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DUBLIN, JANUARY 3.

evening being the last of the old year, there was a grand ball at the Castle, which broke up at an early hour. The Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Leinster attended divine service on Sunday, at St. Patrick's Church, when the Dean of St. Patrick's preached.

The Duke and Duchess of Leinster and family, including the Duke of Kildare, will shortly leave Carton-house, for a visit to the Continent.

At a meeting of the Solicitors and Attorneys at the Royal Exchange, to receive the report of the Commission of Enquiry, Mr. Goddard read a report of his Excellency. It stated that his Excellency said he would not inquire into the capability and fitness for the office of gentlemen as he might think of appointing, and would leave that to the Government.

The snow has continued, and the snow is rapidly disappearing. All the country mails, with the exception of that from Longford, arrived in time at the post-office. The mail from Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol, was opened this day, with the usual formalities, at the post-office.

The number of prisoners is large. Robert Daly, of Powerscourt, was of the number who presented an address, on the subject of exemption from military duty, to the Archbishop of Dublin.

Mr. Magee has asserted his right—now, we should have an undisputed one—to grant his pulpit to any clergyman without the special leave of his ordinary.

The Rev. Mr. Trail preached a sermon on Sunday upon Transubstantiation, in the Church of St. John, no objection having been raised against the Archbishop of Dublin, nor any inhibition of the Archbishop.

An accident which had nearly proved fatal, occurred in Old Street, Cork, on Saturday evening last. Woods, a cooper, having gone to Mr. Crispin a gun-maker's shop, to see whether it would suit, when accidentally the trigger, the piece, which was loaded with snipe shot, struck the Rev. Alexander Mahony, Catholic Curate, in the left side of the face and head, and he is now doing well.

The Rev. Gentleman was immediately taken to his lodgings, where medical aid was promptly sent for, and he is now doing well.

A man named Moon, residing in the North-Main-street, was robbed of 15*l.* last night, by his servant maid.

The Countess of Glengall distributed a great quantity of money to the poor of Caher at Christmas.

The annual meeting of the county Tipperary Orphan Asylum takes place the 20th instant. There are 48 orphans in the establishment.

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Derrynane-Abbey, 30th December, 1836.

I hasten to reply to the letter which you have done me the honor to address to me through the public papers. As a member of the British legislature you are entitled to a candid and explicit reply to your questions. In answer to your inquiries; suffer me only to adopt my own mode of answering them.

My first—"If I believe that Ireland ever will be," I should like to be tranquil, until the religion of the majority is placed on an equal footing, in every respect, with that of the minority?" My answer is ready; Ireland cannot be—she, in my opinion, ought not to be tranquil—until the religion of the the majority is placed on an equal footing, in every respect, with that of the minority. I add, that she will not be; and whilst I live she certainly will not be free from salutary, but peaceful and energetic measures—that is, until perfect religious equality—without the ascendency of political, civil, or temporal ascendancy on any side—is firmly established.

Next I put the question in other words—secondly, you will not put it not a point of honour, a consideration familiar to every Irishman, that the Catholics should be religiously placed upon an equal level, without reserve, with the Protestants?" By point of honour I understand you to mean a motive of action on which the feelings and passions are equally if not more engaged, than even their

Hibernian Bank	100	25	224
Patriotic Assurance Company	100	10	—
National	250	25	—
Mining Company of Ireland	25	7	—
Dublin & Kingstown Railway	100	50	—
Ulster Railway	100	1	—
Royal Bank	100	10	5
Agricultural Bank	5	1	1

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4

AWFUL AND TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION!

The citizens of Limerick were last night, about the hour of ten o'clock, terrified by an explosion of gunpowder which shook to the very foundation all the houses in the main streets of St. Michael's parish, and dashed out the window sashes in most of the houses in Patrick-street, George's-street, and Denmark-street, covering the flags at each side with a carpet of broken glass. The concussion was so violent as to extinguish all the gas lamps, and involve the streets in total darkness, while the report of the explosion was distinctly heard at the extreme ends of the city, and could be likened to nothing else but the springing of a mine, close to the very door. The scene of this appalling calamity was the large house, corner of George's-street and Denmark-street, inhabited by Mr. Richardson, the extensive gun-manufacturer, whose private magazine of gunpowder blew up, and brought the whole premises to the ground, exhibiting at one glance a scene of desolation, wreck, and ruin, awful to contemplate, but the extent of which was unknown for many minutes, under the cloud of darkness which enveloped every object. Mr. William Roche, M.P. the Mayor, Aldermen Watson, Gibson, &c. repaired to the spot, with the parish watch and policemen. Piquets of the Royal Regt. and 72d depot were brought up soon after, and several labourers, with fatigue parties of both corps, set to work, clearing away the immense pile of rubbish in which several persons had been overwhelmed, in order to rescue the sufferers, if possible, alive. At half-past eleven o'clock last night seven bodies were taken out of the ruins, and conveyed to Barringtons' Hospital, terribly mutilated, yet still retaining the vital spark. One of the first victims, and who died in a few minutes, was Mr. John Healy, of Bank-place, a young gentleman who happened to be passing the house, when the shock occurred. His premature fate is the cause of very general and marked regret. Surgeons Thwaites, Franklin, and Kane, attended the Hospital all night, administering to the unhappy victims, who were brought in every hour for relief. There are several persons yet missing, and amongst them is reported to be Mr. Gurde, clerk of the concern. The next house in George's-street to that, which is now a mere blank or vacuum, and that in Denmark-street, immediately adjoining, appear tottering to the ground, in a most dangerous state, and exhibit a frightful picture of devastation. Also the opposite house of Mr. Ellard, corner of Patrick-street and Denmark-street, and the house of Mr. Bourke, corner of Patrick-street and Arthur's-quay, which are greatly damaged. The other houses in the vicinity are gutted of their window-sashes, and the fronts of all are much disfigured.

Such a deplorable catastrophe as this is not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It was first thought to be an explosion of gas, but the true cause soon became evident, and that destructive element the collection of which in private depots, cannot be too loudly and forcibly deprecated, has brought down upon the city a visitation, whose effects will not soon be forgotten. Vendors of gunpowder should not be allowed in any well regulated community to amass that infernal ingredient in such quantities, to the imminent peril of life and property. The powder should be stored at a secure distance, apart from communication with a thickly inhabited neighbourhood. We trust the Citizens have now sufficient proof of the direful consequences, and that they will exert themselves for the removal of this monstrous nuisance.

TWELVE O'CLOCK.—There are now eleven sufferers in Hospital, and there has been a second death. The Royal Horse Artillery are strenuously engaged in excavating under the ruins, and have got below the level of the street, into the kitchen and cellars, where more victims are sought after.

On Friday last William Minchin, Esq. aged 18 years, eldest son of the Rev. William Minchin, of Greenhills, Moneygall, entered his father's stable with a fowling-piece in his hand, which he had loaded for a day's shooting; a young horse suddenly lashed from the manger and struck the fowling-piece, which instantly exploded, and lodged the charge in the body of young Mr. Minchin, who, melancholy to add, expired on

to the higher classes of the community, and sobriety of their conduct by the poor, whose protectors the 81st Depot are destined for the

The newly constituted Army enlarged by the admission of our Marines, and the Duke of Wellington and the Duke of Durham have become members of the Navy Club under the extended

The head-quarters of 35th Regiment in the Maitland transport at Cork, the remaining transports have no 18th Regiment.

Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blyth's Regiment, has arrived from the Continent, to the disappointment of certain

Captain Loraine, 5th Dragoon King's Hussars, Captain Hamilton Gordon, 93d, Lieut. Welch, 9th Regiment, sold out of the Army.

The Adjutantcy of the 90th Regiment, vacant by the death of Lieutenant White, with military honours at Colchester, was only 23 years of age, and had several officers and men. Ensign Chesnut, 90th, is appointed to the command of the Royal Artillery district (Dublin), is void by the death of Thomas Downman to be Major.

The Seapoys in the East India Company's service get an increase of pay, according to the rate of European soldiers.

Lieutenant-Colonel White, 90th, is appointed by his brother to the Colonelcy of the Longford Militia, the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the Militia is vacant.

Denis Neill, a deserter from the 90th, is committed to Clonmel gaol.

The Ordnance Board in Dublin are preparing for clothing and appointing the Royal Artillery at Waterford 300 men in hospital. Capt. Ross is to Barbadoes.

Mr. Thomas C. Ross, Major, was sent by Court martial at Malta, last year, for orders and irritating conduct. Lieutenant Crooke, R. N. M., is to Barbadoes.

Colonel Hay, and the officers of the 90th, evinced both temper and firmness in preserving the peace, during the late disturbances when their services were often called upon by conflicting parties.

The High Sheriff, Sir Percy Bouverie, is to be elected for Mr. White's seat in the Longford election. Mr. Lovel Edgecumbe, the proprietors in that county, do not think if his Roman Catholic tenants never would sign a lease for a year, they never should have the power to do so.

The price of a bed in Longford was one guinea per night.

Joseph Cox, Esq, Chief Constable, has given an address from the Magistrate's Court, in promotion and removal from office.

There is to be a meeting to be held at a Board of Health, in consequence of the late epidemic.

Simon Sheil, of Port Nassau, is to be created a Baronet of Donegal.

The Sligo branch of the Bank resumed business on Monday.

There was a great Agricultural Show recently, William Blacker, Esq, was the champion.

Mr. O'Connell left Derry for Dublin.

The friends of Mr. O'Connell are to give a public dinner, preparatory to his going out as a member for Youghal.

Mr. Staunton Cahill, late of the County of Clare, has been offered a seat in the House of Commons.

Mr. Carew O'Dwyer expects to be elected for Bath.

Lord Clare is on a visit to the Continent.

M. P. at Ballyfin, Queen's County, is to be elected for Bath.