

## AND DISTRICT

ag of the Corporation will be held noon. Among other matters for forman Daly's notice of motion ector to carry out the provisions the prevention of street betting.

## n Loan

Bank authorities have intimated on their readiness to lend that ,000 for 20 years at 4 per cent the electric lighting scheme in

ly road meeting of the Kilrush in Thomas Talty, J.P., and M.A. inted delegates to represent the ard of Directors of the South and ay.

## g Club

two new tub pairs, the Shannon e purchased a new fine four and ter has been specially built for , the present holder of the Irish onship.

West Clare friends will be glad to nihan, who practised in Kilrush go, but owing to delicate health , long sea voyage, has returned to ly restored.

meeting of the Kilrush Board of on Saturday last, Miss Jane acted for some time as proba- in her resignation and thanked st kindness extended to her.

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Petty Sessions, Miss Ellie Col- ecently had been in charge of the t Limerick, was granted an ad of the premises held by Mrs. James r O.J. Curtin, solicitor, appeared

able weather experienced during as seriously interfered with agri- ns. As it is, farmers are very id, and complain not alone of the l, but of the unusual cold as well— the matter of early culture.

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meeting of the National Teachers' 1 in the Market House, Kilrush, on r D. Irving in the chair, the follow- ns unanimously adopted:—"That P.O. O'Connell, one of our worthy etaries, our sincere congratulations arriage, and wish him and Mrs happy and prosperous years.

like Petty Sessions, before Mr. A. , a farmer named Burns from a hagh summoned his father, Patrick same district, for the larceny of ed at 28. The alleged offence 29th of April. A number of wit- being examined for the defence, how that the animal did not belong r, the case was dismissed.

was celebrated in the Roman a, Kilrush, on Tuesday, April 26th, Counihan, M.D., second son of Dr J.P., Francis-street, and Norah, of the late Rev Robert Digby of Market Weighton, Yorkshire, Mrs French, 57, Park Avenue, Dublin. The ceremony was per- Very Rev Ardeacon Malone,

## THE JEWS

## A BRITISH LEAGUE AND FATHER O'REAGH

## Resolution of Thanks

The Rev J. O'Reagh, O.S.S.R., has received the following letter:—

"7, Lydia-street, Stepney, London, E., April 28, 1904.

"To the Rev Father O'Reagh, Limerick.

"REV FATHER—Pardon me for not replying to your letter of the 23rd ulto before; please accept my sincere thanks for the enclosure in same. The facts are as follows: I am the hon secretary of the British Brothers' League, an organisation which has for its object the restriction or total abolition of the influx of undesirable aliens, which are mostly Jews from Eastern Europe. We have presented a petition, signed by 70,000 persons, both male and female, composed of all shades of the Christian creed and social standing, to Parliament; we might have added hundreds of thousands of names if time and resources had been at our disposal. At the present time a Bill for the restriction of these undesirable immigrants has passed the second reading in the House of Commons. When I wrote to you I acted as a private individual, not having at that time received the consent of the Executive Council of the League, but last night the adjourned meeting of the Council was held at its headquarters; the president, A.C. Rodgers (a member of the Corn Exchange), occupied the chair. There was a full attendance of members, besides several delegates. I explained to the Council the cause and reason of my action which was received with acclamation, and I received an unanimous vote of thanks for the action I had taken. The following resolution appended herewith was moved by the president, seconded by Mr. Cole, Chairman of the Bethnal Green Branch, and carried unanimously amidst great applause. Thanking you for your courtesy, and wishing you every success in the cause you have at heart, and assuring you of every assistance which is in my power to give, I remain, Rev Father, yours sincerely,

"ALFRED WALMER, Hon Sec, British Brothers' League."

A resolution was passed unanimously by the Executive Council of the British Brothers' League, at a meeting held on the 27th April at the headquarters, "Old Cherry Tree," Kingsland-road, London, N.E.—"That the members of the Executive Council of the British Brothers' League, tender their sincere thanks to the Rev Father O'Reagh for the noble work he has undertaken to prevent a class of undesirable aliens, who have received the hospitality of the Irish race, from demoralising the nations, and bringing misery into the homes of our Irish brothers and sisters through their inborn instinct of greed, usury, and arrogance. That the secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Rev Father O'Reagh, with the official stamp of the Council affixed."

## A German View

## How Distorted News Spreads

Mr Thomas Buckley, Roebrien-road, Limerick, sends us an excerpt from a German paper of world-wide circulation which shows, he says, how far the wild statements regarding the Jews have gone. He appends a translation as follows:—"A peculiar Jewish persecution is in progress in (an Irish city) Limerick. The Jewish community there consists of some 35 families, against whom such a complete boycott has been sustained by the people at clerical instigation that we learn from the latest information two or three families are completely ruined, and 15 others are only saved from actual starvation by the humane action of the local Protestants. Synchronous with the boycott there exists in the treatment of the Jews in the streets a reign of terror, in the face of which the authorities are powerless. The boycott now extends to the outlying districts. The London Press has styled the persecution 'An Irish Kishenev.' Comment is superfluous.

## "PATRIOTISM

## A BRILLIANT L L ANOTHER IRISH

A large and appreciative audience assembled at the Athenaeum last night to listen to the lecture delivered by the Rev Father O'Keane, O.P., on the subject of Patriotism, and also to enjoy the concert which followed it. Those on the platform, including the rev lecturer, were—Mr J.F. Barry, J.P., in the chair; Rev Father Hogan, Alderman O'Mara, Mr. David Tidmarsh, Mr. O. Kendal Irwin, etc. Father O'Keane, on coming forward was received with hearty applause. He said:—"The subject I have chosen for this evening's lecture seems to me to be one of vast and far-reaching importance, at the present time; and I conceive that there are few subjects of which we have a more superficial, and sometimes, a more mistaken knowledge. Our idea of patriotism seems to be restricted within the narrowest limits, and might take concrete shape in an Irish peasant shouldering his pike to meet his country's foe in deadly conflict, or in the popular orator eliciting thundering applause from an audience whose hearts his burning words have stirred to their depths. There is among us a disposition to treat patriotism as a sentiment merely, that springs spontaneously from the human heart, at the mention of our country's wrongs, or of her departed glory and power. I hope, however, to be able to show you that this is not the true idea of patriotism, but the least important, though integral part of it. Patriotism is as old as the world, and we find traces of it and the influences it exercised on human life, in the earliest records of the human family. "The Bible," according to a modern writer, "is, properly speaking, but a patriotic hymn, in which, tender strains blend with enthusiastic chants and cries of sorrow. Before settling in the Promised Land, the sons of Abraham aspired thereto with a desire that nothing weakened; the riches of Egypt placed at their disposal by Joseph and the sufferings of the march through the desert did not destroy their hopes; the divisions which separated the tribes did not weaken the love they bore it; their wanderings were prolonged, but these did not efface its image; the conquests which enslaved it from Alexander to Pompey, and the tyrannies which were the outcome of these conquests, only resulted in rendering it dearer and more sacred in the eyes of all." "The child of Israel had seen other countries. Egypt where he had inhabited the land of Gessen, Assyria, where he had admired the hanging gardens, Asiatic Greece, so rich in all the products of nature, but nothing compensated him for Palestine. The Jordan came to his thoughts on the Nile, the Euphrates and the Orontes; Mount Hermon on Olympus and Taurus; the great ocean itself had reminded him of the Sea of Galilee. He had seen them as an exile, admired them no doubt, then forgot them on his return. The Holy Land alone possessed the power to move and effect him. All the rest was the strange land, the land of exile and malediction, which he must abandon in haste to re-enter the country of the children of God" (Olivieri). Ancient Greece had her patriots, and the patriotism of Sparta has no parallel in ancient or modern history.

## The first lesson the Spartan learned

was to love his country, and all his intellectual and physical training was directed to the same end. Our refined nations are shocked at the disciplinary measures taken in the legislation of Lycurgus, to so mould his character, that love of country should be greater than love of life itself. It was this patriotism that produced Leonidas and his Spartan band, to defend the pass of Thermopylae against the hordes of Xerxes; it was this patriotism that inspired the sentence—"Go tell Sparta that we died in obedience to her sacred laws." Ancient Rome had her Cincinnatus, her

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