

figures:—£1 certificates (purchase price 15s. 6d.) sold—1926, 94,329; 1925, 66,013, or an increase of 28,316 in numbers. The position with regard to Associations, especially in the schools, has been consolidated during the year. The net working total of Associations is 1,779, through which 75,318 certificates have been purchased by small instalments. The National School teachers have given their hearty co-operation in this important branch of the work, and the Central Committee is confident that the present year will see the majority of the schools affiliated. Arrangements, too, have been made for the establishment of Savings Committees in the larger centres of population during the next twelve months. Already Committees representative of all classes and creeds have been set up in the Cities of Cork and Limerick. These bodies will shortly launch a campaign among employers and workers for the formation of thrift clubs in business houses, factories, etc., and success is already practically assured.

## YOUNG LIMERICK OFFICER DROWNED IN INDIA.

We regret very much to state that news was received in Limerick yesterday that Mr Geoffrey Ellis Goodbody, only son of the late Mr J. Ellis Goodbody, of this city, has been drowned at Quetta, India. Details are lacking, but it appears that the young gentleman, who was only 23½ years of age, had just left for India to take up duty as an officer with his regiment in that country. Deep sympathy will be expressed to his bereaved mother and relatives in the great sorrow which has so unexpectedly come to them.

## LECTURE ON SOCIAL INSURANCE.

There was a large audience in the Athenaeum Hall on Sunday night, when Mr L. J. Duffy, General Secretary Irish Distributive Workers' Union, delivered a lecture on Social Insurance and National Health. Mr A. Lyons presided, and in the course of his address Mr Duffy referred to State insurance with the object of making provision for the workers in old age. The existing system of Health and Unemployment Insurance did not go far enough, and what was wanted was a system that would give greater and better security to the workers in case of sickness and unemploy-

year.  
The Committee wish to thank E Esq., for a donation of £29 11s 3 of performance of 'Capital an promoted by him.

"The Committee wish to Borough Council for their annu £400, all friends who continue to of fruit, jam, vegetables, and flo use of the patients; to the Ho Surgical, and Dental Staff for the gratuitous services; to Dr. Du Coffey, and the Nursing Staff; numerous subscribers and benefa

"They also wish particularly t Press of Limerick for their supp claims of the Hospital at all time

"Our thanks are also due to J and Mrs Pitt for their continued the Children's Ward, for which the funds, and which has been occupied during the year, 155 f under treatment in the cots."

The Chairman said they sI gratulate Dr Fogerty on the rep all returned sincere thanks to hi one of the main, if not the mai of the Hospital. (Hear, hear.)

Captain Shaw proposed the the report.

Mr G. B. Ryan, in seconding Hospital had a greater record. year than ever in its history, treated more cases, and the Inst been thoroughly kept up as reg ment and effectiveness. They nothing but praise from patient there and when leaving. He the been on record that many testi come from them as regards the they had received here from the medical staff—which would be to any hospital in the cour were, of course, in debt—a c plaint, which the doctors, notv their skill, were unable (Laughter.) But it was said tha out of debt was not an hospita so they were following the exan hospitals, and the larger th greater support they should h public. They always looked nick public to subscribe libe hospital, and he had no doub had again to make an appeal t the indebtedness would be wip

The Chairman concurred wi

Mr Ryan said that at th they were a little bit disapp number of Governors, which decreasing. He suggested the an appeal to those citizens wh to become Governors of the the small sum of three guine by doing so they would be deal to support the institut interests of the poor of the hear.)