

of the county, and as a consequence numerous patients were sent to the County Infirmary. If, as frequently happened, there was not sufficient accommodation in the latter hospital, the patients were then sent to the voluntary hospitals in the city. All that could be avoided if the County Board of Health had complete control of the County Infirmary, and he wished to make it clear that his motion was not intended to interfere with the employment of any member of the existing staff, either medical or nursing.

THE VOTE.

A vote was then taken and resulted as follows:—

For Mr. Hartney's motion—Messrs. McCormack, Quaid, Hartney, Hartnett, and Ryan—5.

For Mr. Canty's motion—Messrs. Maden and Canty—2.

Mr. J. Ryan did not vote.

DEATH OF MISS PHYLLIS MARJORIE PATTERSON.

The funeral of Miss Phyllis Marjorie Patterson, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Castleview House Castletroy, Co. Limerick, took place to Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, on Monday last.

Rev. John Curtis, D.D., Bishop of Chekiang (cousin), and Rev. T. Whelan, B.A., officiated.

The chief mourners were—Mr. G. Patterson (father), Cyril and Vivian Patterson (brothers), H. A. Cathcart, C. V. Clery, and Robert Schmutz (uncles), E. V. and C. Curtis, and T. H. Walker (cousins).

PASSING OF SIR HARRY PRESTON.

Sir Harry Preston, friend of Princes and millionaires, and one of the most notable personalities in the world of sport, died at Brighton on Thursday. His most trusted servant, Mr. Frederick J. Brown, formerly head porter at Sir Harry's hotel died a few hours earlier, and his old friend, Captain Ernest Chandler, former British amateur heavy-weight boxing champion, who gave Sir Harry a blood transfusion, is lying seriously ill.

REDUCED CHARGES.

Forthcoming Announcement by the E.S.B.

The Electricity Supply Board will shortly announce a reduction in the rates charged for current used by domestic consumers connected with the national networks. These reductions will be somewhat similar to those already made in Dublin City and suburbs and Cork City. It is also learned that the E.S.B. is considering the question of reducing the charges for lighting in provincial hotels, and lighting for shops, institutions, churches, etc., in the Dublin suburbs. The E.S.B. report and account for the last financial year showed a surplus profit of £309,000, and is generally a strong financial position. The policy of the Board seems to indicate that in future electricity consumers in the Saorstát may look forward to further reductions in their rates of charges.

LATE MRS. SHIRE.

Right Rev. Dr. Barton, a large number of the clergymen of the Diocese of Killmore, and a large attendance of the parishioners and general public, were at the funeral yesterday of Mrs. Shire, wife of Rev. Canon Shire, Rector, Cavan. His Lordship conducted the burial service in Cavan church, and at the New Cemetery. Deceased lady was a native of Pallas-kenry, Co. Limerick.

The chief mourners were—Canon Shire (husband), William Stanley Shire, Geo. Henry Allenby Shire (sons); Miss A. E. Smith, The Rectory, Cavan (sister); Jas. Smith, Dublin; William R. Smith, Roscrea; G. Smith, Pallaskenry; Rev. C. J. Smith, Cork (brothers); Dr. Mary, J. Shire, and Mrs. Parkinson, Limerick; Mrs. W. R. Smith, Roscrea (sisters-in-law); Rev. A. Parkinson, Curate, Portadown (nephew).

Gifts totalling £10,940 from King Mo-hamid Zahir Hah and the Queen Mother have been given to Afghanistan Educational and Medicine Improvement Fund.