

distribution which was inaugurated a few months ago on behalf of the Society Vincent de Paul, is working very satisfactorily and smoothly, and, furthermore, the spirit in which it was conceived and carried out is fully appreciated by those to whom it is intended to benefit. The principle underlying the system is, as the report says, to "eliminate the savour of pauperism from the charity," by obtaining from the recipients themselves the means of their relief. The weekly payments of small sums to ensure delivery of stipulated quantities of coal within a certain time. Thus the poor become contraries towards the cost, and thus also a spirit of thrift and self-reliance is inculcated amongst them and carried into practical effect, for we see by the report that the same was most cheerfully taken up last year, and the payments punctually made during the Summer and Autumn months when the scheme was in operation in anticipation of the needs of the ensuing winter. Commencing early in December and finishing at the end of March no less than 5,610 deliveries were made at the expense of the poor, and in all some 280 tons of coal handled. An interval of ten days elapsed between the deliveries, the effecting of which brought home to the poor the need of frugality and economy. The scheme, therefore, proved very satisfactory from every point of view, and the Honorary Secretaries, Mr John J Dandon and Mr James Murphy, with the Committee and other members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, are to be congratulated on the solid work done on the most economic lines, and at the same time with every regard for the requirements of deserving cases and their conditions and circumstances in life. The good work has now been started for another year. Tuesday's meeting, as we have already reported, gave it a good send off, and we feel assured that as in past seasons the charitable public in the city will not only liberally support it, but that as the circumstances of these strenuous times demand, they will subscribe even more generously than hitherto towards a Fund which for so long a span of years has been prominently associated with Limerick charities. Doubtless later on it may be possible to arrange a concert or other entertainment in aid of the Fund. In that event we can rely on local talent, if appealed to, to make it a distinct success.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Influenza Epidemic.

Enquiries made yesterday point to the view that the influenza epidemic has practically spent itself in the city. Although the number of persons suffering from the malady is large, the death rate has not been so high as in other places. The precautionary measures taken to combat the disease would appear to have been effective, but there yet remains much to be done before medical opinion can with any degree of safety say that the crisis has passed. The Limerick Board of Guardians with the concurrence of the Local Government Board, have taken effective steps to relieve distress among the poorer classes. They have

ruled, said that there had been a number of patients admitted, and in the cases of some of them, he thought the Board would agree with him, the relief should be by way of loan. As to how much should be given in the different cases, he supposed it would be according to the circumstances.

The cases were gone through, and the rates of payment fixed.

OBITUARY.

MRS R HOLMES.

Numerous friends in Limerick and Clare will regret to hear of the death, which took place yesterday at her residence, Island View, Athlunkard, of Mrs Kate Holmes, widow of the late Mr Robert Holmes, and sister-in-law of the late Dr John Holmes, the Crescent. The deceased lady, who was very highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, had been unwell for but a fortnight or so. Deep sympathy is expressed with her son, Dr J Holmes, Resident Physician of Barrington's Hospital, and other members of the family in their bereavement. The funeral takes place to-morrow from Parteen parochial church at 1 p.m. after High Mass, which begins at 10.30 a.m.

MRS ELIZABETH KERR.

The death, which is generally regretted in St John's Parish, took place on Monday morning, after a very brief illness, of Mrs Elizabeth Kerr. The deceased was wife of the late Mr Jas Kerr, of Messrs Jas Bonnatyne and Sons, Ltd, and was held in the highest respect by all who knew her. The funeral took place on Wednesday, from St John's Church, where the remains lay overnight, for the family burial-place at Kilmurry. The burial service was conducted by the Rev Canon Ross-Lewin and Rev Canon Swain.

MISS N. E. MCKINLEY.

Numerous friends in the city will regret to hear of the death, which occurred yesterday at 21 Wolfe Tone-street, after a short illness, of Miss Mary Elizabeth (May) McKinley, eldest daughter of Mr James McKinley, to whom, with his family, sincere sympathy is expressed. The funeral takes place on Friday morning at 9.30 for St Munchin's.

FUNERAL OF MISS E. HOLLIDAY.

The remains of the late Miss Edna Holliday, whose lamented death took place on Monday, were interred yesterday morning in St Mary's Cathedral Cemetery. The funeral, which was large and representative, left Ross Ville, Corbally, at 10 o'clock, and was expressive of the sympathy felt for Mr W Holliday and family in their bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Mr William Holliday (father); Messrs Eldred, Ralph, Thomas, and Valentine Holliday (brothers); Mr D Thompson (uncle); Messrs Dixon Holliday, William Holliday, Charles, Eric, and Holly Thompson, and Alfred Mills (cousins).

The Rev A E Hewetson officiated at the graveside.

THE LATE MR C GLEESON.

At the meeting of the Corporation Committee last night, the Mayor presiding, on the motion of Mr P O'Flynn, seconded by Mr R P O'Connor, a vote of condolence and sympathy was tendered to Mr J Gleeson, B.C., on the death of his brother, Mr Cornelius Gleeson. The Mayor associated himself with the resolution, a copy of which was ordered to be forwarded to Mr Gleeson.

CORK DOCTOR'S DEATH IN PRETORIA.

The death took place on October 23rd of Dr Donal M Barry, at the age of 35, in the General Hospital, Pretoria, where he was Pathologist. A

war in Germany.—
Irish Guards—Kirk, 8947 P.
Royal Irish Regiment—Brown, 5164 J; 5132 P; Fitzgerald, 5915 M; Harp, 675; McNamara, 5820 J; Maley, 7531 G; 8869 J; Nevin, 6728 P; O'Mahoney, Pender, 4629 M; Rainey, 25723 W; Smit C.

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers—Davidson J W; Gavanagh, 9029 E; McLucas, 2 Oliver, 40560 H.

Royal Irish Rifles—Anderson, 1724 B; 6307 J; Burns, 5408 W J; Bartoo, 473 A; Caldwell, 101 H; Carswell, 9315 J; 4653 J; Ducie, 10052 J; Greene, 6439 J; 14674 J; Magowan, 480 W J; Stewart, 1

Royal Irish Fusiliers—Murray, 42110 A; 43227 C.

Connaught Rangers—Cawley, 8552, T; 4320 W; Kelleher, 9082 D; Murphy, 75

Leinster Regiment—L'hone, 5742 P.
Royal Munster Fusiliers—Cashman, Holmes, 7791 J; Marley, 8049 J A; 8254 W; O'Donovan, 1398 D; O'Sullivan J; Purcell, 8077 J.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Bradley, 11 Jones, 11807 P J; McEvoy, 27613 E.

Germany Signs Prison Agreement.

The German Government, a Berlin announcement, has ratified the agreement for prisoners of war, concluded with Great Britain at The Hague on July 14. It has abandoned demand for the intervention of the Bri- tish Government to prevent the deportation of ment of the Germans in China, and declared satisfied with the promise of the British Government, expressed by its delegates at The Conference, regarding the repatriation of Germans in China desiring it on the same have been applied to Germans in the Colonies. On the other hand, the German ment has informed the British Government a neutral channel that it is unable to agree latter's proposal for an amendment of the ment providing for the retention in Hol Switzerland of U boat non-commissioned and men interned in these countries.

Disturbances at Kiel

Many Killed and Injured

The "Cologne Gazette," according to an Amsterdam telegram, states that eight were killed and twenty-nine wounded in ances at Kiel on Sunday, on the occasion meeting in the drill ground, and all sailors and workmen, who were addressed Independent Socialist. A procession was and set out for Mirkry Prison, the dem- seizing various arms en route, and forcing way into public-houses in order to sailors and workmen to join them. The demonstration was to release by force their naval squadron.

Bohemia Recognise

A telegram from Prague states German Government has notified General Assembly that they are ready to the Czecho-Slovak Government as an in State, and urge the latter to send a representative to Berlin.

Freedom of Rumania

Message From United States

It is announced in Washington that has secured the influence of U.S.A. in to secure justice for her political and rights at the final Peace Conference.

The Kaiser Thanks the