

upland meadows, it is probable, will produce heavy yields, but those on low-lying lands will be rather poor owing to the waterlogged condition of the soil. Reports generally indicate that the yield of first crop hay "will be well up to the average," while old meadows promise a yield heavier than the average, provided conditions remain favourable. Turning to cereals, it is learned that winter wheat has made good progress and looks promising; oats are a heavy crop, and good yields are expected if weather conditions are favourable, but in most cases the growth of straw has been heavy. Barley is also making satisfactory progress, but if Jupiter Pluvius should be much in evidence this month "lodging" of cereals to a considerable extent is not unlikely. A spell of settled weather, with bright, sunny conditions, from this forth, would, therefore, be of inestimable value to the farmer. Alarm was caused throughout the country some weeks ago by the unusually early appearance of potato blight. It spread rapidly, and with their usual promptitude the officials of the Department of Agriculture sent out warnings to growers urging them to spray their crops. It is gratifying to find that the response has been satisfactory and evidently general, for we read that "Reports at the end of the month (June) showed that spraying had been carried out more extensively than usual, and that this and sunnier weather had checked the progress of the disease." The conditions regarding this crop at the moment are, therefore, brighter than had been hoped for, and once more the efficacy of spraying operations has been clearly demonstrated. Both from a home and an export point of view the potato crop is a most important one to this country, and it is to be hoped that weather conditions will ensure a bountiful return this season. Mangels have suffered from attacks of the "fly," and the crop is still backward though the outlook is hopeful. On the whole, the review of the crops—and we are not now far from harvest time—is cheery in tone. The weather means everything, and it is to be hoped the farmer will not be disappointed in the results of his toil and enterprise.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Loco. Works.

A deputation from the Limerick Trades' Council has interviewed the Corporation,

Forth to Sow," while forgetting none of the details.

DEATH OF VEN. ARCHDEACON LEE, P.P., V.F.

We regret to announce the death of the Ven. Patrick Archdeacon Lee, P.P., V.F., which took place at the Parochial House, Newcastle West yesterday. The sad news is all the more poignant from the fact that less than a fortnight ago he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, and received the congratulations of the townspeople, by whom he was held with feelings of deep affection and esteem.

Archdeacon Lee, who was in his 78th year, was born in the parish of Effin, and belonged to a family who gave many members to the priesthood. He was educated at the Diocesan College, Limerick, and Maynooth, where he had a distinguished career. His first curacy was in the Parish of Kilfinane, where he laboured for twenty-five years, and helped to rebuild the beautiful parish church and convent schools. He was appointed Parish Priest of Pallas-kenry in 1907, and, on the death of the Rev. Father Casey, P.P., he was appointed Parish Priest of Abbeyfeale in 1908, where he ministered for ten years. On the revival of the Cathedral Chapter, Archdeacon Lee was appointed a Canon of the Diocese. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the agricultural community, and he was one of the earliest members of the County Limerick Agricultural and Technical Committee. When the late Monsignor Hallinan was appointed Bishop of Limerick in 1918, on the death of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, he appointed Canon Lee to succeed him as Parish Priest of Newcastle West. The deceased pastor immediately undertook the great work of rebuilding and enlarging the parish church, and by his labours and zeal, gave the parish one of the finest and most beautiful sacred edifices in the diocese. He was Chairman of the Newcastle West Agricultural and Industrial Show, in which he always took the deepest interest, and he was also Chairman of the Newcastle West Carnegie Library Committee.

Archdeacon Lee was brother of the late Dr. Lee, M.O., Kilfinane, and uncle of the Rev. Father Lee, St. Munchin's College, Limerick.

The obsequies will take place at 11 o'clock (old time) to-morrow, Wednesday.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE CITY.

While an elderly man named John Ryan, stated to be a native of Templemungret, was walking in Upper Henry Street last evening he collapsed on the footpath and expired in a short time. He was removed to the County Infirmary in the Fire Station ambulance, and to-day Dr. Murnane, House Surgeon, held a post mortem examination on the body, which showed that death was due to heart disease. In the circumstances the Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, did not consider an inquest necessary.

give the Committee ample scope to altered conditions of the times. W Society was founded, and for some years subsequently, there were three hundred on the list, and now there were only was open to the Committee to spend for the future advancement of the and while doing that it should be un that every sixpence was wisely spent interests of the orphans. The acti the Society were not confined to and county, nor to the diocese of L but Limerick had first claim on object of the Society was to ben orphans—to give them a sound and secular education, and make th ful citizens of the State.

The Secretary submitted the which appears in our fourth page.

In moving the adoption of the re Shire said she had been asked to s the health of the children. She h twenty-eight of the children, almo whom were, during the year, trea minor ailments. There were three serious illness, whose ailments she ated, and proceeded to say that t now completely cured. There h eight admitted in the interval, and in excellent health. Having out treatment prescribed, she conclu stating that the report of the Secret excellent in every respect, and they be thankful the children were w strong.

The Dean, in seconding, said it portant to know that the childr being well looked after from a heal of view. Next year they would be ing the centenary of the Society, an providential that they should have such two large legacies when the of subscribers were comparatively They were now in the very position of being independent fin and that was satisfactory. The now a very well endowed but it should be understood that th would be devoted solely for the be the orphans. In that respect the Co always interpreted the rules very and dealt with every case as it cam them, and would gladly welcome a gestions made for the benefit of the

Mr Galbraith suggested more co-o in the working of the Society, so th who had not heretofore done so cou a deeper interest in the work. sidered that the Committee sho broadened in order to get fresh view working of the Society.

The Secretary said there could t members on the Committee, the me which were always well attended.

In reply to Mr Fogerty, the S said the Committee made it a point in touch with children who went al

Mr Haydn thought there shou central school in the city for childre in scattered areas. If that could b lished it would be an economic adva

Miss Gwynne said the idea of ce t'on was a very wise one, because i to provide children with an educ conformity with their religious princ

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