

of the Society's work, and in this
 ion it is manifest that the activi-
 the local Inspector, friendly and
 hetic as they are, have done much
 ove the conditions of home life. The
 as Captain Storey, Irish Organiser
 yesterday, is not only saving the
 n, but is also relieving the burden of
 repayers. The Society, he showed, is
 ggest organisation of its kind in these
 , and the secret of its
 is its voluntary spirit. The
 ent in Limerick is being ener-
 ly carried on by the ladies, amongst
 tribute was deservedly paid by the
 iser to Mrs Gerald E. Goodbody, the
 Sec. The financial position of the
 h, it is gratifying to see, is sound, and
 enabled to carry on with some aid
 the parent body. The report is a
 ying record of what has been done in
 ast year, and reflects the highest
 on the Society and its Inspector.

CURRENT COMMENT.

h weather.
 arch, which came in lamb-like enough,
 ng out something like a lion. Bitterly
 and stormy weather prevails, chiefly from
 orth-west, accompanied by drenching
 pours, and there has been at least one
 tragedy in the wreck of a Cardiff
 ler, which was driven on the rocks near
 , by the fury of the gale on Tuesday
 t, causing the loss of seven of the crew.
 reless operator displayed great gallantry
 h resulted in the rescue of four of his
 ades. Now, with the advent of April
 may well hope for milder conditions,
 h are needed to speed up operations in
 garden and field. Besides, Easter is
 three weeks ahead of us. The weather
 is usually bright and genial, and holi-
 makers are, as of yore, looking forward
 nding the "Clerk of the Weather" in an
 cable mood.

THE RATES ESTIMATE.

meeting of the Whole House
 mittee was held on Tuesday night to
 iffer the rate estimate for the ensuing
 . The Mayor (Mr. P. A. O'Brien)
 ided, and after going into a number of

contralto. In reply to an encore she sang
 "Bonnie Annie Laurie" with sweetness
 and feeling. Mr. E. Hartney gave a
 robust rendition of "The Mighty Deep," while
 Elgar's "Damask Rose" was sung with
 graceful charm by Miss Gertie Lyddy. The
 traditional rendition of "Una Ban" by Mr
 P. McMahon was a feature of the concert,
 and before the close the quartette "Brightly
 Dawns our Wedding Day" was given by
 Misses M. McGowan, M. O'Donovan Messrs
 J. F. Spencer and A. Hogan, and the stirring
 duet "Watchman, What of the Night" by
 Messrs T. A. Spencer and M. Blake. The
 orchestral music was given with ample tone
 and uniformity and was generally helpful in
 making for the success of the concert.

**SHANNON SCHEME EMPLOYEE
 INJURED.**

Martin Brennan, stated to be a native of
 Thurles, was conveyed in the Fire Station
 ambulance to the City Hospital last night
 suffering from serious injuries to the back.
 The injured man was employed on the
 Shannon Power works at Ardnacrusha, and
 while engaged on the light railway was
 accidentally caught by the buffers of an
 engine. It is stated that his spine is
 affected.

DEATH OF MR J. F. BURROWES.

We regret to record the death, which
 occurred yesterday, at 10 St. John's Avenue,
 of Mr. James F. Burrowes, a well known
 and popular member of the Limerick
 Postal Staff. He had some 40 years' service,
 and was ever courteous and obliging in his
 dealings with the public. For some time
 past he had been in failing health. Sincere
 sympathy is extended to his family in their
 bereavement.

CITY 'BUS FARES.

The Corporation has decided to ask the
 proprietor of the St. Anne's omnibuses to
 revise the fares in operation since the
 service was initiated in the city. The mem-
 bers of the Corporation feel that the time is
 opportune for a revision, in view of the
 reduction in price of petrol and other con-
 siderations. Undoubtedly the service given
 to the citizens by the company is as replete
 as possible, and its popularity is shown in
 the numbers that use the buses.

BRILLIANT RATHKEALE STUDENT.

Mr Thomas A. Bouchier-Hayes, who at
 present is pursuing his studies in medicine
 in Trinity College, Dublin, has achieved
 further distinction in the University, thus
 maintaining the high traditions of a family
 so well-known in the medical profession. In

the home life.
 The report was adopted, on the
 Mr Goodbody.
 On the proposition of Mr Flood
 by Mrs Farmer, the outgoing
 Committee and officers were re-e
 Captain Storey, addressing th
 regretted the absence of Mrs G
 body, hon. secretary of the L
 mittee, and said, without being
 that she was the life and
 the Branch. As many as 178
 been investigated during the
 compared with 195 last year, and
 vision visits were 1289, conti
 1,015, which showed that super
 the very backbone of the Soci
 The number of prosecutions ha
 slightly—eight in comparison
 year, but prosecution was not a
 the Society's methods in carryi
 work if it could possibly b
 Prosecution only represented 1
 and in the other 98 per cent.
 sults were obtained without resc
 long arm of the law. It was
 however, that in cases where pro
 found necessary there was no i
 tained against the Society, but i
 happened that the offenders
 Inspector when they realised that
 was good where the child was
 They had not now, as in the e
 the Society, to deal with what
 as cases of cruelty or assault.
 These had practically disappea
 the activities of the Society, ar
 that now come under review
 neglect, but the idea was st
 that parents who were crt
 children were only dealt
 was a very erroneous view,
 covered principally failure to
 clothing and medical attendance
 There was not a single branch
 to deal with another class of
 that was desertion of the chil
 father. Having given instanc
 Society operates in such cases,
 proceeded to say that in that
 were not only saving the chil
 saving the burden of the ratepa
 deserted parent was not trace
 amenable the inevitable result
 children would have to be sup
 rates. The protection of in
 another feature of the Socie
 the prevention of that terrible
 as baby-farming. The soci
 to stamp out baby-farming, a
 proved effective in its metho
 were aware there were only
 of the Society in this country,
 they were quite alert and acti
 never succeed in the task th
 taken without voluntary agen
 the greatest asset the Socie
 Last year 39,000 cases were
 and the grand total since the