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Lieut. Col. Johnstone, 42d, or Royal Highlanders, leaves this in a few days for the sister country, when the command of that distinguished Regiment will devolve upon Major Macdougall.

Lieut. Edw. Croker, 39th, son of the Rev. Edward Croker, of Croom Castle, is appointed a Quarter-Master-General to the division of the Army at Kapaul, Madras.

Ensign Wilson, 12th Regt. who is about to retire from the Army, has arrived at Caherconlish.

The draft of the 48th arrived yesterday from Fermoy at Cork, to embark for Gibraltar.

The 81st, under Major Willcocks, left Gibraltar for Barbadoes on Christmas Eve.

Major Squire and Captain Taylor, 13th Light Infantry, are expected in London from Madras.

The 16th Lancers after the severe and unprecedented march of 1600 miles from Meerut to Ghuznee and Cabool, were 28th October on the return to their old quarters, at Meerut, and on that day were 100 miles at this side of Cabool.

Major Cumberland, 96th, (who is now at Paris) has got an extension of leave.

The 96th expect to leave Manchester for Chatham, in March.

Lieut. Cuddy, (Grenadiers) 56th, has joined at Belfast, from Jamaica.

The following officers sold out of the Service, on Friday:—Major Whitney, 14th, Captain Booth, 21st. Lieut. Marshall, 39th, Ensign Sir F. Dunbar, 42d. Lt Baxter, 50th Regiment.

Two Cadets, of the Military College, got commissions on Friday.

The Serjeant-Major of the 39th is promoted to an Ensigny in that Regiment.

Major Wathen exchanges from the 15th Hussars to the 13th Light Dragoons. The 15th were in good health at Madras, on 22d Nov. under Major Phillips. Captain Anderson is leaving the 22d Regt.

The 62d and 63d are ordered to Rangoon to attack the Army of the King of Ava.

Ensign De Butts is appointed Paymaster to the Depot 74th.

Captain Ormsby, 88th, is on leave.

The 99th are detached at Drogheda, Castlepollard, Longford, and Portumna.

Lieut.-Colonel Kirby, Royal Artillery, is seriously ill in consequence of a fall at Quebec.

The 11th, 15th, 61st, 66th, 72d, and 73d Regts. are ordered home.

Colonel Hay, commanding the East India corps at Chatham, fell from his gig on Saturday, and was very seriously injured.

Thirty-nine of the 4th Light Dragoons died of dysentery in November. Lieut.-Colonel Fendall had his leg hurt by a fall from his horse.

The official details of the court-martial in Upper Canada, upon Brevet Major O'Connor, 85th, have not yet been published to the Army, but his retirement from the service is compulsory, with leave to sell out.

Capt. Roper, 8th Regt. has arrived at Castle Mitchel, Athy.

The Blenheim, 72, and Pique, 36, are fitting with the greatest expedition at Portsmouth to reinforce our squadron in the India and Chinese seas.

The 13th Light Infantry were in camp at Cabool on the 28th Oct.

Our troops have repelled an attack of 5000 Arabs upon the important fortress of Aden.

The last accounts from Bengal report that Irish beef and pork was very scarce in the market, and much wanted.

The Chinese not content with expelling all the British from Canton and Macao, and driving them on board ship, resorted to the infernal expedient of poisoning the wells, to prevent their getting fresh water from shore.

John Alexander Weir, a half-pay naval officer, of considerable property, is committed from Bow-street, for stealing goods under false pretences. His friends apprehend him to be insane.

Sunday evening, Serjeant Reidy detected in a house at Palmerstown, Bridget and Ann Fert; with the carcass of a sheep, which they had stolen from William Shaughnessy, at Ballynolan, near Pallis Kenry, on Thursday night. Part of the mutton was on the fire for dinner, to feast these robbers of the poor farmer, upon whom they sally out at night for the purpose of plunder.

The inhabitants of Abbeyfeale extremely regret the removal of Captain Vignoles from the Constabulary force.

It is in contemplation to remove Chief Constable O'Connell from Kilfinan to Ballylanders, to the great regret of the inhabitants of the former district, where this active Police officer has been stationed for the last three or four years past.

Mr. Chief Constable Lindsay, of Belfast, has been presented with a superb silver box by the day constables of that town.

First Head Constable John Donoghue, is appointed to be third Sub-Inspector, vice Lumsden, who retires on a pension. Austin O'Malley, Esq. to be third Sub-Inspector, vice Tronson, who retires on a pension. Mr. A. F. Mitchell to be clerk in the Sub-Inspector-General's Office, vice Molony. Paymaster O'Meara, of Limerick, having absented himself without leave, is superseded.

Head Constable Ryan has been transferred from

FUNERAL OF THE LATE JOHN VEREKER, Esq.

The mortal remains of this lamented Gentleman arrived in this City on Sunday, from Dublin, and the coffin was deposited until the next morning, in the house of his brother-in-law, Alderman Jervis, Richmond-Place. The mournful procession from the metropolis, was attended by Henry Vereker, and James Black, Esqrs. the surviving brother and uncle of the deceased. In his last moments, Mr. Vereker expressed a desire to be interred with all becoming privacy, and it was the intention of those afflicted members of his family who were present at that sad scene, to have complied with his departing wish; but as the funeral approached Limerick, early on Sunday morning, several of the relatives and friends of the deceased who left town to meet it, urged the propriety of not proceeding to the place of burial, until the arrival of Lord Gort, who was fondly attached to his nephew, and the corpse was brought to town accordingly. The noble and affectionate uncle of the deceased arrived in the evening of Sunday, and when it was ascertained that the funeral would be public, a simultaneous feeling of respect pervaded the entire population, who, with a melancholy anxiety, awaited the hour for the removal of their loved and lamented friend to his last resting place. At 10 o'clock on Monday morning, the coffin, covered with crimson velvet, was hearsed, and such manifestations of popular regret and private grief were seldom witnessed in this city on any similar occasion. We have heard that, previous to the funeral, the United Trades' begged to be allowed the sorrowing satisfaction of drawing the hearse to the burial ground at Cahernarry, four miles distant from town; but, with suitable acknowledgements for such sincere esteem, that demonstration of regard was respectfully declined. A compliment to the citizens of Limerick, and a tribute to departed worth, were rendered at the same moment by the highly respected Assistant Barrister of this County, Mr. Fallon, who, in the most handsome manner, at an early hour of the day adjourned the Quarter Sessions, then holding at the County Court, to convenience the professional gentlemen and suitors desirous to enjoy the melancholy gratification of attending the remains of their late honored Chief Magistrate, to the burying place of his ancestors. Shortly after 10 o'clock the procession moved towards the Crescent, which, together with Newenham-st. and along George-street, were crowded with carriages. The throngs were so dense and the pressure from the populace at all points so great, that the day Police took the advance at the head of the solemn train, in order to avert any momentary obstruction; then followed the Trades Union in white scarfs and hat bands, the officers carrying their banners muffled in black crape, and tied with white knots; these useful and meritorious men were followed by the hundreds who compose the Tee-total Temperance Society, and by a multitude the tenantry of Lord Gort and the Vereker family. The hearse, surmounted by white plumes, ornate with the sad emblems of death, and drawn by four black horses; next appeared three private carriages, in which were the chief mourners; and these were succeeded by about ninety other carriages of all descriptions, numerous horsemen, and countless pedestrians. The course of the funeral was through the Crescent, down George's-street, up William-street, and along Mulgrave-street, to the Blackboy turnpike, the shops in the line of the cavalcade being all closed; and although the rain fell thick and heavy, yet the procession remained unbroken until the coffin was borne to the family vault by the following relatives of deceased, namely his brother, Henry Vereker, and Uncle, James Black, Esq. his cousins the Hon. J. P. Vereker, and William Lloyd, Esq.; his brother-in-law, Alderman Jervis, and cousin, George Baker, of Bally-david, Esq. and his cousins, William and Anthony Perrier, of Cork, Esqrs. and his friend, Edw. Murphy, Esq. Previously, in the Church of Cahernarry, the beautiful and solemn service for the dead, including the 90th Psalm, and 15th chap. 1st Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, was read in a most impressive manner, by the Rev. W. N. Willis. And thus has the grave closed upon a man in the prime of life, whose immediate loss to his family is irreparable, and whose youth and virtue will ever be put in the remembrance of his fellow-citizens.

Amongst the numerous private equipages in the funeral procession we noticed those of the Lord, Bishop, Archdeacon Maunsell, the Mayor and Sheriffs, Hon. George E. Massy, Major-General Sir W. Macbean, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ryan, Alderman Gabbett, Alderman Watson, Alderman Hunt, Alderman Crips, Alderman Rose, Alderman Fitz-Gerald, Assistant Barrister, M. Fallon, Col. O'Donnell, Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, 3d Dragoon Guards; John Westropp, Col. Mansel, K.H.; Surgeon Thwaites, Henry Maunsell, William White, Mr. Spaight, T. P. Vokes, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. O'Grady, Mr. Gloster, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Piercy, H. V. Lloyd, Edward Bernard, Robert D'Estere, C. Delmege, Pierce Shannon, J. D. Lyons, Capt. Kane, Geo. John O'Connell, Mr. Honan, Mrs. W. M. Fitz-Gerald, R. Scully, M. Gavin, Edward Reynolds, F. Connell Fitz-Gerald, Rev. J. W. O'Grady, Mrs. Payler, Rev. P. Peacocke, W. Hartigan, M. Furnell, J. Boyse, H. O'Callaghan, James Morgan, Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. Leake, Capt. Creagh, Capt. Russell, &c. &c.

GOLD MINES OF IRELAND.

Our readers will recollect that we have often adverted to the mineral treasures of Ireland, and predicted that they would be developed at no very remote period. The time is come (and we rejoice at its announcement), when the vast wealth and exhaustless resources of our country are to be brought forth to employ our people and spread gladness throughout the land. At present we abstain from noticing the various copper and lead mines, collieries and slate quarries which are affording expanded employment to the people, and yielding large properties to their proprietary—because the gold mines absorb all our attention and consideration—present such prospects of fortune—open such sources of commercial enterprise and natural wealth, and are now exciting such intense interest amongst the London capitalists, as to preclude any analytical account of those various establishments until some future occasion. From our private Correspondent we have received a confidential communication, that a Company of vast influence, and enormous capital, has been formed in London, for the purpose of working the Wicklow Gold Mines, which have been for so many years kept idle, in the possession of the Crown. This most attractive and novel speculation has created a sensation amongst the monied people of that vast emporium of riches, and all sorts of trade. Nothing short of delirium, and the greatest eagerness has been evinced, to make immediate investments in a concern which is confidently expected to produce almost endless acquisitions. Will Irishmen be supine and not step in to share in the treasure which must be produced from the mineral wealth of their own country? This subject demands the prompt and earnest attention of every man who may be enabled to participate in the project. Therefore let timely applications be made in the proper quarter for shares by such persons as are desirous of appropriating their surplus funds for the certainty of future gains. Repinings too often follow listlessness. Let the matter then be looked about at once, so as that the whole of this stupendous undertaking may not be exclusively confined to Englishmen, who will doubtless engross the entire of it, if possible. It appears that the gold mines in the County Wicklow have been recently examined and worked under the authority of Government, with whom arrangements have been entered into for full and active operations. Gold of extraordinary purity has been found in many places; and the most astounding results are confidently anticipated. In order to prevent the peasantry from carrying away the alluvial soil and sand in which the precious metal is found, guards have been placed on the works. Since the military guard which formerly watched the district was removed, and before the resumption of the present works, it is calculated that not less than twenty thousand pounds worth of the purest gold has been picked up, and sold by the peasantry in Dublin, and elsewhere, and the metal so disposed of, was casually found by the people of the neighbourhood after the mountain floods, which swept it away, and left it scattered along the sides of hills, and the highways of the country. Scientific men are now engaged in the works, which will be conducted under the best management, and certain results are expected, which we shall not attempt either to define or describe. What a country is Ireland!—abounding in all the rich and great elements which can make a nation prosperous, and a people happy.

Sunday last, the Lord Bishop of Killaloe preached in the church of Ennis, to a numerous and respectable congregation, in aid of the Protestant Orphan Society of the county Clare. His Lordship took for his text the 17th chapter Acts of the Apostles 2d verse—“Paul, as his manner was, went into them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.” His Lordship illustrated this verse as one on which the Protestant religion was firmly based, for Paul neither argued with the Jews upon the infallibility of their church, the learning of their elders, or upon any tradition or work of man, but from the only true guide, the immutable word of God. He exposed the erroneous opinion that Protestantism was not known until the time of Luther, and after proving the evangelical principle of the Protestant faith, concluded by one of the most splendid appeals to Protestant feeling ever heard from the pulpit, in aid of the funds of the Orphan Society. The collection amounted to £25 12s. 6d.

Charity Sermons in behalf of 168 Scriptural Schools under the Cork and Cloyne Diocesan Education Society were preached on Sunday, at Brinney, by Rev. S. Payne, jun.; at Killeagh, by Rev. W. Neligan; at St. Nicholas, Cork, by Rev. Robert Bell, jun.; at Innoshannon, by the Rev. H. T. Newman; at Cove, by the Rev. M. Collis.

The Rev. G. T. Mostyn, A. M. late of St. Andrew's Episcopal Chapel, Sligo, and now appointed to St. John's Chapel, Greenock, was presented with a handsome piece of plate by the principal members of the congregation, as a mark of their sincere regard and of the sense they entertained of his valuable services.

The Rev. Samuel Downing has appointed the Rev. John G. Battersby, late Curate of Nenagh, to the Curacy of Fenagh, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Irwin.

The man sentenced to three months imprisonment in Dublin, for appropriating to his own purpose,

TO THE MEMORY OF ALDERMAN JOHN VEREKER.
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