

I am of opinion, too, that so much of our time at Congress should not be occupied with resolutions asking for increased remuneration, &c.; *the public platform is the place for them.*

I am, sir, yours very faithfully,
J. DENNEHY.

Cork, 26th Jan., 1891.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to express on behalf of Widow Ryan and orphans their heartfelt thanks for your kind insertion of my appeal for aid to save them from dread eviction hanging over their heads.

I trust that at association meetings some one will be found so charitable as to mention this sad case—two teachers, father and son, having died and left no breadwinner behind to support a family of five. Now they are threatened with seizure of their holding and eviction because unable to pay a debt. Even one shilling from each association would clear off this debt, and save the almost heart-broken family from eviction and the workhouse.

I cannot refrain from quoting the following extract from a letter received from Mr Lynch, Woodstock N S, who, in enclosing his second contribution to this fund, says—“Considering that had the Widows' and Orphans' Scheme been established last year, I should have had to pay some 30s, I can scarcely persuade myself that I am sending as much as I ought. Those who are willing to subscribe to the above-named fund are, I think, morally bound to give some little assistance to such cases as yours.” I trust Mr Lynch's example may be followed by all desirous of aiding in a good charitable work.

It is a pity that some member of the C. E. C. would not try and obtain a copy of the widows' and orphans' scheme at present at work in England, and see would it, or one like it, suit this country, since there is no prospect of the present scheme, “under consideration,” being adopted.

Contributions received for Ryan Widow and Orphans' Anti-Eviction Fund: Athboy association, per Mr H. C. M'Shane, 3s 6d; Killeshandra association, per Mr P. Boylan, 2s 6d; Mr and Mrs Raleigh, Kilskyre N S, 5s; Mr J. O'Callaghan, Ballycallan N S, 2s 6d; Mr C. Lynch, Woodstock, 2s 6d; A Lady Sympathiser, Dublin, 1s 6d.

Yours gratefully,

Windgap N S, Callan,
January 25th, 1891.

M. J. DOYLE.

MEETING OF NATIONAL TEACHERS IN ANTRIM.

An adjourned meeting of the National teachers of the Antrim Poor Law Union, was held in the Bruce Memorial N.S., at 2 o'clock on Saturday. Mr Hugh Savage, chairman of the local association, presided. The following were among those present: Messrs J. Henderson, Straidhavern; T. Bailey, Ballyclare; T. M'Loughlin, Dundrod; A. Campbell, Gortnagallon; J. Donnelly, Faringlough; H. Huston, Staffordstown; W. Scott, Seymoursbridge; A. F. Caldwell, Ballyrobin; O. M'Loughlin, Tannaghmore; J. Paul, Creavery; J. Needham, Antrim; W. W. M'Fetridge, Bruce Memorial; Miss M. Young, Oldstone; Miss B. Lynagh, Antrim, &c., &c. Apologies were read from several who sent reports of their working in different parts, but who were unavoidably absent.

The Chairman said it augured well to see such a large assemblage of teachers, and showed much enthusiasm to see each electoral division represented. They had already succeeded in concentrating their scattered forces, and moreover, thanks to the Press of Belfast, Ballymena, Larne, Carrickfergus, and Lisburn, together with the Class Journals of the Metropolis, had aroused and educated public opinion with regard to advancing education within this Union. This undoubtedly was a great gain and must bear fruit in the immediate future. He counselled steady work, as the matter here was a test, how recent legislation would act in altering the attitude of the Guardians regarding the Permissive Act of 1875 in different Unions throughout Ireland. Let each one work as if the ultimate issue rested on his or her exertions. The eyes of the nation are directed to this struggle. If all work earnestly victory is assured. The reports to hand from those deputed to wait on the guardians gave unmixed satisfaction. Arrangements were made to continue the canvass of the guardians, and to get up a deputation to the Board on the 29th inst., when the contributory question will be considered. Here ended the meeting of the Union teachers, but such

enthusiastic fervour prevailed those present that fourteen new members were enrolled in the local Teachers' Association, which transacted its monthly routine business. At the termination of the first meeting, Mr T. Baillie was deputed to bring together some of the teachers in and about Ballyclare, in order to appoint suitable delegates to wait on some guardians there, and with the view also of getting the teachers in that locality to become members of the Organization.

J. NEEDHAM (Secretary).

AN APPEAL.

THE relentless hand of death has again laid its merciless grasp upon another breadwinner, and the sole support of a large helpless family—the late Mr EDWARD CONNOLLY, Stackallen N S, Navan, a distinguished mathematician, and a teacher of unquestioned ability.

For close on twenty years the deceased had been a familiar figure at the periodical meetings of the teachers of Meath, who, in his comparatively early demise, mourn a faithful and affectionate colleague, a sincere friend, and a generous donor to every movement calculated to improve the position of his fellow-teachers.

The people also amongst whom he laboured during the best years of his life, so faithfully and so well, feel sorely the loss of one who omitted no opportunity of advancing the interests of the children entrusted to his charge, many of whom by their success in different spheres of life, bear eloquent testimony to his scholarship and skill as an instructor of youth.

It is to be deplored that the family of a teacher so universally respected should be left at his death in a position of utter destitution, but, unfortunately, the miserable wage upon which the National Teachers are supposed to live and thrive, coupled with the pressure of recent domestic affliction, entailing considerable expense, precluded the possibility of the late Mr CONNOLLY making any provisions for the little ones whom he has left to mourn his loss.

To relieve the pressure of immediate want, and to procure the means of raising the children above a position of absolute dependence on public charity, it has been determined to organize a drawing of prizes for their benefit, and a committee has been formed to carry out the details of this laudable undertaking.

It has been resolved that the proceeds of this drawing be vested in trustees for the sole benefit of the children, and the names of the committee, as given below, afford sufficient guarantee that any funds entrusted to them will be applied absolutely to the best interests of this afflicted family.

Tickets can be had from any member of the Committee.

COMMITTEE.

Rev P Gallagher, P.P.	Edward Ryan.
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TO THE EDITOR.

WE regret to notice the death of Mr R Whelan, National School Teacher, at Rathkeevan, which took place rather suddenly at his residence on Thursday morning last. At about 7 o'clock he asked his wife what time it was, and she replied that it was early, he need rise for a while yet. Shortly after this when she called him she was somewhat surprised to find he gave no answer, she shook him, but he showed no signs of life. Mr Prendergast, a neighbour, was sent for, and it was then found that the poor gentleman was dead. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs Whelan and her children in their sad affliction. The deceased was a good man, upright and honest in all his dealings, and was universally respected. Coroner Shee, J.P., and a respectable jury, with Mr T Prendergast as foreman, held an inquest on the remains on Friday morning, and on the evidence of Dr O'Brien, a verdict of death from heart disease was returned. The funeral, which took place immediately after, was attended by a large and respectable cortege, and a good and God-fearing man was consigned to his last resting-place, of him it might truly be said—
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I am, faithfully yours,
DANIEL SUTHERLAND.

Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians,
Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons;
also of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons.
For seven years Councillor and Trustee of the City of Edinburgh, and Manager of the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh; President of the Scottish Christians' Evidence Society; Metallist (Royal College Surgeons) 1867; awarded Queen's Prize (Science of Chemistry) Kensington Museum, 1868; Public Honours (Royal College of Surgeons) 1869; &c., &c.

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