

making, in which old and young partake. For the children, the great which we observe to-morrow, holds assurance of delight, but there are, usually, many who will not, because of their instances, be able to avail of the round assurance for which the season is characteristic. There are many, consequent on prevailing distress, who will have to pass this Christmas without anything to do. That is a sad outlook, but it can be remedied by cheerful giving on the part of those who are comfortably placed. The harshness of the weather is another factor militating against the poor, and during the past week or so the conditions atmospherically have been decidedly uninviting. While this country has escaped the heavy snowfalls prevailing cross-Channel and on the Continent, still the weather has been unkind and severe. The indications at the present point to a reasonable Christmas. There is one thing we can congratulate ourselves on, and that is that peace has been unheeded to our island after seven or eight years of bitter strife. That is, in itself, the greatest of blessings, and augurs well for the future prosperity and contentment of the people. A happy Christmas, without any real happiness in our national affairs, would be nothing better than a delusion, but on this occasion it is a reality. As far as ourselves are concerned, it is our sincerest wish that our readers will, at this festive season, enjoy a happy and pleasant Christmas, and a prosperous New Year, and in this greeting we extend them with the utmost cordiality and goodwill.

LIMERICK CORPORATION.

Cardinal O'Donnell
Congratulated.

The Mayor (Councillor P. A. O'Brien) presided at a special meeting of the Limerick Corporation last night. There were also present—Aldermen P. Donnellan, P. J. Henihan, P. O'Flynn, J. Ryan, J. Thompson, D. Bourke, Councillors J. Hall, T. McNamara, H. L. Piacé, J. Fitzel, J. G. O'Brien, W. Hickey, C. Gilligan, M. Barry, P. Cusack, J. O'Halloran, P. Moore, J. Dalton, and M. S. Power, with Mr. P. Conlon, Assistant Town Clerk.

Mr. Dalton proposed that application be made to the Minister of Local Government under the

Sunday Services.

St. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—1st Sunday after Christmas—8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer. Preacher, the Rector. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Evening Prayer and Address.

TRINITY CHURCH.—1st Sunday after Christmas—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30; Preacher, the Archdeacon. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, Rev. O. W. Griffin, B.A. Children's Service at 3.30.

St. JOHN'S CHURCH.—1st Sunday after Christmas—Morning Prayer at 11.30; Preacher, Rev. T. G. Harpu, M.A. Evening Prayer at 6.30 (Carol Service); Preacher, the Archdeacon.

St. MURDOCH'S CHURCH.—1st Sunday after Christmas—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion 11.30; Evening Prayer, 6.30. Preacher, Canon Robertson. Congregational Bible Class, Monday, 8 p.m. Short Service for Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

St. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parteen).—4th Sunday in Advent—Matins, 11.45. Preacher, Rev. O. W. Griffin.

St. JOHN'S CHURCH (Newport).—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 6.0.

KILLOSULLY CHURCH.—Morning Prayer, 10.0 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street).—Sunday Services, 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.; Preacher at both Services, Rev. A. W. Neill, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH (O'Connell-st.).—Morning Service at 11.30; Evening Service at 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. Wm. Corrigan.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Preacher, Pastor J. W. Pearce. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Bible Class; Wednesday, 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting. Friday, 8 p.m., Sisters' Prayer Meeting.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE (Ceol Street).—Sunday, 11 a.m.

GOSEAL HALL (Mallow-street).—Lord's Day—Morning, 11.30 a.m.; Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.; Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday—Bible Reading, 8 p.m.

DEATH OF MRS VAN NESS.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Josephine Van Ness, which took place at San Remo, on the 14th of this month, after a brief illness. The deceased lady succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, and was wife of Major William W. Van Ness, F.R.G.S., who she married twenty years ago. She was daughter of the late Mr. Thomas McMahon O'Connell, street, Limerick, a gentleman who was for many years connected with the civic life of Limerick. The late Mrs. Van Ness was a lady of very amiable disposition, charitable and kindly, and her death will be learned with sincere sorrow in her native city.

GALE SWEEPS FRANCE.

Most un-Christmas-like weather has succeeded last week's snow and frosts. The temperature has risen considerably, and heavy rain has fallen in many districts. The rain is accompanied by south-west gale, which is causing a good deal of damage in different parts of the country. Near Tours, where the force of the wind was estimated at the time at over forty miles an hour on the ground and over eight miles at a height of 160 feet, a high wall was blown down, a workman being killed, and three others injured.

LONDON AGENT

King George in his speech of Parliament, expressed the Agreement, for the confirmation given an assent to a Bill operation and strengthen the

His Majesty refers to the had received by the message all conditions and classes of Dominions and foreign dominions his beloved mother. He had by the account which the given him of the warm accorded to him on the occasion of South Africa, West Africa, and he was proud to think served to deepen the affection of the people and to strengthen the ties between Britain with the peoples of the

Referring to the signing of his Majesty expresses his belief that it will prove to be not of a true peace between the of a friendly co-operation, will benefit the whole world. His gratitude to all those through had co-operated in the great he is sure that the increased had brought of the resources people would have lasting at

Reviewing legislation, the his Majesty is following the into the economic position with anxious interest and the efforts of the Commissioners the ungrudging effort of all solution for the problems of

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Test Case

An action, heard by Sir by plaintiff, and regarded the salaries of National more especially to the 10 decided against appellant.

Appellant was Mr. M. L. Model School, Dublin, an Attorney-General and of he was whether the award Arbitration Board with service conditions as embodied the new Commissioners was a contract enforceable was contended on behalf of the appeal

In his judgment, in the Justice Meredith held in of 1920 as to a permanent binding on the Commission; but that the salary Commissioners pleased.

With that judgment the agreement, and they used the plaintiff on practical the appeal.

PUBLIC.

WAGES

The latest addition to fiction is a cleverly written author, Mr. P. C. V. and reasoner. The novel quite unconventional line of romance, and like Geste," has come and is published at the moment bookshelves are making