

he recurrence of these again give rise to a in the form of aerial owns as the best means of frightfulness. But a diversity of opinion One argument, and a against the bombing of population is that by so aying the enemy's game, bject, doubtless, is to British aeroplanes from air-service is accom- rk. We can well believe could accomplish that roplanes even with the a lives through raids in which loss would be to matter of no concern l just suit their book- ear in mind is that we y inflicting defeat on the orces. On the question ust be guided by our The strengthening of the the English coast is, of ect of the situation. The "If we cannot absolutely ns from raiding our cities e air, at least we can hit we attempt to carry the y's country we must first we are able to do so continuously. No spas- raids, no attempt to attack ffice. The whole problem e general question of the unification of our Air s now understood to be on. It is no secret that contemplated,"

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ech at Huddersfield is a com- the problems that he has to of Reconstruction, says the ette." These include housing,

irement their best wishes for a long and happy life.

The other members present endorsed the remarks of the speaker.

PRESENTATIONS TO LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

The following presentations were thankfully acknowledged—

Library—Reports (including Annual General), from Dept of Agriculture, &c, for Ireland; "Explosives—Their Manufacture, History, &c," from Mr H M Atkinson, Bunhill Rd, London; "Stubbs' Directory, 1917," from the publishers; "National University Calendar, 1917," from the Registrar, N.U.I.; "Rawlinson, B 502," from Mr J S Gaffney, Crown Solicitor; "Parliamentary Debates"—Commons, vols 89-92, Lords, vols 23 and 24, and pamphlets, etc, from Ald Joyce, M.P.; "Mungret Annual, 1917," from the Rev Editor.

Museum—unbarrel and Lock, and Spearhead, found in the river Inny, Westmeath, in 1876, from Mr John Horan, late County Surveyor.

Routine business having been transacted, the meeting adjourned.

STRANGE OCCURRENCE.

The cap and coat of a labourer, stated to be a workman in a city establishment, were got this morning at the quay side, and a note saying that the writer regretted to have to take the course he purposed. The Constabulary were communicated with, and the relatives of the missing man stated that he had intimated to them he was about to proceed to Cork. Search was made in the river near the Steamboat quay, with the object of ascertaining if a fatality had occurred, this labour appearing to be the purpose of placing the clothing with pencil note in pocket by the quay side. The inquiries made lead to the conclusion that a practical joke was attempted, the clothing being worn-out, disused coat-a-ways, the writing not that of the man whose name was written with ink inside the collar of the ragged coat, and that the mover in the matter would have done better by leaving his work undone.

THE LATE MR MICHAEL DONNELLY.

The funeral of the late Mr Michael Donnelly, ex-Mayor, and ex-Alderman of the Limerick Corporation, took place this morning from St Michael's Church, where the remains lay overnight. Previous to the procession to the Mount St Lawrence Cemetery there was Office and Requiem Mass for the deceased, and the funeral followed. The chief mourners were—Messrs J B Donnelly, K J Donnelly, and M M Donnelly (sons); D Clohessy (nephew), and John Hickey (son-in-law) The clergy were—Fathers Drane, Adm St Michael's; O'Carroll, C.C, do; Devans, C.C do; Thornhill, C.C, do; Hannan, C.C, do; and Father Fredoline, O.F.M. There was a large attendance, including Ald J O'Brien, *locum tenens* for the Mayor, members and officials of the Corporation, friends of the deceased, and citizens.

The Directors of the Press Bureau are authorised to contradict the story that the Prime Minister left London for Walton Heath on Monday night when the air raid warning was received. The Prime Minister left Charing Cross on Monday night for France.

Lt-Col) Gerard, Lt-Col) J S P Vereker, Viscount Gort, D.S.O, M.C, G Gds; Capt (A Maj) Moriarty, R.G.A. Spec Res. D.S.O—Lt the Hon W S P Alexander, Ir Gds; Major W E Guinness, Yeo; Capt (A Lt-Col) M'Carthy-O'Leary, M.C, & Ir Fus.

M.C—T 2-Lt J K Boyle, R I R; 2 Brady, Manch R; 2-Lt J B M Burke, 2-Lt J P Coghlan, R E; Capt J J B (Bde; T Capt V L Connolly, R A M C; 2-Driscoll, R Fus; T 2-Lt K Dunphy, Spec Res; Capt W E FitzGerald, M B, Lt E Gibben, K I R. Spec Res, and R Capt J Hill, M B, R A M C; T Lt Jerom Kennedy, R F A; 2-Lt W Kingston, R I Spec Res; 2-Lt L P Kearney, R F A, Spec R Leathley, R Innis Fus and R F C; T Lindsay, M B, R A M C; T 2-Lt R Magulins; 2-Lt T M Alindon, R I R; 2-McCarthy, N Lan R; 2-Lt C S O'Grad Spec Res; T Capt J I O'Sullivan, R A M (A Capt) J Plowman, Leins R; Maj R Ros Rose, R I R; T 2-Lt J W Rourke, a R; T Lt J P Ryan, R A M C; Lt R E S Gds, Spec Res; T 2-Lt W E Sullivan, T 2-Lt D P Wagner, Dublins; 2-Lt R Munsters, Spec Res.

[The many friends in City and County rick will extend their congratulations to Ros Rose, of Ardhue, on the M.C distinction conferred on him as above].

French Honours—Legion d'Honneur—Chevalier—Maj (Act Lt-Col) L H Hennessy, DSO, Ox and Bucks L I. Guerre—Temp Lt (Act Capt) C B DSO, M C, L N Lancs R.

Retaliation Question

There is no lack of converts now, as Times," to the doctrine that the best of all against air attacks is a strong aggression. We have put it forward from the begin it has far too often been obscured elsewhere almost irrelevant controversy about t of "retaliation," and also by a popula unnatural, misunderstanding about th sibility for attacking the Germans by tance air flights. The purpose of the raiders is obvious enough. They intend do such direct military damage as they simultaneously to undermine the mor nation so as to produce a desire for per purpose should be exactly the same, w not mean that we should allow oursel diverted from important military objec mere raid on civilians. What it does n ever, is that the best judge of those m jectives is not necessarily the general co any particular section of the battle fro jective is those forces of the enemy with himself is engaged, and he will always rightly fight, for the last aeroplane, ar pilot ready to be added to his army. words, it is absurd to talk as though of attacking the German (as oppo Belgian) towns were frustrated by a Cabinet against the wishes of "the the front." On the contrary, it is pr requirements of the soldiers at the fron a limit to the policy of long-distance The real responsibility for decision in other matters, rests with the General War Office, the expert advisers on the the war as a whole.