

so far, than they have been for many seasons that have passed.

DEATH OF VERY REV. CANON O'DRISCOLL, P.P., V.F.

We regret extremely to announce the death, which took place rather unexpectedly at St Munchin's Parochial House early this morning, of the Very Rev. David Canon O'Driscoll, P.P., V.F. For some time past—in fact, since August last—the rev. gentleman had not been in good health, but he continued to discharge the duties of his sacred office with the same zeal and devotion that always characterised his ministry. Canon O'Driscoll, who was a native of Kilmallock, was ordained at Maynooth 40 years ago. His first curacy was Kilmallock and then at Bruff. He was subsequently translated to St Munchin's Diocesan College, Limerick, where he taught on the professional staff for some years. He later became Vice-President, and on the resignation of the late Rev Fr Conway from the pastoral charge of St Patrick's, Canon O'Driscoll was appointed Parish Priest. In 1914, on the death of the Very Rev Andrew Canon Murphy, he was translated to the pastorate of St Munchin. A conspicuous feature in connection with Canon O'Driscoll's ministry was his zeal in connection with the erection of the new Church of St Munchin's, the foundation stone of which was laid on the 3rd January, 1920, the Feast of the Patron Saint of the Parish. The late lamented Canon was for some years a member of the District Mental Hospital Committee, as well as a member of the County Limerick University Scholarships Committee, and at the time of his death was President of the Catholic Literary Institute. Canon O'Driscoll's demise is universally regretted by the citizens of every class and creed.

The funeral is announced to take place on Monday.

DEATH OF MR J. E. MURPHY.

We regret to record the death of Mr James Edward Murphy, formerly agent of the Limerick Branch of the Bank of Ireland, which took place on Tuesday at Malahide, County Dublin, at an advanced age. Mr Murphy succeeded his father as Agent of the Bank in Limerick, and for some 25 years filled that position from which he retired in 1908. He was a most courteous and kindly gentleman, and was in the highest esteem and regard by the members of the Bank and the community. The late Mr Murphy was father-in-law of J. Phelps, a prominent member of the Irish Bar.

ENTERTAINMENT AT DIOCESAN HALL.

A variety entertainment, under the direction of Mr R. M. Johnstun, will be held in aid of the Protestant Orphan Society on Wednesday next at three o'clock, and on the following Thursday evening at eight. An excellent programme, supported by local amateurs, will be presented. Part I consists of "Jake's Joke," and "The Lost Umbrella," and Part II "The Sleeping Beauty," a children's fairy play. Mirth, artistic effect, and dramatic talent are assured, and the merits of the entertainment and the deserving cause in which it is being held should attract crowded houses to the Diocesan Hall.

LIMERICK POST OFFICE.

Sunday Hours of Opening.

We are officially informed that on and from Sunday next, the 9th instant, the Sunday hours of opening will be as follows:—

8.30. Wednesday—Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

CHARINA PARISH—Morning Service, 11.30 o'clock; Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

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

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

GEORGE HALL (Mallow-street)—Morning, 11.30 o'clock; Evening, 8.0. Bible Reading on Thursday, 8 p.m.

FRINERS' MARRIAGE HOUSE (Cecil-street).—Sunday, 11 a.m.

CHOL STREET HALL (36 Cecil-street)—Sunday—Children's Service, 3.30; Gospel Meeting, 8.0 p.m. Monday—Bible Reading, 8.0 p.m.

THE NATIONAL LOAN.

At a meeting of the Committee of the County Limerick Insurance Society on Wednesday, the Rev. Fr. Rea, S.C., presiding, Mr M C Burke, esq., proposed that the Committee invest the sum of £4,199 in the National Loan. He pointed out that it was necessary that the issue should be well supported by the people, who had now their own Government. There was a vast amount of Irish money invested in foreign securities, and in that way they were helping to build up on economic lines those countries in which that money was invested. By subscribing to their own loan the money remained in the country to build up its industries and national credit.

Mr D Naughton, Co. C, seconded the proposition which was unanimously agreed to.

SOUTH OF IRELAND GUN CLUB.

The South of Ireland Gun Club held its first field trials for pointers and setters on Thursday over Lord Castletown's lands and adjoining moors near Doneraile. There was a large attendance of sportsmen from various parts of the country, and a good day's sport was provided, the arrangements being all that could be desired. Lord Castletown, who is Vice-President of the Club, was among those present, and the MacGillivuddy of the Reeks as judge gave entire satisfaction.

The first prize was given to Mr P Cronin's Irish setter Cloughdarig (Killarney). The judge placed Mr R Walshe's Nellie of Kilkee and Mr Wm Fahy's setter Galtymore on equal terms for second and third prizes.

The prize for best handler was awarded to Mr James Flynn, Ballisshinoh, Knocklong.

Certificates of merit were awarded to Mr Flynn's Kitty Rau and Mr C J O'Mara's Rooper's Tip.

DROWNED MAN IDENTIFIED.

The body of the man recovered from the Shannon opposite the Condensed Milk Factory on Saturday last, and upon which an inquest was held on Monday, has been identified as that of William Cummins, an ex-member of the National Army. His identity was established by a woman with whom he lodged for some time at Myles street, and his sister, who lives in London, has been communicated with.

"THE PRISONER OF ZENDA" is coming.

L.P.Y.M.A.

JUNIOR BRANCH LITERARY CLASS.

In the Class Room of the above Association on

as to how the fire originated.

LIMERICK NO COURT

At the monthly meeting of the District Council on Saturday last, Mr M C Burke, Chairman, Co. C, presided. Present: Mr M Hyland, P. Hourigan, J Hynes, T F Hayes, J P Byrne, J Moloney.

Messrs John O'Grady, C. Engineer, were the officials.

The resolution of the Council requesting the Government to deal adequately with the workers in rural areas was adopted.

Attention was directed to the difficulty of procuring tickets for the Charities Act owing to the members of the Board of Health.

A resolution was adopted giving Health to give power to the District Councillors, and to the Board of Health.

Relative to the repair of the Council decided that the Council advertised for contractors to prepare by the Engineer, pumps in repair and that began from 1st January, 1921.

Mr Bartley, rent collector, reported that a number of cottiers were in arrears.

The Council decided to meet next meeting, the Clerk to be in the meantime.

A resolution from the Limerick Council protesting against the proposed Bill was read, and after consideration was adjourned, members to be circulated.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Local Government was read:

"The Minister for Local Government, under consideration your Council to meet half the cost of the Marree Memorial Competition at Marree, in substitution of which they removed, and I position of the Council in would not be free from doubt, but having regard to the need expenditure directly of a memorial to men who were killed in the war, and also to the fact that the Council has improved the town and has improved the position of the town, it does not appear to him that any substantial objection could arise."

The Clerk said the amount of the memorial was £100.

The letter was marked "10s."

NORTH CLARE COUNTY

Medical Candidate Position

The appointment to the position of Medical Officer of Health for the County Clare of Mr James I. It is incumbent upon him to resign the position held by him in the County Clare, and those in the position of Coroner, the duties of which have been performed for a number of years. His resignation of this position was already an exceptionally successful career in operation among the medical profession, and the candidates aspiring to the position include two medical practitioners, Mr J. J. O'Connell and Dr J. J. O'Connell.