

THE CITY OFFICERS.

We copy the following from a contemporary of yesterday :

Monday being the day for the inauguration of our City Officers, early in the morning there was an evident sensation manifesting itself through the City of paying a personal compliment to our worthy Mayor re-elected, Henry Watson, Esq. for his very proper conduct and exemplary exertions during the last year, and for which his re-election to the Civic Chair met with the approbation of his fellow-citizens. By the bye, for the demonstrations of public opinion, it is our duty to notice, our excellent Chief Magistrate was not prepared, without undervaluing the offerings of his townsmen, it being every thing with him to have acted so as to consult the innate rectitude of his own conscience. At the hour of two, the supposed hour when the Procession was to move from the Exchange to the Court-House, the Court-House itself, and the approaching avenues were unusually thronged, and when the Procession entered the Court the multitude within and abroad formed a solid mass of thousands.—After the swearing-in of Henry Watson, Esq. Mayor, William Munt, and William Piercy, Esqrs. as Sheriffs, Edward Parker, Esq. as Town Clerk, for the ensuing year, the gratulations in the Court were astounding, when the Mayor rose and addressed the Court in nearly the following words :

Gentlemen.—I thank you for this public mark of your approbation, it is to me a flattering testimonial of my having done my duty for the last year, and the honor of being re-elected Chief Magistrate of this great city will stimulate me to merit a continuance of your good opinion; you have heard the Oaths I have taken, they shall be the rule of my conduct, and, if I err, I can appeal to my own conscience, that it is not willingly, it being my firm determination to do equal justice, as far as in me lies, to rich and poor, quite indifferent to the influence of party.—(Hear, hear)—In the discharge of my duty the last year, I have to acknowledge the great obligation and assistance I derived from Mr. Piercy and Mr. Rose, who have filled the Shrievalty with so much credit to themselves, and advantage to the public; and to my brother Magistrates on the Bench, I have also to express my obligations, for their kind co-operation on every subject involving the Peace or Interest of the City.—Gentlemen, I again return you my most sincere thanks, and will proceed forthwith to enter on my duties—bear, hear, from hundreds in Court, which was echoed from without by the surrounding multitude, when cries of *chair him, chair him, chair the Mayor*, from several voices, fixed the resolution of the Trades to do so. The Mayor made several efforts to decline the intended honor, but all would not do; the overwhelming mass was irresistible, their feelings were warm and enthusiastic, and they would gratify them. Finding opposition ineffectual, the Procession, after the Court was dissolved, returned to the Exchange, whence, after a short delay, the Mayor, surrounded by his friends and an immense multitude reached the Court, and then ascended a Chair, borne on the shoulders of his fellow-citizens.

THE CHAIRING.

The Procession, then which we have not for some years witnessed any thing so gratifying, proceeded down Bridge-street, preceded by the Trades in a brotherly union, with their several flags waving, carried by their Wardens, thence over the Bridge to Rutland-street, through Patrick-street, and Georges-street, receiving the most cordial salutes from the windows of these beautiful streets; thence turning up Gleastworth-street, when, opposite the Mayor's house, they gave three cheers—thence they turned down through Bober-buoy, where the Clothiers belonging to Mr Myles' factory, came out with a fleece of Wool which the Mayor wore as a sash during the remainder of the procession, and the numerous cockades and favours previously received from the other Trades, covered his hat; crossing Upper William-street, they then moved down Corawallis-street, by which time the multitude was immeasurably long, and dense, the women at the several lanes and alleys greeting him with cheers.

It next went through Mungret-street, High-street, Thomas-street, (retraced George's-street,) Bank-place, Charlotte's-quay, over Baal's-bridge, up Mary-street, Castle-street, and on through Thomond-gate to the Mayor's Stone, returning by the Distillery, then passed on through the English-town, and Broad-street, whence it took the direct route to the New Barracks, where the Commander of the garrison, Sir John Eiley, C. B. met it with the most gracious salute, (which was reciprocal with the chairing party) waving his hat several times and remaining uncovered until the procession passed, thence down the Military-Road, through the Crescent, loudly cheered by the lovely occupants of the several windows, wine and refreshments being sent out from many places.

At length the procession reached the Mayor's house, who, after the cheers abated, addressed the several Trades, twelve of whose banners were floating before the Chair, in the most feeling and impressive manner, he told them that he was so overpowered by the distinguished honor thus conferred

On Sunday night, a party of Whiteboys attacked a house where the Rev. Freeman Crofts had Keepers, in the village of Newtown, County Cork, and broke the windows and doors with stones. The Keepers rushed out of the house, knocked one of the fellows down with a stone, when the rest of the party ran away.

On Tuesday night, a man left a gun with the Rev. Mr. Molony, P. P. in the village of Newtown, County Cork, to be delivered to Major Maxwell. About nine o'clock on the same night, a party of fellows armed, came to the Priest's house, and demanded the gun which he refused giving, until by threats, and firing a shot at his door, he was under the necessity of giving it up. This outrage was not reported to Major Maxwell, until Saturday the 2d Instant, when that active Magistrate went on Sunday morning, accompanied by Mr. Lumsden, Chief Constable, and some of the Police, to the village of Newtown, to make inquiry about the outrage, in consequence of which the gun was sent back to the Priest, and given up by him to a party of the 42d Highlanders which were ordered to patrol there on Sunday night; the gun proves to be one of those taken from the Police at Churchtown.

At an early hour on Sunday morning, Patrick O'Mealy, of Black-boy, died in the Infirmary from dreadful wounds by stones, received on his return from the late Races. An Inquest by the Mayor has continued to be held by adjournment since Sunday last; the verdict will, it is supposed, be announced to-morrow.

On Sunday evening, Mr. James Clampett, slator, died at his house in Change-Lane; he was walking about the day previous in apparently excellent health; his friends desired that an enquiry shou'd be held into the cause of his dissolution; accordingly the Mayor impanelled a Jury, and had the professional aid of Surgeon Thwaites who opened the head of Clampett, from which it appeared that some months since his skull was badly fractured, but that though his death might be accelerated by the occurrence, yet that he must have recently met with an injury, which, it is supposed, he received at the Race Course, but no evidence having been adduced to that effect, the Jury, after mature investigation, returned the following verdict:—"That he died from the effects of an old fracture, and that his death was excited and accelerated, by the recent use of spirituous liquors."

Sunday evening, during the absence of his parents, two dogs lacerated the body of an infant, named James Farrell, whilst laying in a cradle, in a house in Fish-lane. The little creature survived the event only a few hours, when death relieved its sufferings. The Mayor, on Monday, held an inquest on the body—verdict accordingly. The dogs were ordered to be shot.

Sunday, Patrick M'Namara, in a state of intoxication, fell on a glass bottle, near the Military Road, and was badly wounded in the stomach; he is received into the County Infirmary, as also William Fair, with a fractured leg.

On Wednesday night last, about nine o'clock, the dwelling-house of a man named Giltenane, near the Castle of Donagrogue, in the county of Clare, took fire, and was, with every thing in it completely burned. Giltenane, his wife, and two of their children escaped out of the house,

turned into the house for the purpose of rescuing from the flames two other children, that remained in it, when, lamentable to relate, the roof of the house fell in, and the father and two children were burned to death in the ruins. The fire, we hear, was purely accidental, arising from a candle having fallen from the hand of

GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS.

Yesterday, the Quarter Sessions were opened with usual ceremonies observed upon such occasions. The Mayor, Recorder, and Charter Justices, Aldermen Andrew Watson, Sir C. Marrett, and D. F. G. Mabony, attired in their sea robes, and preceded by the High Constable and Mayor's jeaus, with their red cloaks and silver maces, moved on from the Exchange to the City Court-House, where the customary oaths were administered to the Recorder, on the bench by the Town-Clerk, after which the following Grand Market Juries were sworn:

GRAND JURY—Andrew J. Watson, Burgess, Foreman; Jeffery Foote, John Campbell, Hughes Russell, Mathias Langlands, Henry White, William Evans, Thomas Ball, Thomas Taverler, Pierce Shannon, William Fergus, John Morgan, Michael Quin, Timothy Mackay, George Russell, Charles O'Hara, Thomas Devitt, John Art Mande, and Francis J O'Neill, Esqrs.

SMALL JURY—William Bradshaw, Thos. M'Cormack, Charles Boland, Mortough Shannon, David Ward, William Connell, John Molony, Thomas Labiff, Daniel M'Donnell, William Tinsly, Patrick Wallace, and Neptune Conway.

Several Gentlemen who had been summoned on the Grand Jury were fined £5 each, for non-attendance; and the Recorder declared his firm determination to estreat the fines and compel a due attention to the public business.

The following Convictions took place:—Mary Griffin, assault on Margaret Falvey; David Abern, assault on George Latchford; James Bartley, assault on James Gleeson; M. Moran, picking pockets; Michael Halloran, assault on B. Lambert, by striking him on the head with a nailer's hammer; Honora Meehan, petty larceny; Michael Tuohy, assault on Mary Freeman; Maurice Danaher, stealing quicksilver from Joseph Riboldi; James Fitzgerald, assault on William Tuohy; Johanna Dooohue, for forcibly taking 8s. 9d. from Bridget Molony.

The Court was then adjourned to 10 o'clock on Thursday.

The Grand Jury disposed of near fifty bills yesterday, most of which were ignored—diminution of indictments is not to the extent that might be expected, from the operation of the Petty Sessions. In general, the views of the complainants are for pecuniary compensation, and though feasible the original tale may have been, yet, when time is afforded to make differences, the occurrence generally ends in a wish not to prosecute, or a mutual release. These, to be sure, ought cautiously be taken by Grand Juries, keeping in view the violation of the laws.

Such Gentlemen as were sworn in High Constables of the Liberties, will attend the Mayor's Court, at 11 o'clock, on Thursday at one o'clock.

The Parishioners of Doonass have compounded for their tithes with the Rev. Mr. Westropp for £370 per annum; Commissioners, Messrs. Welsh and Walplate.

The Parishioners of Ennis have agreed to pay 1s. an acre tithing.

Wednesday, the system of the London Hibernian School Society was adopted in Waterford at a Meeting of its friends. Messrs Noel and Gordon are upon a visit with John Palliser, Esq. at Derrylaskan, County Tipperary, who presided at the Public Meeting, at the Town Hall, Tuesday. We understand that the two Missions mean to proceed forthwith to the County of Roscommon, having declined an invitation from Wexford.

The Missionary meeting at Kinsale was well attended, the Rev. Lord Kinsale in the chair. Messrs. Singer and Irwin spoke at some length, and were ineffectually opposed by the Rev. J. Corkofan, P. P.

William Grant, Esq. Commissioner of Education, arrived at Swinburne's, on Monday.

Mr. Leslie Foster is this week at Mitchelstown and Doneraile; inspecting the schools.

Doctor Shugrue, the respectable Roman Catholic Bishop of Kerry, died at Bath, on Wednesday, his remains were landed at Cork, Monday, for interment at Killarney.

The Rev. Denis Lyons, of Cork, is arriving

Doctor Logan, of Duleek, County Meath, appointed Coadjutor to Bishop Plunkett.

A considerable rise has taken place in the property attached to the Cathedral of Killaloe, such improvement may be expected there, indeed, the dilapidated state in which it has

an impression on his heart which would be effaced only with his existence; he was unconscious of having merited so much from them, as, during the year just passed he had merely discharged his duty, but in return for their kindness, it was but an act of justice on his part, to acknowledge that in the various transactions that came before him, as well as from his official intercourse with the City at large, he never knew a more orderly, peaceable, or better conducted class of people than the Tradesmen of Limerick,