

and he said that was Home Rule. They there in friendly conference to discuss as to be done. The city generally of the idea that the large ratepayers' wants of the city should come into the aid and help to manage its affairs.

law said it was his duty as Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, in the name of the President, to return the Mayor for the business community of the city most thanks for his kind expressions to them. He felt like the Mayor that too the large ratepayers abstained from public life (hear, hear). He did not know whether they would be ornaments in the city or not, but this he did know that it was his duty to try and see if they could be so their day and in their generation. He on behalf of the community he represented said that if any of them went forward later they would do so in no spirit of egotism (hear, hear). Their only desire was that their services were of any value to the city or in some cases the town of their option, then they would tender their services.

None of them had any desire to enter a contest for the sake of a name in any ward, and none of them had any cause for friction; on the contrary they were as to work in peace and harmony with the community. If the community called on them to stand and represent them, he took it to be their duty to do so; if on the other hand a large section of the community said to him "Your services are not required," he was none of them would press their services.

Mr Wallace endorsed fully what Mr Shaw had said. He thought there was no doubt it would be a great pleasure to think that somebody would come forward and represent what he called the large section of trade and commerce in the city (hear, hear). He would propose that they view with great pleasure the candidature of gentlemen in the position of merchants who were willing to go forward. Mr Manly Hall remarked that the great employment of labour had been successful in trade, and these were the men they wanted in the city. He had yet to learn that his fellow-citizens would not be glad to put them in, and he was sorry they had not come forward before.

Mr Gaffney, solicitor, considered that before he selected the names for the representation of the various wards, there should be ascertained at a meeting some idea of the platform they wished to adopt and the planks of which it should be composed. He observed there were important questions under consideration here was the question of a Catholic University in Ireland, and he should like that they give an expression of opinion on such a question as that, and then there was the Financial question, on which there could be no question of opinion. As to the matter of the classes, to whom could it be of more importance than to the merchants who employed them? The scheme of providing suitable dwellings for the working classes had been initiated by Mr Dwyer, and some of those gentlemen who were out to go forward had promised to contribute largely to the project.

Mr Gaffney, T.C., asked were they to understand that if any of these gentlemen—large numbers—did not declare in favour of a Catholic University or Home Rule they were to be shut out of the Corporation (hear, hear).

Mr Gaffney—I did not make use of the word "shut out" at all. I was merely speaking my own opinion.

Mr Gaffney—I think the feeling of the

meeting to give their best efforts to secure the return of the gentlemen nominated.

On the motion of Mr Gaffney, a vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor for presiding.

The Mayor, in replying, said that this was the beginning of a new era, which he hoped would bring further prosperity to the city. It was the general desire that those possessed of wealth and high ability should take part in the administration of the affairs of the city.

The proceedings then terminated.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. CORNELIUS CREGAN, ADARE.

The remains of the late Mr C. Cregan, proprietor of the Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare, were removed yesterday from his residence for interment at the family burial place at Ardagh. The cortege was very large, and thoroughly representative of the surrounding districts where the deceased gentleman was highly respected and esteemed.

The chief mourners were—Messrs Michael and Timothy Cregan (sons), Mr Michael Cregan (brother), Mr P. J. Duhig, C.E., Limerick (nephew), Mr P. O'Shaughnessy, Mr D. Madigan, Mr W. Curtin, sen., and Mr Curtin, Nenagh; Mr P. Woulfe, Newcastle West; Mr Michael Woulfe, Kilbredthern; Mr T. McMahon, Nenagh; and Rev J. Cregan, C.C., St Michael's, Limerick, (cousins).

The clergy present were—The Very Rev Dean Flanagan, P.P., V.G., Adare; the Very Rev Dr Hallinan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West; Rev M. McCarthy, C.C., Adare; Rev J. Hallinan, C.C., Cappagh; Rev J. Quinlan, C.C., Newcastle West; and Rev W. J. Mulcahy, C.C., Croagh.

Amongst the general public present were—Dr Clifford, Adare; Mr James Sheehy, the Hon J. French, R.M.; Rev Treasurer O'Brien, Adare; Mr Wyndham Gabbett, Mr T. E. Galt-Gamble, D.I.; Mr R. Maume, sen.; Mr R. Maume, jun.; Mr D. O'Brien, P.L.G., Rathkeale; Dr Hayes, J.P., Rathkeale; Mr James Hogan, J.P.; Mr M. Giltenanne, Croom; Mr J. Lane, P.L.G.; Mr D. Kelly, Adare; Mr W. Barry, J.P.; Mr T. Walsh, Postmaster, Adare; Mr D. Hogan, Mr J. Smyth, Mr D. O'Shaughnessy, Mr J. Benson, Mr Edwin Smith, Mr George E. Sheehy, J.P.; Mr P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Mr J. Kenny (Murphy and Co), Limerick; Mr W. Ebrill, Limerick; Mr M. D. Carr, Limerick; Mr P. T. Liston, solr., Rathkeale; Mr John O'Flaherty, Mr P. Costelloe, Patrickswell; Mr P. Fitzgerald, Farm Lodge; Mr M. Collins, Mr J. M. Christy, V.S.; Dr Hannigan, Pallaskenry; Mr John Smyth, Mr D. Hedderman, Ballyneale; Mr D. Mulcahy, Carrans; Mr Dempsey, Station Master; Mr Cregan, Newcastle West; Mr Kelly, Shanid; Rev E. E. Crawford, B.A.; Mr John O'Grady, Mr Thomas Costelloe, Mr Edward Costelloe, Mr John Cregan, Mr Michael Flanagan, Mr Simon O'Grady.

There were a number of carriages.

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS.

The *Lady of the House* extra Christmas Number is a highly attractive issue containing as it does a variety of articles, illustrations and literary contributions of great interest. The frontispiece is a portrait of Cinderella. We have a very realistic idea of a visit of 'Santa Claus,' and a Christmas Ghost story is illustrated. Portraits of some Irish Lady Cyclists include Miss Fraser of Castleconnell, and a most interesting feature is the four sheet plate entitled 'The Classes and the Masses.' The Classes are represented by the portraits of a large number of ladies who are in the Society in Ireland. The Masses are represented by a charming series of sketches of Irish life and types of Irish peasant beauty. The Countess of

McCarthy complained that he was hurt in his own house by Mr. Mr. Mulqueen denied the allegations of McCarthy—You called me a pro-tenant.

The Chairman said he could not make observations to be made towards Mr. Mr. Butler asked Mr. Mulqueen the words which McCarthy attributed to Mr. Mulqueen—Not at all.

Mr. Reidy—It is no wonder that they would lose their tempers for words that they would be sorry for. Mr. Morrissey asked if the fee legally retain the fee out of the fee given to McCarthy.

Mr. Coleman—You are aware of the opinion of our solicitor, in the matter.

Mr. Morrissey—I believe Mr. Reidy was that we had the power to refuse the compensation.

Mr. Coleman—When you know don't see why you should ask it.

Mr. Reidy said he had a similar division and when the matter was suggested that it should be a guardian. Mr. O'Grady was an exception to that. He thought it should be referred to the Board. Of course the guardian for the case referred to.

Mr. O'Grady—What I took to be that matters of this kind should be individual guardians.

The Chairman—The discussion is not enough. Will I say that in accordance with the opinion of our solicitor the fee should be from the compensation?

Mr. Dundon—We might again refer to our solicitor.

After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter to Messrs. Reidy and Guiltinan, in whose divisions it was an arse.

Mr. Dundon inquired if a person accepting the first instalment of an award, could refuse to allow the award and if so could the Sheriff take the award in the other cases?

Mr. Reidy—Do you refer to Mr. Dundon—Yes.

Mr. Coleman thought there was a necessity for employing the case. The guardians' officers could not and if he refused to allow the award they could summon him.

The Chairman—I don't think that manner.

Mr. Coleman—I think we could accept the arbitrator's award of ownership, and the guardians' owners.

The matter was dropped.

DISHONOURED CHEQUE.

The Local Government Board has decided that the guardians, that the cheques which the guardians had forwarded to the arbitrator's expenses, had been dishonoured. The Board pointed out that the guardians were guilty of an error in issuing cheques without sufficient funds to meet the cheques. An arrangement had been made that the cheques would be honoured by the guardians, but the Board pointed out to the guardians that the sum of £710, instalment of the Labourers' Act, which would be paid to the guardians making the necessary arrangements when it was received. The Board instructed to pay the amount of the cheques.

Mr. Coleman—There are other cases in the same position. When there is