

DIocese OF KILLALOE AND KILFENORA.

Diocesan Council's Report.

The report of the Diocesan Council of Killaloe and Kilmeneaney, discussed at yesterday's synod, contains the following:—

THE LATE MR. A. PARKER.

The Council in both districts passed resolutions expressive of their deep sorrow at the death of Mr. Anthony Parker, who was for many years a member of their body and a most staunch and generous supporter of the Church in this Diocese. The seat thus vacated on the Council is filled by Mr. Ludlow M. Jones from the supplemental list.

SUPERANNUATION.

For the purposes of the new Superannuation Scheme which became a Statute of the Church at last session of the General synod, the assessment placed on this Diocese for the initial term is £364 per annum. In order to raise the residue of this sum, after crediting the interest on Diocesan Superannuation Fund, and the annual contribution of £100 from Stipend Fund, the Council have, with some modification, adopted for the first term under the Act a scale drawn up by the Provost of T.C.D. for use in the Diocese of Down, which, as altered to suit the requirements of this Diocese, is as follows:—

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| For Incumbents whose Ecclesiastical Income is £300 a year and upwards | £6 |
| For Incumbents whose Ecclesiastical Income is £250 and less than £300 a year | £4 |
| For Incumbents whose Ecclesiastical Income is £200 and less than £250 a year | £3 |
| For Incumbents whose Ecclesiastical Income is less than £200 a year | £1 |
| For Curates, either permanent or temporary | £2 |

The particulars of collections made by Mr. Tuthill and Mr. Parker for 1904 are given in the lists of subscriptions; but in future these collections will cease and their place will be supplied by the parochial assessments before mentioned, which it is earnestly hoped will be undertaken and made up by all the parishes in the diocese, as only in this way can they become entitled to the benefits of the Act, the great importance of which, both to the clergy and the parishes concerned, cannot be too urgently impressed on all. These assessments should be lodged with the Diocesan treasurers not later than the 1st December in each year, as under sec. 28 of the Act, interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum will be charged by the Representative on any unpaid portion of the diocesan assessment, and will have to be paid in addition to the prescribed amount.

COMMUTATION AND SUSTENTATION.

It is to be regretted that a very large proportion of the assessments for 1904 remained outstanding at the time of closing the year's accounts. This has resulted, not only in showing very heavy arrears of assessment against many parishes which subsequently were paid up in whole or in part, but in causing the income of the Diocesan Stipend Fund in the books of the Representative Body to fall short of the outgoings by the sum of £608 12s. 10d., which sum was charged against capital. The arrears at close of 1904 amounted to:—Killaloe East, £1,189 1s. 5d.; Killaloe West, £221 14s. 2d., i.e., an increase on the corresponding figures for the previous year representing more than the above charge on capital. The late payments for 1904 amount to £1,076 13s. 3d. for Killaloe East, and £296 18s. 1d. for Killaloe West. There was a small increase, £4 8s. 1d., to capital of Commutation Account.

The exertions on behalf of

THE AUXILIARY FUND.

while possibly they may have contributed in some degree to the greater laxity mentioned in the payment of the ordinary assessments, have on the whole been productive of very gratifying results taking into account the greatly reduced population and other special circumstances of these dioceses. The returns of subscriptions paid or promised amount to a total of £3,767 7s. 10d for the United Dioceses of Killaloe and Kilmeneaney.

The Joint Councils earnestly trust that the effort still being made during the four years of the period allotted to this work which still remain, will be successful in bringing into the effort to complete the expected total of £6,000 from the United Dioceses, every parish in East and West Killaloe, as well as some others whose contributions have up to this appeared somewhat inadequate to the occasion, so that the Diocese of Killaloe shall be found contributing a total of £5,000 out of the sum expected from the United Dioceses. The reduction of the interest on capital has already compelled the Representative Body to withdraw the whole of the £10 a year paid to the poorer clergy of the Church for Glebe expense for many years, and this is but a small beginning

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

KILLALOE EAST.

There was one meeting of the Board during the year. The returns of contributions to Missions show an increase in the total amount of £5 19s 6d over the previous year in which there was an increase of over £50. This present increase may appear trifling, but, when considered in connection with the special efforts on behalf of the Auxiliary Fund during the same period, it is gratifying to find that the contributions to Missions have been so well maintained.

KILLALOE WEST AND KILFENORA.

Two meetings of the Board were held during the past year. From the returns which have been made it appears that there has been an increase of £8 13s 11d in the total amount of contributions compared with the previous year. The increase may still be greater as eight parishes have made no return.

DIocESAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION.

The Sixteenth Annual Festival was held in St. Flannan's Cathedral on Thursday, June 8th, when members from the following choirs attended, who had been previously trained by the Rev. Precentor Stanistreet:—Aghaconon, Ballynaclogh, Ballymackey, Birr, Bourney, Etagh, Nenagh, Roscrea, Stinroue, Templeberry, Drumcliffe, Killaloe, Clonlea, Stradbally, Fomgraney, Portumna, Newport (Diocese of Cashel).

The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Limerick. The Lord Bishop and Miss Archdall kindly entertained the choirs and those attending the Festival at Clarisford.

It is most desirable that the clergy should do all in their power to fall in with the arrangements made for training of choirs, and not to after the day of meeting fixed by the choir trainer, unless under very unavoidable circumstances, as any alteration causes great inconvenience.

[A further report will be found in another part of the issue to-day.]

IRISH INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.

Flower Show at Elm Park.

As briefly reported in our last issue the first show of the season in connection with the cottage garden section of the Limerick Branch Irish Industries Association was held on Thursday afternoon at Elm Park by kind permission of Lord Clarina. Apart from the interest which the show itself possessed, the occasion afforded ample scope for social enjoyment, and the weather being glorious there was a very large, fashionable, and in all respects, representative attendance. All kinds of conveyance from the luxurious motor car to the modest donkey trap was requisitioned to convey visitors to Elm Park, where the beautiful grounds and the stately foliage looked their best under the influence of a brilliant sunshine. The county people came in from miles around, while the city people mustered strong, it being the weekly half-holiday, or partial half-holiday, to be strictly accurate. Quite a host of the half-holiday folk went out on bicycles. All present thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and the various amusements—wheel of fortune, Aunt Sally, tobogganing, etc.—were fully availed of. The band of the Industrial School performed a choice programme during the evening. Lord and Lady Clarina were "at home" for the occasion, and left nothing undone to promote the pleasure and enjoyment of all.

The tea tents, lemonade and fruit stalls did a brisk business during the afternoon and evening. Amongst the ladies presiding were:—Lady Clarina, the Hon. Misses Massey, Miss Graham, Miss Barrington, Miss Bunbury, Mrs. Russell, Misses Russell (Glenview and George street), Misses Doyle, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Abbott, Miss Matterson, Miss Fraser, with Messrs. Eyre Massey, Abbott, Goodbody, etc.

The Show itself was a great success, there being a numerous entry, and the exhibits were excellent. The exhibits of eggs were exceptionally good, and in poultry a new class was added this year—turkey poults. Class I was open to owners of more than five acres of land, police barracks and schools, and Class II for owners of less than five acres and tenements. The exhibits included groups of plants, cut flowers, vegetables, wild flowers, bread, poultry and eggs, and honey. All of them gave admirable proof of the excellent and practical work which the Industrial Association is accomplishing throughout the country, and also testified to the taste and skill of the exhibitors. The judges of vegetables and flowers were—Mr. C. Croker and Miss Kennedy; wild flowers, Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Travers; eggs, Mr. Fizzelle; poultry and honey, Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Lloyd. The Hon. Secretary of the Limerick Branch of the I.L.A., Mr. Shaw; the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Stokes, J.P., and Miss Barrington, Clonkeen, Hon. Secretary of the Cottage Garden Section, and the interest in the

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRECENTOR MEREDYTH.

Touching Tribute By The Bishop.

The remains of the late lamented Precentor Meredyth, M.A., were removed yesterday morning from his residence, Orelands, North Circular Road, for interment at the M'Kern family vault at St. Mary's Cathedral. The deceased, who was son of the late Charles Meredyth, solicitor, was born at "Silver Acres," Killester, County Dublin, and it may be remarked he was an hereditary freeman of the metropolis. It had been announced that the funeral would be strictly private—such being the wish of the deceased, but had it been otherwise a wide circle of friends in city and county would undoubtedly have been present to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of one who was beloved for his simple-minded, pious, and unostentatious life. The Bishop, several of the clergy and some intimate friends and admirers of the late Precentor however attended.

The chief mourners were—Mr. Henry Tisdall, nephew, and Mrs. John Leach, cousin.

The Royal ensign was at half mast on the Cathedral tower, and the stall in the Sacred Edifice, occupied by the Precentor as such for twenty two years, was draped in black. As the coffin was being borne up the aisle, Mr. Muspratt played on the organ that most impressive and touching composition "O Rest in the Lord."

The Cathedral choir, which had assembled in full strength—men and boys—sang the beautiful hymns "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er." The 90th psalm "Lord Thou hast been Our Refuge from one Generation to Another," was sung. The officiating clergy were—The Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon of Aghadoc, and the Rev. K. A. Adderly.

During the Service the Bishop, who was deeply moved, delivered the following address:—

We are about to consign to the last resting place the mortal remains of one who occupied a prominent place in the ranks of the clergy of this Cathedral for many years. I am conscious that ordinary words add nothing to the beauty and solemnity of our burial service. Yet, I venture to think that a few remarks may be expected from me relative to an old friend and labourer for whom I had the highest esteem and most affectionate regard. Of his love for this Cathedral I cannot too highly speak. While in health and vigour his devotion to its interests was one of his ruling passions. In the work of its restoration he very ardently joined, and was instrumental in obtaining pecuniary aid towards that object. To no one were its old history and various vicissitudes more familiar, and he published a hand-book descriptive of its past and present which is well-known. His musical abilities rendered his services as Precentor effective and valuable, and between him and the organist and members of the choir a most amiable relationship existed. Of his character as a Christian gentleman I feel myself fully qualified to speak. For more than 30 years he and I were associated in the maintenance of the services of this Cathedral, and all through that time no jarring note ever disturbed the harmony of our intercourse. The fault would have been mine if it had been otherwise. He was one of the most amiable of men, never out of temper or lacking in patience, and from his lips no uncharitable words found expression. The principle of charity and friendly brotherhood governed his intercourse with his fellows, and in the relationships of life his bearing secured for him remarkable popularity. No one ever spoke unkindly of the Precentor. Although for some years he suffered from physical debility, yet his intellect was strong and clear to the last, and on the morning of the day of his death he was able to read the service in this church. He often said to me, to use his own words, "I desire to die in harness," and his wish was realised. He is now, in the essence of his being, with the Master he so faithfully served, free from pain. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." We shall miss his genial kindly presence, but the assurance that the end of his four score years was peace, mitigates the sorrow of those who mourn his loss. I speak thus of him, not for his own sake—he is now beyond the region of earthly praise or blame—but for the purpose of paying a tribute to the memory of one who practised what he preached, loved God and man, and has left us an example of how a Christian may live. The "Dead March in Saul," was played as the coffin was being taken to the grave where the committal service was read by the Bishop. Owing to absence from Limerick the Rev. R. W. P. Archdall was unable to be present with the other clergy.

WOMAN BAPTISTS WELCOME

Coppean annual athletic under G.A.A. and I.C.A. Rr Sunday, and were very successful. Everywhere indications of Races in Tuam on Tuesday meeting.

The annual Diocesan Synod Cork was opened yesterday with Solemn High Mass.

The funeral of Monsignor the Irish College in Rome, took evening.

A cow belonging to Mr. M. Nenagh, has given birth to 1. The number of inmates in house on Saturday last was cost of 3s. 5d.

In Kilmish Workhouse were 243 inmates, showing the corresponding week last - Mr. Thomas Williams, Cro has been appointed local solicitor, in room of St. George deceased.

The Rev. Patrick Francis gushed Nenagh priest, has degree of Trinity College.

Mr. H. G. Byrne, manager Bank, Roscrea, has retired after 38 years' service. Mr accountant, has been posted

Whilst bathing in the Gifford, Co. Down, on Saturday constable named Francis F. Another policeman who was made a gallant effort to save

The engagement is announced Potter, daughter of Sir An of the Rolls in Ireland, to a younger son of Colonel Castle.

A flash of lightning struck religious service was being held, near Donalcorey, Co evening. The structure of deaths of two men—Johns injuring a large number of

At Saturday's meeting of of Guardians, Dr. John Officer Pallasgreen district, granted four weeks' leave Moloney, Cappamore, to actual remuneration

Just at the opening of Assizes for the County Tip by the Lord Chief Justice, as a result of the heat, succumbing hit in court, and had to where he lay for some condition of complete pros James Reddan, William proved to have knocked wife. He won't do it again the period for which by or on Saturday he was sent Governor of the gaol.

On Friday last Mr. Michael son of Mr. Charles Spain, of Dennybrook, and grandson Spain, J.P., of Nenagh, Co admitted a solicitor of the in Ireland.

One penny and 10s 6 ordered by the Nenagh m to be paid by Ellen Ryan John Ryan, Cudville, for taining 2 4 per cent of fat The deterioration was at weather, and the fine was same reason.

At Douglas Petty Sess A. Wynne, solicitor, application of the Cork City Moriarty, D., objected suitability of premises, th having constituted his m The application was granted hearing.

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The Lord Lieutenant Connaught Horse Bco Excellency is at present in Sixty thousand Belfast till next Monday owing to for the midsummer holidays

The Committee stage (Ireland) Bill was concluded House of Commons, and was ordered to be reported Lord Dunraven has given to call attention in the Friday to the ad interim Commissioners.

A squabble between two ham and Wallace, out of counter charge, was dismissed magistrates yesterday.

At the Kilmish market offered for sale. The price to £2 5s per cwt. The included Messrs. Quaid, V Griffay, Stackwell, Coffe

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