

ly respected citizen, and formerly Clerk of the Crown and Peace for the City and County of Limerick. This will be of immense benefit to a Society now nearing its centenary, and which during its career has fitted out for the battle of life the thousands committed to its care. There are many of these to-day. Since its foundation 150 children have passed through the ranks of the Society. For years past a heavy debt had been a burden on the institution, but with economic management the burden has been decreasing in recent years. Bazaars, for which the ladies worked with such unremitting zeal, helped to achieve a satisfactory result. Now the Society has gained immeasurably by the late Mr. Champ's munificent bequest. While contributions to the Society will not be necessary in the future, it was suggested at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening last that contributions should be given for the outfit of small schools in the diocese, and no doubt this will appeal with success to those who have hitherto been supporting the Limerick Orphan Society.

BREAK IN THE WEATHER.

A welcome "break" in the prolonged period of drought took place last night in Limerick, when there was a heavy fall of rain. The drought is badly needed for the pastures and growing crops, while in the city and suburbs it has allayed the dust. To-day's weather forecast indicates, generally speaking, so far as Ireland is concerned, "some showers at most places, and possibly thunder: moderate temperature." In Limerick there was a heavy downpour in about one o'clock to-day, accompanied by loud peals of thunder. The afternoon turned out bright and sunny.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

The Great Southern Railways announce that special trains on Sunday next, 7th July, will run to Limerick, Youghal, and Killaloe. See advertisement.

The Earl of Dunraven, who has gone to the south of France, will not return till the 15th of July.

THOMOND FEIS.

Thomond Feis will open to-morrow, when a variety of competitions take place, and these will be continued on Saturday. The programme is a very big one, and interest in the proceedings will be enhanced by the fact that some leading Irish artists, including Mr D. Cox, Ireland's traditional singer, and Mr L. Rowsome, the premier union piper, will appear.

On Sunday Clare and Tipperary will meet on the new Gaelic Grounds, Ennis Road, in the hurling final for the Thomond Shield.

There is no doubt there will be a big number of visitors to the city for the Feis and hurling. An energetic Committee, under the presidency of the Rev Dr Cowper, C.C., is carrying out the arrangements of the Feis.

POWER STATION EMPLOYEES.

The civic deputation that waited on the Shannon Electricity Supply Board in Dublin on Tuesday with reference to the position of the eight men who received notice of termination of their employment at the local Power Station, does not appear to have made a very favourable impression for the retention of the services of these employes. On the question of alternative employment the Board, it has transpired, was not altogether as amenable as the deputation would wish, and the fact is that the mission was rather unsuccessful.

The men in question have given faithful service to the Corporation, and to the Board since the latter took over the Power Station last year.

DEATH OF MISS NORAH O'SULLIVAN.

The death took place at her residence, Mount Pleasant Avenue, last evening of Miss Norah O'Sullivan after an illness of considerable duration, borne with fortitude and patience. The deceased was sister of Mr C. S. O'Sullivan, proprietor and Editor of the "Limerick Echo," with whom and the other members of his family sincere sympathy will be felt in their bereavement. The remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church at 8.30 this evening, and the funeral takes place to-morrow at 3 o'clock for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Miss Nestor's Annual Summer Sale now proceeding. Genuine reductions in all departments.

being less acute in Scot

MUNSTER FUSILIER

There were reunions in Limerick on Saturday of the Royal Old Comrades' Association. The Cork reunion, which took place in that city, took place at the Hotel, and Major M. J. J. who presided, in proposing the toast of the Regiment, referred to the military prowess of the 1st

Capt. Tomlinson respected. Other toasts honoured and "The Imperishable Fallen Comrades." A "Post" was sounded, and silence observed.

The London section under the leadership of D. Crocker marched to the place and placed a wreath to the comrades.

Lt.-Gen. Sir H. Balfour, at the annual dinner, said a number of famous regiments of the Munsters, their association held the ties of friendship that could

LISTOWEL-BALLYBUNION

The Minister for Local Government has made an order permitting the Listowel-Ballybunion Road to be closed to October 15th every year for carrying a vehicle the width of which is limited with pneumatic tyres and seating capacity for not more than two persons exclusive of the driver.

FEWER BRITISH UNEMPLOYED

The numbers of persons registered at unemployment exchanges on June 24th were 763,000 employed, 276,600 temporarily unemployed, 77,300 normally in casual employment, making a total of 1,117,800, less than the week before last by more than a year ago.

The total on June 24th was 875,100 men, 27,100 boys, and 24,300 girls.

A few nights ago the slate quarry at Portroe was closed by one of the windows and a silver case stolen from an employee. The case also contained £9 in cash which were not taken.