

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for publication in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these I be brief, are requested to let us have them on weekdays, where at all possible. Otherwise publication in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to want of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

A variety of important statistics bearing on the housing conditions in the Free State are contained in the fourth volume of the Census of Population 1926, which has just been published from the Department of Industry and Commerce. They reveal the extent of the housing problem existing in the big cities, despite the progress made in building in recent years with the aid of large State grants. Much more remains to be done—and that will take time—before the problem is solved and adequate healthy housing accommodation is provided for the masses. Money spent on housing cannot but be regarded as a sound national investment, and that this view is shared by the Government is evidenced by the fact that grants have from time to time been made by the Oireachtas for the provision of a total of 21,684 houses over the whole of the country. The future will, we feel sure, see the good work not only continued but expanded, and thus a most urgent social reform, one that affects the health and well-being of the people, will be gradually achieved. Overcrowding is a prominent feature in the report. It is disclosed that in 1926 there were 22,915 families living in overcrowded conditions in one-roomed dwellings. The total in Dublin with over two persons per room is 10 per cent. Limerick comes next with 29.2, and Waterford 27.8. Cities and towns with 10 per cent or more of their inhabitants in one-roomed tenements, include Dublin 27.8, and Limerick 29.2, while looking to the country districts, we see that Askeaton is represented

FUNERAL OF MR WILLIAM RANALOW.

The remains of the late Mr William Ranalow, Accountant Provincial Bank, Ennis, who died from injuries sustained in a motor cycle accident, having collided with a motor car between Newcastle West and Rathkeale on Monday night, were last night removed from Barrington's Hospital to St. John's Church, Limerick, where a short service was held by the Rev. Canon Griffin, Rector of Ennis. The cap and sword of the deceased, who was an officer in the Royal Naval Reserve, rested on the coffin. The funeral took place this morning, and as on last evening there was a large and representative attendance from the city and Ennis, testifying to the deep regret which is felt at the tragic demise of a popular gentleman, and the cutting short of a career full of promise. A large number of British ex-service men, wearing their decorations, were present as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Ranalow, who was a prominent member of that body, and took a keen interest in its welfare. This fact indeed was referred to this morning by Canon Griffin (ex C.F.), in a touching address in which he also spoke of the deep sympathy which is felt for the deceased gentleman's widow and children. The attendance from Clare included Major the Rev. C. F. Moran, ex-Chaplain to the Catholic Forces, who is at present at Lahinch, and the Sheriff of the County, Mr P. J. McQuaid. The attendance was representative of the various Banks and business interests generally in Limerick and Ennis.

The officiating clergy were Canon Griffin (who also read the committal sentences), and the Archdeacon of Limerick. The other clergy present were—The Dean of Limerick (Very Rev. G. L. Swain), Rev. J. R. Craig, Clarina, and Rev. G. A. McIlhatton, Presbyterian Church, Limerick. The Dead March in Saul was played on the organ as the remains were borne from the church to the grave.

The chief mourners were—F. Ranalow, Limerick, uncle; A. E. Goodwin, B.C., Limerick, cousin; Rev. Canon Hodges, Youghal, father-in-law, Rev. W. L. Bouchier, Glenville, Co. Cork, Mrs Hart (aunt), Mrs Turpin and Miss Trousdell (cousins).

Mr Vivian Ranalow, London, brother of the deceased, was unable to be present.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—"Loving wife and family," "Uncle Frank and Aunt Liz," "Alf and Joe," "John and Avic," "Margaret and Jenny," "Pater and Mater and Hodges Family," "Loving brother Vivian," "Fond and loving sister Georgie," Canon and Mrs Griffin: British Legion, Ennis; British Legion, Limerick; Mrs and Misses Studdert, Ballyhenan; Colleagues, Provincial Bank; Friends, No. 6 Crescent; Dunboyne Lodge 60, Bankers' Association, Ennis; J. A. and Miss Hayden.

THE LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Meeting of Limerick Branch

Lady Nash presided at the annual meeting of the Limerick Branch of the National Lifeboat Institution, held in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. There were present—Mrs C. H. Fitt, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Shine, Mrs Duffy, Mr J. W. Hackett, Mr Finch, Mr C. W. Downey, Hon. Sec., Mr H. Solomon, Irish Organiser.

Letters of apology for non-attendance received from the Bishop, Most Rev. Keane, the Mayor, Rev. J. W. Pearce, W. R. Corrigan, and others.

The Hon. Sec. submitted the report for the year ended 1928, and which stated that the income reached £212, made up of Lady Nash's flag day collection and subscriptions. That was £53 in excess of the previous year, and £88 more than in 1927. It was not easy to forecast the prospect for 1929, as there had been many demerits on the already generous Limerick people but as the year does not close until the instant there were some subscriptions still to come in. With a favourable day next Saturday for Lady Nash's flag day appeal he hoped they would not fall short of £200. The Committee was greatly indebted to Bro. Donnelly, Superior of the Christian School, and the Lady Superioresse of the Convent for so kindly assisting in supplying so many collectors, and to the various other schools in the city grateful thanks were extended to Lady Nash and he considered it might be better in future to have the flag collection in October, as so many supporters were away in September.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Duffy, seconded by Mr Hackett, an outgoing officer and committee re-elected.

Mr Solomon, in a brief address, congratulated Limerick on its magnificent collection which, he said, on the basis of population was the highest in Ireland, with the exception of Lisburn. The total income of the Institution last year had increased by £400 and they hoped to further improve on this year. Since the Institution was founded a quarter of a million sterling had been spent on lifeboats and slips, and four hundred motor boats, at a cost of £35,000, had been added to the Irish service. The lifeboat total had reached 61,921, and last year the number saved was 591, and this year of which 47 had been saved around the Irish coast. He thanked the officers and committee of the Limerick Branch for the splendid work done on behalf of the Lifeboat Institution. (Applause.)

On the motion of Lady Nash, seconded by Colonel Finch, the thanks of the meeting were given to Mr Solomon for his address.

Lady Nash was also thanked for her presence at the meeting, and for her great interest in the Institution.