

almost unanimous support accorded to House shows that their supplemental programme is one that must be commensurate as politic and justifiable, though by no means aggressive or in the nature of Self-preservation is a sentiment which is common to nations as it does to individuals.

publish this evening a letter from Mr Delmege, D.L., which touches a subject of great interest to the community generally—namely, that at all events, who take pleasure in the various amusements and entertainments. The building where a ball, or private party of a kind which has long been held in the city. Since the Athenaeum was built a few years ago for the purposes of popular education, this want has been all the more apparent, and many social functions which not alone would have provided amusement but also tend to benefit business in various directions, have had to be dropped. The suggestion now made is that a hall could be taken to provide an Assembly Room in Limerick, and a favourable opportunity arises for carrying out the project, as mentioned in Mr Delmege's letter that may now be had in the very best part of the city with sufficient space adjoining it on which to erect a suitable Hall. A meeting is to be held in the Chamber of Commerce on Monday next, when all interested in the project are invited to attend. There is no doubt why the undertaking should not be fully carried out, and we have little doubt that such will be the case. Cork possesses an Assembly Hall which is of the greatest utility to the citizens, and there is no doubt why Limerick should not be similarly provided. If an Assembly Room were provided here, we may be quite certain that life during the dreary months of winter would be much more brisk in Limerick than it is.

It is always a pleasure to notice any ceremonial which tends to emphasize the happy relations existing between Landlord and tenant. To-day, therefore, the people of the village and district took advantage of the opportunity of expressing their respect and good wishes for the occasion of the coming of age of the Hon. Lord Monteagle and their family. Lord Monteagle has taken the kindest interest in his tenants, and his well-known concern for their progress prompted him years ago to take steps which have largely benefited the village of Foynes by

over possession of the plot of ground at the rear of the Custom House, and which will be used for the purposes of a public park. It is stipulated that the ground shall be open during certain hours in summer and winter, and that a protection rail be placed along the river side. The agreement will be brought before the Council at its next meeting to be considered, and as there appears to be no obstacle in the way of the Corporation accepting the transference, the document will, it is hoped, be signed, and all necessary arrangements for the opening of the park completed on the occasion.

DEATH OF MR ROBERT HAYES, INSPECTOR OF THE NIGHT WATCH—We regret to announce the death of Mr Robert Hayes, the Chief Inspector of the Night Watch, which took place this morning at his residence, Emmett Place. Mr Hayes had been in feeble health for some time past, the result of physical decline, caused by advanced years, but nevertheless he remained at his duty, and was in attendance at the Watch House up to as late as last Tuesday. Since then his condition grew worse, and this morning at about one o'clock he expired. Mr Hayes had attained a very advanced age, being over eighty, and for the past thirty-three years was connected with the Night Watch establishment.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Seventh Sunday after Trinity. Morning Prayer, 11.30; Venite, Monk in A; Chants, Goss in E flat, and Stewart in E flat; Service, Garret in D; Hymn, No. 476; Ante-Communion Service, Garrett and Barnby; Preacher, The Dean. Evening Prayer, 8.30; Chants, Beethoven in E flat, and Harris in E flat; Service, Garret in D; Anthem, "In Christ dwelleth," Col. ii. 9, Sir John Goss; Preacher, The Dean; Hymn after Sermon, No. 257; Weekday Services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Litany on Wednesday and Friday. Monday, 25th, Feast of St James. Celebration of Holy Communion on every Sunday after Morning Prayer, and on first Sunday in each month an early celebration also at 8.30 a.m.

A ROUND-ABOUT DELIVERY—With reference to a complaint as to the late delivery of a certain parcel posted from a Limerick business house to Hospital, in this county, the singular fact has been elicited from a correspondence with the General Post Office, that parcels from Limerick to Hospital have to be despatched via Dublin and Knocklong. The parcel in question reached Knocklong by this route on a Sunday, on which day there was no delivery; so that it was not delivered till next day. In other words it was three days on the road before it reached its destination. Surely twenty-four hours ought to be ample time to secure delivery in a county town, not more than twenty miles from Limerick. Three days seems simply absurd, to say the least of it. Why, one could write to England and have an answer back in that time.

REGATTA DINNER AT CRUISE'S HOTEL.

The Regatta Committee entertained the competitors and numerous other guests at dinner at Cruise's Hotel on Thursday evening. An excellent menu was provided by Mr James Flynn. The Mayor presided, and amongst the company were:—The High Sheriff (Mr S B Quin), County Inspector Hayes, Mr James S Gaffney, solicitor; District Inspector Hetreed, Messrs T H Kenny, solicitor; Alderman Carr, M Spain, T C; T Bradley, M Fitzgibbon, J J Ryan, B Plummer, W DeCourcy, D O'Connor, Captain Shannon Rowing Club; M O'Toole, T W Chillingworth, etc. After dinner, the toasts of the Officers of the Regatta were proposed and duly honored, and the pro-

ceedings of his lordship, beg to convey to your respected parents, our hearty congratulations on your attainment of the age of twenty.

"We confidently hope and trust, that you will be a worthy successor to the honors which for many generations have been enjoyed by your family. Your remote ancestor, Rice, a man of probity and ability, General and Lord Chief Baron King James the Second, and received from the grateful Sovereign the title of Most Excellent Majesty, a long and honorable career, of whom occupied an eminent position in the Irish Bar, never forgot that the duties of a Trustee for their large estates as Trustees for their poor. Your grandfather, Thomas Spring Rice, in whose favor the title of Monteagle was revived, devoted his ability mainly to the fulfilment of the duties of the highest importance in the State, in the Cabinet, and retired from public life and of honor, to die amongst us. He was by his functions as a Trustee, he never neglected the material interests of his people. To him Ireland is especially indebted for that priceless boon of National Education. To his generosity his capital we largely owe our railway system, which have converted a small town into a considerable trade emporium and a numerous population.

"We must always remember with gratitude the unobtrusive charity of your hearted wife, Marianne Lady Mop, who earned for her the well-deserved title of the poor. Your grandfather did not inherit the father's title and estate, but by untiring exertions during the Irish Revolution, his unflinching courage, his late years of failing health, and the influence he successfully exercised with the English contributors to the relief of Ireland, an impression in our hearts which will never be eradicated.

"Our allusions to the past recollections of your family are made by us, not from a desire to glorify in the past, but because you, in your time, will walk in the footsteps of the worthy dead, but because we believe that your entrance upon the responsible duties of life is a fitting opportunity for expressing our affection which we and our descendants must always cherish, and because we are convinced that the past is the surest basis for an honorable and successful future, and should be recorded, however slight it is, as a deep truth in the well-known motto, creatus fortibus et bonis."

"We have reserved to the last the most important part of the address. We mention of your beloved and respected mother. Their presence hampers the full expression of our feelings. If in the future of your life you should feel uncertain of your proper course, look to the example of your father and mother, and their strength. Think of your father who in his worst times has devoted his capital and personal care to the promotion of the prosperity of others. Think also of your mother, who, while striving to reform the abuses in the law system, which degrades, while relieving, which debases the character, and which neglects the moral culture of the young. Think of your patriot lady, who, while she throws into her generous work, sacrifice and tenderness and unselfish perseverance give strength and dignity to her life, and forfeiting its noblest attributes.

"Accept, dear Mr Spring Rice, our expressions of true affection from the tenants and employees."

"TIMOTHY HEDEMAN
"PATRICK MADDEN, S
"EDWARD O'CONNOR