

ALCOCK, 49, NORTH ST.

the company, apparently a man of more materialistic sense, suggested that what was more required and what would be infinitely greater use was—a Town Clock. The gentlemen took issue on the point, and a challenge emanated from what particular side I cannot say, but one said he would, at his own cost, carry out the improvement which his mind suggested as being of greater utility, if the other gentleman did likewise. The challenge was duly accepted, and a note was taken of the agreement, and so we are to have a pulpit in the Church and a Town Clock on the Town Hall at the expense of two worthy citizens. But the spirit of liberality must have been infectious, because I am given to understand that two others who were in the company stipulated to provide stained-glass windows for the Church. The bourgeoisie would not cavil if the result occasionally manifested itself in the assertion of this form of generosity. In the meantime we shall be anxiously looking forward for the pulpit, the Town Clock, and the stained-glass windows.

THE LATE DR. LYNCH.

The funeral of the late Dr. Lynch, Ballyvourney, took place on Sunday last amidst every manifestation of popular regret and mourning. In the presence of an immense concourse of sympathisers and mourners his remains were laid to rest in the local church yard, and this final tribute of respect to the memory of Dr Lynch, whose life's work will never be forgotten by the people of Ballyvourney at all events, spoke trumpet-tongued for the universal respect and esteem in which he was regarded. I furnish elsewhere some few details of his remarkable career, but an exhaustive account of his strangely blended fortunes would form a fascinating, if not a thrilling, narrative. It is, however, a fortunate day for the village and district of Ballyvourney that Dr Lynch was appointed its Medical Officer of Health, for its material prosperity and social advancement began at that period, and have been growing ever since under the magic of his great organising ability and his lofty ideals of citizenship. The practical and successful character of his work no less than its magnitude renders his loss to the people all the more acute, and if there is genuine and abiding grief in Ballyvourney to-day for the death of their great champion, it is only natural, because they would be unworthy and ungrateful if they did not mourn, with all the depth of their feelings, the closing of a life that meant so much for them.

DEBATING CLASS.

What promises to be a very successful debating class has been inaugurated by the local division of the A.O.H. The initial debate was held a fortnight ago, and was characterised by a keenness of discussion and a sharp conflict of intelligent opinion on the subject dealt with—an interesting historical subject. The standard of debate was adjudged very high and great things are expected in the future. The next debate takes place on Monday night, and the subject will be the very much discussed one, "Woman Suffrage," as the proposed extension of the franchise for women is briefly described. This is certain to attract a large array of speakers on both sides, and the question will be thoroughly dissected; but whether the final vote be in favour of the suffragette movement or not a saner and more tolerant view of the agitation must necessarily prevail amongst those who shall avail of the opportunity of hearing the matter discussed from both points of view.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

The opinion of some Nationalists in Macroom as to the propriety of supporting the new movement for the organisation of an Irish Volunteer force has been ascertained and that opinion might be cited as not in favour of the movement on the grounds that it is ill-timed and premature, and might be calculated to do injury to the Home Rule movement at this juncture. The object of the new national force has not been clearly defined, but if it is to repel any aggressiveness on the part of the firebrands it is thought that Ireland unorganised and undrilled can at very short notice put up sufficient fighting men to meet and defeat the Ulster fanatics that may be inspired to rebel against the national authority. The feeling in favour of a native Volunteer force would be unanimous once the Home Rule Bill were placed on the Statute Book.

it was attributed to the large number of Shows which were now held annually in the country and which were hitherto few and far between. Mr McCarthy made a suggestion that a Conference of the West Cork Shows should be held with a view to keeping down the amount of prize money—a very important and valuable suggestion. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, we think the Society is in a sound position, that there was no need for the feelings of perturbation on the part of one or two members at the meeting, and that with a little more energy on the part of the committee, the debit balance should easily be placed on the opposite side of the account. Next year's Show has been fixed for Thursday, June 25th.

LAST SUNDAY'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

Considerable disappointment was felt Sunday at the failure to bring off the match between the local fifteen and Rosscarbery. The latter travelled to this town and proceeded to the grounds to play the match, which was for the Railway Shields, only to find that the referee appointed had not put in an appearance. In order to try and bring off the match the local team offered to procure a referee, but in this Rosscarbery would not agree and several of their players left the ground. Even they would not play a friendly match, but half a dozen of them took part in a practice match with the local team. The question may be asked who the referee was on the occasion. Whoever he was, we think there should be an explanation forthcoming from him for his absence on the occasion, because he caused much disappointment. The local club refunded the people who paid for admission their money as far as it was possible after they had waited for a long time in the hope that the referee would turn up. As to the match, it is the second occasion it has failed to come off. Rosscarbery failed to travel on a previous occasion, and the match was refixed for last Sunday. Under the circumstances, we think that Rosscarbery should have agreed to some referee on the ground and have played the match.

PROPOSED SUNDAY COURSING.

We have been informed that steps are being taken to organise a Sunday Coursing Club, and with this object in view Messrs J Griffin, V.O., T.C., and P J Howard waited on Mr L A Johnson, of Laragh House, on Sunday last. The deputation was courteously received by Mr Johnson, who offered to stock his grounds with hares at his own expense if he received assistance in preserving them. A meeting of the townspeople will be held on next Thursday night in the Town Hall to form a Club.

DEATH OF MISS MURPHY.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Lizzie Murphy, North Main St., which took place on Wednesday. The deceased young lady had been in delicate health for some time and her end came peacefully. She was a member of a family who were highly respected in the town and district, which was amply testified to by the large attendance at the funeral, which took place for Canovee on Friday.

INSURANCE APPEAL COURT.

On Tuesday last at Lee's Hotel, Bandon, Mrs Dickie, Irish Insurance Commissioner, heard an appeal by the Royal Liver Friendly Society (Approved Section) from the decision of the arbitrator who decided some months ago that the Royal Liver were wrong in expelling Mary Burke from membership of the Society under the Insurance Act. Mr P J O'Driscoll, solr., represented the Royal Liver Friendly Society, and Mr John B Deane, solr., represented Mary Burke.

Evidence was tendered on behalf of the appellants by Drs. Welply, Hennessy, John W Gillman, local superintendent of the company, and for the respondent by Mary Burke and the Rev. J C Lord, Rector, Kilbrogan, when it concluded at 1 o'clock, having sat for 3 hours. The decision will be notified by the Insurance to the interested parties in due course.