

Justice proposed was established for Dublin and district, other local authorities, town and country, might invoke their powers under the Act, and thus improve the wage-earning capacity of a large and at present unknown number of young Irish citizens." The proceedings of the coming conference will, therefore, be very important as affecting the uplifting and the future career of the rising generation in humble life, and we have no doubt it is a subject that enlists the practical sympathy of local authorities in the Irish Free State.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Some Rain.

After a spell of some three weeks of tropical sunshine, some rain fell overnight and early this morning in Limerick district. The sprinkling, for it was not much more, is welcomed by the farmer, as it will be beneficial to mangolds and turnips, and corncross meadows, while in the city, especially in the suburbs, it has had the effect of allaying the dust nuisance, which was irritating to householders. It does not look as if there is any break in the weather, though to-day the sky was somewhat over-cast.

### DEATH OF DR. C. A. WICKHAM.

We regret to announce the death, which took place this morning at his residence, Southbourne, Hants, of Dr Charles A. Wickham, one of the younger sons of the late Mr E. L. Wickham, of this city. Deceased, who was widely known, enjoyed a large professional practice in England, had a distinguished college career, and served during the European war in the R.A.M.C. holding the rank of captain. Many old friends in Limerick will hear of his death with sorrow. Dr Wickham had been in failing health for some time past. In his day he was a prominent member of the Limerick Boat Club, and rowed for it at many regattas on Irish waters.

### THE GRAND CENTRAL.

Before large audiences last night a very fine film "The Passionate Adventure," in eight parts, was produced at the Grand Central, and as it will again be shown to-night and Wednesday, should not be missed. It is adapted from the sensational novel written by Frank Stayton, and it develops the thesis that there are two natures in every man—the normal and the abnormal—by telling the story of Adrien and Drusilla St Clair. This problem drama of human psychology is brilliantly played by a splendid cast, headed by Alice Joyce, Marjorie Dew, and Olive Brook.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday there will be another great attraction in Jackie Coogan's finest work "Little Robinson Crusoe," in six parts, the story telling of a little walf and his cat shipwrecked and stranded on a South Sea Island. It will be of great interest to young folk.

and D. Bourke; Councillors M. P. Colivet, Gilligan, P. Doyle, M. J. Keyer, T. McNamara, Dalton, J. Canty, M. Barry, D. Flynn, P. Walsh, P. O'Callaghan, and J. Cronin—17.

The candidates were not eligible to vote owing to a legal decision.

The Mayor then declared Councillor O'Brien elected Mayor, and amid applause invested him with the insignia of office. He should, he said, desire to thank the officials and Corporation for the help and assistance given him during his term of office.

In returning thanks the Mayor, who had a very cordial and enthusiastic reception, said he did not ambition the office, but when he was put forward by his friends he had no alternative but to stand. His opponent, Alderman McInerney had put up a clean fight during the contest and one thing he (Mayor) was pleased with and would never forget, was the fidelity with which his friends stood by him. The loyalty was never shaken, and that was something to feel proud of, although the margin of votes that gave him victory was narrow. As far as the Progressive Party was concerned, their policy would be one of looking forward, and on their banner was inscribed the one word "Progress," and the betterment of the people of Limerick. He was not in a position at the moment to lay the Progressive programme before them, but its object was to make the city what it ought to be—prosperous. There was a magnificent chance of doing that, within the next few years big things were promised, and then Limerick should be second to none in this country. There was a great future before Limerick; its prospects were very great, and if they were reasonable people, and put no obstacles in the way, the industrial revival that would follow would be immeasurable. It was a certainty the results would be great. The health of the city, continued the Mayor, was a subject that should engage their close and serious attention. The mortality rate was altogether too high in Limerick, and was doubled that of London. There was no reason why Limerick death rate should be greater than London, and concluding he said, if when the Progressive programme was developed, and if within the next three or four months they had not done right, the citizens then it was up to the Council to get them clear out. (Applause.)

Alderman McInerney, in thanking his supporters said had his party stood loyally by him he would now be Mayor of the city.

Mr Walsh said as far as the Labour Party was concerned, the Mayor could always count on their support and co-operation in carrying out the duties of the chair. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Colivet, in proposing a vote of thanks to outgoing Mayor, regretted the policy of electing republican Mayors had been broken, but hoped it would be soon renewed.

Mr P. Bourke seconded the vote of thanks on personal grounds. He trusted that under the new conditions there would be an end to log-rolling, nepotism and favouritism which were the main stock of the Corporations that preceded the one that had gone out of office. Alderman de Courcy was a worthy citizen and was entitled to the respect and esteem.

The Mayor, in conveying the vote to Alderman de Courcy, said during his occupancy of the Mayoral chair he was absolutely impartial.

Alderman de Courcy, returning thanks, said had been stated that there should be no political views introduced into public board. Well, he held that Corporation had a perfect right to assert political views in the same way as any individual. As long as he was a member of that Council