

concern of accredited diplomats, and also the hopelessness of that other section of the Liberal Party which imagines that England will manage under "a splendid isolation." It argues that all treaties and agreements be bundled into the waste paper basket, and then the withering retort to the desertion of old friends did not begot itself, and it was for us to stand by those with whom we were already allied. A power, he said, set up this splendid isolation idea would be a public nuisance and would have to be dealt with by ships against the navies of all Europe. The Government would have to take into account the fact that all the powers she was not friendly with would combine against her, whilst on the other hand all the allies in framing a policy can reckon on friendly and powerful armies as a unit in their own defensive.

Mr. Bonar Law's criticism did not go to the manner in which Unionists had taken all party considerations and backed up the Government to the full in their endeavours to safeguard the interests of the Empire. He urged the Government, and we hope they will not forget, to follow this example when they find themselves in opposition. Party tactics may be highly inseparable from the ordinary run of politics, but foreign affairs are too serious and too important to permit of their intrusion.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Irish Land's Mineral Wealth.

Mr. Richard Croker, during an interview with a representative of the News Bureau Association in New York, said he would most likely interest himself in the development of the Irish mines. Ireland is full of minerals, said Mr. Croker. Coal, lead, and many other minerals are found there. The only trouble over there is that there is at present no money to develop them. While I am here I will most probably get in touch with the gentlemen interested in the matter, and then we will try to help things along. Englishmen will invest money in Ireland. That is why these schemes have not hitherto been worked. Ireland would welcome anything or anybody which has money connected with it.

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Address to Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer.

The address and presentation made to the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, at the Palace, Corbally,

## CONNAUGHT WINTER ASSIZES.

Mr. Justice Dodd, who is to preside at the Connaught Winter Assizes, opening to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, at the County Crown Court, will arrive in town to-night from Dublin.

## P.Y.M.A. LITERARY CLASS.

Owing to the Torrey Mission being on this week and next, the P.Y.M.A. Literary Class has decided to postpone their meetings for Friday, 1st and 8th December.

## LIMERICK OPERATIC SOCIETY.

The first practice for the *Gondoliers* will take place in the Thomond Hall, Royal George Hotel, at 8 p.m. this (Thursday) evening.

## DEATH OF CAPTAIN THOMAS WESTROPP-BENNETT.

We regret to record the death of a very popular County Limerick gentleman, Captain Thomas Westropp-Bennett, late 39th Regiment, which took place on Tuesday last at his residence, Ballymurphy, in his 78th year. The deceased gentleman, who came from an old county family, was son of the late Rev. James Bennett, of Fedamore. Choosing the Army as a profession he served through the Crimean war, and being stricken down with cholera was for some time invalided at the hospital at Scutari, but on becoming convalescent again joined the campaign, the terrible rigors of which he naturally experienced. He also served at Gibraltar, Mauritius, Quebec, and Bermuda Islands, and was the possessor of the British, Sardinian, and Turkish medals, for distinguished service in the field. In home life, Mr. Bennett by his kindly and genial disposition had the good-will and high esteem of all classes and creeds, who deeply regret the passing away of one who took a deep interest in his native county, and who in his earlier days was an enthusiastic and ardent sportsman. He rode many a mount to victory on the old Newcastle Race Course, and he was one of the oldest members of the County Limerick Hunt.

The funeral takes place at one o'clock to-morrow (Friday) from Ballymurphy for Crecora, the family burial place.

## Resolution of Croom District Council.

At Croom District Council to-day, Mr. F. McCarthy proposed the following:— "That we, the members of the Croom Rural District Council, have learned with regret of the death of Capt. Bennett, Ballymurphy, and we desire to express our condolence with his son, Mr. James Bennett, a member of this Council, and the other members of his family in their bereavement."

Mr. Field seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

## THE BOROUGH ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.

At the meeting of the Corporation Committee last night, the Mayor presiding, a letter was read from the Borough Electrical Engineer, Mr. C.

## DR. TORREY'S

This mission, which was evening, has been continued. The Protestant Orphan Home are large and most encouraged, and are followed with deep interest applied to Tuesday and when Dr. Torrey's subject important question ever asked man," the text be and 22nd verse—"What with Jesus which is Doctor gave a most interpretation of the text much force the fact that must at some time of their tion for themselves, and I sent to do so there and the The Choir rendered each under the leadership of M sang solos with much power. On Friday evening a school held for children at four at 3.30 and 8 o'clock meetings as usual by Mr. Jacoby. Particulars in our advertisements.

## FIRST AID

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Dr. Pearse will lecture on First Aid at the Savings Bank, Limerick, to-night, at 8 p.m. Limited to men only.

### LADIES

Dr. McDonnell has arranged a representative section of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, and on the premises of the Committee.

### OTHER

The Catholic Athletic Club are completing arrangements for Dr. Roberts.

The Drapers' Club are the programme also, and John MacMahon has been details.

The G.A.A. is getting on. The Postal Officials' Club postponed owing to forthcoming, now night.

Subscriptions, donations reach the Hon. Secy. Town Hall, Limerick.

## BESSES O' TH

Two performances were given by the Besses o' Th and those who availed themselves of the opportunity afforded of hearing were pleased with the treatment which is entirely composed of soft, and it was with the attendance at the evening performances. Although the house have been expected—yet there were appreciative audiences.

The programme were vigorously performed instead of eight we had eight o'clock the curtain