

importance to the country, and the discussion on the several Bills when they are presented to the Dail will be followed with keen interest by all sections of the community in the Irish Free State.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Fuel and Blanket Fund.

The Fuel and Blanket Fund is an institution which for a long span of years has performed an excellent work of charity amongst the deserving poor of this city. The distribution of fuel during the bleak and dreary winter months brings a ray of comfort into cheerless homes where the want of employment is acutely felt. There is unfortunately a large amount of unemployment in our midst to-day, and it is satisfactory to note that arrangements are being made for carrying out the philanthropic work of the Fuel and Blanket Fund as speedily as possible. We learn that the annual meeting will be held in the Iowa Hall next Friday afternoon at four o'clock, and when an appeal is made to the citizens for the necessary financial support, we feel assured it will be forthcoming in the usual prompt and generous manner.

P. Y. M. A.

Junior Branch Literary Class.

On Thursday last a very interesting debate took place in the class-room of the above Association. The subject, "That a miniature billiard table be allowed in the junior room," was a very wide one, and there was much to be said on each side. Mr J Widdess opened the debate with a strong speech for the affirmative; and Mr J. J. Ruddock delivered a fine address in the negative. The speakers for the affirmative were—Messrs O Downey, H Buchanan, and J Morris. For the negative—Messrs R Evans, J E Johnstone, and J Roche. When put to a vote the affirmative was declared the winning side.

THE LATE MR JOHN MCCARTHY, CANNOCK & CO.

At a specially convened meeting of the staff of Cannock and Co, Mr D Enright presiding, a vote of condolence was directed to be sent to the widow and family of the late Mr John McCarthy, who for 41 years was a well-known and highly esteemed member of the staff of the firm, and who recently passed away, to the regret of all who knew him.

It was also decided to open a subscription list on behalf of the family, and we are asked to state that subscriptions may be forwarded to Hon Secs, Messrs W H Walpole and E Frost, c/o of Cannock and Co.

WM B. FITT'S LAND SALES.

At the Salesrooms, 48 O'Connell Street.

To-day, Mr Wm B Fitt offered the interest in the lands of Kilgrogan, containing 122a 8r 2p. Statute measure, subject to the annuity of £20 11s; Board of Works cess, half yearly, £6 10s; P.L.V. £54 5s. Not reaching reserve price they were withdrawn for disposal by private treaty. Part of the lands of Blackabbey, containing 5a 1r 33p, Statute measure, yearly tenancy; rent, 2 8s; P.L.V. £4 15s; were sold for the sum of £310 and commission, the purchaser being Mr David Hogan. Mr E D Hunt, solicitor, had

St. JOHN'S CHURCH—24th Sunday—Armistice Day—Morning Prayer at 10.45; Minutes' Silence at 11.0; Preacher, Rev. W Dobbin, B.A. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher the Archdeacon.

St. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—24th Sunday Trinity.—Armistice Day.—Morning Service 10.45; Evening Service, 6.30. Congregational Bible Class, Monday, 8 p.m. Service of P Wednesday, 8 p.m.

St. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parteen)—24th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer, 11.45. Preacher, Rev. A. E. Hewetson, M.A.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street) Morning Service, 10.45; Two Minutes' Silence 11.0. Evening Service, 6.30. Preacher and Services, Rev. A. W. Neil.

METHODIST CHURCH (O'Connell-street).—Morning Service at 10.45; Evening Service at 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. Wm H. B.Com. Meeting for Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Speaker, Mr G. H. Weir, Dublin. Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

CIARINA PARISH—Morning Service, 10 o'clock; Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

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

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

GOSPEL HALL (Mallow-street)—Morning 10 o'clock; Evening, 8.0. Bible Reading of day, 8 p.m.

THE HALL, Cecil-street.—Gospel Meeting, Sunday; Speaker, Mr George M. of Bray. Bible Reading, 8 p.m., Monday.

ARMISTICE DAY.

To-day and to-morrow are being observed in Great Britain and Ireland as Days of Mourning and Thanksgiving in connection with the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the fighting in the Great War. Services in the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Limerick will be held to commence to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Two minutes' silence will be observed at 11 o'clock.

To-day "Poppies for Remembrance" will be sold throughout Great Britain and Ireland in many places abroad, in aid of disabled men of all ranks and their dependents. Money received for the poppies sold will, it is announced, go to funds for the benefit of only Irish ex-service men.

A Flag Day in connection with the appeal for the Irish Legion of ex-service men will be held in Limerick to-day. Many men engaged selling "Poppies for Remembrance" weather being fine they did a good trade during the day.

IRISH CIVIL SERVICE BILL

The Civil Service Registration Bill 1923, which is to be read a second time in the Dail next week, has been amended. The proposed measure is the same as the Civil Service Act, passed by the Dail last August, with a few amendments. The first Act was a temporary measure to expire in six months. A new Bill is intended to give permanent effect to the provisions of the Act.

New Ross Haughton Hospital Govt. sympathy to Mr A D Place on the death of his father, Mr J A Place, who, until recently, had resided in Limerick, where he