

have arranged their supplies for the season and are unable to use this surplus; and whether, in order to prevent the waste of this fruit he will arrange a market for its export.

The Minister, in reply, said:—I am aware that there has been a fairly heavy crop of apples, including crab apples this season in Co. Tipperary and that substantial quantities of apples suitable for manufacturing purposes only have been taken up for cider and jam manufacture. An export market may be found for a proportion of the surplus of apples suitable for manufacturing purposes.

DEATH OF MRS. BOUCHIER-HAYES

The death occurred at her residence, "Brownville," Rathkeale, on the 21st inst., of Mrs. Margaret Bouchier-Hayes. She was the wife of Mr. T. Bouchier-Hayes, M.R.C.V.S., and mother of Dr. T. A. Bouchier-Hayes, M.B., M.R.C.S.I. A kindly, charitable lady, her death has caused general and sincere regret, and deepest sympathy is extended to her popular and highly respected husband and family in their sad bereavement. The remains were removed to St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening, 21st, and the funeral, which was representative of all classes in the town and parish of Rathkeale, and included many from outside, took place to the New Cemetery, Rathkeale, on Friday. The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. Canon Mangan, P.P., V.F.; Rev. P. Lynch, P.P.; Rev. T. Costello, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Enright, C.C.

prisonment only. But the two just men prevailed finally and justice was done. Sullivan went "on his keeping," and the Knight himself took him prisoner in Kerry.

And so the river and its story end. What is there in a river that appeals to us so much? Materially it is easy to see. The river in its first stage, wandering widely before settling in its bed, fertilizes the soil with its alluvial deposit. Later it drains and irrigates the land. Towns sprang up at its fords, later at its bridges. Imaginative writers liken the river to time, and the sea to eternity. Strange, it is not carried further, for the river rises again. Purified and etherialized, it floats upward to the skies like a disembodied spirit.

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ABUSE OF DRINK

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LIMERICK PRIEST'S APPEAL

Addressing the annual meeting of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in Dublin on Sunday, Rev. Robert Nash, S.J., the brilliant Limerick-born priest, urged pioneers to create a public spirit that would condemn the abuse of drink.

Presenting his annual report, the central director, the Rev. S. McCarron, S.J., said that there were now 1,299 centres actively working, and 44,085 new members were enrolled as pioneers or probationers, as against 43,000 in 1944. Nevertheless, there was a definite increase in drinking and in the evils that followed drink. There was need for more self-discipline and firmness of purpose.