

agricultural operations had, seriously dislocated during which countries must now supply from America and it is not much consolation to hands to learn—indeed it but a feeling of sympathy—that in a cost of living is even much here at home. Mr Roberts by comparing the prices of peon, sugar, and butter in the home with those obtaining in Sweden, and Germany, considerable difference in prices a foreigner, and Mr Roberts taken as a whole, the United been successful in obtaining foods at lower prices than prevail elsewhere. High prices, to be looked at as a phenomenon of this country, but, as he says, old-wide in nature." They sequences of the results of the they did after the long drawn-out campaigns, the few years which were marked by grave the price of food. We have ne experience to-day, and can at relief will not be so long in the old days referred to. es salvation in increased pro- As exports from this country changes which are seriously ill, be rectified, and so far as are concerned, a not unim- fication in prices will follow." so. His observations with ar should stimulate the Govern- urage the cultivation of beet in . The greater part of the this country of unrefined sugar ar consisted of beet sugar. At ave to rely almost exclusively ; the price of which has risen The cultivation of sugar beet in ong been advocated, and it has that our climate and soil are ne purpose. Though there is opinion on the subject as a rise, the extension of sugar on, with an adequate Govern- y, would more than likely be lly considered by the farming

RECENT COMMENT.

appears, the Arctic conditions which had week crisis, came sooner than was in fell on Sunday morning, and and slush were soon about, and was difficult—indeed there were accidents in the forenoon—none disappearance of the ice and snow, to milder atmospheric conditions but the snow was not without its a fertilizer on the land and sa

Yesterday morning, James Hunt, handball champion of Munster, was arrested in connection with the affair, and conveyed, handcuffed, under a strong escort to Sligo, where he was handed to the military. Dr Doyle was arrested, but was released after being searched, and O'Grady cannot be found. Great excitement prevails in the neighbouring districts.

THE MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

The Missionary Exhibition ("Africa and the East") will, as already announced, be opened at the Diocesan Hall, Limerick, next Thursday at 2 p.m. and will continue open each day (Sunday excepted) from 2 to 10 p.m. A series of courts showing life and customs in Palestine, West and East Africa, India, China, and Japan, will be arranged, the exhibits including native dress, and curios of various kinds, which are certain to invest the Exhibition with great interest, and will, no doubt, attract a large attendance of the general public each day and evening.

LIMERICK NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSED.

Early this morning District Inspector Craig and a party of constabulary, with a military engineer, made a raid on the printing premises, Cornmarket Row, of "The People," a weekly Sinn Fein organ, which was in publication in Limerick for some months past. The principal parts of the machinery were removed by the constabulary. No arrests were made.

ALLEGED THEFT OF MOTOR CYCLE.

The constabulary are inquiring into the circumstances attending the alleged theft of a motor bicycle, the property of Mr J McGrath, one of the organizers of the Irish Transport Workers' Union. The machine was left for a brief time outside the local premises of the Workers' Union, and when the owner went in quest of it, no trace of the motor cycle could be found.

CRIMEAN VETERAN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of a Crimean veteran, Michael McNamara, late 41st the Welsh Regiment, took place in the city yesterday afternoon, with full military honours, the bands of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, at present in garrison, attending, and the regiment furnishing a firing party and sending a wreath. McNamara had attained the advanced age of 95, and was in receipt of a pension for thirty years. He had three sons in the Army, one being killed in the recent war. Three volleys were fired over his grave after the interment, and the "Last Post" was sounded. McNamara was in action with his regiment at the Alma, at the siege of Sebastopol, and in other engagements at the time. He was a native of Limerick City, and a great favourite with a large circle of friends. The interment was at Mount St Laurence Cemetery.

PROJECTED PRESENTATION TO BANK MANAGER.

Mr Valentine J Turner, the popular manager of the National Bank, Limerick, is retiring from the position, which he has held for ten years, and some of his friends at a preliminary meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on the 15th instant decided to take steps to make him a suitable presentation. Subscriptions for this purpose are limited to one

Intervention Impossil

Replying to the debate on foreign policy in the House of Commons, last night, Mr Lloyd emphasized the impossibility of armed intervention in Russia. He contended that we had our debt to our Russian Allies, and that it was impossible to go on financing civil war in our country indefinitely. Mr Balfour, late evening, pointed out that the delay in the settlement was due largely to the attitude of America. He denied that Britain cherishes any aim opposed to France in Syria, and declared that the British influence must be maintained in the Sudan, and the Suez Canal regions.

P.Y.M.A LITERARY CLASS.

Opening the winter session of the Literary Class of the P.Y.M.A on Friday evening last, the President, Canon Swain, delivered a most very interesting inaugural address, which was listened to with pleasure and profit by the audience. He observed that his recollection of the Association and of the Literary Class goes back to many years. He desired to impart to the younger members of to-day what a very interesting institution it was when he first knew it from its perfect yet, and that must, of course, be but he was bold to say that the P.Y.M.A. has its familiar title of the "Young Men's" never it did. Their time-honoured motto—"Quit yourselves like men." It came from Holy Writ. It was the foundation of their whole Association. On it their forefathers built in their day and generation well and and they did so because they had in the this other motto which came to them slowly—"Festina Lente"—"slowly." There never was a time in the of their Association—and, indeed, to take a wider view, in the history of our Empire—was more necessary to hold fast to the mottoes—"Quit yourselves like men" "Hasten slowly." They were engaged, at least, contemplating, a work of reconstruction. Many seem to think that the essence of reconstruction is speed, yet losing sight of the many things done quickly are not well done. Changes must come, and should be well only because they are a sign of life and progress. The theory of the "good old times" is rejected for many a spoke being thrust into the progress, and so preventing advance. Canon Swain drew a very interesting contrast between "good old times," as they were called, present, and said that on the whole he preferred the world of to-day. The old spirit of has been proved, tested, tried again more perhaps than ever before, and we may give thanks that it has not been found to become President of the Literary thoughts went back to the old days. In he said, many who are dead and gone, who come here were as familiar, or more than I. I thought of the fine vigor which they spoke and debated in the room, and the old words came into my mind—"There were giants in the land in those days." Now it is the application of those words we must have the thought that things are going from worse, the thought that we are deteriorating as the world grows older. In a humble way in this Class we must give thought and show that it is false. We younger members, on whom the future of the Association depends, to practice here the of thought, so absolutely essential for c