

AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under the terms of Vehicle Act should light up to-right at 3.42. To-morrow night at 3.44, and on Saturday at 3.44.

"NOT WEAT THEY SEEM."

In Belgrade, hotel keepers look like statesmen, and Ministers of State are, according to the "Bystander" correspondent in Belgrade, like very ordinary people. This is a country in which social surprises are of everyday occurrence. The waiter who plants your coffee before you, with a defiant air, is possibly a candidate of the anti-dynastic party, who aspires, on the return of the Obrenovitches, to a place in the Cabinet. Three men, looking like Montmartre poets, keen-eyed, with their headgear pushed back, and vigorously smoking cigarettes, are well-known politicians, two of whom were Ministers under King Alexander. They may be whispering to each other some deep-laid scheme.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Brightly decorated rooms form an entire charm to parties, both large and small, and even in the humblest homes a little decoration is usually carried out for the festive season. When making wreaths, or festoons for throwing across a large room or to grace pillars, says the "Garden," fasten a string to support at each end, leaving enough to make the tie firm, then cut up pieces of common laurel, Portugal laurel, Retinospora, holly, box, and ivy from seven inches to ten inches long. Begin at one end of the string and mix the material thoroughly as the work proceeds, tying all firmly with green string. Festoons can thus be made thick or thin, according to the work that is to be done.

DICKENS'S "CHRISTMAS CAROL."

Mr. H. F. Dickens, K.O., tells an interesting story concerning the original manuscript of his father's famous "Carol." The novelist presented the MS. to Thomas Milton, an old schoolfellow. In 1875 Mr. Milton sold it to Mr. Francis Harvey, a bookseller, for £50. Then it passed into the hands of Mr. George Churchill, an enthusiastic autograph collector. Mr. Churchill treasured it until 1882, when circumstances compelled him to part with it. After photographing every page of it, it was sold to a Birmingham bookseller, who eventually found a purchaser who readily signed a cheque for £300 for it. Finally it was bought by Mr. Stuart M. Samuel of Kensington Palace Garden, for £100, who is said to still retain the precious document.

A RECORD PRIVATE BILL.

A measure, which is described as the longest private Bill on record, has recently been deposited at the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons. This measure, which is known as "The Bury Corporation Bill," consists of no less than 342 clauses and 16 schedules.

LOCAL OPTION IN OHIO.

The work of taking the local option vote on the liquor question in the State of Ohio is now proceeding (says the Chicago correspondent of the "Chronicle"), and already sixty-four counties out of the eighty-eight composing the State have cast their votes on the subject. As a result fifty-six counties have voted against having saloons, and eight permit liquor to be sold. This leaves twenty-four more counties to be heard from. Up to the present nearly 1,800 saloons have been voted out, and as regards population practically half the State is "dry."

THE DR. JOHNSON BI-CENTENARY.

The bi-centenary of the birth of Dr. Johnson falls in the early autumn of next year, and preparation is already made for the occasion. The "British Weekly" has reason to believe that in Lichfield, which has ever been forward in doing honour to its greatest citizen, the ceremonies will be on an elaborate scale. The occasion will also be observed in London, and the members of The Club and the Johnson Club are already astir. It is certain also that in Oxford Dr. Johnson's memory will be duly honoured. As to a permanent memorial of the doctor Johnsonians are, our contemporary adds, divided. Some think that the house in Gough Street should be bought and fitted up as a museum, there are in favour of a statue in Fleet Street, there are others who think that there should be a Johnson Scholarship from the Grammar School in Lichfield to Pembroke College, Oxford.

APPEAL FOR LITTLE VENDORS OF HOLLY, ETC.

Please help the little merchants of holly and try and mistletoe.

Heigh-ho! Lady, oh,
Will you buy my mistletoe?
I am hungry, poor, and cold,
The folks at home are very old.
Yes, buy my mistletoe.

Holly and ivy for sale, for show:
The woods are far where the berries grow.
The wintry weather and cold as snow:
Order a bundle—the fire is low.
Oh, buy! Do buy!

Happy and merry let Xmas be
To those with food and a Christmas tree.
But pity us boys with mistletoe,
And the girls with holly—bet don't be slow
To buy! Yes, buy!

Goes in D; Service, Garrett in D; Hymn, 79; Sanctus, Garrett in D; Communion Service, Garrett in D; Preacher, The Lord Bishop, Evensong, 3.30 o'clock; Processional Hymn, 83; Proper Ps., 89 (v1-36), Goes in B (v 57, 60), Barby in C; Service, Stanford in B; Anthem, "There were sheep herds," &c. (selection from Messiah), Hymn, 422.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—7 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 a.m. Holy Communion; Hymn, "O Come all ye Faithful"; 9.50 a.m. Military Service (Choral). Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Offering for the Church Fund.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—Holy Communion 8 a.m. and after morning service. Morning prayer 11.30. Preacher, Rev T. B. Robertson.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parthen).—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.45; Preacher Rev T. F. Abbott, B.D.

TRINITY CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. J. T. Waller, M.A.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow street)—Morning, 11.30. Preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab).

METHODIST CHURCH (George street)—11.30 a.m. Preacher, Rev. Benson E. Gentleman.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—27th December.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion, 11.30 o'clock; Venite, Webbe in G; Chants, Goes E, MacFarren in A and Kelvey in D; Service, Hatton in C; Hymn, 80; Introit, 367; Communion Service, Goes, Kyrie and Hatton in E. Evensong, 3.30; Chants, Carmidge in C and Purcell in F minor; Service, Goes in A; Anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord (Elvey), Hymn, 504.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lr. Mallow-street). Morning, 11.30; preacher, Rev. D. McCasland, B.A. Evening, 6.30; preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab). Friday, January 1st, 1909, New Year Service. Morning, 11.40; Preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A.

KILKENNY CHURCH.—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service 4.0 p.m. (In schoolhouses). Celebration of the Holy Communion on 1st and 2nd Sundays of every month after Morning Service.

CASTLECONNELL CHURCH.—4th Sunday in Advent. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock. Evening Prayer, 5.30 o'clock.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH, MILITARY ROAD.—Dec. 21.—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening 6.30. Preacher, Rev. W. B. Meikleham.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, CECIL ST.—Sunday 21st December.

LIMERICK POST OFFICE

NOTICE.

On Christmas Day there will be only one delivery of letters and parcels in the city.

The time for posting at the head office and the collection of letters from the city letter boxes for the night mail despatch will be as on Sundays.

On Bank Holiday, 26th December, there will be one delivery of letters and parcels, commencing at 7 a.m. The only collection of letters from the city letter boxes will be made at the usual times for the day mail trains leaving Limerick at 3.55 p.m. and 4 p.m., and for the night mail train leaving at 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day the head office counter will be open for business as on Sundays, and on Bank holiday the attendance will be as on ordinary week days, but money order, savings bank, life insurance, and annuity business, and the issue of licences will close at 12 noon.

All town sub-offices will be closed on Christmas Day and Bank Holiday.

There will be only one delivery of letters and parcels on Monday the 28th inst. Collections will be made from the city letter boxes as on the ordinary week days, and the public office and town sub-offices will be open as on ordinary week days.

LIMERICK INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

At a special meeting of the Committee of above, held on Saturday evening, Mr. John McMahon, Thomondgate, was elected Secretary of the Association, and Mr. H. O'B. Moran was appointed Joint Hon. Sec., with Mr. Charles Cleave. The following gentlemen have been admitted to membership—John Eoran, O.E.; Wm. Barrington, C.E.; R. W. DeCourcy, O.E.; John Downey, B.U.; W. W. Bailey, B.A.

B.O.; J. Moloney, P. Mulcahy, J. H. Ryan, J.P.; M. O'Neill, J. F. McDonagh, and J. Hogan.

THE LATE SIR THOMAS H. CLEEVE, D.L.

Mr. Hassett proposed the following resolution:—"Resolved—That it is with profound regret that we have to record the death of our late esteemed fellow-citizen, Sir Thomas H. Cleave, D.L., whose early demise took place last week; and we desire to offer to his relatives and friends the expression of our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement; his genial and kindly manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his loss is keenly felt by the farming community, and by none more than the poor of the city. That our Clerk convey to the family of this gentleman the expression of our sympathy, and to assure them that we feel deeply his early demise."

Captain O'Brien seconded the resolution. Mrs. O'Brien asked permission to speak on behalf of the ladies of the Board. Any time they approached Sir Thomas for anything he always met them in the most generous fashion, and provided them with a plentiful supply of butter and cream. In fact he made it appear that he was paid a compliment by asking rather than that he paid a compliment by giving.

Mr. Lynch said as one who from time to time had been brought into contact with the late Sir Thomas Cleave he was in a position to testify to the kindness of his nature in regard to any poor person whose case had been brought before him, and to his willingness to assist any worthy person seeking a position on the railway or any other civil appointment. Sir Thomas was always courteous and kind, and could be approached without the slightest trouble. He was a man whom Limerick ought to be proud of. He built up a great business, and did wonderful work in Limerick during his time amongst them. One great trait of the late Sir Thomas' character was that he spent all the spare moments of his life amongst the members of his family, affording them that pleasure that his presence was always certain to bring.

Mr. McNamara desired to associate himself with the vote of condolence.

The Clerk (Mr. H. J. Gu'nan) said as one who knew the late Sir Thomas Cleave for a period extending over forty years he was able to say that he was the same Sir Thomas when a young man that he was up to the time of his lamented death. Every word that had been said of the deceased gentleman was well deserved. He would be a great loss to the city of Limerick. The Board had paid a high compliment to his memory—he not being a member—to adjourn as a token of its sympathy but it was all deserved. He (the Clerk) wished to associate himself with the resolution not alone on his own behalf, but of all the officials.

Mr. Dundon (Master) said as far as he was personally concerned he had always found Sir Thomas most friendly and kindly whenever he had occasion to approach him in his official capacity.

Captain O'Brien said there had been some sort of arrangement that the Board would not adjourn on the death of anybody but one of its members, but he regarded this as an exceptional case; the life of Sir Thomas being such an example of courage and perseverance in the way he built up his business and carried on his work with such a remarkable degree of success in every part of the country (hear hear).

The Chairman, in putting the resolution, said personally he had no acquaintance with the late Sir Thomas Cleave, but he had known him through his public life, and he should certainly say that from what he had known of him that every word contained in the resolution was a just and true record of his character. He (Chairman) appreciated him more than anything else for his determination and push in life. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest captains of industry that he had ever met in the whole of his experience in the commercial and industrial world.

The resolution was then put and carried in silence.

Mr. Lynch then formally moved the adjournment of the Board.

Mr. Barrington seconded the adjournment, and said he felt sure it was hardly necessary for him to do so as the members would only be too ready to adjourn on such an occasion as the present. He was sorry that he was not in time to hear the vote of condolence passed. However, he could only say that they all regretted very much the passing away of a kindly, courteous, Irish gentleman (hear, hear).

The Board then adjourned.

ST. MICHAEL'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

At the usual Committee meeting held last night, the following vote of condolence was proposed by Mr. Frank Geary, D.V.P., and unanimously passed:—

station by the Adare by concourse of people, and their compartments the ringing cheer, which was again en route to the day the festivities were on scale, and at night the lights. Every house, its full quota of illumined numerous fairy lamps while in many instances were worked out with the Hotel lodge, and at the village two immense and far barrels were ver and around the locality.

At half-past eight the of Mr. Moore, and enthusiastic crowd proceeded after playing a choice of turned to the village, and Countess of Dunraven, the Knight of Glin, and carriage, drawn by two rous was by the Hotel Monastery Field, where near the pyr technic display elaborate scale. The de in the extreme, and repi Dunraven family, as well family, and the monog Ardee. The journey w Monastery Lodge, and b where the band again quantity to the village.

The rejoicings were night and nothing but was observed by the the village from very di in the welcome exten they entertain the wa and respect. It was o reception and fully dem of the relations that between the residents ac Te say that Lady Ardee interest in the well-beli whom she has been bro conveying what has bee inhabitants of Adara, occasion of her marria reciprocation of that go ments were carried out w and nothing could excee the people worked to complete as possible, noticeable in the scheme householders appeared t in the display of lights. mitted consisted of Rev J. Fitzgerald, O.O.; R Messrs. R. R. Ballingal T. McGrath, D. Rattle,

COUNTY COMM

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sent were—Lady Emily, Kirby, P.P. Messrs. J. O nets, K. B. Daly, S. Win Mr. T. Hartigan, Secre and they were agreed to In answer to Mr. Bear

The Chairman said f made for the scheme for manual instructor.

Mr. Bennett asked how The Chairman said the titude in the matter of a work.

Mr. Hartnett—I thou best men.

The Chairman—We h long enough with us.

Mr. Hartnett looked c very little use to the cor

Mr. Bennett advocated in case a manual instruct at some future time.

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ADDITIONAL

Lord Emily referred to et the last meeting by Mr

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sorry to say that only Council attended, Mr. C himself. What be sho

labourers should derive the proposal. He would quarter of an acre over

labourer should get a b peace.

Mr. Harnett—That if