

are not very bright. Reverting to the health statistics, Dr makes some pertinent remarks on of infant mortality. A death, or thereabouts, per 1,000 is, he much higher than, under modern it ought to be. "It is evident is still yet room for improvement the proper feeding and care of dren. Now, more than ever, it y, in view of the dreadful drain hood of these countries, caused , that efforts should be redoubled he very high tide of mortality infants." He accordingly heartily the work, already in hands, of instruction to young mothers of ag classes, to the ladies of Lime- have leisure to attend to it. A pages of the report are devoted to of infectious diseases, etc., at the number of deaths caused by tuberculosis and other forms of on, was 105, as against 102 in the ear; those from phthisis being 81, than 1913, and 24 from all other Here, again, the need and advan- proved dwellings are emphasised by ath. Disinfection was satisfactorily it during the year. As regards the of the city, Dr McGrath remarks :cellent work has been carried out ansing staff of the Corporation," eds, "the drawback arising from sing streets still remains, and will to affect the sanitary condition of until this antiquated method of ing has been completely superseded. ble progress in the work of block- as been made, and when this a surface is provided for all the the city, its sanitary condition v a very marked improvement." years, as we know, considerable the matter of block-paving have le throughout the city, and we have that this beneficial work, alike to e and the ratepayer, will develop goes on and as opportunities Another point to which Dr refers is the state of the City to which attention has been y directed by the Coroner, Jurors, Press, and the hope is expressed Corporation will provide a suitable without delay. Tribute is justly Dr McGrath to the work of the e which is in charge of the Fire Staff. It rendered assistance on no 261 occasions during the year, 123 cases being accidents. So that to the fierer suddenly stricken down by the ambulance has certainly proved soon, and literally a friend in need. e many other details of interest in ort, a painstaking and altogether

The practice of turning the suburban sidewalk into cycling tracks has of late grown into an intolerable nuisance. It is a habit which calls for prompt action by the authorities, and the sooner sterner measures are taken to deal with offenders the better for the general well-being. Frequently people are summoned to Petty Sessions for cycling on the footpaths leading into the city, but in most cases the fines are so small as to be no deterrent against this undesirable practice. The sidewalks are for pedestrians and not for cyclists. At the Petty Sessions yesterday several persons were prosecuted for contravening this regulation, and a penalty of 2s 6d was imposed in each case. This is not sufficient to grapple with the risk that may happen to those who use the sidewalks legitimately, especially children, and we were pleased to see that the adjudicating magistrates expressed their intention of inflicting heavier fine on future offenders.

### POST OFFICE, LIMERICK.

#### Earlier Collections from Letter Boxes During Christmas.

The final collection from the town letter boxes, including the Head Office, for the General Night Mail, will be made one hour earlier than usual during the period 20th to 24th December, inclusive.

### SOLDIER'S SUDDEN DEATH IN LIMERICK.

Corporal John Taylor Anderson, 25, was found dead in bed at Geary's Hotel this morning. The deceased travelled by the train from the Limerick Junction last night, in the same compartment as Mr R. F. Ryan, with whom he got into conversation. He said he was without money or friends in the city, and Mr Ryan very kindly invited him to his hotel. A room was placed at his disposal, but it was quite evident that the deceased was in a poor state of health, caused by wounds received at Gallipoli. When one of the attendants at the hotel went to call him this morning, Corpl. Anderson was found dead, and Mr Ryan immediately apprised the military authorities and the Constabulary at William-street. The deceased was a member of the Australian Forces, and son of Captain Anderson, Canterbury-road, London.

### IRISH LANGUAGE FLAG DAY.

To-day was the date arranged for the flag day collection in aid of the Irish language movement, and from an early hour a large number of lady members of the Limerick Branch of the Gaelic League were about selling flags in aid of the language fund. The day turned out fine for the season and the collectors had a busy time of it. The flags were bought and worn by all classes of the citizens, and there were very few country visitors of both sexes who did not display the little green and yellow emblem, the token of a sale effected and a purchase made.

### MR McKENNA AND THE VICEROYALTY OF INDIA.

service with the 10th (Irish) Division Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. Lieut-General Mahon's letter, already is also given, in which he says "Youing Officer has informed me that you distinguished yourself by your conduct. I have read his report with much pleasure and have forwarded it to higher authority for recognition."

### Clare Prisoners of War

There was a very well attended concert at the Town Hall, Ennis, on Thursday evening, for the benefit of the Clare prisoners of war in Germany. The concert was organised by the Ennis Ladies A.O.H., and amongst those who kindly gave services in the vocal part of the concert were:—Mrs P Roughan, Misses Crow Hayes, and McCarthy, and Misses Fitz Skehan, Limerick; S Malone, J Bre Duggan, Ennis. Some capital war pictures were shown by the H and M Cinema Co. The concert terminated in the afternoon, which was well supported.

### United National Pro

#### Action of Cork Corpora

At the Cork Corporation last evening a resolution was read from the Lord Mayor intimating that, with the approval and sympathy of King George, it has been decided to organise a Day of United National Prayer on the first Sunday of the new year in recognition of the gravity of the present crisis, and the need for the aid of the God of the Universe. The resolution of the Corporation was requested.

The Lord Mayor said he had written to His Grace O'Callaghan (Roman Catholic Bishop of Cork) on the subject, and he replied, "Accept my thanks."

It was agreed that the Lord Mayor and the Roman Catholic members of the Corporation should attend Mass in State.

### Entertaining the 16th

A concert and dance in honour of the 16th (Irish) Division and the "C" Squadron Irish Horse was given in Cambourne Schools, and at the close of the concert thanks to Father Twomey and his committee were proposed by Private Walsh, "C" Company Leinsters, and seconded by Trooper O'Connell, Irish Protestant, who said Father Twomey had no distinction of creed. Father Twomey thanked them, but said his was a labour of love and regret is expressed by the officers of the 16th Division that Gen Sir L W Parsons had not taken the Division to the front, but the Gen. in command, he was handing over his beloved mer and more capable Irishman, Gen W I

### New French War

M Ribot, Finance Minister, a Chamber on Thursday that he intended to introduce a Bill to fix a tax on war profits. The War Loan which had just been issued by the country had responded to the Government, and never had there been so many subscribers. This loan had been made on a basis of thrift, and none of it for speculative purposes had come from England, Spain, Switzerland, and 600,000,000 francs from London. The Chamber adopted the whole of the Bill for the account for the first half of 1916.