

section of the teaching staff be singled out for invidious treatment when it is doing good work—proved by results—not only in Limerick, but in every centre of technical education in the country. At the Congress held in Sligo recently the subject of the abolition of the bonus from central funds was considered, and met with a vociferous protest from the delegates, who denounced the parsimony of the Department in no very unmeasured words. In that protest Limerick joined this week, and it is to be hoped that as a result the Minister will see the error of his way, and withdraw his ill-timed circular, which would only have the effect of forcing Committees to considerably reduce their part-time staffs, with consequent loss to the children, who seek specialised technical knowledge in these schools.

## DEATH OF MR J. N. RUSSELL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr John Norris Russell, which occurred this morning, at his residence 73 O'Connell street. Mr Russell, who was in his 90th year, was the oldest surviving member of an old Limerick family, and a partner in the firm of Messrs J. N. Russell, and Sons, which for more than a century has been conspicuously identified with the milling industry in Limerick, and the adjoining counties. It is now some years, however, since he took an active part in business life. He was a familiar personality, most unassuming, kindly and courteous, and was held in the highest esteem and respect by all who knew him. Up to a few years ago Mr Russell was a member of the Harbour Board, where his services to the port were very highly valued. Few men had a more intimate knowledge of the navigation of the Shannon, or, indeed, of the coast, than he had, for he was a keen sailor in his day, and in his beautiful steam yacht made extensive cruises, in which he interested himself in missions to seamen. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, but beyond these did not take any part in public life. He farmed considerably, and evinced an active interest in agriculture generally. Needless to say, he was interested in anything tending to the welfare of his native city, of which he felt so proud, and there was no one at the present day more conversant with its contemporary history. His death, though at a fine old age, will be heard of with sincere regret by the citizens of all classes, and deep sympathy will be extended to his widow and daughters in their sorrow. Mr Russell, it may be added, was the oldest surviving member of the congregation of the Methodist Church.

The funeral will take place for Ballingrane at ten o'clock on Wednesday next.

The flags at Messrs Russell and Sons are at half-mast.

## NATIONAL THRIFT.

### Meetings at Kilmallock and Rathkeale

It will be seen by advertisement that on Wednesday next, at 8.30 p.m. (old time), a meeting

new song." He dilated on the beauty and meaning of the vision of St. John the Divine, and went on to say that times might be sometimes dark in the life of the individual or the life of the community, but the destiny of mankind is in the Hands of Christ. He alone is the Lord of the future. The preacher proceeded to say that he would like them to think of their Church of Ireland, and its duties in their land. They were a people to whom God had given great privileges and great responsibilities. They had many difficulties in the past—he did not dwell upon these, but he said their witness as a Church might be well expressed in this wonderful passage he had taken where they had witness for God. Let them be true to Him, and never forget the calling He had given them. Their own destinies, the destinies of their land and of mankind were safe in His keeping. Their Choral Festival was a grand offering of praise to God, and it was a great pleasure to his Grace that day to meet together so many members of their Church resident in this part of Ireland.

The Service closed with the Benediction, pronounced by the Primate, and the Recessional Hymn was "All hail the power of Jesus' Name."

The secretarial duties of the Festival were once again very satisfactorily carried out by Canon Griffin, of Ennis.

Subsequent to the Service the members of the choirs and the clergy were entertained to tea by the Bishop of Killaloe and Mrs Patton on the picturesque grounds of Clarisford. Bright sunshine prevailed during the day.

## SHANNON SCHEME.

### Electricity Network System in the City.

#### Branch Office Opened

The erection of the low tension electricity networks system has been put under way in Limerick City by the Electricity Supply Board, and arrangements are being made to connect this system temporarily with the temporary Power Station at Ardnacrusha, until Shannon current will be generated.

As will be observed from our advertising columns, the Board have opened a Branch Office of their Contract Department at 101 O'Connell street, with Mr J. McAnaney in charge.

People who intend getting their houses wired for electricity will receive all information there. Mr McAnaney, we are informed, will not only give quotations for the installation of wiring systems of all kinds, but will also advise prospective consumers in regard to the design of installations.

During the past few months we have published several articles on the uses of electricity in the home. The point particularly emphasised has been that every home should be fully wired at the beginning, that it should be wired not merely for lighting, but also for the use of domestic electrical

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