

payment by the Government of the loan charges. The Government will not only provide that 50 per cent, but also 50 per cent for the upkeep and management. Then, for every pound paid in rent by the tenant the State will provide another pound. All this, it is hoped, will secure confidence in the local authorities against financial loss. Mr. Stephenson refers to a recent computation that 50,000 houses should be built in the Irish cities, and almost as many existing buildings restored and made home-like. It may be remarked that in Limerick 2,000 new houses were long since estimated as the minimum, and plans made accordingly. It is pointed out that each authority must present its scheme before April, 1920 to the Local Government Board. Sir Edward Carson suggested that with a view to speeding up the housing policy, the Local Government Board's staff should be strengthened, Mr. Devlin agreeing with Sir Edward's suggestion that special "ad hoc" Commissioners should be appointed to carry out the work. Mr. Samuels expressed his gratification at the approval on all sides with which the Bill was received, and his hope for the valuable assistance of the House in the future course of the measure is certain to be gratified. It is not too much to expect, in the circumstances, that the Bill, amended as it may be on some financial points, will soon reach the Statute Book, and thus mark the inauguration of a most urgent scheme of social reform in the Irish cities and towns—the providing of healthy and up-to-date dwellings for the masses, and the removal of the squalid surroundings in which so great a number of them are now obliged to live.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Registrar-General's Report.

The births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in the eighteen principal Provincial Urban Districts of Ireland, with the annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented thereby, which for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 1,142,268, are given in Table II of the Registrar-General's report for week ending Saturday, May 10th. The births are represented by 277 in the Dublin Registration Area; Belfast, 246; Cork, 265; Londonderry, 293; Limerick, 257; Waterford, 209. The deaths from all causes appertaining to the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks, respectively, were equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Nineteen Town Districts, 16.8 and 18.3; Dublin Registration Area, 17.3 and 19.5; Dublin City, 18.0 and 19.8; Belfast, 14.8 and 15.9; Cork, 12.2 and 16.8; Londonderry, 26.7 and 22.9; Limerick, 28.4 and 22.3; and Waterford, 11.4 and 18.1. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the 19 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 0.5 per 1,000. Among the 114 deaths from all causes for Belfast are 31 from diarrhoeal diseases and one from cerebro-spinal meningitis. The deaths from all causes for

organised.

## LIMERICK TALENT.

There has been on view at Messrs Curran and McCarthy's, O'Connell-street, an engrossed and illuminated address about to be presented to the Rev P. Hartigan, P.P., Tournasulla, by his former parishioners at Castle-Mahon, whence he was translated recently to Tournasulla. The engrossing and illumination is a very neat and ornamental piece of work by Mr Joseph O'Donoghue, a native of Limerick, and locally employed under the Board of Works at the General Post Office in this city. It is not the first time that Mr O'Donoghue's special work in lettering, Celtic ornamentation and effective colouring, has been brought under the notice of the citizens, and in this his latest effort the promise of his early handiwork, taste, execution and finish is seen in the genre of the old Irish exemplars which bygone ages have still left Ireland. In this instance Mr O'Donoghue seems to be approaching to his best. He has employed old English lettering in the text, with Celtic capitals, while the colouring is full of richness, old gold hues being introduced with skill, and helping to the harmony and brightness of the whole address, and softening the many hues and shades of the work in a very artistic and skilful manner. A word has been said as to ornamentation. This is all Celtic, scroll work, mottoes, monogram, the Evangelists at the points of support or domination, and the deft setting of the emblems and representation of Ireland's four provinces. Father Hartigan's monogram is also very neatly done, and the address is set in a rich, Irish gold ornamented frame, specially made by Mr John Ryan, of Catherine-street.

## DEATH OF MR HENRY ROBINSON.

We regret to state that intelligence has been received in Limerick of the death of Mr Herbert Robinson, which occurred on the 3rd instant at his residence, "Garryowen," Albany, Western Australia. Deceased, who was son-in-law of the late Mr Wm Christy, of this city, was an Irishman by descent, and a large merchant and landed proprietor in Western Australia, with the public life of which country he was also prominently identified. For some years he was Mayor of Albany, and up to the time of his demise an honoured member of the Australian Parliament. The news of his death will be heard of with regret by many friends in this city, who will sincerely sympathise with his widow (nee Miss Meta Christy) and her family in their bereavement.

## CORPORATION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

A meeting was held to-day, the Mayor presiding, and arrangements made for the holding of this year's examinations for the Corporation University Scholarships of £80 per annum, tenable for three years. The examinations are to be held on the 7th July, and applications from intending candidates are to be lodged with the Town Clerk by the 9th June prox.

## OUT AND ABOUT.

The Earl and Countess of Kerry have arrived at Shen Falls, County Kerry, from London.

Mr S C Symes, sub-agent of the Bank of Ireland, Youghal, has been promoted to the branch at Ballinaloe.

Ardee Town Commissioners adopted a rate of 1s 6d on land. These rates

The names of the deceased, a married, no family; aged Michael Enright (deceased) County Limerick, unmarried Constable Timothy Ring, stationed in Kilkenny, and temporary duty in Tipperary O'Reilly, a native of County duty temporarily in Tipperary.

No untoward incident marred Charles down until Knockknock after eight. The train had stop at the station when described as of the labour the compartment in which prisoners were travelling, not disguised, and all of be young men, immediate police party with revolver up. Almost simultaneous out, and Constable Enright in his seat. Sergeant Wallace powerless. The remaining put up the best resistance the raiders snapped Constable began to beat him round the it. Two of the raiders then and pushed him bodily to where three others took to and bundled him on to the conveyed him between the line towards Kilmallock, darkness. Constable Reilly left and pursued the raiders after them, with what remained the time Constable Ring on platform there were no tidings, and it was only late that he had reached Enright. In the meantime Constable Enright was dying aid. He was shot through regained consciousness. train at Kilmallock he died to by Rev Father M'Carthy at the station waiting to was removed to the local lay overnight pending the Sergeant Wallace, with wounds in the abdomen serious contused wounds to the Union hospital in promptly attended to Cleary. He rallied a good but extensive internal he collapsed and died. His wife was present before Court, had been summons Wallace, but the sum of his death supervened. I military are engaged in despite the diligent investigation County Inspector Yates M'Lean and Hunt, no further coming.

Amongst the visitors was Mr Lee, secretary of a delegation, who was a Collins, M.P. for West Limerick. Mr Lee's relatives at Ballingarry.

The remains of the late Constable Enright were conveyed to the R.C. Croom.

## Inquest on Constable

In the Courthouse, a Dr P J Cleary, the Dividing inquest into the circum death of Constable Enright proposed to formally open it for a week.