

at all the city churches, or contributions may be sent direct to the Society, which looks for a re-iteration of the very generous response made to the appeal last year. During the year just past, the Society expended £2,050 in bringing relief to the needy poor of the city, with an additional sum of over £700 providing clothing, boots and bedding. Weekly visits to the homes of over 500 families were made by members, and this envisages one of the activities week in and week out which demand the interested service of the members, without referring to the other social works of the Society. In his Pastoral, our late lamented Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, who evinced an abiding interest in the Society and its members, ever since his elevation to the Episcopate, recommended the Society in the occasion of their Lenten alms and charitable donations. The response was gratifying and helped to augment funds which at the time were almost depleted. As this annual appeal is one of the main planks which the Society have for getting revenue, it is confidently hoped that the generous contributions of the charitable will now be forthcoming to bring succour where needed and when needed, so that all deserving applications may be aided by the Society, helping to ease over our poor in periods of want and distress.

A FINE HUNT —oo— WITH THE STONEHALL HARRIERS

The Stonehall Harriers, continuing their fine run of sport, had a really good hunt on Thursday, 8th March. The meet was at the Four Acre, Askeaton, where only a small following turned up to meet the master, Mr. P. McDonagh. Mr. McDonagh's demesne was tried and a fox was found, which ran to the bog and back into Inchirourke. The fox crossed the road to Cragmore, and outside the new wood at Castlehewson, a fox jumped up, ran across the Kilbeha road, left the bog on his right, ran up the valley past Ballyvuraseen, and made for Callow. The pace was a tacker and only very few could keep with hounds. Just short of the low the fox, hard pressed, wheeled, made back for Castlehewson again, and down the valley for a lovely line of country. There wasn't the semblance of a check as the hounds raced on past Castlehewson. Here reynard wheeled and made back for Inchirourke, where he got to ground. This concluded a really fine hunt of (as the hounds ran) over eight miles. Time, 45 minutes.

LIMERICK AND INDUSTRY SITES

The attention of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce (says a report received from that body) has been drawn to the fact that certain sites, cross-Channel and otherwise, are at present on the look-out for sites for new industries in this country. It was suggested that the Limerick Corporation and the Limerick County Council be asked to get their engineers to make a survey of all available sites and to take steps for the compulsory acquisition of suitable sites, the Chamber to also engage the assistance of the Limerick Harbour Board in above connection. The following committee were appointed to go fully into the

William Ryan, Belmont, Castleconnell, and Patrick Bourke, Woodpark, Castleconnell, were charged with the larceny of turf from a bog at Castleconnell.

Martin Tierney, a witness, examined by Supt. Dunning, said that on the 23rd December he observed defendants entering the bog and taking turf from a turf stack. When approached by witness they said that all they wanted was a few bags of turf for a fire.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., who defended, said that his clients admitted taking the turf but believed the turf in question to belong to a friend of their, a Mr. Jerry Bourke.

The Justice imposed a suspensory sentence of one month not to be enforced if defendants kept out of trouble for six months.

Bridget McMahon, Woodpark, Castleconnell, was charged with the larceny of some articles of clothing from a house at Gardenhill, Castleconnell.

Defendant said that she had helped at a wake in the house and thought it was a practice to apportion clothing after a death.

The P.O.A. was applied, the Justice ordering the clothes to be returned.

DEATH OF POPULAR FIGURE

The death occurred unexpectedly of Mr. Edward Shanahan, Park View, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary. The late Mr. Shanahan was well known in business circles both in Limerick City and County, being managing director of Messrs. John Shanahan & Sons, willow merchants and basket manufacturers, Carrick-on-Suir. His late wife, who pre-deceased him seven years ago, was a native of Rathkeale, being a member of the Power family, Rathnasare, well known members of the farming community. He was brother-in-law of Mr. Patrick Power, Rathnasare. His son, Mr. Peter Shanahan, is well known in Limerick City and County, particularly in G.A.A. circles. He is a personal friend of Mick Mackey, our county captain. It is interesting to mention that the late Mr. Shanahan's mother, Mrs. Mary Shanahan, Chapel St., Carrick-on-Suir, will celebrate her 100th birthday to-morrow (Saturday), St. Patrick's Day.

BRITISH ARE SURPRISED

"I was asked why the Germans are still holding out against our bombing. It is a matter of surprise to us that they have taken so much, and taken it without the obvious effect we might have expected," said Commander Brabner, British Under-Secretary for Air, in the British House of Commons on Thursday. Since March 6th, he said, 46,000 bombs were dropped on Germany.

IRISHMAN SUCCEEDS DUKE

The Duke of Windsor has resigned the appointment of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas, in which he would have completed in August the five years for which British Colonial Governors generally are now normally appointed. He is succeeded by Mr. W. L. Murphy, Colonial Secretary, Bermuda, a Dublin man, aged 58, and educated at T.C.D.

NEW STATE SOLICITOR FOR TULLAMORE

Mr. Seamus Mahon, son of Mr. James Mahon, Secretary, Board of Health and cinema proprietor, Tullamore, and nephew of Mr. Michael Mahon, Central Boot Stores, Limerick, has been appointed



agreeing with nobody."

His Lordship, on the same occasion, said that he would much prefer to do something practical for the country—to build a few houses for those in the slums—than to write volumes about the "First flower of the earth, the first gem of the sea."

ESSENTIALLY A CHURCHMAN.

These quotations are an epitome of his life. Dr. Keane detested ostentation, abhorred fustian, while anything savouring of make-belief was anathema to him. Essentially a Churchman, the late Bishop devoted, generally speaking, his whole life to the cause of religion and the promotion of spiritual works amongst his people. Though never aspiring to oratorical powers, his public addresses, especially his Lenten Pastorals, were always incisive and epigrammatical. Learned, indeed, they were, for he was "wise in heart." His annual discourses to the members of St. Michael's Temperance Society and his more frequent dissertations at the Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Organisation could not be surpassed for their depth of feeling, persuasive powers, and, above all, for what they really were—lectures on religious and moral issues delivered with a simplicity that denoted true greatness.

Dr. Keane had a way all his own of illuminating his public utterances with witty expressions and sayings—not of old vintage—that had a spontaneous effect on his audiences. His genial disposition, kindness of heart, and disarming manner had a magnetic influence on the people, and in his conversations, as well as on more formal occasions, his Lordship never failed to enliven what he had to say by flashes of humour that could not fail to produce genuine laughter. Happy himself, he was disposed to make all round him happy—diffusing pleasure, benevolence and joyousness. His spirit will live on.

"Each lonely place shall him restore.

For him the tear be duly shed; Beloved till life can charm no more

And mourn'd till pity's self be dead."

SKETCH OF CAREER.

On the 29th December, 1923, the late Pope Pius XI appointed Very Rev. David Canon Keane, P.P., Glin, Bishop of Limerick. News of the elevation of Canon Keane was received with the deepest pleasure in the city, where he had spent 23 years on the professorial staff of St. Munchin's College.

Dr. Keane was born at Ballyagran, County Limerick, in 1871. He received his early education in St. Colman's College, Fermoy, before entering St. Munchin's Seminary preparatory to passing into Maynooth. While studying for the priesthood the late Bishop attained many brilliant scholastic successes and read a particularly distinguished theological course, as a result of which he was promoted to the Dunboyne Establishment after ordination.

He was ordained by the late Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, in 1895, and after completing his studies was sent as curate to Jersey to enable him to recover from a serious breakdown in health. Dr. Keane then joined the professorial staff of St. Munchin's College in 1896, and

opinions, in 1936 to protest against a proposal to scrap the voluntary hospitals, and in 1942 he present at a public meeting to raise his voice in support of a campaign to grow more

ABIDING INTEREST IN THE POOR.

He took a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the poor and seldom failed to attend general meetings of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Blanket Fund, where his very practical form was very strong appeals for the better-off citizens on behalf of the poor.

Temperance was another of which his Lordship was a strong advocate. He considered it a special duty to be present at the annual meeting of Michael's Temperance Society in administering. He never failed to recommend abstention from intoxicants to his parishioners. Dr. Keane was almost responsible for the building of Michael's Rowing Club, a substantial subscription which made it possible for the club to undertake this big project.

During his Episcopate should be mentioned, the parochial churches were—St. Mary's, Kilmichael, Shanagolden was recruited from the foundation and carrying out of all the works the late Dr. Keane was a guiding force. His Lordship's Diocese is well-nigh in his memory will live in the hearts of the people for ever.

Never robust in health, he sacrificed himself to a patient, enlightened administration that leaves its best in the deep regard of the clergy and people, united in their admiration and example of a life dedicated to a lofty purpose, a life unselfish and for the world.

BISHOP'S LAST MESSAGE

In the closing stages of his Lordship's illness Father Russell had celebrated Mass in the patient's room. On the morning the Bishop died he was celebrant and bade him

Special Message Clergy and People

The Lord Bishop of Limerick following special message to his clergy and people read after his death:—

"I wish to express my gratitude to the clergy and people of the Diocese of Limerick for the goodness they have always shown to me, and beg to thank them in remembrance of their prayers when I have passed on to my account."

Father Russell, a native of Limerick, has resided at Millmount since his retirement from the post of Master of the Music.

On Sunday morning, before he lapsed into unconsciousness, when those present at the Bishop of his people asked that the children in particular should intercede for him, Rev. Michael Moloney, P.P., Glin, and Rev. P. J. O. O'Connell, P.P., Glin, were