“Mr Patrick Keane.”

## AN ENTERTAINING RECITAL.

Next Friday evening, at 8.15, at the Royal George Hotel, Miss Ada L. Ward, LL.A., a lecturer, entertainer, and blackboard cartoonist with a wide reputation and increasing popularity, will provide a very interesting evening in the series of the Thomond Hall Recitals. Whether it be as a mere entertainer, amusing her audience by humorous stories, or stirring them to the very depths by passionate appeals; whether it be as the clever teacher, brightly instructive and entertaining with her blackboard, or as a lecturer, decided in her language, clever in her methods, pointed in her illustrations, she never fails to carry with her the sympathy and enthusiasm of her listeners. Her first visit to Limerick on next Friday evening is sure to gain for her an appreciation undoubted and sincere. A critique of one of her recitals given some time ago in Wales said—“One most black member said it was the best evening he'd had for years”—an opinion that many in Friday night's audience will certainly also bring away with them.

## SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.

The body of Mrs Lee, mother of Mr W F Lee, Castleconnell, was found in the Shannon near the slip on Saturday, under circumstances which would lead to the belief that she had fallen into the river. The deceased lady was held in high esteem, and deep sympathy is felt in Castleconnell and surrounding districts for the members of her family in their bereavement.

grants.

Mr McKenna informed Mr John Redmond in the House of Commons yesterday that the Treasury was prepared to place on the Estimates for the coming twelve months such provision for horse-breeding in Ireland as the Department of Agriculture may consider necessary, but the sum must not exceed the amount voted in 1915-16.

Mr Montagu announced that the Treasury had modified its decision regarding the stoppage of the grant for the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

## CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

The following members were present at the monthly meeting of the above—Rev Fr Anthony, O.F.M. (presiding, Finance Sub-Committee), Alderman Prendergast (presiding, General Committee), Alderman McNeise, Messrs F Duggan, C.B.C., J Ludden, J H Enright, T P O'Brien, and J McNamara, with the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr T P O'Brien, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mr M O'Callaghan, C.B.C., on the death of his brother.

The business was of a routine character.

The following gifts to the Library and Museum were gratefully acknowledged:—

Library—Parliamentary Debates, Commons, vol 75, from Ald Joyce, M.P.; Annual of Co-operative Wholesale Society, 1916, from Mr P Hurley; Report, from Department of Agriculture, etc, for Ireland.

Museum—George II Halfpenny (Irish), 1742, from Rev St J D Seymour, B.D., Donohill Rectory, Cappawhite; Gun Money Shilling, 1689 (Irish), from Mr T S Lawler, C.B.C.

## ALLAN LINER DISABLED OFF CORK HARBOUR.

News has reached Queenstown that the Allan liner Pomeranian, outward from Glasgow and Liverpool to Canada, is disabled 100 miles west of The Fastnet. She encountered the recent terrific gale, and had her rudder and steering gear carried away, leaving her helpless. A Liverpool message says the Pomeranian is making Queenstown all safe, another vessel standing by.

## FATAL BURNING ACCIDENT.

Yesterday, at Barrington's Hospital, Mr J F Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury, held an inquest as to the death of Mary Cherry, 18, who died in the institution that morning as the result of injuries accidentally sustained. The young woman was getting ready dinner on Saturday at her residence, when her clothing took fire and she was badly burned on the face, head, and arms. She lingered in great agony until three o'clock on Monday morning, when death ensued. Dr Holmes, resident surgeon to the hospital, having, with other witnesses, given evidence, the jury found in accordance with the medical testimony, that death was due to shock, consequent on the injuries received by the deceased.

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