

The City Rates Reduced.

The Corporation at its quarterly meeting on Thursday night struck a cumulative rate of 23s in the £ to serve the purposes of the city for the year ending the 31st March, 1923. The reduction was more than had been expected, and the Council are entitled to the thanks of the citizens for their action. Last year the rate reached the high level of 27s 2d, which was regarded as an intolerable burden in times when business was bad, and the outlook far from optimistic. By cutting down the rate by 4s 8d, the Corporation has effected a saving of £15,000, and has done this without in any way interfering with the public services. As a matter of fact, in the reduced estimate the Corporation has provided for re-paving a mile of streets, and the building of a large number of working class houses. Work of this nature is badly needed in the city, and must be regarded as productive, and making for contentment and happiness of the workers generally. Each and every member of the Council spared no pains to bring the rate down to a reasonable level, which will lead the way to a development of trade in our midst.

DEATH OF MR JAMES POE ALTON.

We much regret says the "Irish Times," to announce the death of Mr James Poe Alton, which took place yesterday at his residence, 4 Herbert-street, Dublin. Mr Alton was the elder son of the late Mr John Bindon Alton, of Corbalry, Limerick, and had recently retired from the position of Chief Inspector of the National Bank, Ltd. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, and one of the oldest members of the Dublin Sketching Club. His death, which was due to heart-failure, was very sudden.

In addition to the abilities which made him one of the most distinguished members of the banking profession in Ireland, Mr Alton was a student of music and an accomplished painter. He is survived by his widow and by four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons held high positions in the banking world, and the eldest is Mr E. H. Alton, Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.

ATTEMPTED CITY BURGLARY.

An attempt which was frustrated by the timely arrival of the Republican Police, was made to burgle the grocery, wine, and spirit establishment of William Moy early yesterday morning. The burglars essayed to effect an entrance by the Cecil street entrance, and had almost succeeded when the Police arrived and the thieves decamped.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Lord Bishop, who will also preach a 7 p.m. Service on Good Friday.

Sunday Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—The Sunday before Easter—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and Holy Communion, 11 o'clock:—Hymn, Venite, Ouseley in E; Psalm 4; Crotchete Deum, Woodward, Smith, and Turle; late, Kelway in D; Hymn, 121; Introit, Communion Service, Stewart in G; Preacher, Dean. Evensong, 3.30 o'clock:—Psalm Dupuis in A; Service, Tours in F; An "Who is this" (Arnold); Hymns, 651 (Psalm) and 120; Preacher, the Lord Bishop. Voluntary—Fugue, B minor (Bach).

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—6th Sunday in —8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer. Preacher, Chancellor Swain, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 —Ante-Communion Service. Thursday, 11 —Holy Communion. Good Friday—11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany; 3 p.m., Evening Prayer.

TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday next before 1 —Collections on behalf of the Limerick Protestant Orphan Society.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30; Preacher, the Archdeacon. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, Rev. V. Dobbis, B.A. Children's Service at 2.30.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Sunday next before 1 —Morning Prayer at 11.30; Preacher, Rev. Dobbis, B.A. Evening Prayer at 7.0; Preacher, the Archdeacon.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—6th Sunday in 1 —Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, Passion Week—Each evening at 8 p.m.; Friday, 11.30 a.m. Preacher, Canon Kere.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parteen).—Morning Prayer, 11.45. Preacher, Rev. A. E. Hawley, M.A.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street).—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Preacher, A. W. Neill, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH (George-street).—Morning Service at 11.30; Evening Service at 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. K. J. Elliott.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Morning, 11.30; Evening (Baptismal Service), 6.30. Preacher, J. W. Pearce, Dublin. Wednesday—Morning, 8 a.m.

CLARINA PARISH.—Morning Service, 11 o'clock; Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

CASTLECONNELL CHURCH.—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 5.30.

ADARE PARISH CHURCH.—Morning Prayer, 11.30 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 6 o'clock.

GOSPEL HALL (Mallow-street).—Morning Service, 11 o'clock; Evening, 8.0.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil-street).—Sunday, April 9—Morning, 11 o'clock.