

early called for.



Whatever way one looks at the spate of valuation increases now going on constitutes a very serious grievance and is certain to assume even more disquieting shapes and proportions if not in some way checked. Some of the increases recently made have relation to strict justice. A particular case in point, but no means the only one, is that of St. Michael's Temperance Society in Limerick. If the new impost fixed for that useful institution is persisted in it means an absolute closing down. Some small business premises, too, have their valuations increased to a point that will mean virtual bankruptcy.



Increased valuations mean in all cases, of course, an advance in rates. But they can also mean much more. In the case of licensed premises, for instance, they involve an increase in licence duty, while they lead in practically all instances to an increase in S.B. charges. Valuation increases are unwelcome at any time, and inadvisable from a variety of standpoints, but they are a positive grievance and menace at present when local and national taxation burdens have reached such a startlingly high level. This entire question should be taken up at once in an energetic spirit by the local authorities and our Dail and Senate representatives. It is a matter of vital importance and if it is not dealt with in time in a properly restrictive way the result will inevitably be ruinous for the country as a whole.

own. Pope Leo XIII asserts that "we are bound absolutely to worship God in that way which He has shown to be His Will" (Encyclical Letter: "Immortale Dei" — on the Christian Constitution of States).

The fact that our Irish Constitution enshrines this liberalistic doctrine of tolerance might explain Dr. McGrath's mistake.

Mise le deigh mheas.

A. M. O MURCHADHA.

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## DEATH OF MR. R. H. CHAMPION

The death of Mr. R. H. Champion, at his home (24 Lower Kimmage Road, Dublin) has occasioned deep sympathy in Limerick with his family and relatives.

Before his transfer to the Employment Exchange in Dublin, six years ago, the late Mr. Champion was Deputy Manager of the Limerick Exchange, to which he had been attached for over thirty years. During that time his marked ability and unfailing courtesy endeared him to all with whom he had come in contact. He was attached to all the social activities associated with the service being, for many years, Hon. Secretary of the Civil Service and Bankers' Guild in Limerick. The A.R.P. service in Limerick, of which he was a Group Warden, also claimed much of his spare time during the Emergency.

He is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters. He was brother of Messrs. Matthew and Paddy Champion, Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick.

## CIRCUS IN LIMERICK

Messrs. John Duffy and Sons, whose gigantic Circus concludes its Limerick visit to-night (Friday), has been well patronised. More Continental acts than ever are included in this season's show, which, incidentally, is the Company's 75th anniversary in the business. Most applause at last evening's performance was accorded the Les Vidors, trick cyclists and cycle acrobats from Denmark. Running it close for second favouritism was the wonder dog act, presented by the Belgians, Darlys and Co. Highlight of this latter act was a one-act play, with appropriate setting, and a "cast" entirely of dogs." Eighteen other items, including equestrian, trapeze, balancing, comedy and animal acts, complete the programme.

League Play Centre, Dublin, on Saturday, 15th April. The Limerick Ambulance Division secured first place in the Novice Cup Competition and had the distinction of being the first team to bring this award out of Dublin. There were seven teams competing. Result:—1st, Limerick (58 p.c.); 2nd, Newcomen (57 p.c.); 3rd, City of Dublin (49 p.c.).

The Limerick team was as follows:—Ambulance Officer T. Halvey, Cpl. P. Duggan, Cpl. D. Gibbons, Pte. M. O'Sullivan and Pte. J. Kennedy (reserve).

Mr. A. J. Connor, M.B.E., P.C., Commissioner, will present the cup to the team at the annual inspection to be held next month in Limerick.

## LIMERICK PORT

### SHIPPING ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The following were the shipping arrivals at and departures from Limerick Port for the week ended 20th inst:—

Arrivals:—Clarina (Liverpool via Galway), general; Donaghadee (Maryport), coal; Lanahrone (Liverpool via Galway), general; Grit (Sunderland), coal; Lord O'Neill (Liverpool), grain and wire.

Sailings:—Adolf Bratt (Amsterdam), light; Clarina (Liverpool via Galway), livestock and general; Donaghadee (Ayr), light; Capo Noli (Antwerp), light.

## CREAMERIES PUT OUT OF ACTION

From early on Monday morning to the early afternoon there was a complete breakdown of E.S.B. current in the locality and much inconvenience was caused (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). The local creameries at Milford and Dromcollogher were put out of action and the milk suppliers, after having taken their milk home, were obliged to return to the creameries with their supplies in the early afternoon, by which time the current was again available.

### THANKS

The Ladies' Association of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank most sincerely all those who kindly sent parcels, gifts and subscriptions to their Gift and Jumble Sale, and also those who helped during the sale.